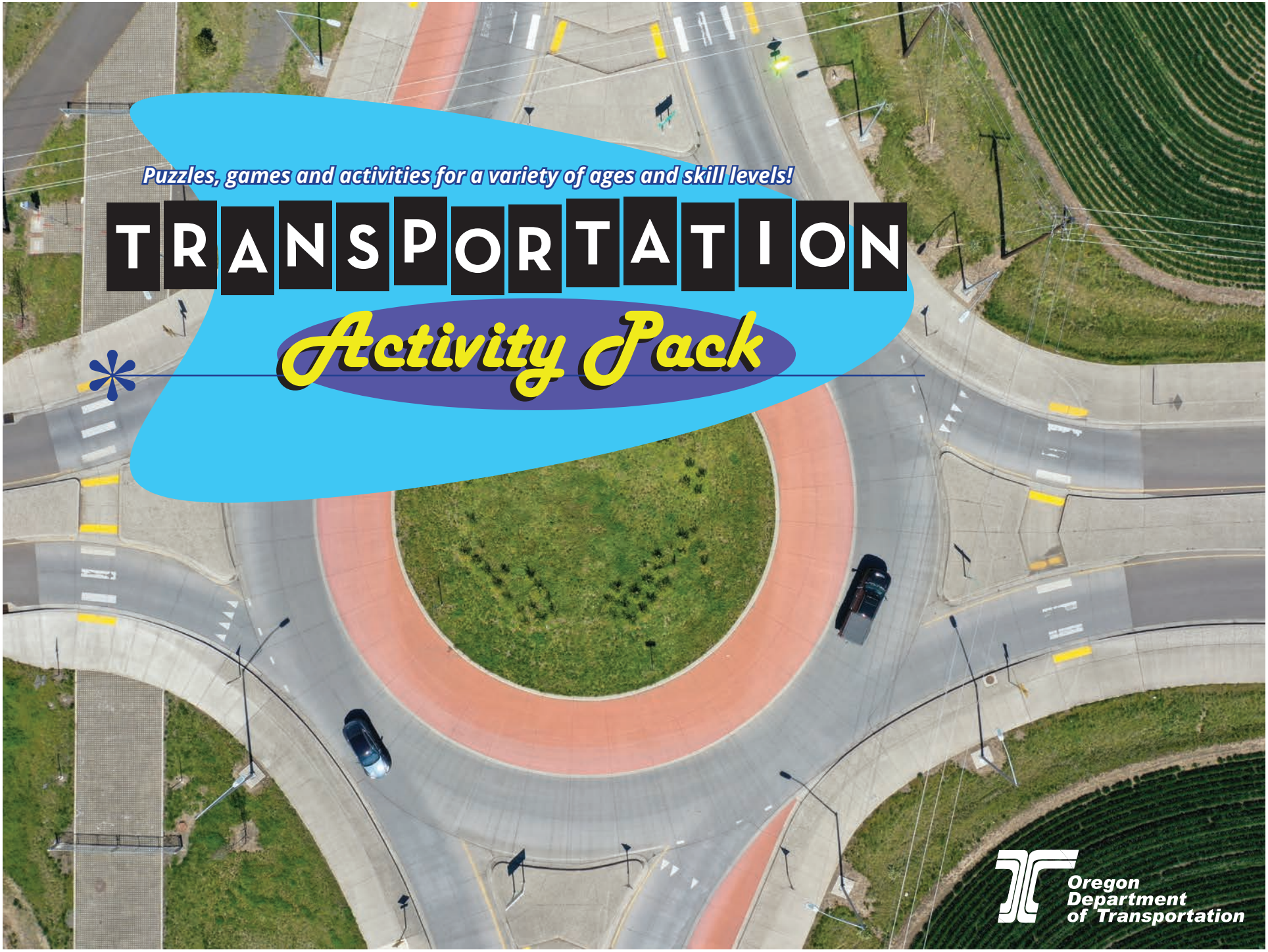


Puzzles, games and activities for a variety of ages and skill levels!

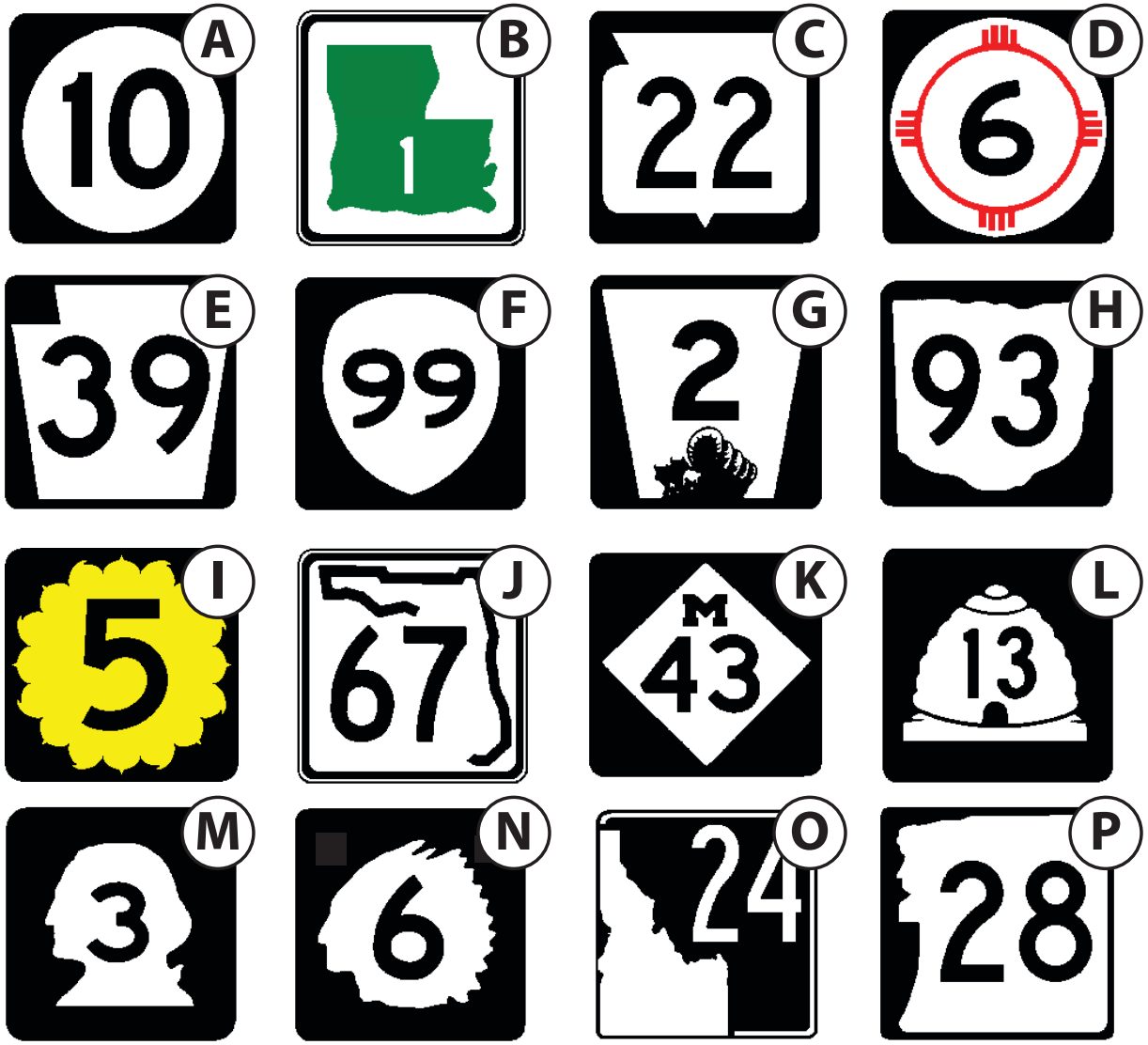
TRANSPORTATION

Activity Pack

Oregon Department of Transportation

What state are we in?

Interstate shields are all the same across the United States. State route markers are where individual states get to show off a bit of personality. Below are sixteen route markers from different states (A-P). See if you can match them with their home state (1-16)!



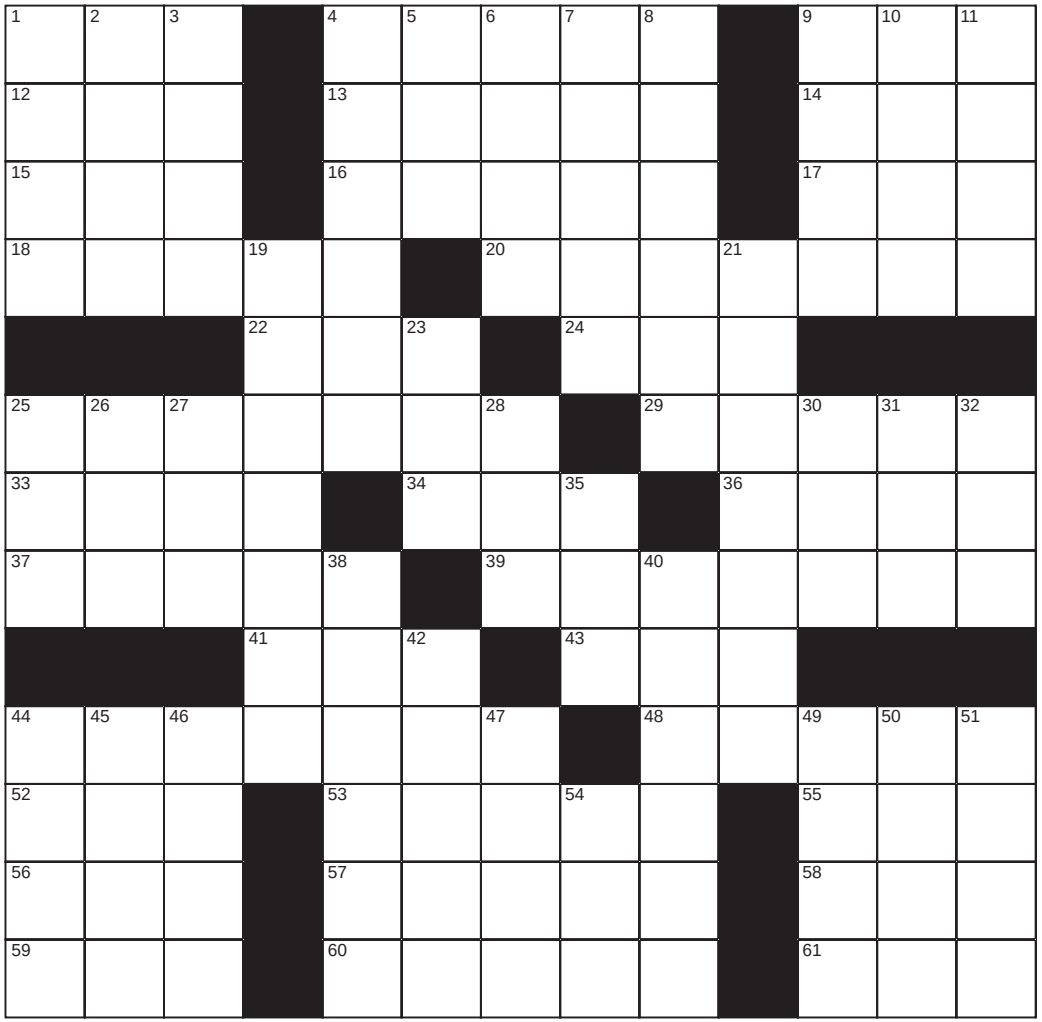
1. Idaho ___
2. Kansas ___
3. Florida ___
4. Utah ___
5. Oregon ___
6. Washington ___
7. Ohio ___
8. Pennsylvania ___
9. Nebraska ___
10. New Mexico ___
11. South Dakota ___
12. Mississippi ___
13. New Hampshire ___
14. Wisconsin ___
15. Michigan ___
16. Louisiana ___

A plate full of color!

The “tree” license plate is the standard issue for Oregon. The license plate depicts a Douglas Fir. The license plate was introduced in 1988, with a slight design modification in 1990. Oregon has more than 3.5 million licensed vehicles.

An Oregon crossword

A medium-level crossword with clues skewed toward transportation.



Across

1 Create with cloth
4 Tennis great Sharapova
9 Cry
12 A broad street
13 Ancient Greek marketplace
14 Penultimate Greek letter
15 Evergreen tree
16 Kinds of stars
17 Entire
18 Choose
20 Colorless volatile flammable solvent
22 Yes, for Yves
24 And so forth
25 Unyielding
29 Group of eight
33 Wander without purpose
34 Wheeled vehicle
36 Make noise
37 Public meeting
39 Mischievous act
41 Day of the wk.
43 Epoch
44 Quits (2 wds.)
48 Reserved
52 Boxer Muhammad
53 Clumsy person
55 Danish krone (abbr.)
56 What a nurse gives
57 Spooky
58 Unrefined metal
59 Compass point
60 What's "in"
61 Little bit

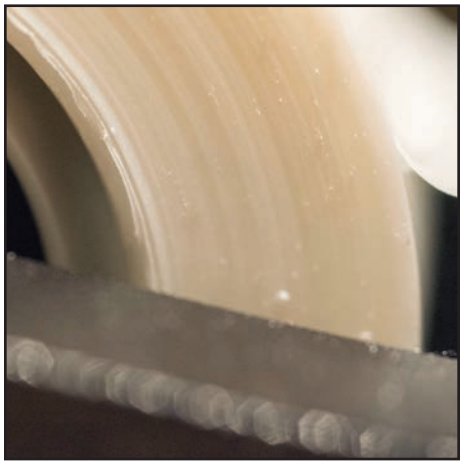
Down

1 With 19D, what drivers going to work expect from us
2 Wicked
3 "as you __"
4 18th century woman's garment
5 Gone by
6 Range
7 Furious
8 Transportation Org.
9 Bridge
10 Capital of Norway
11 Duck nose
19 See 1D
21 Accumulation
23 Business title ending
25 Dog sound
26 -- Wop music
27 Assoc of American Railroads
28 Sticky black substance
30 Foot extension
31 Hearing organ
32 Sample
35 Fish eggs
38 Muzzle loading long gun
40 Ate like a cow
42 Swiss mathematician
44 Fence opening
45 Evils
46 Transgression
47 Unmixed
49 OR transportation folks
50 Vegetable
51 ___ Flintstone
54 Container

Eyeball Benders: The home office

We took a close up look at objects that you might see around your home office. Can you tell what each item is?

A.



B.

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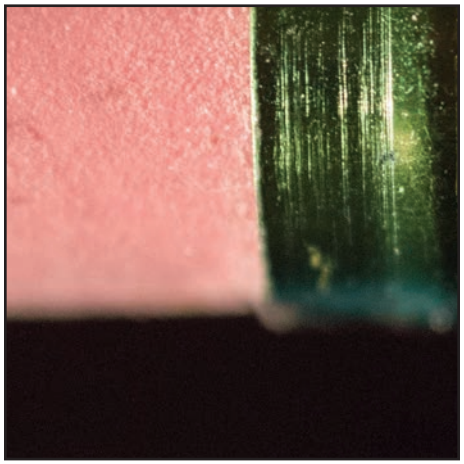

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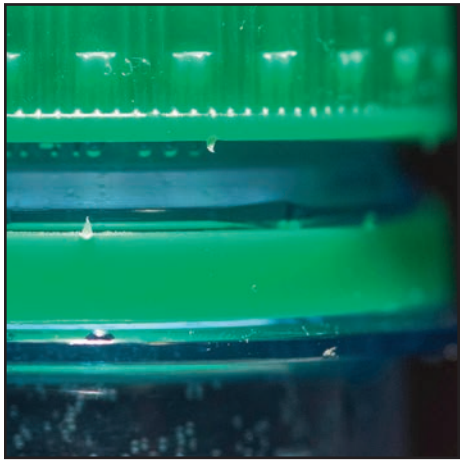


Color our world!

The "Oregon Gray Whale" license plate went on sale in February 2019. The plates cost $40 to order or renew, with approximately $35 of each sale going to OSU's Marine Mammal Institute based at the Hatfield Marine Science Center in Newport.

Things that make you stop

It's a pretty safe bet that red means "stop" in most parts of the world. But stop signs don't look the same everywhere you go. Match the stop sign (A-I) with the country it comes from (1-9), and let's be careful out there!

A.

B.

C.

D.

E.

F.

G.

H.

I.

1. Mexico
2. New Guinea
3. Pakistan
4. China
5. North Korea
6. Chile
7. Turkey
8. Iran
9. Morocco

Eyeball Benders: Transportation time

Here's a close up look at a variety of the things we work with at the Oregon DOT.
Are you able to guess what each of these items is?

A.

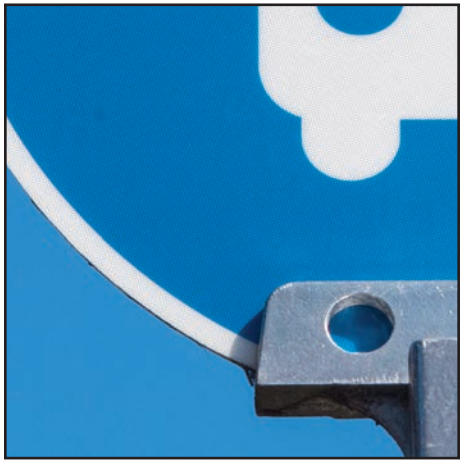
B.

C.

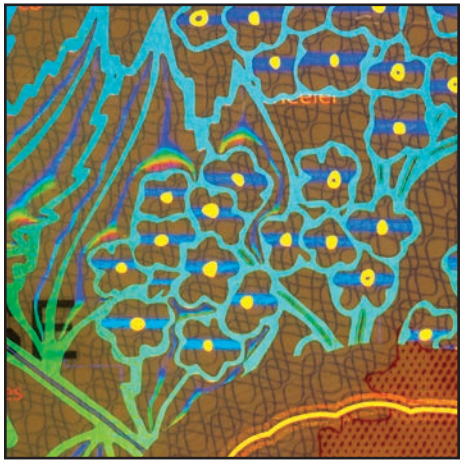
D.

E.

F.



G.



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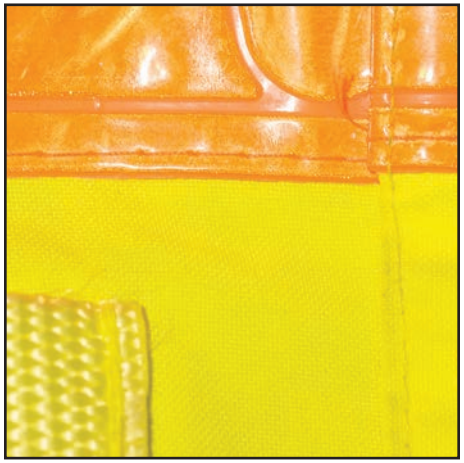


Keeping it green!

The "Smokey Bear" license plate is one of the newest plates in Oregon. It went on sale in August 2019. Sales of the Smokey Bear plates benefit the Keep Oregon Green Association.

Who wrote this thing?

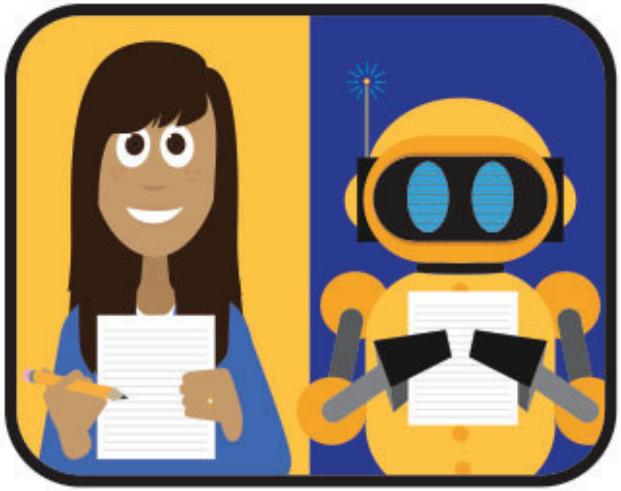
We're big fans of plain language, but sometimes words just get in the way. Here are some sentences that were obviously written by a robot. See if you can match them to their plain language translation. It's not as easy as it sounds!

Robot

1. A public open house will be held at 5:30 p.m. March 28 in the gymnasium at the Brixner Junior High School in Klamath Falls, 4727 Homedale Road, Klamath Falls, Oregon, 97603. Members of the community are invited to attend and learned more about proposed improvements, as well as offer feedback to our project team.
2. Operationalizing sustainability means pursuing a combination of paths to get down to practical, operations-level concepts that can be measured yet remain related to the holistic framework form which they were derived.
3. This study evaluates potential impacts of transportation disinvestment through a high level strategic assessment of long range implications associated with today's investment decisions.
4. ODOT plans to grind out the top 2 ½ " of the deck and replace it with a 3/8 inch multi-layer polymer concrete overlay in the travel lanes and shoulders. Entrance and exit ramps at OR 897 and Poorly Written Road will also be improved. Some sections of concrete median barrier will be replaced between Some City and That City and storm drainage devices will be added and/or expanded to address documented locations of standing water on the roadway surface. Numerous regulatory, advisory and warning signs within interchanges throughout the project limits will be replaced to increase their visibility and effectiveness.
5. The team will be coordinating, facilitating, reviewing and analyzing the true effectiveness of the complete and total portfolio.

Person

A. The team will analyze the portfolio's effectiveness.
B. We need sustainability goals that we can measure.
C. We will hold an open house at 5:30 p.m. March 28 in the gymnasium at Brixner Junior High School, 4727 Homedale Road in Klamath Falls. The community is invited to learn more about proposed improvements and give us feedback.
D. We are paving Interstate 99 from Some City to That City. We are also improving drainage, upgrading safety barriers and replacing concrete on the viaduct. We'll be working on the entrance and exit ramps as well, and travelers will soon see new, improved signage.
E. This study evaluates the potential impacts of delaying key investments in Oregon's transportation system.



PERSON OR A ROBOT?

Plain language is required by law in Oregon. When you create material aimed at the public, you must follow plain language rules. More importantly, it is the right thing to do. Using plain language is equitable and inclusive.

- **Simple, everyday words.** This includes avoiding the use of too many words, staying away from jargon and avoiding alphabet soup (acronyms).
- **Short sentences and paragraphs** limited to one topic.
- **Active voice** instead of passive voice.
- **First person instead of third person** (e.g. we/you instead of ODOT/people).
- **Correct grammar and punctuation.**
- **Good graphic design/layout** that makes understanding easier.

What's in a name?

We'd be the first to admit that Oregon is pretty as a picture. The pictures below are clues to the names of some of Oregon's fantastic cities and towns. See if you can figure out which places we're thinking of!

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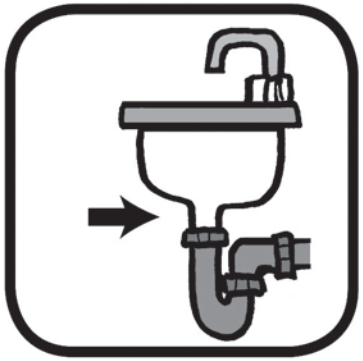

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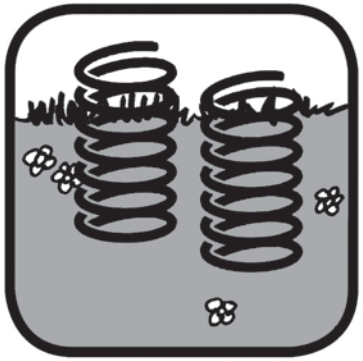

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2. M _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _
3. B _ _ _ _
4. E _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _
5. S _ _ _ _
6. C _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _
7. C _ _ _ _
8. D _ _ _ _
9. S _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _

Word sudoku

A variation on the traditional sudoku puzzle, a word sudoku uses letters instead of numbers. We based this one off the word DETOURING — because it's transportation-related, and it's kinda what you're doing now!

O		G						
	E		G					
	U	D	T	O	R			E
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G	D			I	U		E	N
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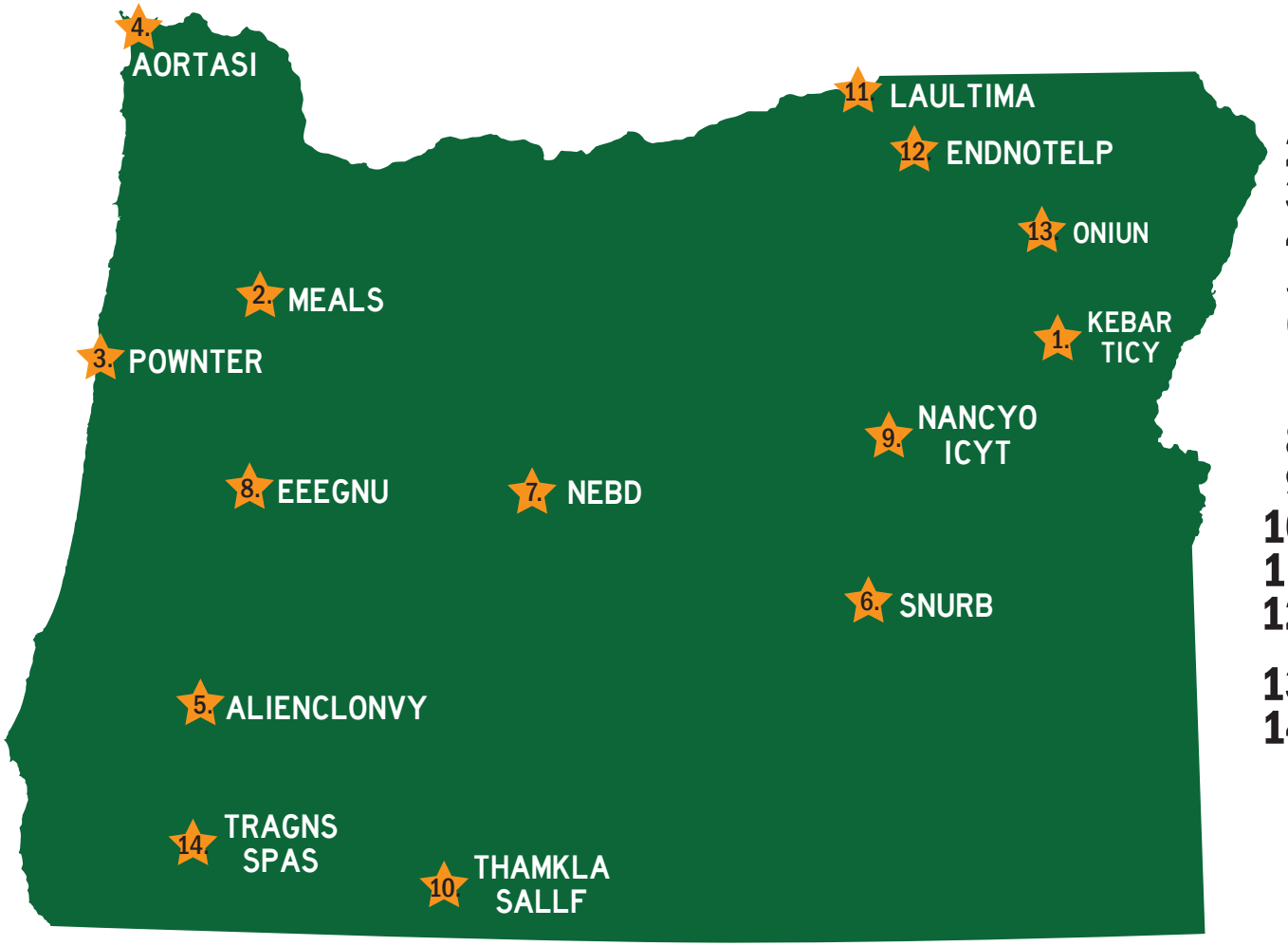
					E		G	
						D		U

DETOURING

Scrambled state

We love our Oregon! But somehow, the spelling of city names on this map got a little scrambled! Unscramble the city names (1-14), then unscramble the marked letters for a secret message about something that Oregon is one of the best at in the nation!



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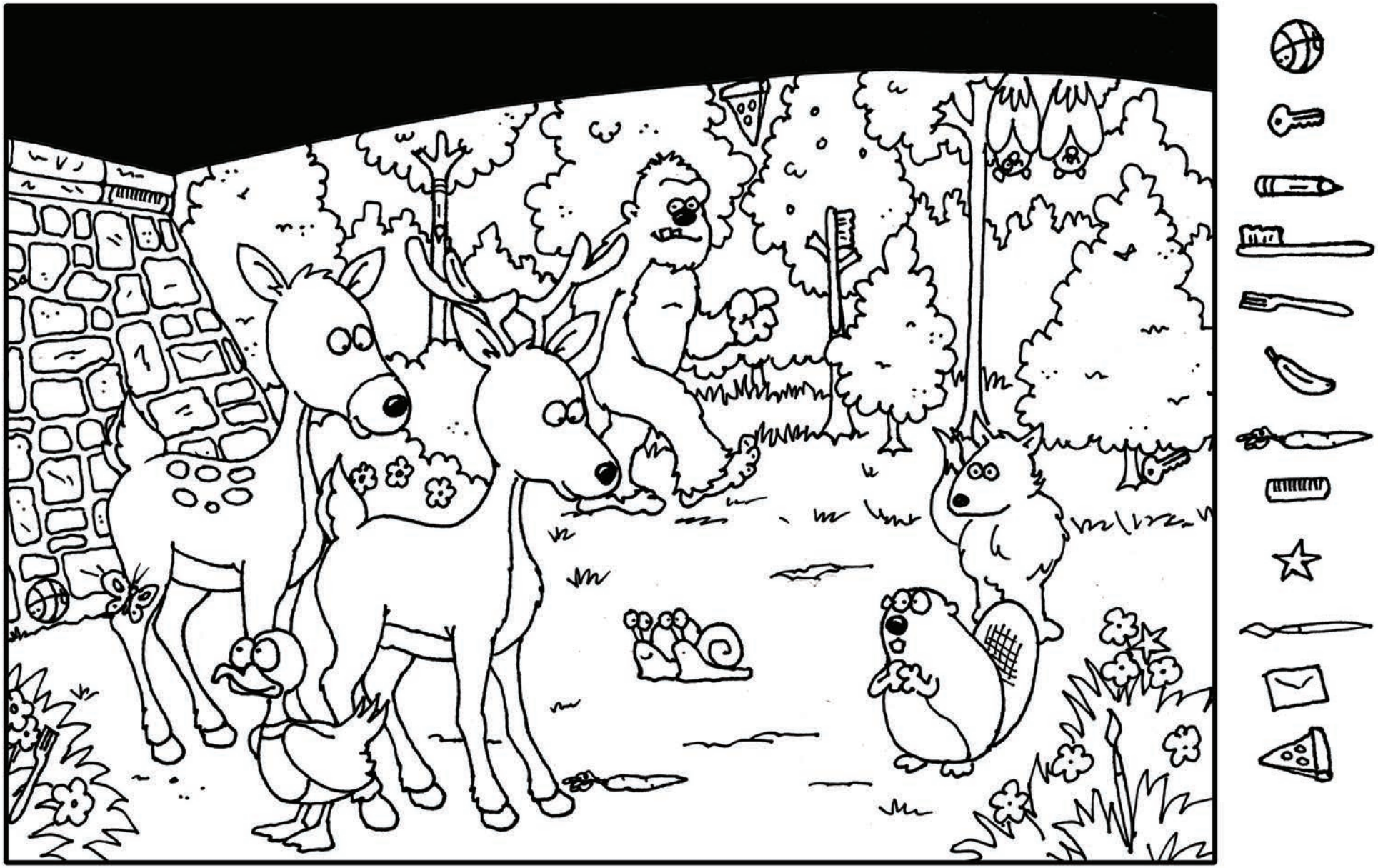
Animal undercrossing

Oregon DOT provides wildlife undercrossings to help animals avoid traffic and reduce collisions. Besides our animal friends, there are twelve hidden objects in this picture. Can you find them?



Where the answers are!

Eyeball benders: The home office

A. Tape dispenser
B. Disinfecting wipes
C. Computer keyboard
D. Pencil eraser
E. Broom
F. Tulip
G. Tissue box
H. Water bottle

Things that make you stop

A. Iran
B. North Korea
C. Turkey
D. Pakistan
E. Chile
F. China
G. Mexico
H. Morocco
I. New Guinea

Who wrote this thing?

1. C
2. B
3. E
4. D
5. A

What's in a name?

1. Boardman
2. Mount Angel
3. Banks
4. Enterprise
5. Salem
6. Cannon Beach
7. Canby
8. Drain
9. Springfield

What state are we in?

1. Idaho — O
2. Kansas — I
3. Florida — J
4. Utah — L
5. Oregon — F
6. Washington — M
7. Ohio — H
8. Pennsylvania — E
9. Nebraska — G
10. New Mexico — D
11. South Dakota — N
12. Mississippi — A
13. New Hampshire — P
14. Wisconsin — C
15. Michigan — K
16. Louisiana — B

An Oregon crossword

Scrambled state

1- Baker City
2. Salem
3. Newport
4. Astoria
5. Canyonville
6. Burns
7. Bend
8. Eugene
9. Canyon City
10. Klamath Falls
11. Umatilla
12. Pendleton
13. Union
14. Grants Pass

Puzzle solution:
ALWAYS BUCKLE UP

Word sudoku

DETOURING

O	R	G	U	E	I	T	N	D
T	E	I	G	D	N	O	U	R
N	U	D	T	O	R	G	I	E
U	N	E	D	R	G	I	O	T
I	O	R	E	N	T	U	D	G
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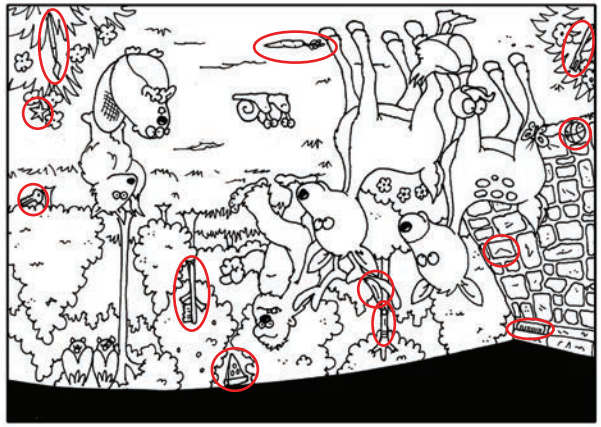
D	I	U	R	T	E	N	G	O
E	T	N	I	G	O	D	R	U

Eyeball benders: Transporation time

A. License plate sticker
B. Bicycle derailleur
C. Bike lane paint — rider's head
D. Tire sidewall
E. Hard hat
F. Bus stop sign
G. Driver license
H. Reflective safety vest

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