

Hidden Summer

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Think of summer, and wonderful things come to mind—places to **go**, people and things to **see**, **fun** in the **sun**, taking a **nap**, and good things to **eat**, to name a few. Fortunately, it's possible to find summer delights hidden here and there all year long if you know where to look. There's **sun** in every **Sunday**, for example, and **go** is a *dragon's* middle name! You'll find a snack or a scrumptious meal in any kind of *weather*!

Now that you understand the cryptic nature of summer, use the following definitions and descriptions to identify more of its hiding places. Write the missing letters in the blanks to reveal the target word.

Obscured **GO** . . .

__ __ **g g l** __ **s**

a m __ __ __

__ **o** __ __ __ **t**

g o __ __ __ __

m a __ __ __ **t**

__ __ **s s** __ **p**

o c __ __ __ **o** __

__ __ **g o** __ __

l __ __ **o**

b __ __ **g** __

s e __ __

f o __ __ __ **e** __

__ **e** __ __ **e** __ __ **e e**

b i __ __ __ __ __ **d**

s e __ __ **a** __

__ __ **n g** __ **s**

1. Large spectacles with special lenses and rims that protect the eyes.

2. In Spanish, or any other language, this word means *friend*.

3. The past tense of *forget*.

4. A player assigned to protect the goal in various sports.

5. A soft-bodied, legless larva; a baby fly.

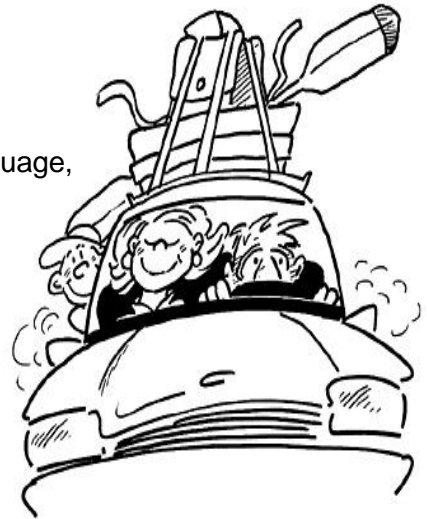
6. Idle talk or rumor, especially about the private affairs of others.

7. A polygon having eight angles and eight sides.

8. In *baseball*, a roofed structure where the players sit when not on the playing field.

9. A (*trademark*) piece from a child's plastic construction set for making mechanical models.

10. One of a pair of small tuned drums, played by striking with the fingers.



Concealed **SEE** . . .

11. A ripened plant ovule containing an embryo.

12. To know in advance; to see beforehand.

13. This state's capital city is Nashville.

14. Any seed, or mixture of seeds, used for feeding birds.

15. A recreational apparatus in which two or more people ride up and down while seated at opposite ends of a plank balanced at the middle.

Cloaked **FUN** . . .

16. An organism lacking chlorophyll, such as mushrooms, molds, mildews, yeast, etc., which live by decomposing and absorbing the organic material in which they grow.

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- r e _ _ _ _ _ 17. To give back or repay, especially money; reimburse.
- _ _ _ _ d a m e _ t a l 18. Basic; serving as, or being, a foundation of basis of; important.
- f _ _ _ d _ 19. A supply of money, especially for some particular purpose; available cash or financial resources.
- _ _ _ n n _ _ _ _ 20. Comic strips; the section of the newspaper reserved for comic strips.

Camouflaged **SUN** . . .

- m i s _ _ _ _ _ r s t _ n d 21. To take words, statements, etc. in a wrong sense; misinterpret the words or behavior of.
- t _ _ _ n a _ i 22. An unusually large sea wave produced by an earth quake or undersea volcanic eruption.
- _ _ _ n s _ _ _ e e _ 23. A cream or lotion used to protect the skin from the damaging ultraviolet rays of the sun; a structure with the purpose of shielding an area from direct sunlight.
- _ _ _ k _ n 24. Submerged; situated or lying on a lower level; hollow.
- s u _ _ _ y 25. Miscellaneous; various or assorted; mixed; not of a single kind or category.

Shrouded **NAP** . . .

- A n _ _ _ _ _ l _ _ _ 26. The capital city of Maryland.
- _ _ _ _ p 27. A fastener; to make a sudden, sharp sound; to break suddenly.
- s n _ _ _ _ _ o t 28. An informal photograph.
- un _ ppe _ _ _ _ ng 29. Not appealing in appearance, aroma, or taste; unsavory.
- _ _ _ p _ 30. The back of the neck.

Masked **EAT** . . .

- r e _ _ _ t 31. To say again; to tell to another or others.
- _ _ _ a _ 32. Not messy; in a pleasingly clean and orderly condition.
- s _ _ _ t 33. To perspire, especially freely or profusely; to excrete moisture through the pores of the skin.
- _ _ _ e a _ _ _ _ 34. To take air into the lungs and expel it; inhale and exhale.
- _ _ r _ _ t 35. Wonderful; very good; excellent; very large; renowned.



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More places to **go**, people and things to **see**, **fun** in the **sun**, taking a **nap**, and good things to **eat**.

Challenge Words

Study the following clues and descriptions to ferret out some more concealed summer words and then fill in the missing letters to reveal their hiding places. Spelling counts!



Stowed-away **GO** . . .

i n d _ _ _ _

c a t _ _ _ _ _

e s _ _ _ _ _ t

n e g _ _ _ _ _ t _

l a _ _ _ _ _

d _ _ _ _ o

g a r _ _ _ _ l _

s p _ _ _ _ _

g _ _ _ g _

g o _ _ _ _ _ g

1. A color ranging from a deep violet blue to a dark grayish blue.
2. A division or separation into a related group; a classification.
3. An edible snail.
4. To deal or bargain with another or others, as in preparation of a treaty, a contract, or a business deal; to make a deal with.
5. An area of shallow water separated from the sea by low, sandy dunes.
6. A wolflike, wild dog of Australia having a yellowish-brown or reddish-brown coat.
7. A spout in the form of a grotesque human or animal figure projecting from a roof or gutter to throw rainwater clear of a building.
8. A faucet for controlling the flow of liquid from a pipe or the like.
9. A small canyon; to stuff with food; to eat greedily.
10. A baby goose.

Well-hidden **SEE** . . .

b e _ _ _ _ c _

s e _ _ _

s e _ _ _ h _

T a l _ _ _ h a _ _ s _ _ _

f r _ _ _ _ s _ _ _ _

11. To beg urgently; to plea for eagerly.
12. To pass, flow, or ooze gradually through a porous substance.
13. To be in a heightened state of agitation or excitement; boil.
14. The capital city of Florida.
15. Meat, especially chicken or veal, browned lightly, stewed and served with a sauce made with its own stock.

Under-wraps **FUN** . . .

f _ _ n _ _ _

d y s _ _ _ _ c t i _ _ _ a l

16. Unconventional; unusual and out of the ordinary in a tongue-in-cheek manner; having an offensive, strong, unwashed odor.
17. Abnormal or impaired in the ability to act or behave properly according to intended purpose or social norms.

Hidden Summer—Challenge Words—*continued*

f u _ _ _ _

18. A cone-shaped utensil with a tube at one end for conducting liquid or other substances from one container to another.

d e f _ _ _ _

19. No longer in effect or use; no longer in existence; dead.

p e r f _ _ _ _ r _

20. Performed merely as a routine duty; hasty; lacking interest, care, or enthusiasm; indifferent or apathetic.

Tucked-away **SUN** . . .

g e _ _ n _ h _ _ _

21. Of German origin, this interjection is used to wish good health, especially to a person who has just sneezed.

s _ _ _ a _

22. Ice cream served with syrup poured over it, often with other toppings, such as whipped cream, nuts, or fruit.

d i s _ _ _ _ y

23. Lack of unity, accord, harmony, or agreement; the condition of being divided.

u n _ _ _ g

24. Not praised or acclaimed as rightfully deserved; uncelebrated.

a s _ _ d _ _

25. Into separate parts or pieces; apart from each other in position or direction.

Under-cover **NAP** . . .

i n a _ _ _ o p _ _ a t _

26. Not proper or suitable; unseemly; improper.

B o _ _ _ a r _ e

27. Surname of Napoleon, the Little Corporal and emperor of France 1804-1815.

k n _ _ _ _ k

28. A canvass, nylon, or leather bag for clothes, food, and other supplies carried by soldiers, hikers, etc.

s y _ _ p _ _

29. The junction across which a nerve impulse passes from an axon terminal to a neuron, muscle cell, or gland cell.

n _ _ _ i _

30. A small piece of cloth or paper, usually square, for use in wiping the lips and fingers and for protecting the clothes while eating.

Cleverly Disguised **EAT** . . .

b _ _ _ t

31. The characteristic cry of a sheep or a goat; to utter such a cry.

c r _ _ _ _ r _

32. A living being, especially an animal; a human; an imaginary or fantastical being.

b e q _ _ _ _ h

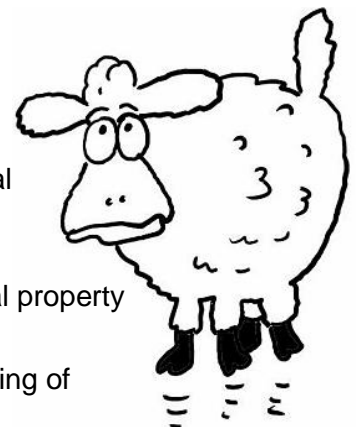
33. To hand down or pass on to one's descendants; to dispose of personal property by a will.

n a _ _ e _ _ _

34. To cause to be sick; to cause a feeling of disgust or loathing.

p e r _ _ _ t _

35. To pass through or into every part of; saturate.



My Kind of Summer

When summer finally rolls around, where do you like to **go**? Who and what do you most want to **see**? How do you have **fun** in the **sun**? Do you have time to take a **nap**, or do you engage in all-day action? What do you like to have on your plate or in your hand when it comes time to **eat**?

Organize your thoughts on the form below and then write about **My Kind of Summer**.

My favorite summer place(s) to **go** is(are) _____
Here's why. . .

↓

Wonderful people and great things to **see** are _____

They are at the top of my list because. . .

↓



Here's my idea of **fun** in the **sun**. . .

↓

Nap or no **nap**? _____

The best ever summer things to **eat** are _____

My conclusion(s) about summer. . .

↓

Keys

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1. goggles
2. amigo
3. forgot
4. goalie
5. maggot
6. gossip
7. octagon
8. dugout
9. logo
10. bongo
11. seed
12. foresee
13. Tennessee
14. birdseed
15. seesaw
16. fungus
17. refund
18. fundamental
19. funds
20. funnies
21. misunderstand
22. tsunami
23. sunscreen
24. sunken
25. sundry
26. Annapolis
27. snap
28. snapshot
29. unappetizing
30. nape
31. repeat
32. neat
33. sweat
34. breathe
35. great

Hidden Summer Challenge Words

1. indigo
2. category
3. escargot
4. negotiate
5. lagoon
6. dingo
7. gargoyle
8. spigot
9. gorge
10. gosling
11. beseech
12. seep
13. seethe
14. Tallahassee
15. fricassee
16. funky
17. dysfunctional
18. funnel
19. defunct
20. perfunctory
21. gesundheit
22. sundae
23. disunity
24. unsung
25. asunder
26. inappropriate
27. Bonaparte
28. knapsack
29. synapse
30. napkin
31. bleat
32. creature
33. bequeath
34. nauseate
35. permeate

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