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Here's to celebrating chameleons! Wildlife Madagascar and our many partner organizations are establishing May 9 as a dedicated day each year to appreciate and raise awareness about chameleons and their habitats. In honor of these amazing lizards, we have developed materials that you can use and share for your own chameleon celebration, including fact sheets, activities, and puzzles.

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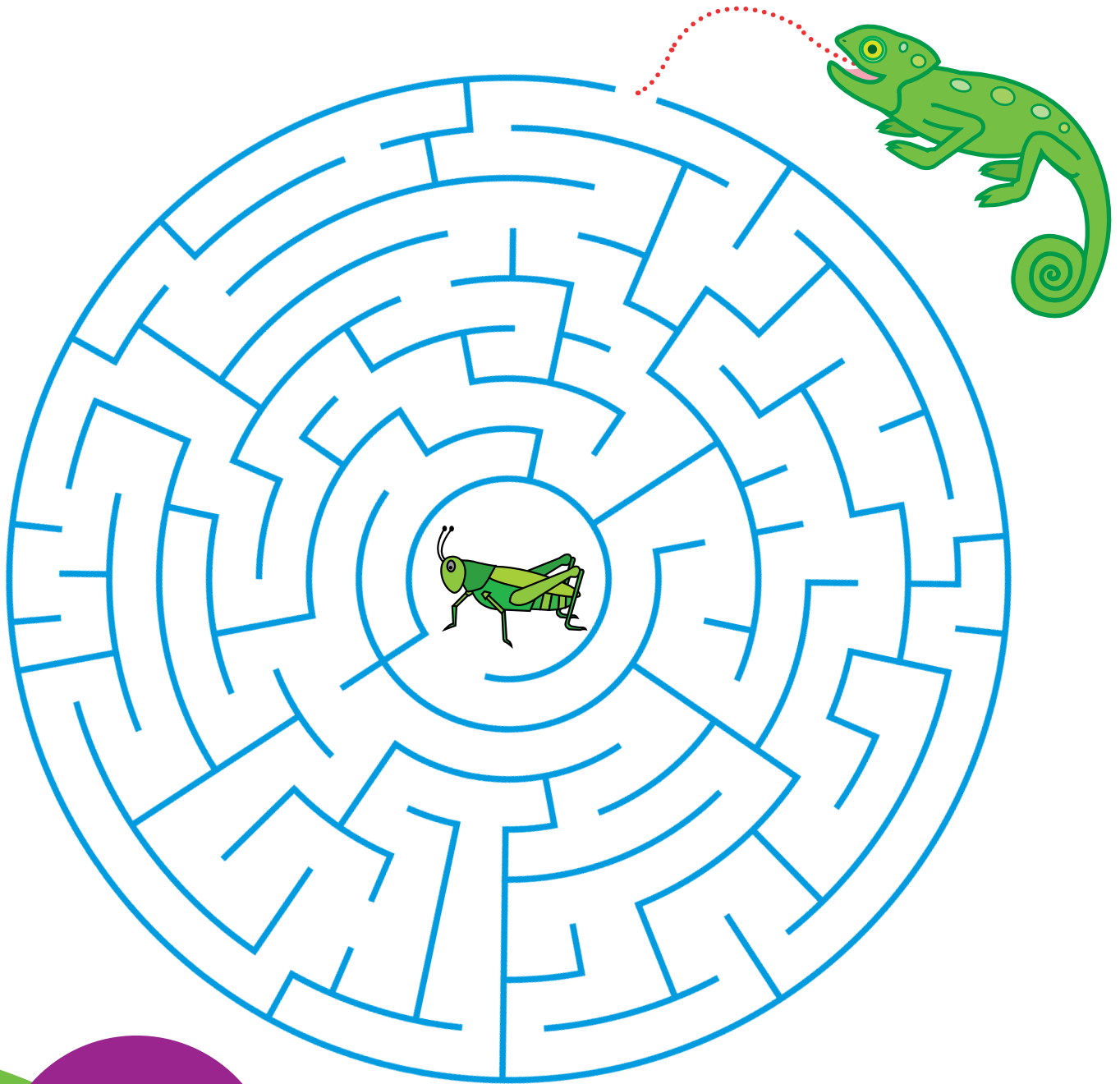
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Maze to Meal

Continue the chameleon's tongue with a pencil or pen. Find your way to the grasshopper in the center (chameleon's favorite meal!).



Spot On!

Check out this original Chameleon image **A**.
On the next page, version **B** of this image has
some differences to be on the lookout for.



Photo credit: Dragomir Vujnovic

Spot the differences on
the next page



Spot the Difference

Spot On!

Look closely at version **B**, try to spot the differences.
Print out and circle the differences or make a list.
Can you spot all 13 differences?



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Answer Key on final page,
don't peek yet...





Chameleon Word Search

Can You See Me Now?

May 9 is International Chameleon Day, and in honor of these colorful lizards, let's see how good you are at spotting words about them!

B N Z P N N O W R Q T V W B U F G N T O R E I V O N P L
R I B M D R U S Q E X Z Y E W K D R F N S J Q Y K K Q I
N P G B Z K A K N O R G P D I O B X G G R X Q B C R P V
V L H H R I I N T O X L Q S V M U R L L N G I C K V U Y
D S D U R R V S Y K Z F M W J Y S L U N J R Z I K N L J
X L I F D G K W T Z B G J F B F E V M K G I C C H X T I
M J B O B Y C T Z I V O M M M S V X U W Q P U P O U R A
Z U L F P J F J G P C I I L X Y U B O G V V H I T J A X
J Z F Z T R I R V J K K B Q I H N L S F S C O J W T V K
I N G I O U L P I F P M Y W W Z E G L D G B G W S S I Z
B N W D R S T M R I E M C X P J A C W F O D T H P I O A
G H U D D D O S L E I T C B F I K R Y D I Y N L R I L Z
P G Y M I Z F C L Y H R A H O R T X D A O G E G Q S E W
P I B U S S V A W I T E X R O T A T I N G K B D J Q T B
Q O A G Q M G A S P P E N M M I I P N R Y S C G S K P B
R E Y R A K G U R G Q S R S S N L E Q X L P T F F I Z R
L I M K C R B W I Y W W K U I K Q B U O I H N C H T J Y
M N T X V F B Q S S M P L C Z L I G S J I L L F Q X K E
I E B I T G T O C Y E Y E S Q X E N R I A Q R U F Z G Z
L N R G Y B L A R A M K B W T N C L L V A C W S U I Q K
S C R N M F B J N E M R A I N F O R E S T S V V M O Y X
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P I G M E N T S C T I L U N Q A S K A B G K T N E H H W
P O A C G Y K S C X O W R F W X U I U E L J V S U Q T H
P H C V D Q U J T L J N T C L H K F B N N R I Q G B Q U
O X P R Y Y U J X W S L G L X A C I N Y O H B S X J G B
C W Z L B V T M Q A D P G U U L G N D F A W W L T K V W
U P O E X Y C O L O R F U L E P D E S E R T V L W P P X

ARBOREAL
CAMOUFLAGE

COLORFUL
DESERT
DISGUISE
GRIP
LIZARD
PIGMENTS

PREHENSILE
TAIL
RAINFORESTS
ROTATING
EYES
SKIN

STICKY
TONGUE
TREES
ULTRAVIOLET



Making a Change

Chameleons are colorful reptiles that live in a variety of habitats, from savannas and deserts to rainforests. They are found primarily on the continent of Africa, with many in Madagascar. There are smaller numbers of chameleons living in the Middle East, Europe, and even southern India. They use their long, sticky tongues to catch prey. They can change their skin color. To get to know them a little better, unscramble the words below to discover some chameleon-related terms. (There are some hints in this paragraph!)

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| 1. TILERPE | — — — — — |
| 2. RMAASACAGD | — — — — — |
| 3. CAIRAF | — — — — — |
| 4. TRESED | — — — — — |
| 5. UETONG | — — — — — |
| 6. YEPR | — — — — — |
| 7. ROLOC | — — — — — |

Once you have unscrambled all the words, copy each letter that has a red line under it onto the spaces below.
When you rearrange these letters, you will have the answer to the riddle below!

— — — — —

What do you call a musical chameleon?

A “_____!”



Use Your Words

Bright and fascinating, chameleons are champions at hiding in plain sight. These lizards' ability to change their skin's hues lets them blend in when they need to—or show their true colors. Let's test your spotting skills right now—if you look at the words below, how many words can you make with the letters in their name? We've given you two to get started:

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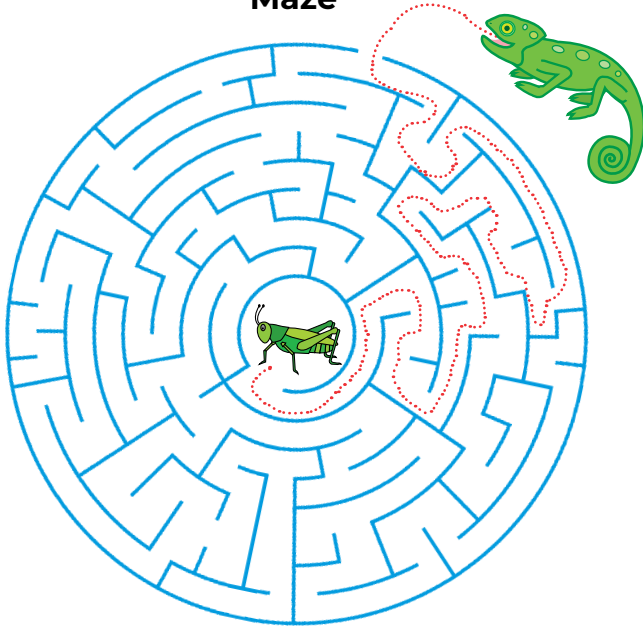
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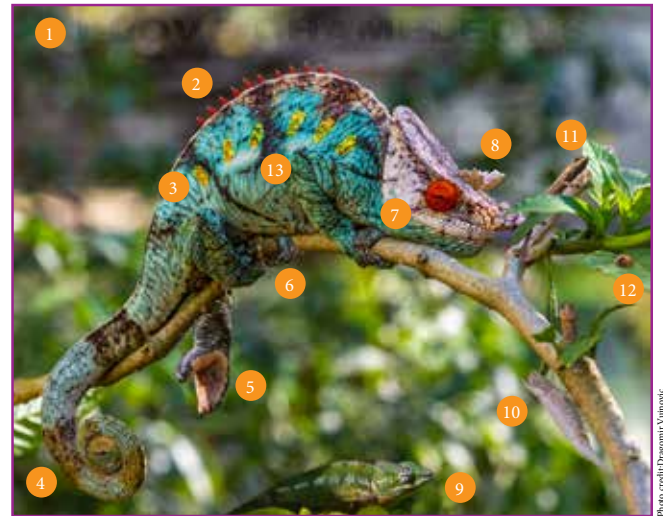
The Puzzle is Solved

Answer Key

Maze



Spot the Difference



1. I Love Chameleons 2. Crest added 3. Spots added 4. Eye in tail
5. Leg is flipped 6. Toes added 7. Eye is red 8. Horns added
9. Chameleon added at bottom 10. Chameleon climbing
11. Chameleon on branch 12. Ladybug added 13. White spot removed

Word Scramble

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|---------------|------------|-----------|
| 1. TILERPE | REPTILE | --- I --- |
| 2. RMAASACAGD | MADAGASCAR | --- A --- |
| 3. CAIRAF | AFRICA | --- R --- |
| 4. TRESED | DESERT | --- E --- |
| 5. UETONG | TONGUE | T --- |
| 6. YEPR | PREY | --- P --- |
| 7. ROLOC | COLOR | --- L --- |

I A R E T P L

What do you call a musical chameleon?

A "RAPTILE!"

Word Search

