

A Message from Poss



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Hi everyone!

I trust you are all well? It's been a while since I wrote to you all because I've been busy helping my friends find new homes. Australia has been having bush fires over the summer this year, and some of my friends no longer have homes to go to. Some of them have moved to different places to live now. Their bushes and trees will grow again but it will take some time.

One of the exciting things for us was Purple Day on 26th March. In Brisbane we had great plans to meet up at South Bank and go for a walk to raise awareness of epilepsy. However, with the current virus going around we decided not to go ahead with the South Bank get-together because we didn't want our friends to gather in a large space that may cause them to be un-well.

The good news is that we will be at South Bank next year and we will walk for epilepsy!!

Do take care my friends and let me know how you are?









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Spotlight On Little Poss Member of the Month!



Hi! My name is Jackson and I am 7 years old. I live in Brisbane with my parents and older sister. I was diagnosed with Benign Rolandic Epilepsy when I was 6 years old.



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My seizures usually come on during sleep with convulsive activity affecting both sides of my body.

I also have absence seizures during the day which makes my schoolwork a bit harder.



I do take medication twice a day, which I don't really like but I know that it is helping me!

Martial Arts is my favourite (I'm a PURPLE belt) and my "MF Family" in the picture make sure that I'm included

in every way. They are awesome and help me stay

focused. Basketball sessions at my friend Brian's are the best too!

I really enjoy LEGO and building from the instructions, Hidden Side Lego is my favourite and Star Wars is cool too. LEGO exhibitions are always fun to go to.

Riding my bike, swimming, boogie boarding and most sports are ok to do under supervision. When I grow older I want to be an Engineer to build LEGO houses for everybody.

BYE!



Ask Dr Dudley

Dear Dr. Dudley,

My little sister has been diagnosed with 'childhood absence epilepsy'.

Is that different to my friend who has 'tonicclonic' seizures?

Freddie

Dear Freddie,

Childhood absence epilepsy is a child-

hood epilepsy that has seizures that usually start between ages two to 12. Absence seizures are very brief. The person (or your sister) will suddenly stop what they are doing and stare blankly, like they are daydreaming. The seizures will only last between 2 and 10 seconds and they will continue with the previous activity. Absence seizures can happen many times a day. This seizures are usually well managed with medication, and can often stop by puberty.

Your friends tonic-clonic seizures are a sudden loss of awareness, and he will commonly fall to the ground, and with stiffening (tonic) then jerking (clonic) of the muscles. It will last a couple of minutes and he will want to sleep for a while after it. So they are very different seizures. Let me know if you have any other questions Freddie.

Dr Dudley

eizure First Aid

If you see someone having a seizure, there are steps you can take to help them. Try and remember that seizures often don't last long and by following these steps, you can make sure the person stays safe.

- Stay calm
- Try and remember what time the seizure started.
- Protect the person from anything hard or sharp that might hurt them.
- Put something soft under the person's head and shoulders, like a pillow or a towel.

As soon as you can, roll the person onto their side so they can keep breathing.

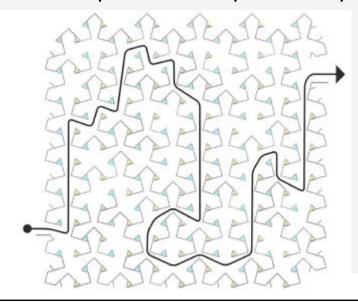
Talk to the person so they know they have a friend close by.











A Riddle for you -

Q: What do you get if you cross a kanga-

A: A woolly jumper!! Q: What if you cross a horse with a skunk?

A: Whinny the Pooh!

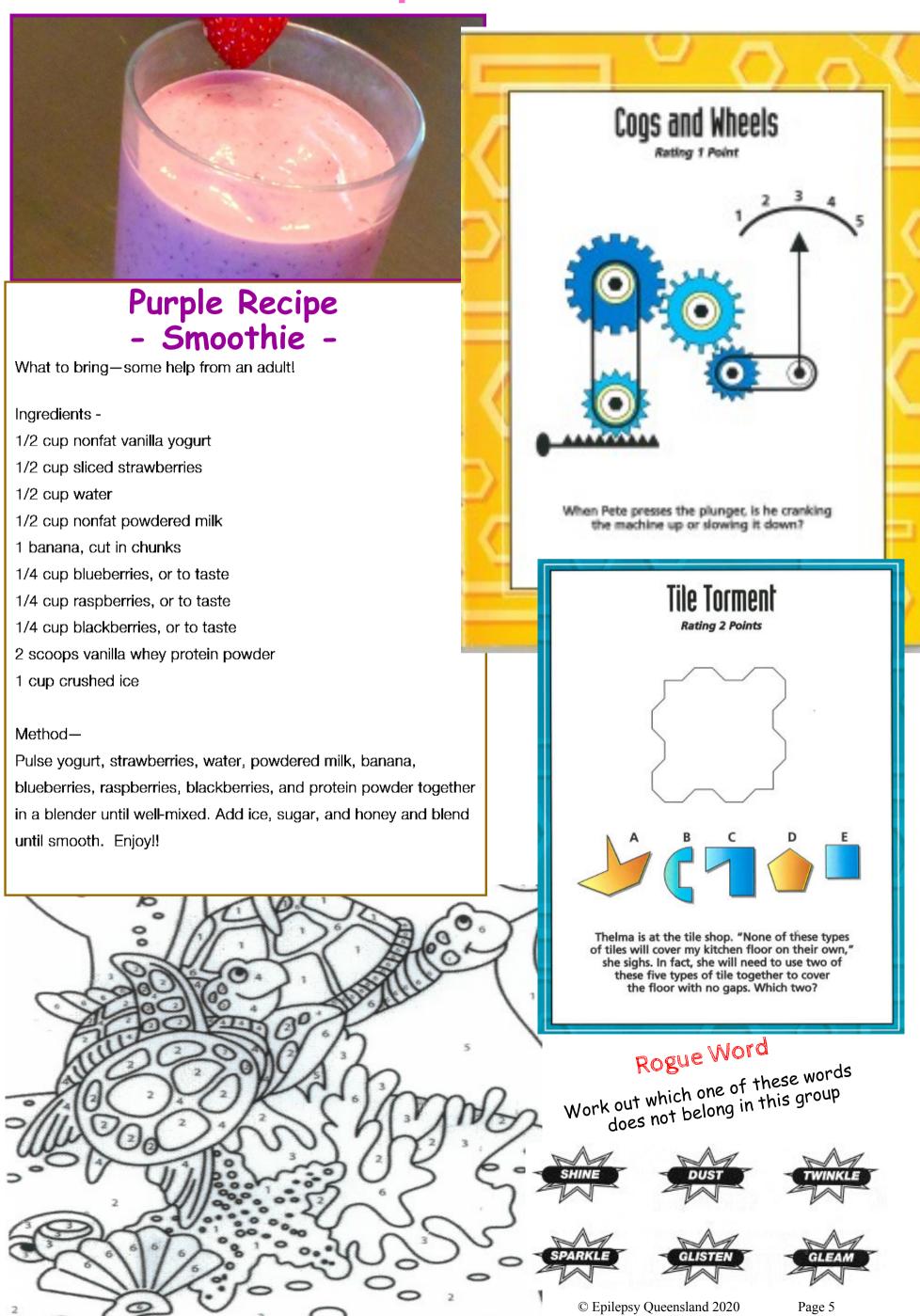
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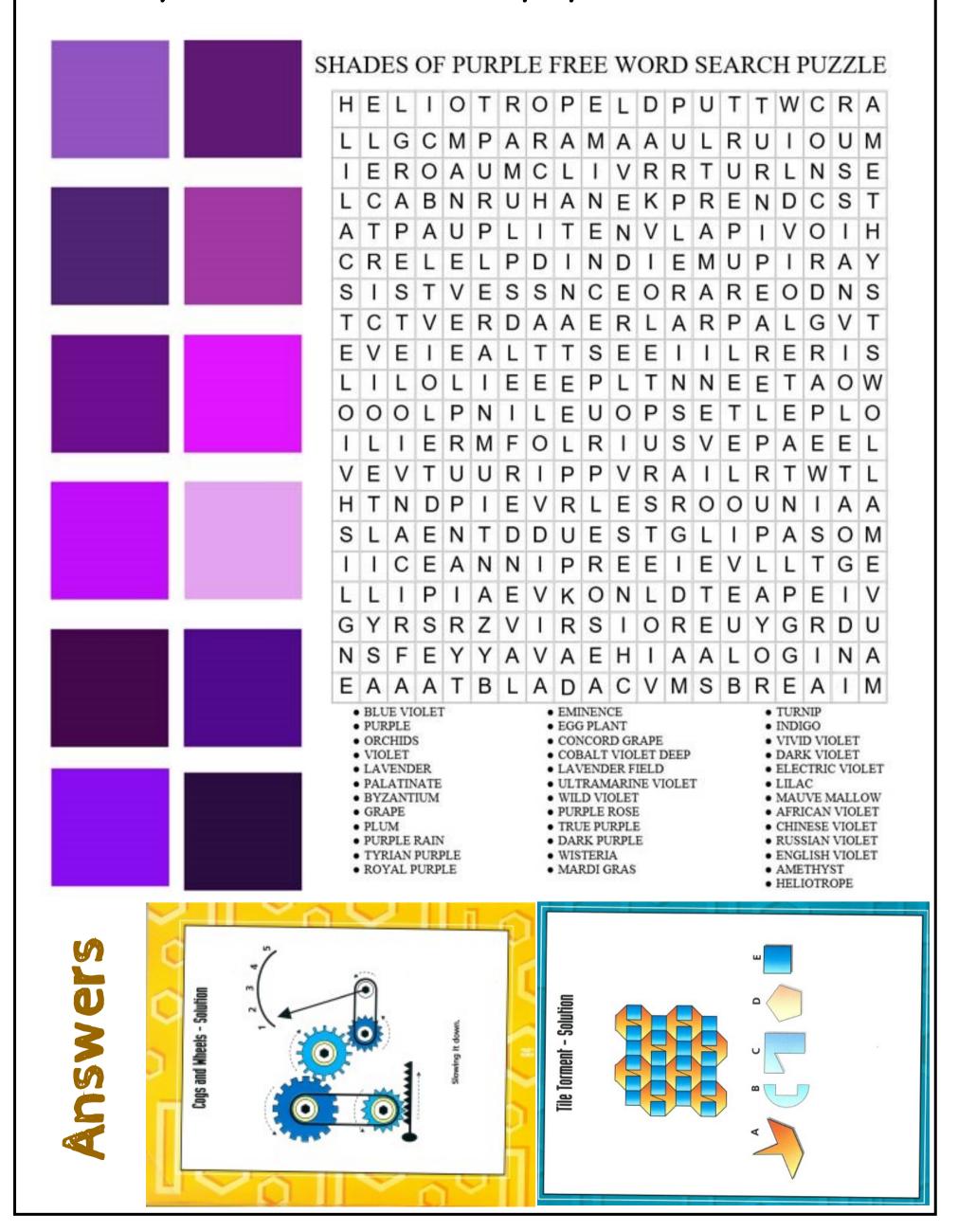
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Poss's Purple Fun and Games



Little Poss' Word Search

What's your favourite shade of purple?



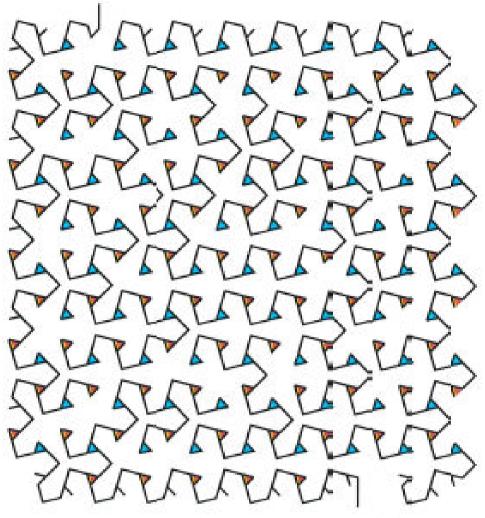
Star Maze

Rating 1 Point

Some past purple day pictures!

Purple Day

Purple Day for epilepsy



Travel through the space between the lines to find a path from the top of this maze to the bottom.





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