



Hello Everybody,

This activity packs this week is based on all things August, with some other random fun stuff added in!

It is the last month before spring arrives, so I'm sure you're all ready and excited for some beautiful warm weather and the buzzing bees!

We hope you enjoy this pack! If anyone has any themes, you'd like us to make an activity pack on, please let us know on 9727 2222!

Have a great week!

Take care,

The Caladenia Team





August is the eighth month of the year in the Julian and Gregorian calendars.

It is the fifth of seven months to have a length of 31 days.

August is the last month of summer in the northern half of the world and he last month of winter in the southern half of the world.

It was **originally named** *Sextilis* in Latin because it was the 6th month in the original ten-month Roman calendar under Romulus in 753 BC, with March being the first month of the year.

About **700 BC**, it became the **eighth month** when January and February were added to the year before March by King Numa Pompilius, who also gave it 29 days.



Julius Caesar added two days when he created the Julian calendar in 46 BC (708 AUC), giving it its modern length of 31 days.

In **8 BC**, it was renamed in honour of **Emperor Augustus**. *Augustus* is Latin and means "the venerable one" or "the great one." According to a Senatus consultum quoted by Macrobius, he chose this month because it was the time of several of his great triumphs, including the conquest of Egypt.

Numerous religious holidays occurred during August in ancient Rome.

August 3 is National Watermelon Day – thanks to it being around 92% water, watermelon is tasty and refreshing on a hot summer day. In honour of National Watermelon Day, cut yourself some pieces of this pink fruit. And look up some recipes that use the melon, such as watermelon lemonade or watermelon feta salad, for a refreshing summer treat.



August 4 is National Chocolate Chip Cookie Day — Crisp or chewy, straight from the oven or out of a bag, chocolate chip cookies take many delicious forms. Today's the day to pick up some chocolate chip cookies from your local bakery or mix up a batch at home. Pour yourself a cold glass of milk, and enjoy.

August 7 is International Beer Day\* (first Friday) – From a 5,400-year-old brew discovered in the mountains of Iran to today's creative craft beers, beer has had a long and interesting history. Say cheers to International Beer Day with a classic German Spaten or Kolsch, sample a new-to-you brew from a local brewery, or try brewing your own beer at home.

August 9 is National Rice Pudding Day — Rice pudding typically is rice mixed with milk or water and flavoured with cinnamon, sugar, and raisins. But there are many twists on this recipe. For National Rice Pudding Day, try topping it with lemon zest and vanilla, or sample an international variation of rice pudding from Turkey or Portugal.



August 10 is National S'mores Day – this campfire classic is perfectly delicious in its original form with graham crackers, milk chocolate, and toasted marshmallows. There are tons of tasty twists on s'mores out there, too. Try adding sliced strawberries, bananas, or raspberries, or go all out with a smear of Nutella for National S'mores Day.

August 13 is National Filet Mignon Day – if you've never made filet mignon before, today's the day to learn. Preparing filet mignon is much easier than you might think. And it's ridiculously good when served with sides of potatoes and green beans. Treat yourself to some quality home-cooking.

August 16 is National Bratwurst Day – bratwurst are German sausages commonly made with pork, beef, or veal. They're easy to cook, and they can be prepared in a number of ways. Try a classic grilling recipe, and top them with your favourite hot dog fixings. Simmer them in beer for a truly German treat. Or slice cooked bratwurst into homemade spaetzle for a delicious side dish.



August 19 is National Potato Day – Mashed, fried, chipped, and baked, potatoes are an incredibly versatile food. Enjoy your favourite spud preparations for National Potato Day. Whether it's hash browns for breakfast, chips for lunch, or loaded baked potatoes for dinner, there's a potato recipe for every taste.

August 20 is National Bacon Lover's Day — Whether you serve it alongside eggs, layered in a BLT sandwich, or as a flavour fusion in a cocktail, today's the day for bacon lovers. But before you go on your bacon bender, learn how to make perfectly cooked, crispy bacon in the oven.

August 24 is National Waffle Day – waffles are quite versatile. There are the obvious waffles with butter and syrup for breakfast. But there also are chicken and waffles for lunch or a burger with all the fixings sandwiched between two waffles for dinner. Also, you can try making an ice cream sandwich with homemade waffles. There's no better time to try some inventive waffle concoctions than National Waffle Day.



August 26 is National

Dog Day – dog owners truly consider their four-legged friends to be members of the family. In exchange for its love and loyalty, give your pooch a little extra pampering today, whether that means a long walk, a new toy, or a tasty treat.

August 27 is National Banana Lovers Day – You can use bananas in thousands of recipes, from smoothies to ice cream sundaes and homemade pancakes. Plus, they make an excellent vegan-friendly egg replacer in baking recipes. They contain heart-healthy potassium. And they're ridiculously cheap. Enjoy a banana or a banana-centric recipe for National Banana Lovers Day.

August 29 is Lemon Juice Day – Lemon juice can add brightness to any dish, from a salad to a lemon cake. It can add depth to cocktails. And when you're finished prepping food with it, you can use lemon juice as an eco-friendly home cleaner. Find a new-to-you way to use lemon juice for Lemon Juice Day.



August 30 is National Toasted Marshmallow Day — if you didn't indulge in enough toasted marshmallows on National S'mores Day earlier this month, now is your chance to catch up. Whip up a batch of marshmallow fudge, add toasted marshmallows to a peanut butter sandwich, or just eat your toasted marshmallows straight off the stick.

Certain **meteor showers** take place in August. The Kappa Cygnids take place in August, with the dates varying each year. The Alpha Capricornids meteor shower takes place as early as July 10 and ends at around August 10, and the Southern Delta Aquariids take place from mid-July to mid-August, with the peak usually around July 28–29. The Perseids, a major meteor shower, typically takes place between July 17 and August 24, with the days of the peak varying yearly. The star cluster of Messier 30 is best observed around August.



Among the **aborigines of the Canary Islands**, especially among the Guanches of Tenerife, the month of August received in the name of Beñesmer or Beñesmen, which was also the harvest festival held this month.

August's birthstones are the peridot, sardonyx, and spinel.

Its **birth flower** is the **gladiolus** or **poppy**, meaning beauty, strength of character, love, marriage and family.

The Western zodiac signs for the month of August are Leo and Virgo.



- 1. This movie directed by Howard Hawks and starring Humphrey Bogart and Lauren Bacall premiered in August 1946
- 2. Charlotte Bronte sent the manuscript for this book to a publisher in London in August 1847.
- 3. This popular soft drink first arrived in the UK in August 1900
- 4. Which famous explorer set sail from Spain with three ships seeking a westerly route to the Far East in August 1492?
- 5. Which famous Jazz Trumpeter was born on August 4, 1901?
- 6. This award-winning film starring Gene Kelly and Leslie Caron premiered in August 1951
- 7. Which Beatles song was released in August 1968 becoming one of the biggest billboard songs of all time?
- 8. This Scottish physician-scientist who was recognised for discovering penicillin was born on the 6th of August 1881.
- 9. The highest mountain in Western Europe was climbed for the first time in August 1786 what is it called?
- 10. This famous breakfast cereal was invented by William Kellogg in August 1898.

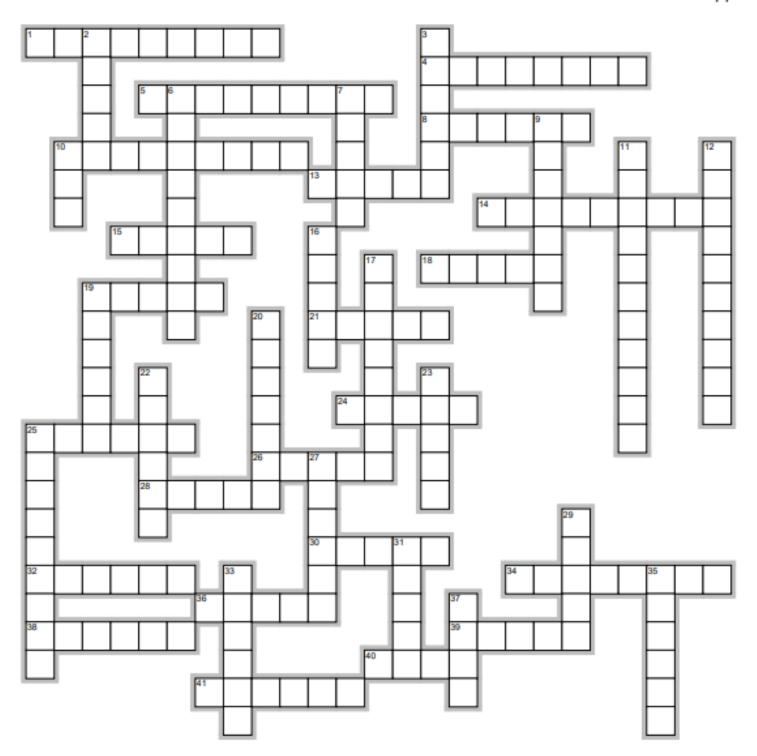
### Famous Duos

Here's a fun crossword online, or printable! Simply supply the other half of each well-known team. Duos include musicians, TV characters, cartoon characters, historical figures and foods.

Hint: If you get stuck, as for help from someone of a different generation.  $\ensuremath{\odot}$ 



Allan Hale as Skipper



## Clues

#### Across

- Thunder &
- Abbot &
- Lennon &
- Thelma &
- 10. Tweety &
- 13. Mork &
- 14. Simon &
- Lady & the
- 18. Bonnie &
- 19. Tom &
- 21. Fish &
- 24. Batman &
- 25. Holmes &
- 26. Lucy &
- 28. Hall &
- 30. Beauty & the
- 32. Penn &
- 34. Skipper &
- 36. Serena &
- 38. Macaroni &
- 39. Laurel &
- 40. Chip &
- 41. Mickey &

#### Down

- Mashed potatoes &
- Mulder &
- Antony &
- Bert &
- Laverne &
- 10. Sanford &
- 11. Butch Cassidy & the
- 12. Rocky &
- Starsky &
- 17. Popeye &
- 19. Romeo &
- 20. Milk &
- 22. Yogi &
- 23. Fred &
- 25. Snoopy &
- 27. Calvin &
- 29. Peanut butter &
- 31. Chips &
- Miss Piggy &
- 35. Wallace &
- 37. Sonny &

## Art for Relaxation



# **Left-Handed Facts**

Left-handed people make up 5% to 10% of the population, men being twice as likely to be left handed than women.

Left-handers are more likely to pursue creative careers.

One in four Apollo astronauts was left-handed!

The official Boy Scout handshake uses the left hand, not the right. The founder of the Scouts was ambidextrous (able to use the right and left hand equally well), but he chose the left hand because it is closer to the heart.

Most left-handers draw figures facing the right side.

Michelangelo was a lefty; it seems that his 'David' is also a lefty by the way he holds his sling.

Left-handers have been traced back to caveman days. Archaeologists believe some cave paintings were created by lefties.

Of the five people who created the Macintosh computer, four were left-handed.

In ancient times, the Aztecs from Mexico administered medicine for kidney problems with the left hand, and medicine for liver problems with the right hand. Go figure!

The Incas from Peru believed that being left-handed was a sign of good luck.

In Scotland, if a person is unlucky, it is said that he or she "was baptized by a left-handed priest".

Mothers who give birth over the age of 40 are 128% more likely to have Lefty babies.

British slang for left-handed are: kefty, scrammy, and wacky.

Lefties in the US are called: southpaws, wrong-way drivers, and portsiders.

Champion fencers are mostly left-handers.

# Quiz with answers beginning with AU

1 Celebrity signature:
2 Done without thought:
3 Theatre's seating area:
4 Natural light phenomenon in the Earth's sky:
5 Professional writer:
6 One married to an uncle:
7 Post-mortem examination:
8 People watching a performance:
9 Reddish-brown hair colour:
10 Leaf falling time:

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There are more kangaroos than humans in Australia.

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# Australian Animals

DIRECTIONS: Find and circle the animal names in the grid. Look for them in all directions including backwards and diagonally.

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GIANT CLAM

KANGAROO

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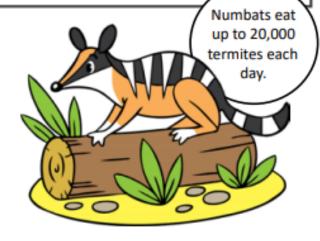
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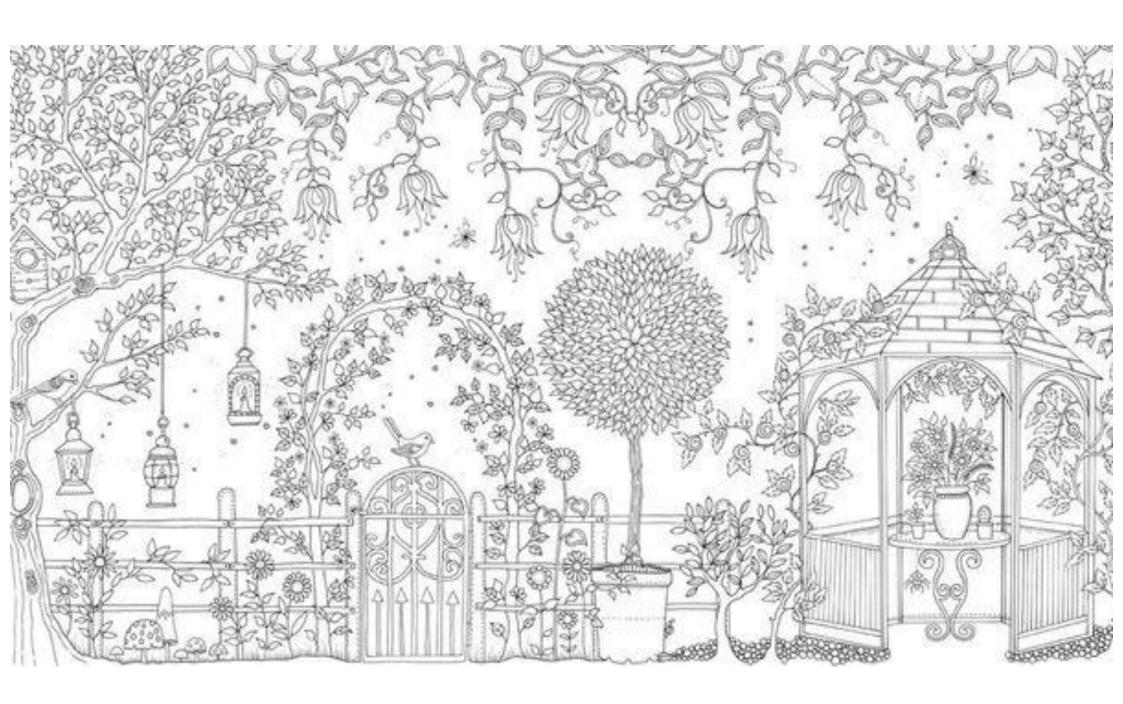
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# Birthstones

DIRECTIONS: Find and circle the months and birthstones in the grid. Look for the words in all directions including backwards and diagonally.

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January		Garnet	July		Ruby
February		Amethyst	August		Peridot
March		Aquamarine	September		Sapphire
April	4	Diamond	October		Opal
May		Emerald	November	1	Topaz
June		Pearl	December		Turquoise

Why do we tell actors to "break a leg?"

Because every play has a cast.

What did one traffic light say to the other?

Stop looking! I'm changing!

Why is it annoying to eat next to basketball players?

They dribble all the time.

Yesterday I saw a guy spill all his Scrabble letters on the road.

I asked him, "What's the word on the street?"

Knock, knock.
Who's there?
Scold.
Scold who?
Scold outside,
let me in!

Why wouldn't the shrimp share his treasure?

Because he was a little shellfish!





#### **Quiz Answers**

1 The Big Sleep 2 Jane Eyre 3 Coca Cola 4 Christopher Columbus 5 Louis Armstrong 6 An American in Paris 7 Hey Jude 8 Alexander Fleming 9 Mont Blanc 10 Corn Flakes

# Quiz AU

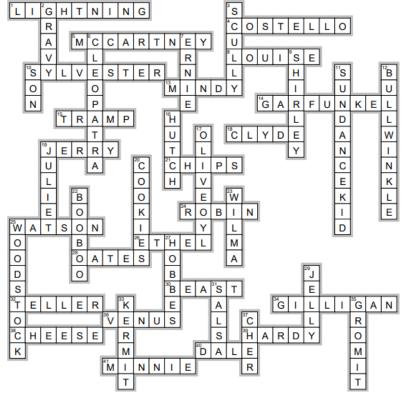
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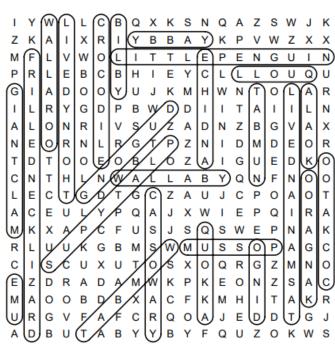
## Australian Animals

## Word Search

#### SOLUTION

# Answers

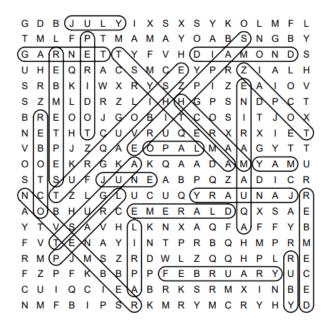




## **Birthstones**

Word Search

#### SOLUTION



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