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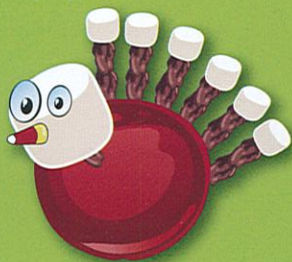
Try This Out!

Apple Turkeys

You will need an adult's help on this project!

What you'll need:

- 1 red apple
- 1 large marshmallow
- 6 small marshmallows
- 14 raisins
- 7 toothpicks
- 1 candy corn



What to do:

Place apple on table and remove stem. On six toothpicks, place two raisins and a marshmallow. The marshmallow will be at the top, and the raisins will be below the marshmallow. Evenly insert the toothpicks directly behind where the stem would have been on the apple. Next, push the last two raisins and the candy corn into the large marshmallow to make a face. Place face on the last tooth pick and insert this tooth pick directly in front of where the stem was. Try not to eat your turkey before he's finished!

joke box

Q: What dog loves to take bubble baths?

A: A shampoodle!

~Arijana, Age 8

Send in your jokes on the Kirby website and they might even get published!



Wacky Facts

One of these wacky facts is false. Can you figure out which one it is?

- A. China has more English speakers than the United States.
- B. Tomatoes and cucumbers are fruits.
- C. Most zebras have stripes that are exactly the same.
- D. It costs about 3 cents to make a \$1 bill in the United States.



Answer: C is false. There are no two zebras that have stripes that are exactly the same.

Did You Know?

Did you know the very first bicycle, invented in 1817, didn't have pedals? German inventor, Baron von Drais, created the first bicycle prototype which was called the Draisienne. It was made of wood with a seat and handle bars, but no pedals, gears or brakes. The Draisienne was one of the earliest two-wheeled self-propelled machines to be widely used. Lacking pedals or other mechanical drive, these "swift-walkers", as they were also known, were simply pushed along by the rider's feet. As simple as this was, Draisienes

became the rage in Europe and America. In 1861 Ernest Michaux invented the modern bicycle which featured pedals and cranks. The Penny Farthing, also referred to as the 'High' or 'Ordinary' bicycle, was invented in 1871 by British engineer, James Starley. This bicycle was the first really efficient bicycle, consisting of a small rear wheel and a large front wheel pivoting on a simple tubular frame with tires of rubber. In 1885, John Kemp Starley, James Starley's nephew, created the Rover Safety, which proved to be the most important of these safety bicycle developments. Its design was adopted by all bicycle makers and it became the blue print for all bicycle design until very recently.



Kirby's Adventures

Kirby's Choice

By: Sydnee, Age 12

"18...19...20," Kirby counted, "Yes! I finally have enough money to buy the football set I have been saving up for!"

"Yes," he said. He put his money in his pocket and followed his mom to the car.

When they got to the store, Kirby's

limit she had set. But Kirby remembered the \$20 in his pocket. He could pay the difference for the shoes, but then he

