

BONUS DAILY **DENDRITE CHALLENGES**

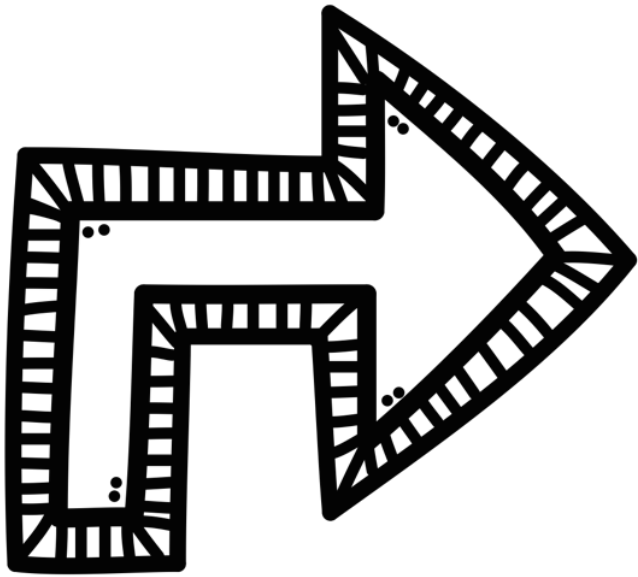
a digital resource for critical thinking

Includes
25 bonus
challenges!



PAPERLESS, QUICK, AND FUN!

- 1) Open the slideshow or the PDF file.
- 2) Click on a brain-teaser.
- 3) Think, share, and grow new dendrites!



**ACTIVATE CRITICAL
THINKING SKILLS!**



A variety of 25 brain teasers, problems, logical thinking questions, and open-ended challenges are included for each month!

1

I'm the best organ in the land. I'm holding something in my hand. I have two shoes and two big eyes. I don't need a computer. I'm really wise! I'm doing what I love to do. Would you like to sit down while I share it with you?

2

I'm a baby dinosaur. I'm happy as can be. My spikes are blue. I have sharp teeth, as you can plainly see. My spots are green, as well as my nose. When you mix red and blue, you'll get the color of my toes! Who am I?

3

I used to be a cup, but now I'm a...

How could you use a plastic cup? Be creative! A flower pot is one idea. What else can you think of?

4

Find six differences!

Click the button to check your answer.

How many is w

+ = 5

+ = 6

2 3 4

9

milk is to cow
as
egg is to _____

breakfast		hen	nest

7

How many words can you make out of the letters in this word:

FRIENDSHIP

your thoughts and ideas, to go back to the home screen.

11

monster belongs in the

6

When I was at the park today, I fell off the slide. I dried my tears and smiled with a grin so big and wide! Then, I couldn't find my mom! I cried out, "Where is she?" I saw her walking toward me. Whew! She really worried me! Today was filled with feelings we all have felt, or so I bet! Can you click the picture that shows the emotion I did NOT get?

After you share your thoughts and ideas, click the button to go back to the home screen.

12

What are these two animals saying to one another? Create the dialogue between these two funny animals! Be creative and use complete sentences.

Click the button to go back to the home screen.

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I'm outside where the sky is blue. There's not a cloud in sight. It's the perfect place to run and play or maybe fly a kite. I don't see any animals. I'm sweaty from the heat. I need to rinse the salt off of my legs, arms, and feet! Where am I?

park beach farm

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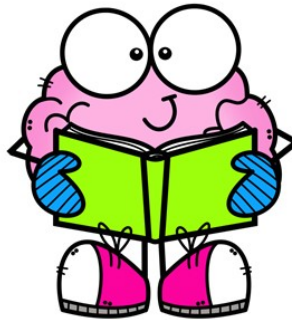
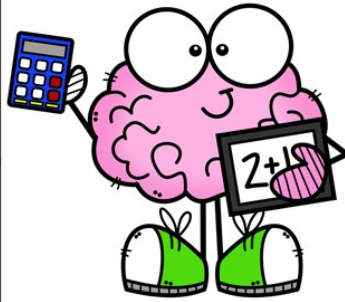
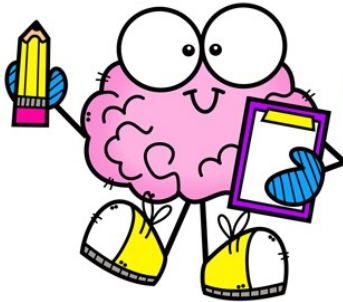
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SELF-CHECKING AND INTERACTIVE

Challenges include a clickable self-checking feature!

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TRY AGAIN

Click the picture below to go back to today's daily dendrite challenge. Keep trying!



YOU ARE CORRECT

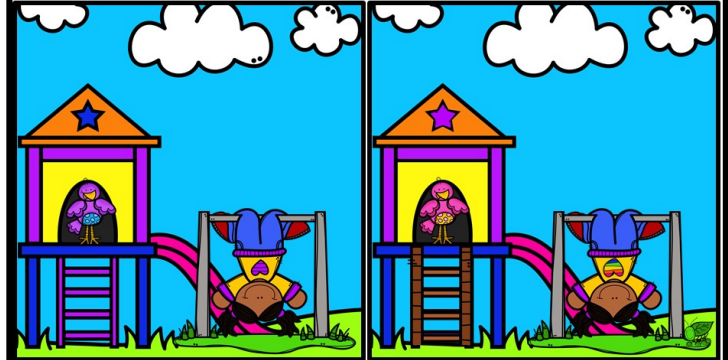
Way to go! You used your brain power! Click the button to go back to the home screen.



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Find six differences!

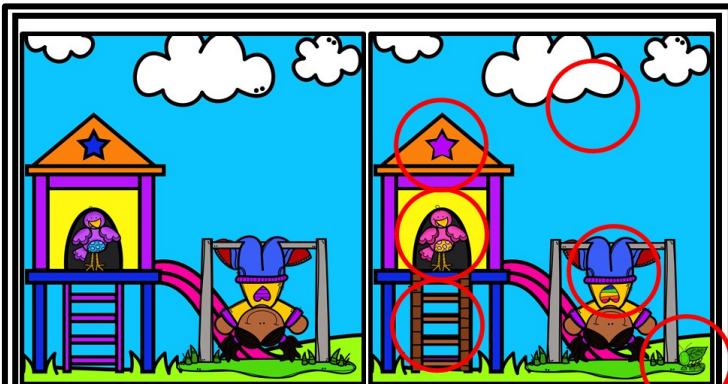
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Click the button to check your answer.



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THIS RESOURCE IS A 25-DAY **BONUS** PACK

It is not included in the bundle shown below! This bonus pack is ideal for teachers who want extra or additional daily challenges for their classroom!

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PAPERLESS
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YEAR-LONG BUNDLE
MISS DECARBO

IDEAS FOR USE

- morning circle
- before dismissal
- before or after lunch
- as an “exit” challenge each day
- as a “wake-up” challenge each day
- centers
- computer time
- transitions
- a warm-up or exit for small groups



ABOUT THIS RESOURCE

Thank you for choosing the Daily Dendrite Challenge! This is a fully digital and paperless resource for primary critical thinkers. Our students are not born with the ability to think critically. As educators, we must foster this type of thinking with the experiences, activities, discussions, and instruction we provide to our students. This resource was designed as a fun and engaging way for students to practice thinking creatively and critically. Furthermore, problem-solving, persistence, and an ability to see situations from different viewpoints are essential skills students need to develop.

The brain teasers provided in each month's Daily Dendrite Challenge vary from day to day. These teasers were created to help your students practice thinking critically, logically, creatively, and "out-of-the-box!" At times, you, as the educator, may need to provide assistance or facilitation in completing the brain teaser. You may also wish to provide a "think-aloud" to help students comprehend or work their way through the brain teaser. How much assistance you provide your students should be at your own discretion. The degree of assistance provided by the teacher may depend upon the grade level, classroom, students, goals, uses, time of the year, and individual needs.

Each month is designed around a theme, season, or holiday. In the future, additional Dendrite Challenges that are more general and not seasonal may be created by the author. However, at this time, the monthly resources are not editable or available for customization unless in the event of a technical error by the author. Thank you for your understanding. We hope you enjoy this critical thinking resource!


WHAT YOU NEED

To use the slideshow file, you will need a device that has Microsoft PowerPoint installed. The PDF file can also be used, as it contains clickable links. Sometimes, the text formatting can appear to be “off” when the slideshow file is used on a Mac. If this should happen, simply use the PDF file on your Mac device. The PDF file will work in the same way the slideshow does. As with all digital resources, you will want to ensure your computer and your Adobe is up-to-date.

Due to the digital nature of this resource, there is no worksheet or printable provided with this resource. If you wish to have your students show their work or thinking, I recommend having the students use individual whiteboards with a dry-erase marker. You could also have the students record their thinking into journals, notebooks, or on blank paper. An example of a brain teaser that you will want students to have workspace for is shown below. You can see that there could be multiple, open-ended answers for this brain teaser.


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but now I'm a...**

3



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