

INTERNATIONAL CHAMELEON DAY

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# Chameleon Puzzles

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## INTERNATIONAL CHAMELEON DAY

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.

Help spread the word on social media, too, and use the hastags:  
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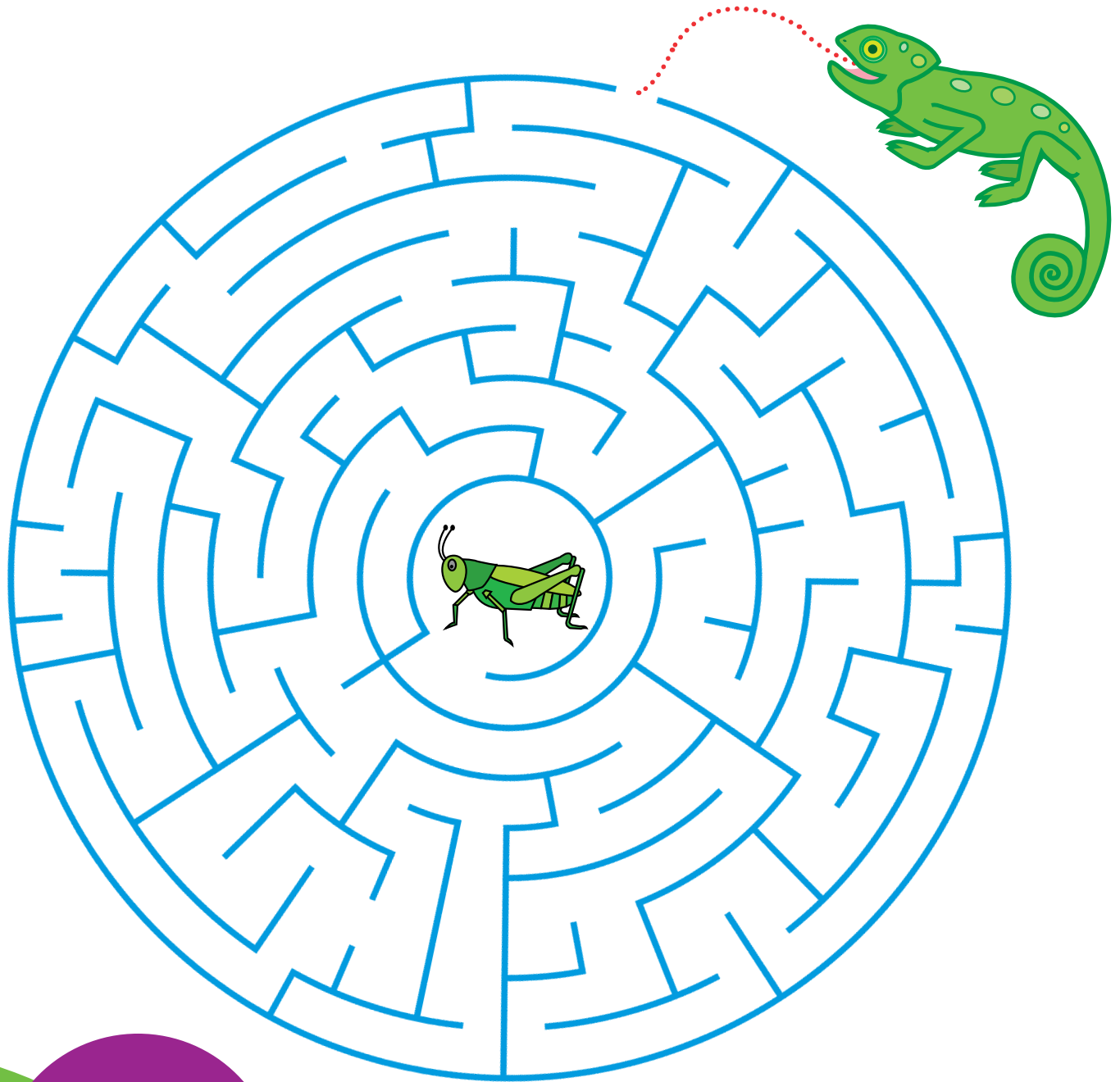
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## Maze to Meal

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



# Spot the Difference

## 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 Vujanovic

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?



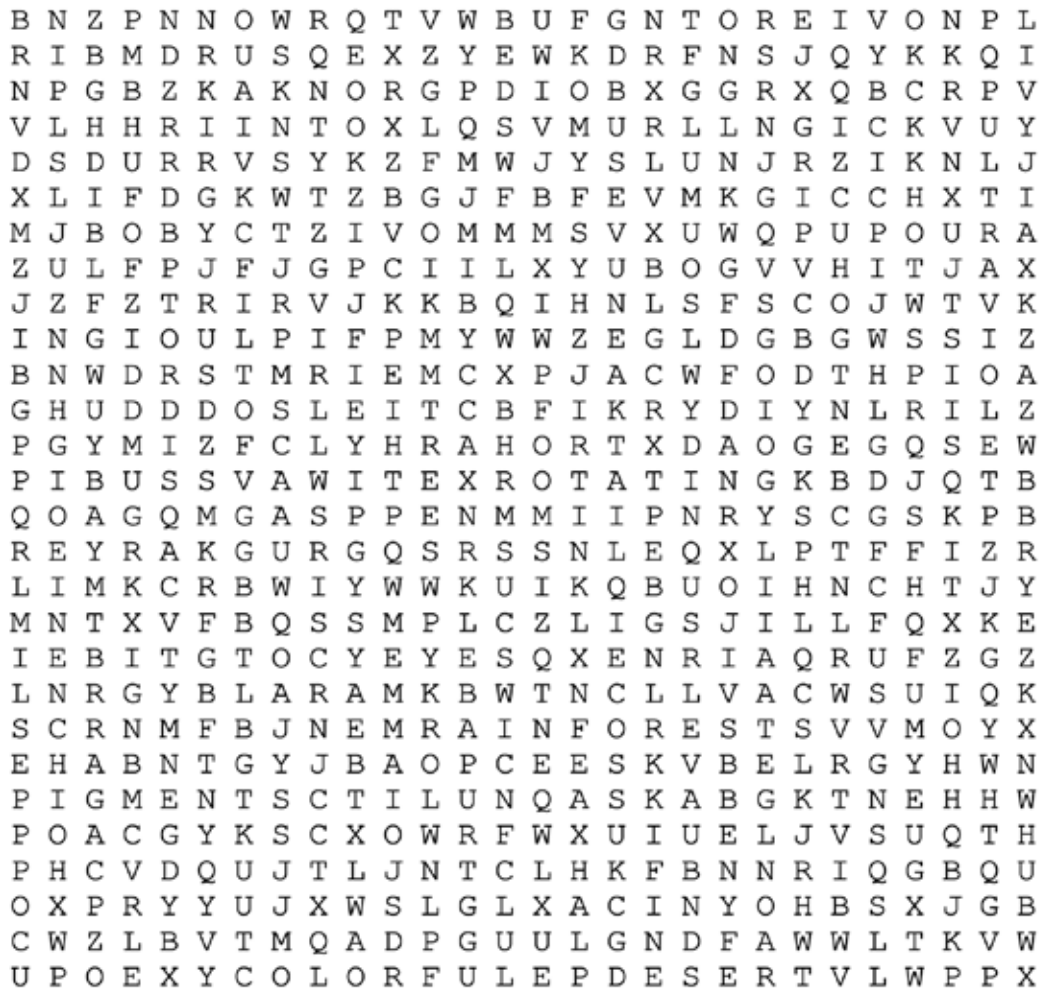
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Answer Key on final page,  
don't peek yet...



## 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!



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. <b>TILERPE</b>    | — — — — — <u>—</u> — — —           |
| 2. <b>RMAASACAGD</b> | — — — — — <u>—</u> — — — — — — — — |
| 3. <b>CAIRAF</b>     | — — — — — <u>—</u> — — — —         |
| 4. <b>TRESED</b>     | — — — — — <u>—</u> — — — — —       |
| 5. <b>UETONG</b>     | <u>—</u> — — — — — — —             |
| 6. <b>YEPR</b>       | <u>—</u> — — — —                   |
| 7. <b>ROLOC</b>      | — — — — — <u>—</u> — — —           |

**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!**

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**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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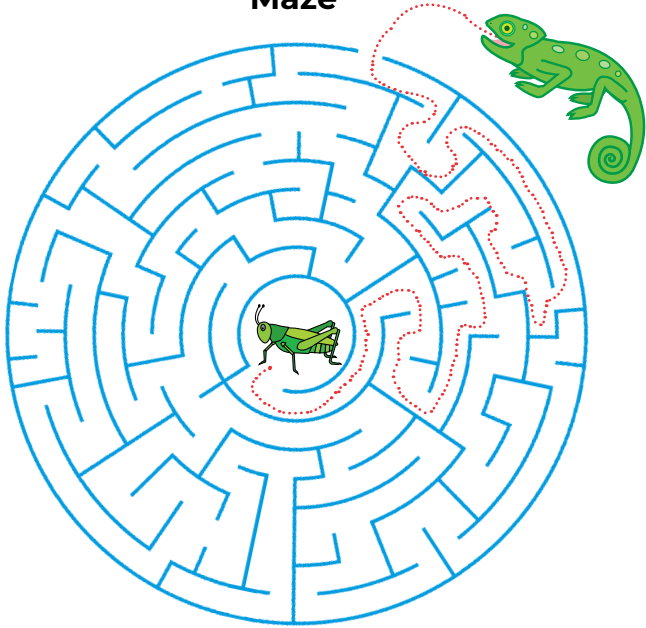
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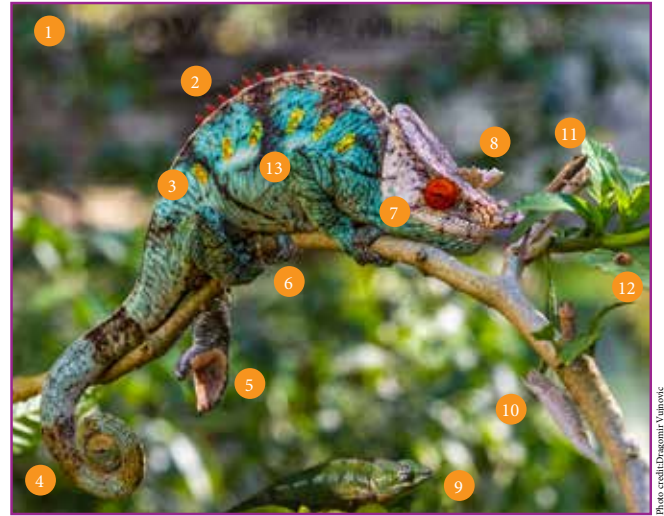


## Answer Key

### 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

- |               |            |           |
|---------------|------------|-----------|
| 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

