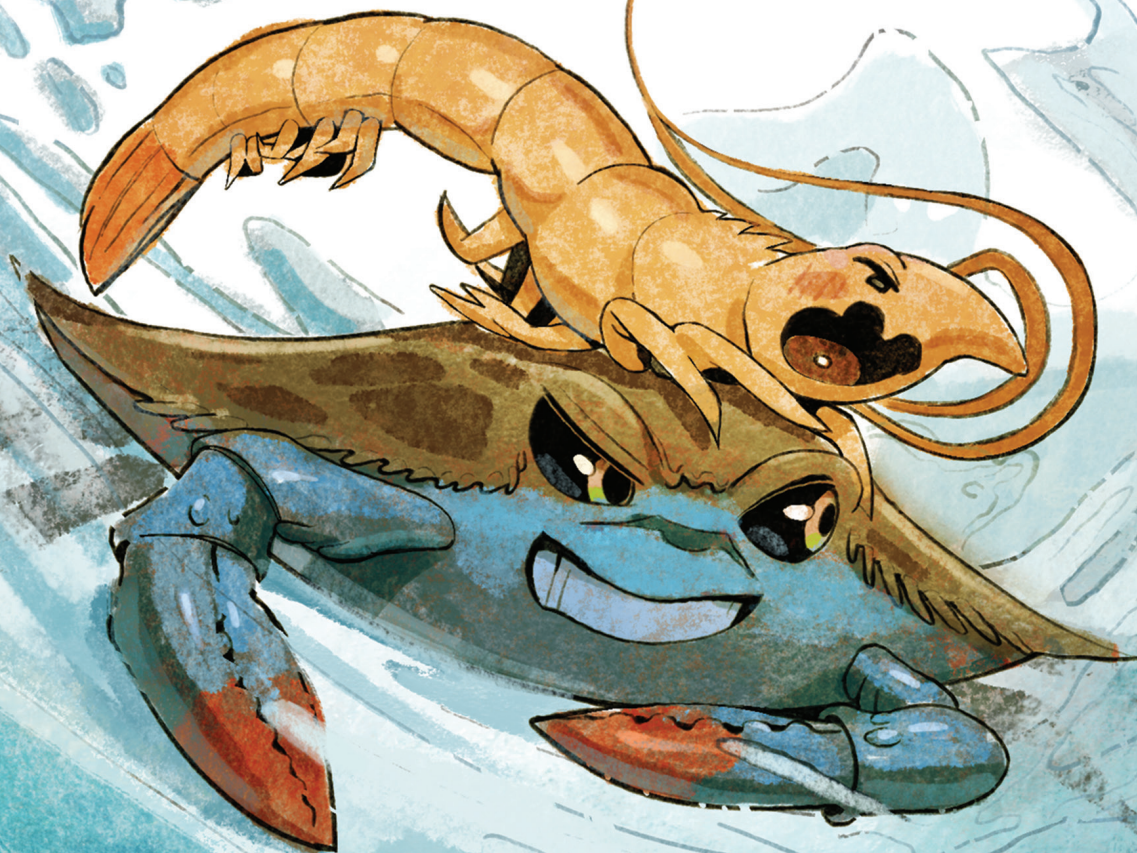


# OUR MISSISSIPPI SEAFOOD

*COLORING AND ACTIVITY BOOK*



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# ***SPOTTED SEATROUT***



## ***DID YOU KNOW?***

ON AVERAGE, FEMALE SPOTTED SEATROUT ARE **LARGER** THAN MALES.

# ***BLUE CRAB***

YOU CAN CALL ME  
**BLUE CRAB**, OR  
BLUE FOR SHORT.

I'M AN AWESOME  
SWIMMER THANKS  
TO MY FIFTH-PAIR  
OF LEGS THAT ARE  
**PADDLE-SHAPED!**



## ***DID YOU KNOW?***

A BLUE CRAB'S SCIENTIFIC NAME,  
*CALLINECTES SAPIDUS*, MEANS "**BEAUTIFUL, SAVORY SWIMMER.**"



# ***OYSTER***

HOWDY, I'M **OYSTER!**

PEOPLE HAVE BEEN  
OYSTERING IN MISSISSIPPI  
FOR OVER **10,000 YEARS.**

YOU CAN SAY I'M  
AN IMPORTANT SEAFOOD  
INDUSTRY STAR.



## ***DID YOU KNOW?***

OYSTERS IN MISSISSIPPI CAN BE FOUND  
**NATURALLY ON REEFS OR FARMED IN CAGES.**

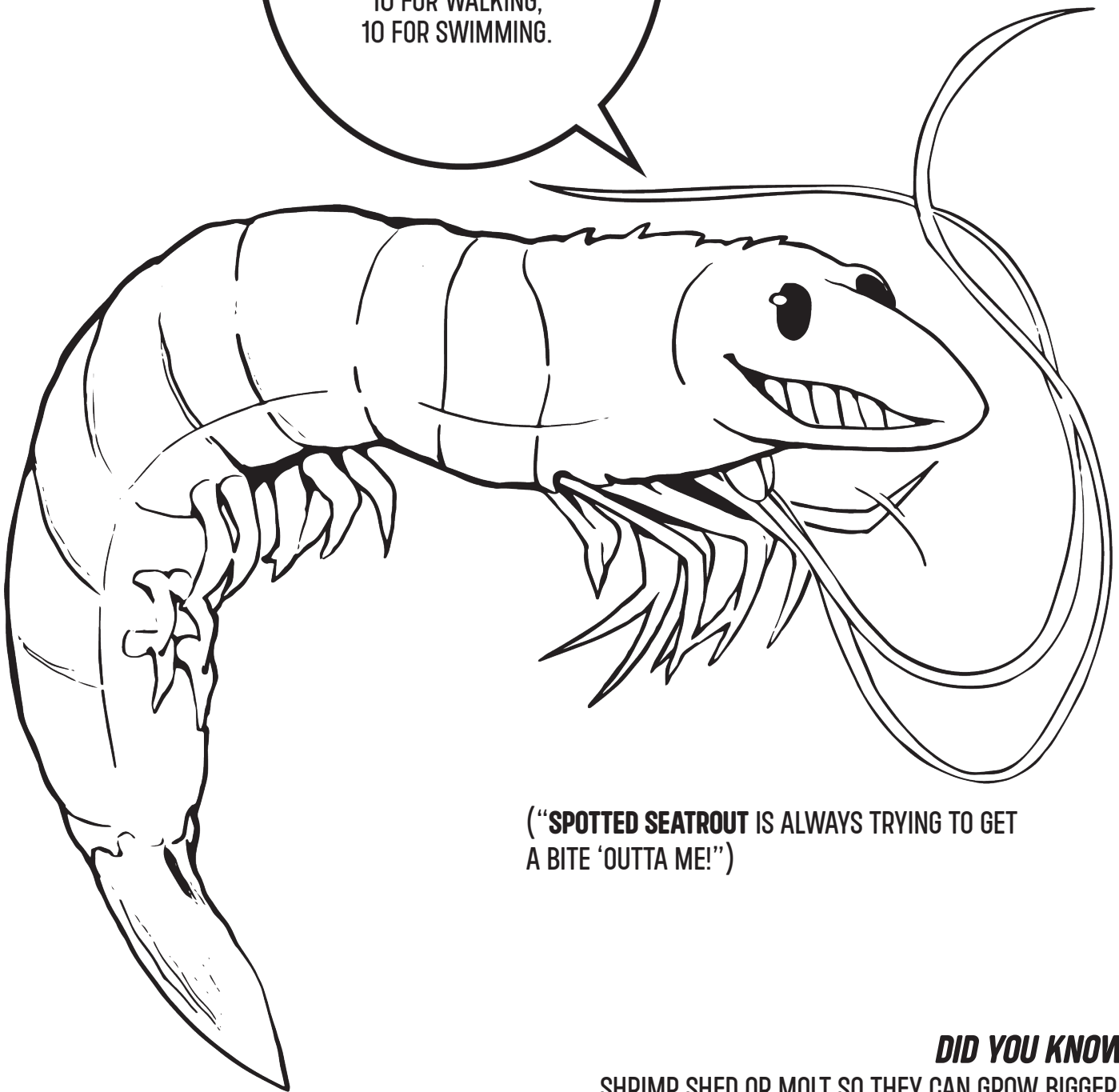


# ***BROWN SHRIMP***

**YAHOO!**

**MY NAME IS  
BROWN SHRIMP.**

**I HAVE 20 LEGS:  
10 FOR WALKING,  
10 FOR SWIMMING.**



**(“SPOTTED SEATROUT IS ALWAYS TRYING TO GET  
A BITE ‘OUTTA ME!”)**

## ***DID YOU KNOW?***

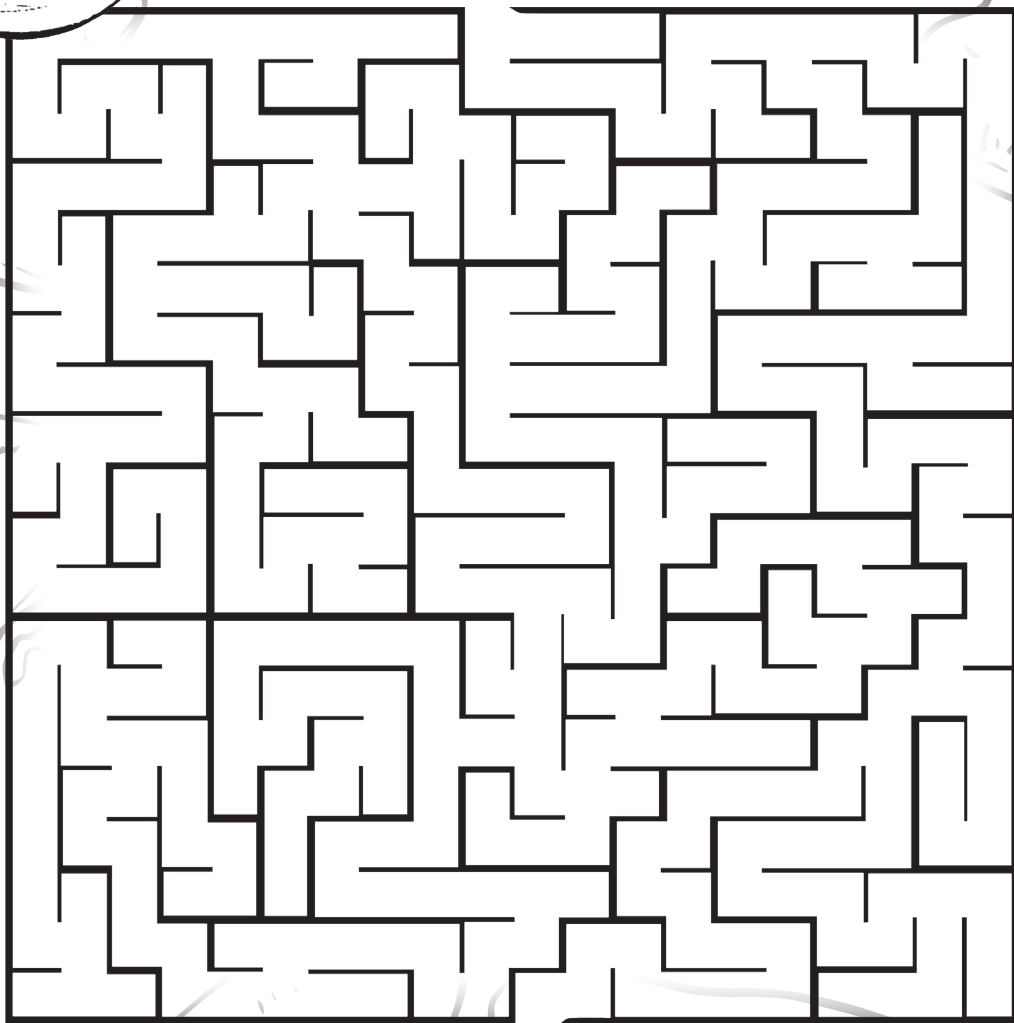
**SHRIMP SHED OR MOLT SO THEY CAN GROW BIGGER. A  
FRESH MOLTED SHRIMP FEELS SOFT AND SQUISHY.**



# MAZE

**BROWN SHRIMP** IS MOVING FROM THE  
ESTUARY TO THE MISSISSIPPI SOUND.

HELP **BROWN SHRIMP** FIND A NEW HOME!



## ***DID YOU KNOW?***

ESTUARIES ARE PRODUCTIVE ECOSYSTEMS WHERE FRESHWATER FROM RIVERS AND STREAMS MIX WITH SALTWATER, LIKE OUR GULF. JUVENILE SHRIMP RELY ON ESTUARIES FOR FOOD AND PROTECTION UNTIL THEY FULLY DEVELOP.



# ***SUPERHEROES WANTED!***

BY NOT PICKING UP TRASH, YOU'RE  
LITTERING. KEEP OUR BEAUTIFUL  
MISSISSIPPI GULF COAST CLEAN BY  
PICKING UP AFTER YOURSELF.

***BE A CLEANUP SUPERHERO!***



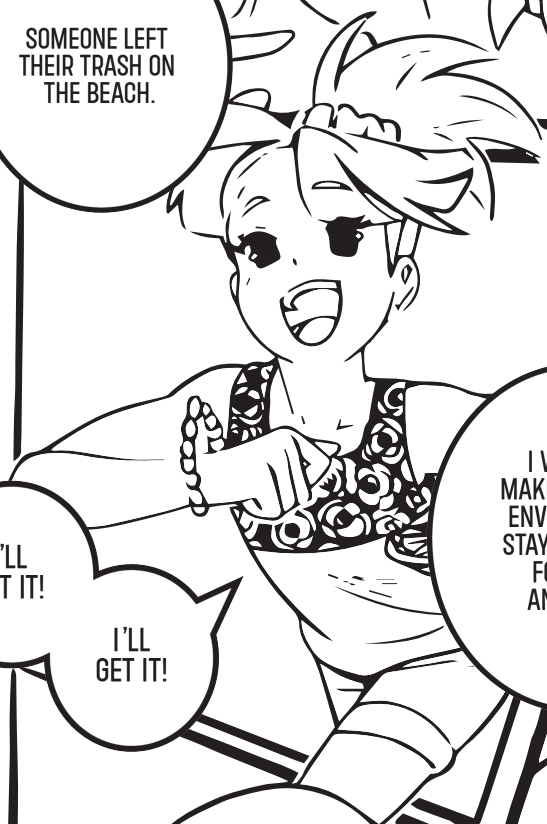




OH MY!

SOMEONE LEFT  
THEIR TRASH ON  
THE BEACH.

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I'LL  
GET IT!

I'LL  
GET IT!

I WANT TO  
MAKE SURE THE  
ENVIRONMENT  
STAYS HEALTHY  
FOR AGES  
AND AGES!



I CAN'T FLY,  
BUT I CAN  
PROTECT MARINE  
LIFE ONE CAN  
AT A TIME!



THAT'S RIGHT,  
ANNIE!

NATURAL RESOURCES  
ARE VERY IMPORTANT  
IN OUR LIVES.



# ***HOW DO YOU LIKE YOUR SEAFOOD?***

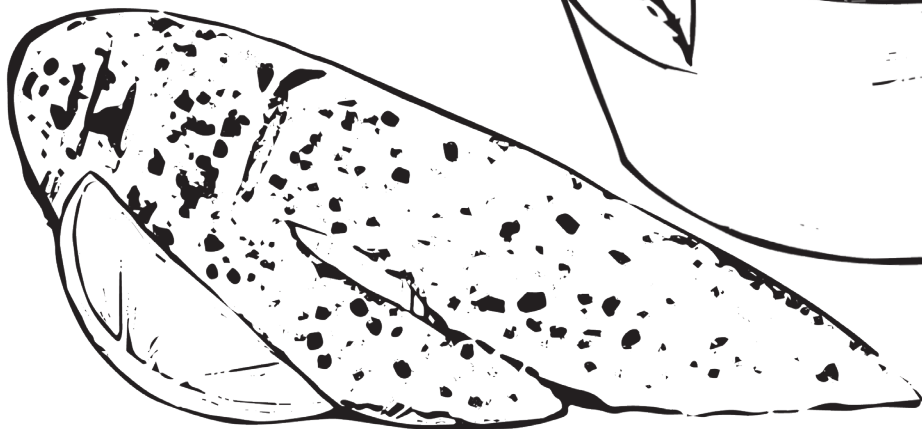
***FRIED?***



***BOILED?***



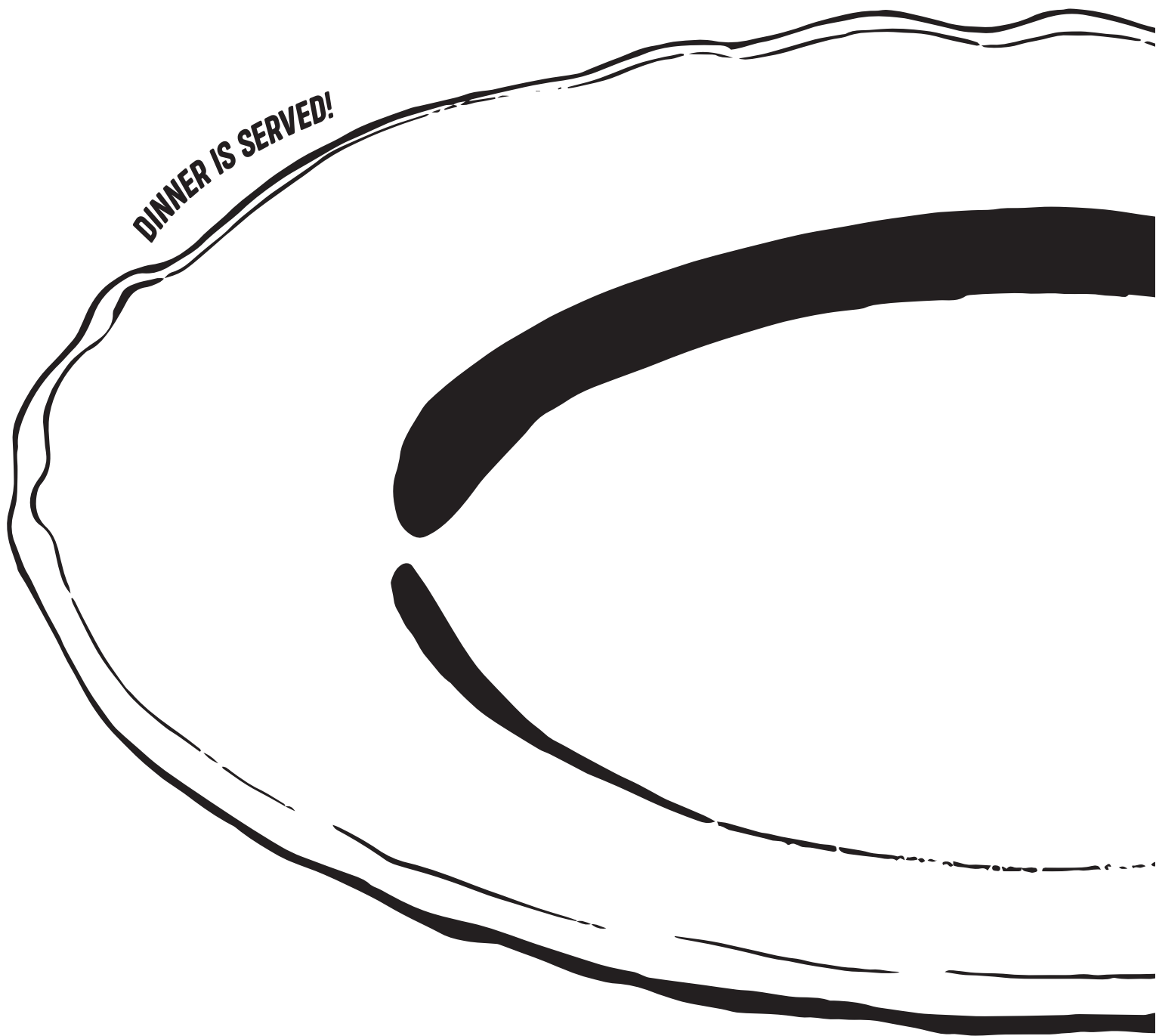
***OR GRILLED?***





# ***DRAW YOUR FAVORITE SEAFOOD***

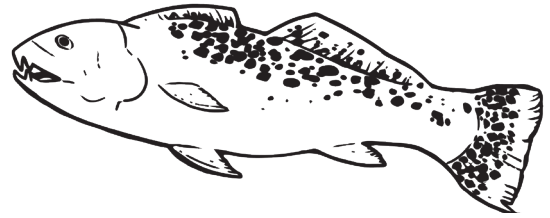
***DINNER IS SERVED!***



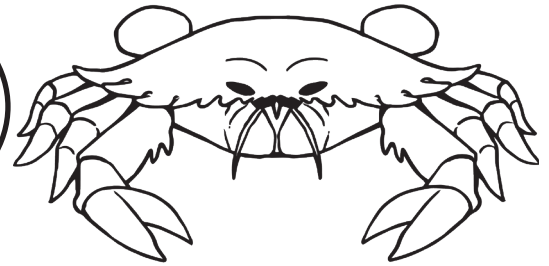
HELP CHRISTOPHER REMEMBER HIS SEAFOOD FACTS!  
DRAW A LINE FROM THE BUBBLE TO THE CORRECT SPECIES.



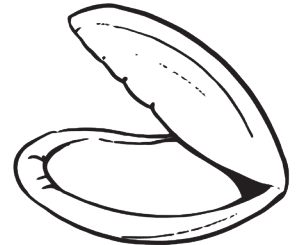
A "BEAUTIFUL,  
SAVORY SWIMMER"



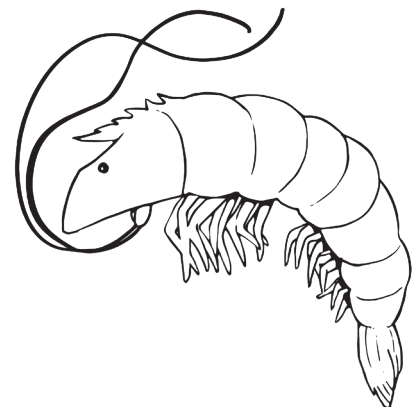
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LARGER THAN MALES.



I HAVE 10 LEGS FOR  
WALKING AND  
10 FOR SWIMMING.



FOUND NATURALLY  
IN REEFS OR FARMED  
IN CAGES





# WORD UNSCRAMBLE

THE TERMS YOU'VE LEARNED ARE ALL SCRAMBLED UP!  
WRITE THE CORRECT WORD UNDER EACH ONE.

TUEEISSAR

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LBUE BARC

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OSETYR

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SDPTETO ETТАORSU

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WRONB HRMPIS

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## ANSWER KEY

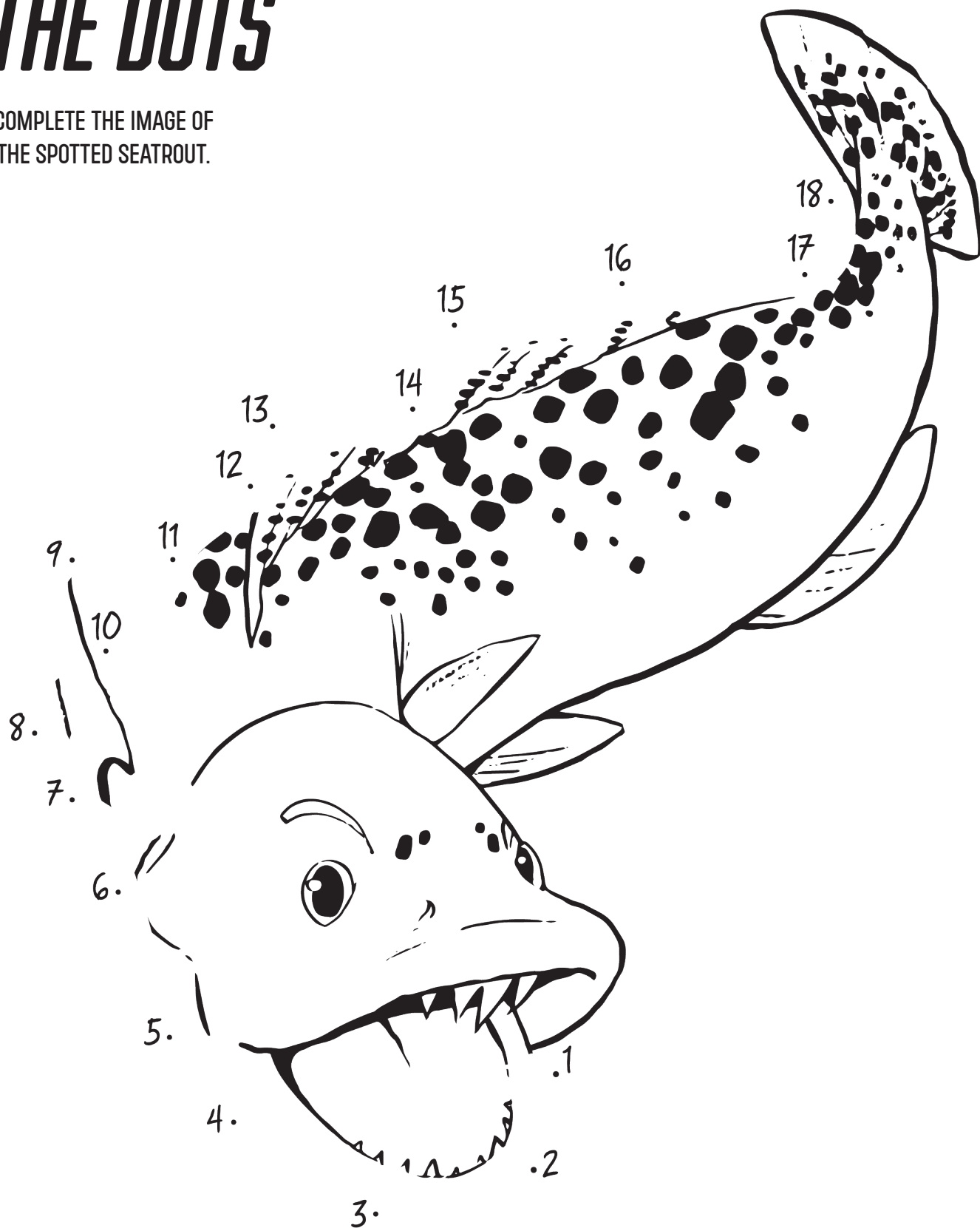
SPOTTED SEATROUT  
GULF COAST  
RED DRUM  
ESTUARIES  
BLUE CRAB  
MISSISSIPPI  
OYSTER  
BROWN SHRIMP  
SEAFOOD



NOW IT'S  
YOUR TURN!

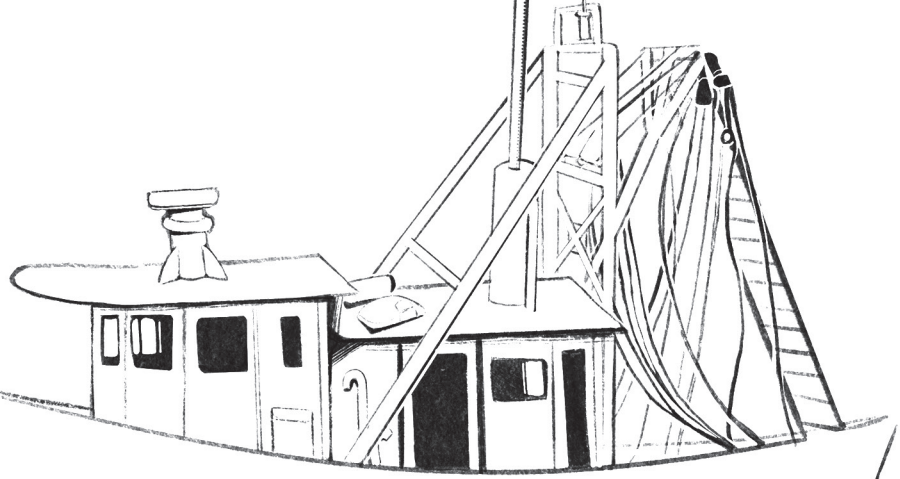
# CONNECT THE DOTS

COMPLETE THE IMAGE OF  
THE SPOTTED SEATROUT.





# SEAFOOD WORD SEARCH



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A	T	R	E	Y	I	U	H	Y	W	S	Q	T	E	T	P	E	T	P	P

## WORD BANK

ANCHOR  
BOAT  
COMMERCIAL FISHING  
FISHERMAN  
NET  
PIER  
SPOTTED SEATROUT

AQUACULTURE  
BROWN SHRIMP  
CRABBING  
FISHING ROD  
OCEAN  
SHELL  
TIDE

BLUE CRAB  
BUOY  
DOCKING  
MISSISSIPPI  
OYSTER  
SHRIMPING  
WAVES

# ***HOW MANY?***

COUNT EACH SPECIES AND WRITE HOW MANY YOU SEE.

BLUE CRAB

SHRIMP

OYSTER

FISH







# POLLY THE PELICAN MAKES A NEW FRIEND

DO NOT READ THE STORY FIRST.  
FILL IN THE BLANKS TO COMPLETE  
THE STORY. AFTER THE STORY IS  
COMPLETE, READ IT ALOUD.

ONE DAY, POLLY THE PELICAN WAS \_\_\_\_\_  
(ADVERB)

FLYING OVER THE MISSISSIPPI SOUND WHEN SHE SPOTTED A SPOTTED SEATROUT NEAR

A \_\_\_\_\_ IN THE WATER.  
(NOUN)

AFTER SHE LANDED, SHE ASKED THE SPOTTED SEATROUT HOW OLD HE WAS.

TURNS OUT HE WAS \_\_\_\_\_ YEARS OLD! SPOTTED SEATROUT  
(NUMBER)

TOLD HER ALL ABOUT HIS \_\_\_\_\_ FRIENDS IN THE WATER.  
(ADJECTIVE)

HE DESCRIBED BLUE CRAB AND HOW HE LIKES TO

\_\_\_\_\_  
(VERB)

NEXT WAS BROWN SHRIMP.

HIS NAME WAS \_\_\_\_\_  
(NAME)

AND HE LIKES TO SWIM

\_\_\_\_\_  
(ADVERB)

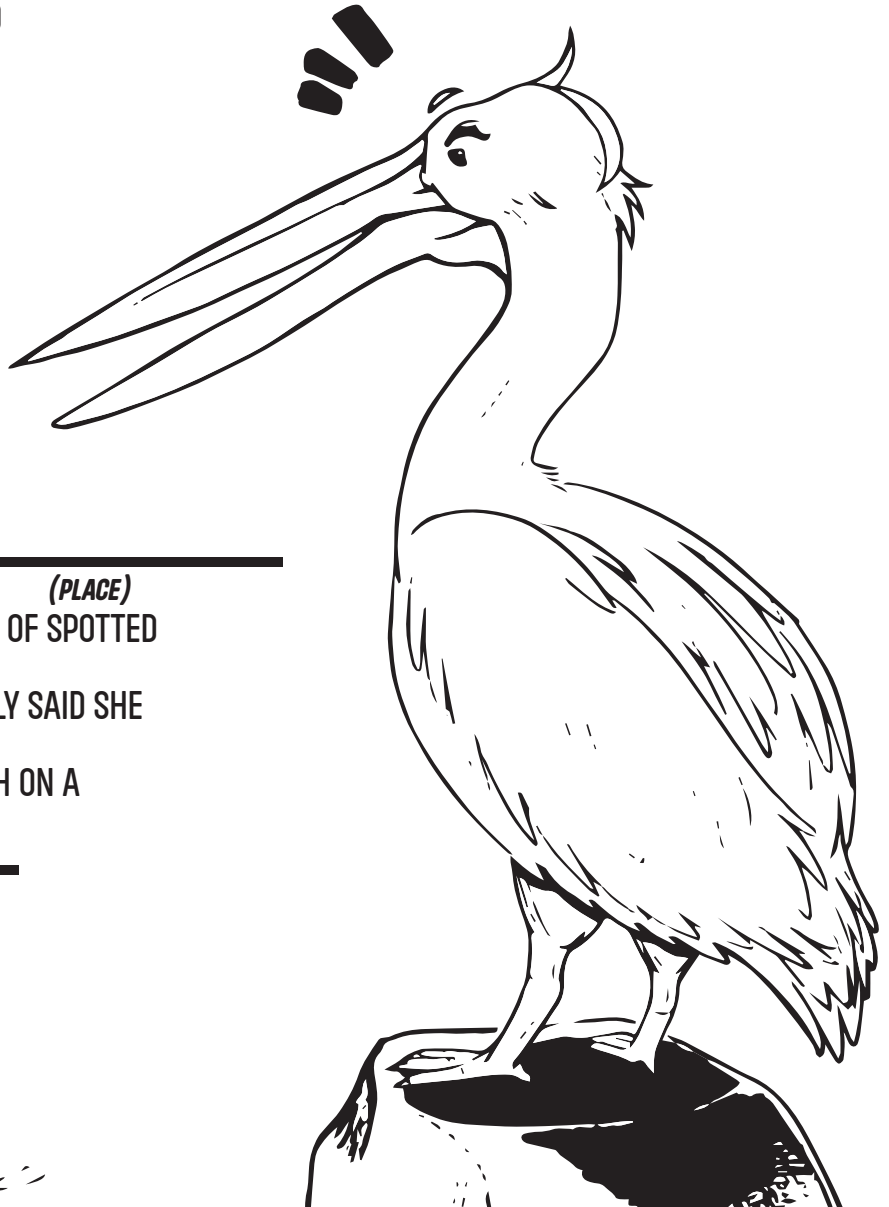
LAST WAS OYSTER, WHO LIVED OVER BY \_\_\_\_\_  
(PLACE)

REEF. POLLY SAID SHE WOULD LOVE TO MEET ALL OF SPOTTED

SEATROUT'S FRIENDS ONE DAY. UNTIL THEN, POLLY SAID SHE

WOULD JUST \_\_\_\_\_ AND PERCH ON A  
(VERB)

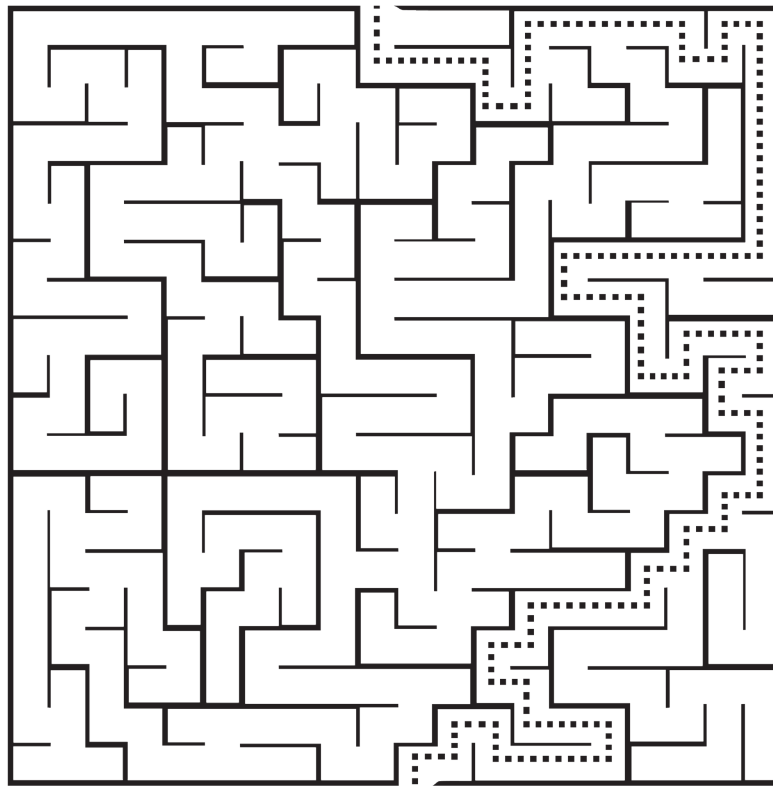
\_\_\_\_\_  
(NOUN)



## SEAFOOD WORD SEARCH



## MAZE



## HOW MANY ANSWER KEY

BLUE CRAB | 13

SHRIMP | 11

OYSTER | 10

FISH | 11



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