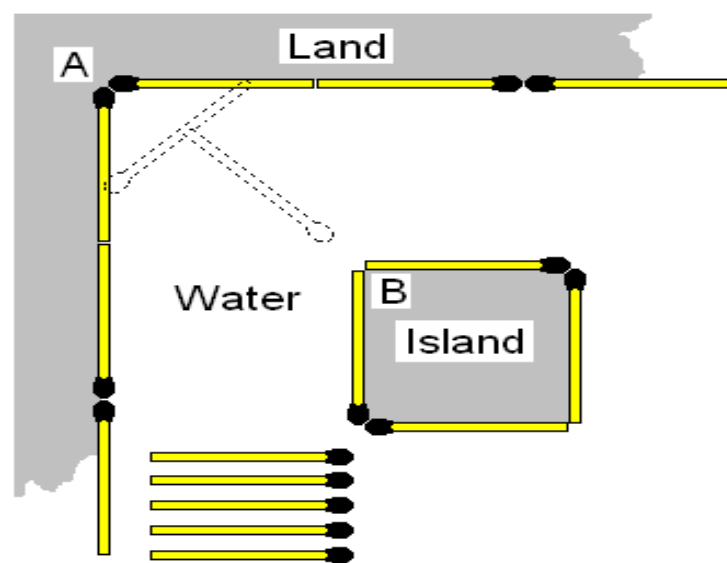


It's December! I love December! I love winter and I love Christmas. I know it's dark, dreary<sup>1</sup>, dismal<sup>2</sup> and depressing<sup>3</sup>, but I love it. I've put the Christmas decorations up in my classroom, I've opened the first few windows on my advent calendar<sup>4</sup> and I'm ready for Santa. Ha ha. I know that you all have tests this week, but, bear in mind<sup>5</sup> that once they have finished you only have a little more time until the winter vacation. And we are going to start making the stained glass soon! That is enough to make anyone happy!

## Something You Didn't Know (Big Mac<sup>6</sup>)

1. The name Big Mac was invented by Esther Glickstein Rose, who was a 21-year-old secretary<sup>7</sup>. Before the Big Mac was called the Big Mac it was called "the aristocrat<sup>8</sup>" (which was too hard to pronounce<sup>9</sup>) and "the Blue Ribbon Burger" (which customers didn't understand).
2. 17 Big Macs are sold every second in America alone<sup>10</sup>.
3. Over 5 million cows are killed every year to make that many burgers.
4. A big mac had 540 calories. If you ate a Big Mac, large fries and a large coke you would have to walk for seven hours to burn off the calories.
5. A Big Mac has 18 separate additives<sup>11</sup>.
6. In India people cannot eat beef so the Big Mac is called the Maharaja Mac and is made of lamb.
7. Donald Gorske has eaten 26,000 Big Macs so far. He doesn't eat anything else.



You need to build a bridge over the water from A to B. Using only 2 matchsticks will not get you there as you can see with the 2 dotted matchsticks. Can you make a bridge using 5 matches?

## Last Week's Answers



## Announcements

Monday is Hallelujah #2. Tests for all school Tuesday and Wednesday. Tests for V and VI on Thursday. Course elective deadline on Friday.

## Creator of the Big Mac Dies

Last week, Michael James Delligatti died. He was 98 years old. I'm sure many of you are wondering<sup>12</sup> why I would make this my news. Surely one old man dying is not that big a deal<sup>13</sup>. Well, this old man was a big deal. He may have had more of an impact on American and world society than anybody else this century. Maybe you don't know his name but you must know what he made.



He was the creator of the Big Mac. He was the manager of a McDonald's restaurant in America. He wanted to make a burger with two layers. The regular<sup>14</sup> hamburger buns were not big enough so he bought bigger ones and cut them into thirds<sup>15</sup>. This became the "Big Mac". The public<sup>16</sup> loved it and by 1969 it was on menus all over America.



The Big Mac became more and more popular until it made up a large percentage of<sup>17</sup> McDonald's sales<sup>18</sup>. It has also become the symbol for<sup>19</sup> the fast food industry<sup>20</sup>. The Economist magazine also uses a Big Mac Index<sup>21</sup>. This shows the value of a currency<sup>22</sup> by comparing the price of a Big Mac between them. For example: Japan 360 yen, Ukraine 167 yen, Switzerland 750 yen. Mr. Delligatti was never paid anything for his invention. All he got was a plaque<sup>23</sup>.



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