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**Rumpelstiltskin**

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Although our production can be enjoyed by children of all ages, the messages in Rumpelstiltskin are aimed at children aged 4 – 8. This production covers several themes, all aimed at teaching children good values and practice. They include: -

- Ø Telling the truth
- Ø Keeping active
- Ø The importance of being polite
- Ø Staying safe and being happy, not trusting strangers
- Ø The importance of helping others

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# Synopsis

Life is peaceful in Much Muddle on The Marsh. Pru Blossom is the resident baker and has been given the task of baking a cake for the King's birthday party, however her attempts to complete the cake are being thwarted by her daughter Daisy and the King's official food taster, Grub – they only want to help but every time they try things get worse and worse for Pru and when the King arrives there is no cake for him to try. Pru attempts to fool the King into believing that the cake is so light and delicate that it is invisible, the King is not impressed and banishes Pru and Daisy from the Kingdom.

In her pleas for mercy Pru states that she will give the King gold if he allows her to stay in the Kingdom. The King is intrigued. Where does the gold come from? How did she get it? In a panic Pru tells a lie like no other – Daisy can spin straw into gold. When the King asks if this is true, Daisy is forced to lie to help her mother. Daisy is sent to the stable where she must spin the straw to gold by the morning.

Alone in the stable Daisy is visited by a goblin who helps Daisy in exchange for a piece of jewellery. As morning approaches Charlie, the stable boy, tells Grub of what has happened and both agree that turning straw to gold is an impossible task. They go to check and see if Daisy is all right and find the stable full of golden straw. Overcome with joy the King announces that Pru will not be banished and that she is now the official baker to the King. Daisy sees the strange little goblin watching the celebrations and goes to thank him. He appears only too happy to have helped her, but as she leaves he reveals that he has bigger plans for Daisy Blossom.

Following a huge celebration for the King and his gold, Pru returns home to find Grub waiting with a cake order from the King. Unfortunately Pru is feeling the effects of eating too much at the party and has to go and lie down – Grub instead gives the order to Daisy, but as he hands it over he suddenly becomes bossy and orders Daisy back to the Stables to spin twice as much straw for the King.

Daisy runs to the stable upset as Grub exits confused. Little do either of them know that the Goblin has put a spell upon so that Daisy will need to ask for his help again and when that happens the goblin demands a high price for his help – Daisy's first born child. Daisy agrees thinking nothing of it as she is not married and does not plan to be, and so the goblin spins the straw to gold.

The next morning the King is so pleased with the gold that he announces he is going to marry Daisy making her the Queen. Pru is overjoyed with the news, the only people who are upset are Daisy and Charlie who have loved each other for years but never had the courage to tell each other. Charlie decides that if Daisy is to marry the King it is best if he leaved Much Muddle On The Marsh.

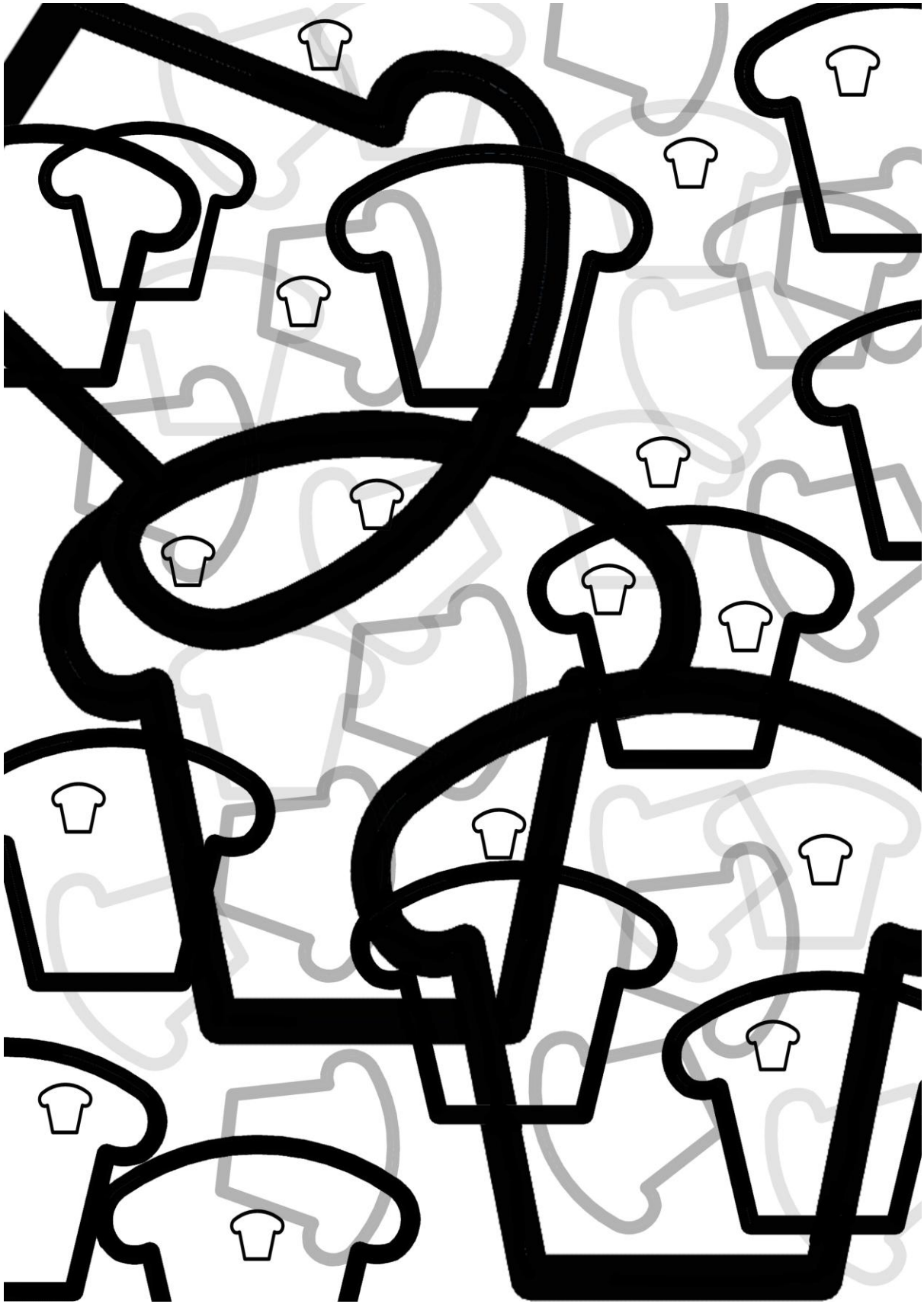
As Charlie is wandering through the woods outside of town with his horse Elmer, he overhears a little goblin gloating about the plans he has set into action – how he tricked Daisy into needing his help, how the King is under his spell, and how he will soon have Daisy first born child. The goblin soon dances away merrily. Charlie decides to return to Much Muddle On The Marsh to help Daisy.

As the wedding approaches Daisy becomes more and more upset at the thought of having to marry the King. When the little goblin shows up for payment Daisy tries to make a deal with him so that she can once again be free – she says that if she can guess his name she should be able to go free.

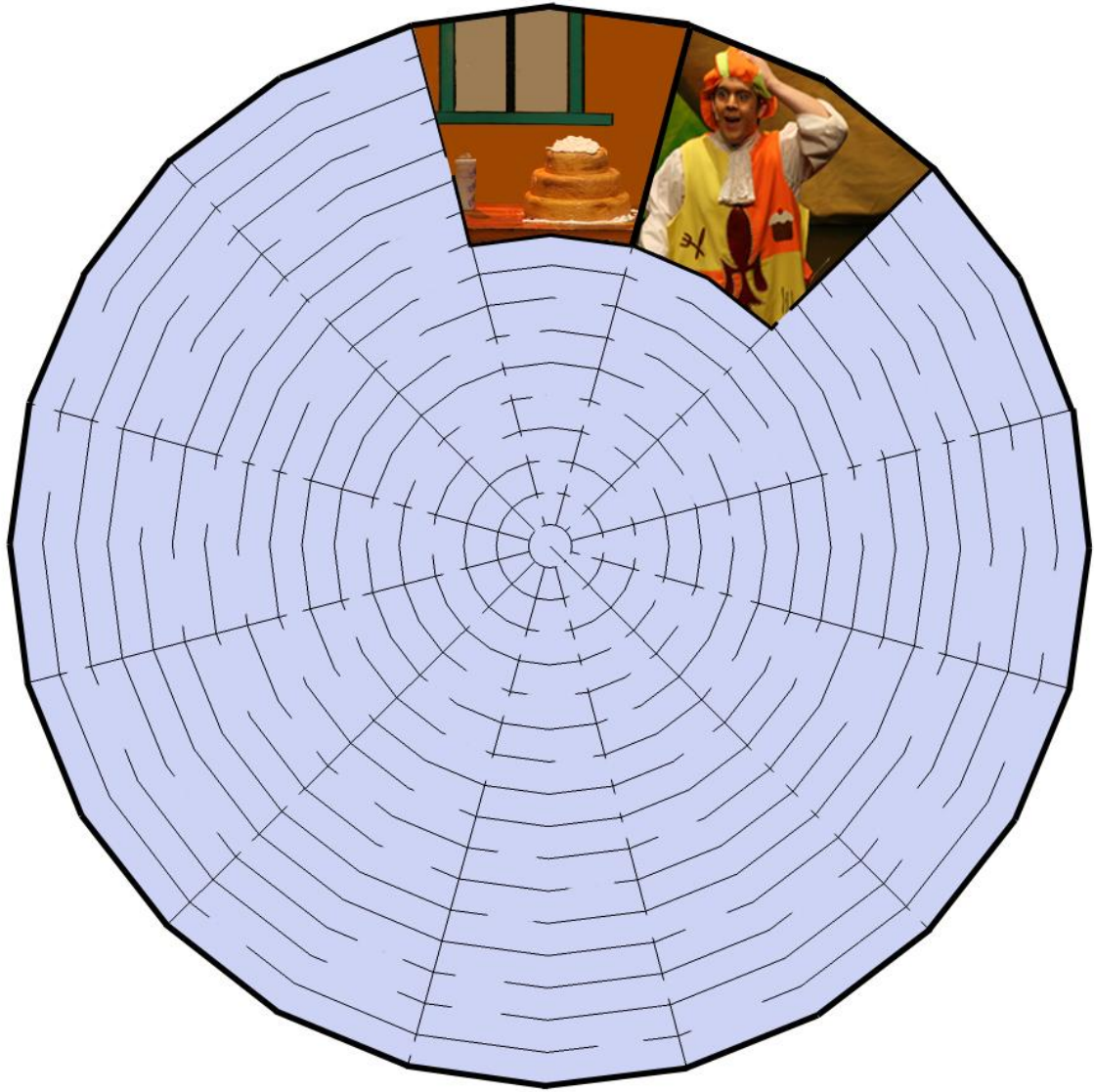
**Guess his name? Guess his name? The goblin says she has been reading too many fairytales and that everybody knows his name – Rumpelstiltskin! But he does like the idea of a game and instead agrees that if Daisy can guess the name of the Kingdom he came from then he will set her free.**

**As the wedding approaches there is a buzz of excitement in Much Muddle On The Marsh. Everyone gathers for the ceremony at which point Grub steps forward to read a funny poem he has written especially for the occasion. Unfortunately he has not been able to finish the poem which is about the little goblin guest at the wedding. The missing word is the name of his Kingdom. As Grub tries to guess correctly Rumpelstiltskin becomes more and more irate until eventually he screams the name of his Kingdom to the gathered crowd. The spell is instantly broken and Charlie and Daisy are free to get married.**



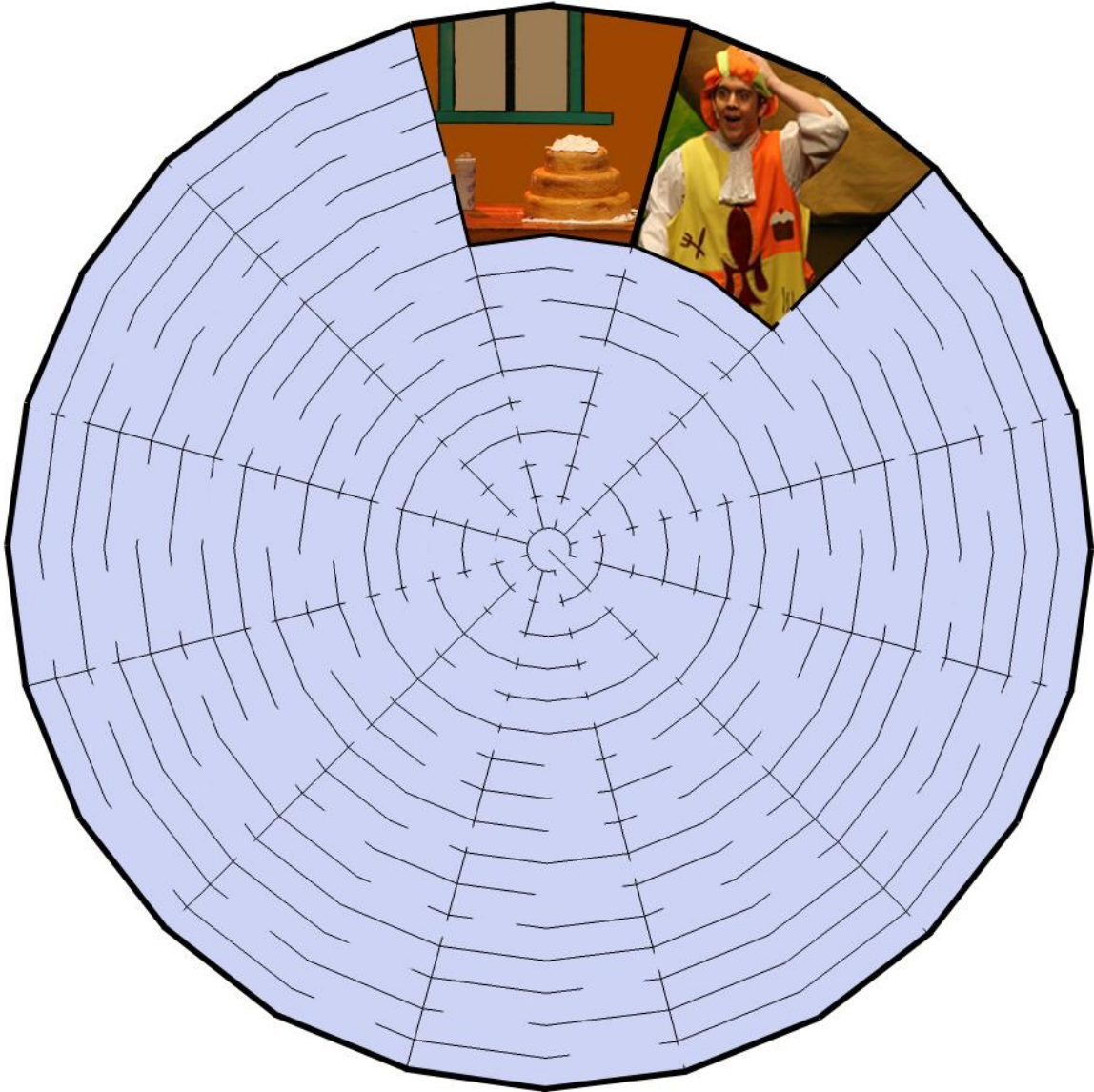


Pru has dropped all of her cupcake shaped cookie cutters. How many can you count here?



## MAZE A

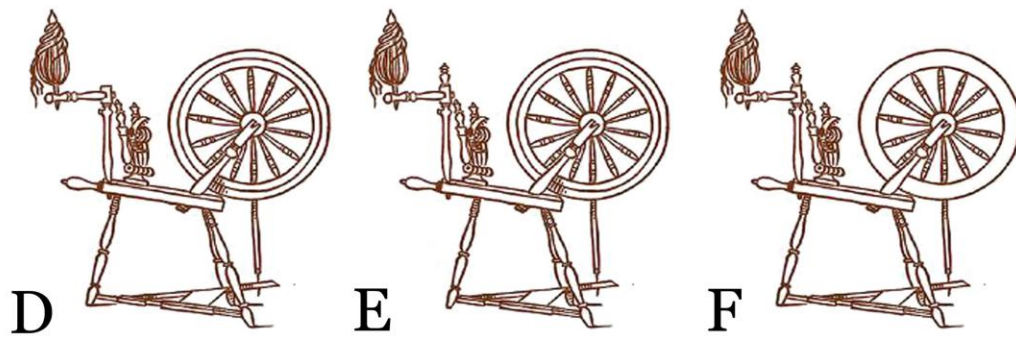
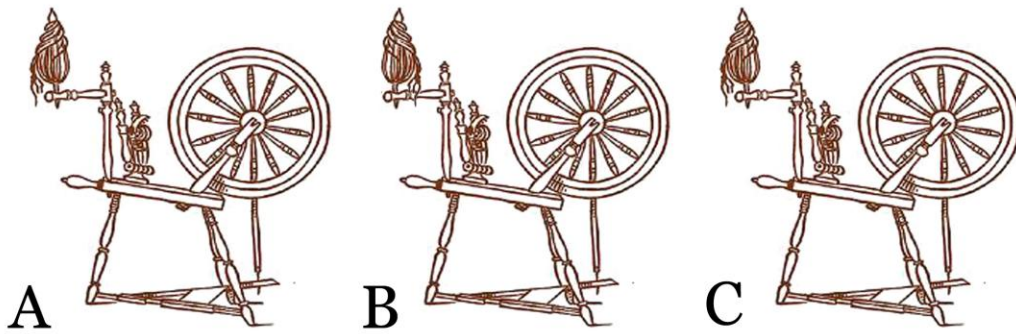
**Help Grub find his way through the maze to the cake at Pru's bakery. Follow the path all the way through the maze.**



**MAZE B**

**Help Grub find his way through the maze to the cake at Pru's bakery, but be careful you do not get lost on the way.**



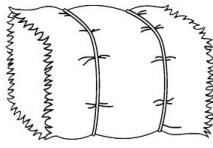


Daisy has ordered two identical spinning wheels to help her spin all of the straw into gold, can you work out which two spinning wheels are identical?



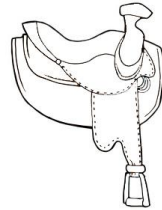
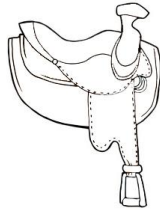
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**ANGLIA**  
**BAKERY**  
**CHARLIE**  
**CREAM CAKE**  
**DAISY**  
**ELMER**  
**ENCHANTIA**  
**GOBLIN**  
**GOLD**  
**GRUB**  
**KING MELVYN**  
**MAGIC**  
**MERCIA**  
**MUCH MUDDLE ON THE MARSH**  
**NARCISSIA**  
**PRU BLOSSOM**  
**RUMPLESTILTSKIN**  
**SPINNING**  
**STABLES**  
**TREACLE SPONGE**



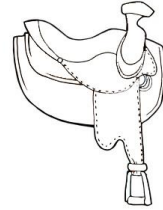
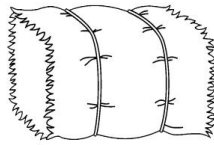
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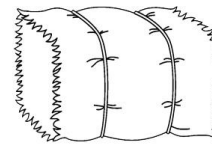
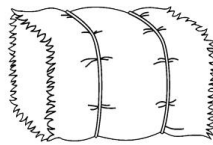
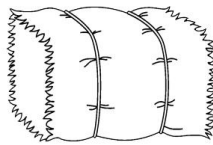
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### CHARLIE'S SUPPLIES DILEMMA

Charlie the Stable Boy needs to buy some supplies for the stables but does not know how much the individual items cost. Using the totals given, can you calculate the price of one broom, one hay bale, one horseshoe and one saddle?

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## SOLUTIONS

ANGLIA  
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WORDSEARCH SOLUTION SHOWN ABOVE

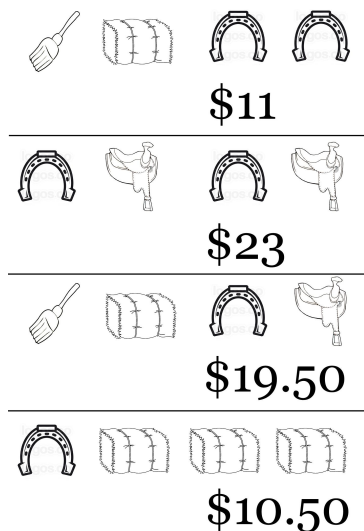
PRU'S COOKIE CUTTERS – THERE ARE 52 CUTTERS

DAISY'S SPINNING WHEELS – THE IDENTICAL WHEELS ARE LETTERS A AND H

NOTES: -

MAZE A IS FOR YOUNGER CHILDREN AS THERE IS ONLY ONE PATH TO FOLLOW AND NO DEAD ENDS.

MAZE B IS FOR OLDER CHILDREN AS THERE ARE MULTIPLE PATHS, BUT ONLY ONE THAT LEADS TO THE CAKE.



**CHARLIE'S SUPPLIES DILEMNA**

A SADDLE COST \$10  
 A BROOM COSTS \$5  
 A HAY BALE COSTS \$3  
 A HORSESHOE COST \$1.50

THIS PUZZLE IS FOR OLDER  
 CHILDREN WHO MAY REQUIRE  
 ASSISTANCE.

**EXPLANATION OF SOLUTION – IF ONE BROOM, ONE HAY BALE AND TWO HORSESHOE COST \$11 (ROW A) AND ONE BROOM, ONE HAYBALE, ONE HORSESHOE AND ONE SADDLE COST \$19.50 (ROW C) THEN A SADDLE COSTS \$8.50 MORE THAN A HORSESHOE AS IT IS THE ONE ITEM TO HAVE CHANGED BETWEEN THE TWO ROWS OF ITEMS.**

**IF YOU APPLY THIS KNOW TO ROW B WHICH CONTAINS TWO HORSESHOES AND TWO SADDLES YOU CAN WORK OUT THE ITEMS COST. BEGIN WITH \$23 FOR THE ROW, MINUS \$17 (TWO SADDLES) GIVE A REMAINDER OF \$6. THIS SIX DOLLARS IS DIVIDED EQUALLY ACROSS THE FOUR ITEMS AND THEN THE \$8.50 IS ADDED BACK TO EACH OF THE SADDLES TO GIVE PRICES OF \$1.50 PER HORSHOE AND \$10 PER SADDLE.**

**NOW YOU KNOW THAT A HORSOE COST \$1.50 YOU CAN DEDUCT THAT FROM THE TOTAL OR ROW D TO FIND THE COST OF A HAY BALE.**

$$\$10.50 - \$1.50 = \$9.00/3 = \$3.00 \text{ PER HAY BALE}$$

**NOW YOU HAVE THE COST OF THREE ITEMS THE FINAL ITEM CAN BE FOUND BY SUBTRACTING THE COSTS FROM A TOTAL OF A ROW CONTAINING THE FINAL ITEM – THE BROOM.**

$$\text{EXAMPLE} - \$11.00 - \$3.00 - \$1.50 - \$1.50 = \$5.00$$