

In this research, we have already asked some undergraduate students to construct “rebus puzzles.” A rebus puzzle is a kind of riddle in which words and/or diagrams are used to represent a familiar term or phrase.



Here are two examples:

YouJustMe

These examples above use the positioning of the words to create the riddle. The first one has the answer “Travel overseas,” because “travel” is over “cccc”s. The second example is “just between you and me” (i.e., “just” is between “you” and “me”).

Other rebuses use counting, different sizes, shapes, or positions to create the riddle, such as these examples:

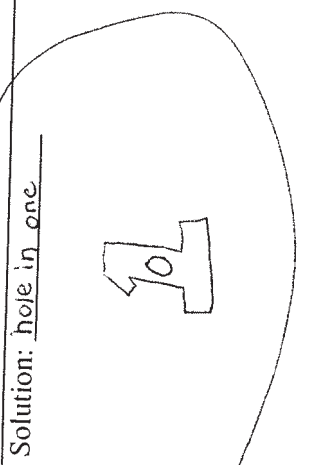
$\frac{0}{\quad}$ M.D. Ph.D. B.A.	Three degrees below zero
Funny Funny Words Words Words Words	Too funny for words (2 funny; 4 words)
<div style="border: 2px solid black; padding: 5px; display: inline-block;"> YOUR TIME </div>	Your time is up

Your task:

The next few pages contain the puzzles that were submitted by some undergraduate students. We would like you to rate the creativity of these puzzle (i.e., give a rating to each puzzle based on whether it has original ideas, is innovative, and is clever).

Please rate each puzzle on a 1 to 10 scale, where “10” is the highest possible rating and “1” is the lowest possible rating.

Solution: hole in one



Solution: under wear

wear

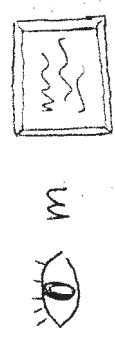
Solution: ~~mind over matter~~

mind
matter


Solution: extra cheese

cheese cheese cheese cheese cheese
 cheese cheese cheese cheese cheese
 cheese cheese cheese cheese cheese
 cheese cheese cheese cheese cheese
 cheese cheese cheese cheese cheese

Solution: I am bored



Solution: Pick up line



Solution: he's in love I.P.
LhOeVsE

Solution: Center for student involvement T.N.
Student Involvement

Solution: Ground Beef U.C.
Beef

Solution: TO BE OR NOT TO BE U.P.
Be ?

Solution: high five T.C.
5

Solution: 7-11 (Seven-Eleven)

Solution: ~~Internet~~

T.N

Solution: fish out of water

U.C

FISH
+
WATER

Solution: ~~behave yourself~~

U.P

1/2 yourself

bee - have - yourself (that)

Solution: BIG GAME HUNTER

T.C

Solution: Thinking outside the box

FA

Solution: ~~mix it up~~

T.N

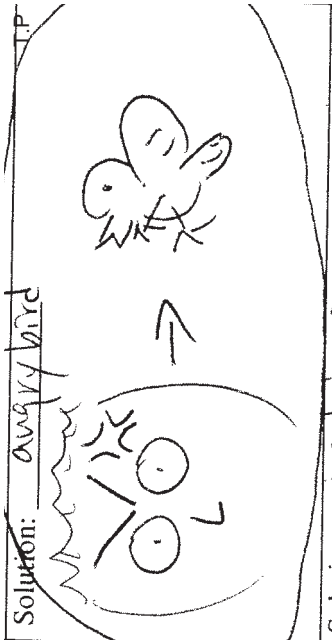
Solution: Big fish in small pond U.P.

~~FISH~~

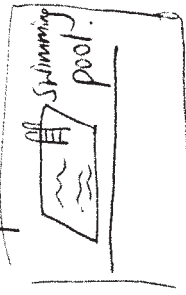
Solution: Mind over matter

Mind
—
Matter

Solution: angry bird U.P.



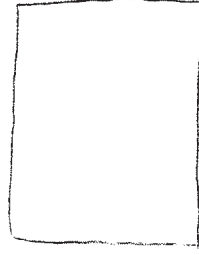
Solution: pull over T.N.



Solution: Miss You U.C.

I — HE SHE IT

Solution: Think out of the Box U.P.



⇒
Think

Solution: 2 PDS IN A POD

POD

Solution: no pun intended

pun

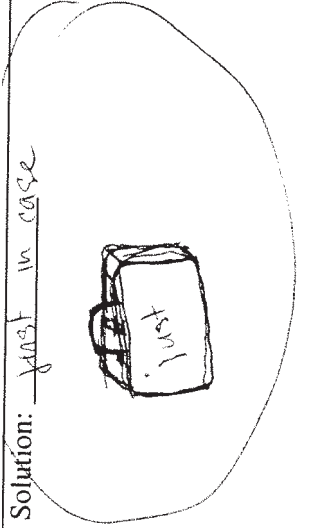
did did
did did did
did did did
did db

Solution: FOREVER ALONE

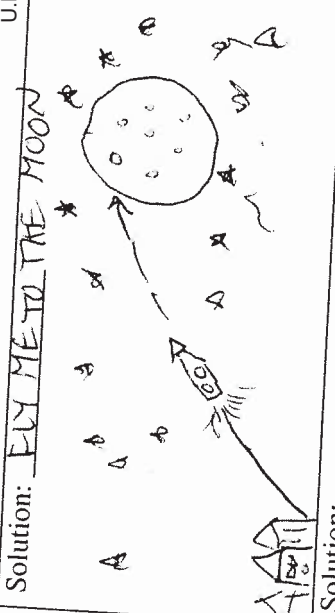
EVER EVER EVER EVER

ALONE

Solution: just in case



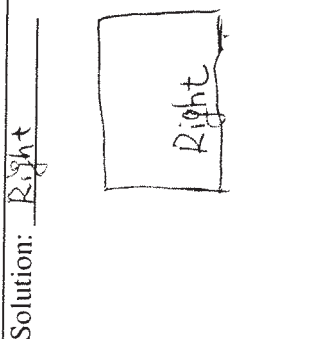
Solution: FLY ME TO THE MOON



U.P

Solution:

Solution: Right



T.C

Solution: Jump through hoops

T.P

is @ m O P

Solution: Do second thought

T.N

through thought

Solution: Time wise

T.C

11:11 pm YYYY

Solution: Matrix Lock

U.P

7	8	9
4	5	6
1	2	3
0		

Solution: love triangle

T.C

love
love
love

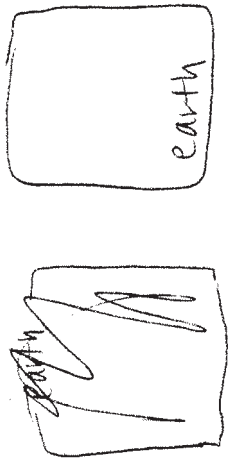
Solution: Write out


T.P

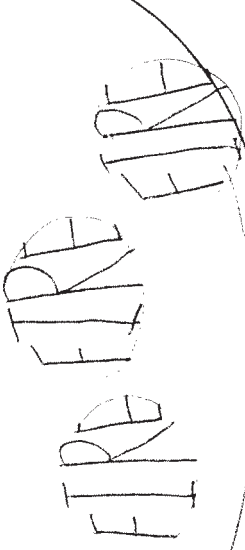
OUT

T.N
Solution: Your money is growing

YOUR MONEY


U.C
Solution: down to earth


U.P
Solution: Running in circles


T.D
Solution: Great balls of Fire


F.R
Solution: Walking backwards

s n i k l a w

T.N
Solution: two Pears in a pod


Solution: too happy to win u.c

happy happy
win win

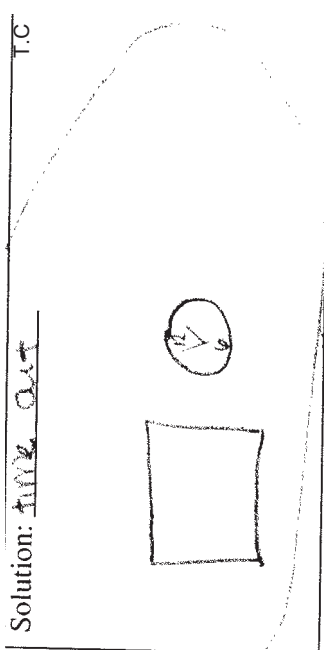
Solution: try below u.P

T

↓

↓ and arrow

Solution: five out T.C

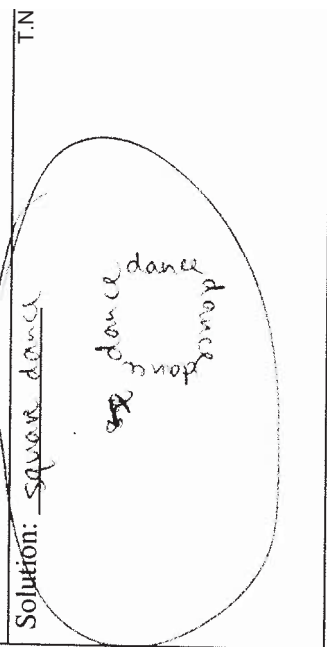


Solution: The cat is in the bag T.P

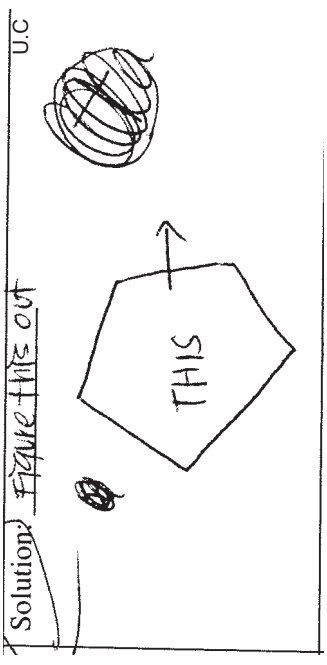
BAG
cat

X

Solution: save dance T.N



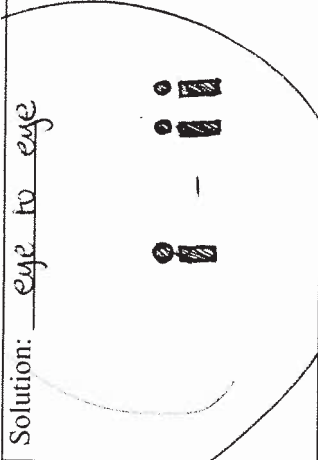
Solution: figure five out U.C



Solution: 6 degrees of separation UP

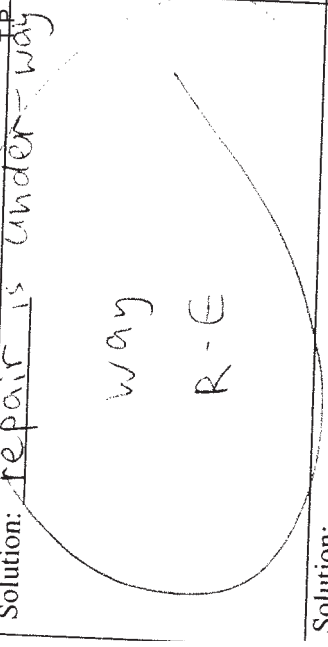
separation
160

Solution: eye to eye T.C



Solution: repair is under way

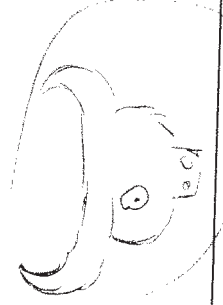
way
R-E



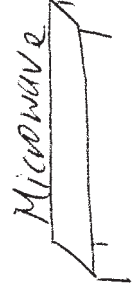
Solution: Beat out of shape T.N

NO
DO SHAPES

Solution: bulge U.G



Solution: Microwave is on the table U.P



Solution: CHECK MATE I.C.

Solution: THAN BOAST

Solution: PERMANENT DOG T.P.

Solution: Time to get up T.N.

Get Get

Time

Solution: circle of life I.C.

Solution: Paradise U.P.

Solution: Little people, big world F.F.

People

WORLD

Solution: think outside the box

T.P

box

think

Solution: understand

T.N

stand
I

Solution: laugh out loud

U.C

laugh

loud

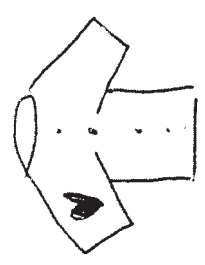
Solution: up is down, down is up

U.P

down
up

WEARING YOUR HEART ON A SLEEVE

T.C



Solution: I'm in love with you

T.R

L O
I'm U E
V

Solution: Always and Forever T.N

Solution: Vegetable U.C

~~Aliso~~ ~~Pat~~

Wi free

Solution: ~~hang up the phone~~ U.P

Solution: The right choice. T.C

Solution: look both ways before crossing the street


weigh look way

Street^x
street^x


Solution: ~~The truth to be true~~ T.N

Good Good
B.B.
(-false)

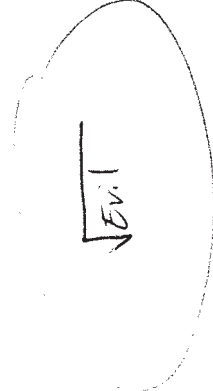
Solution: Hollywood star. UC



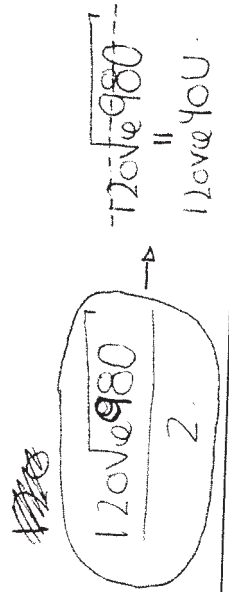
Solution: car for sale U.P.



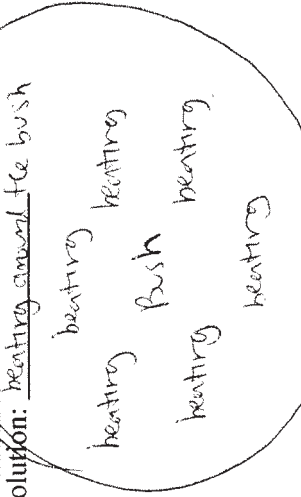
Solution: Root of Evil T.C.




Solution: I Love you. I.P.



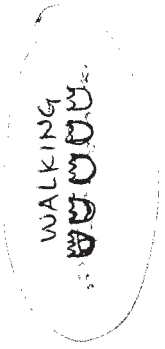
Solution: beating around the bush T.N.



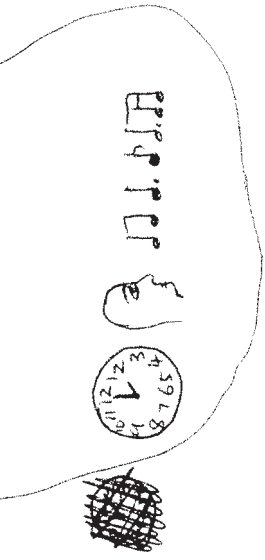
Solution: You are out U.C.



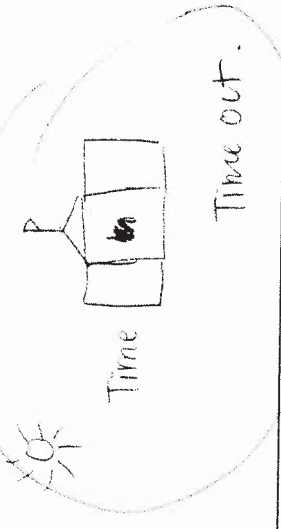
Solution: walking on egg shells U.P.



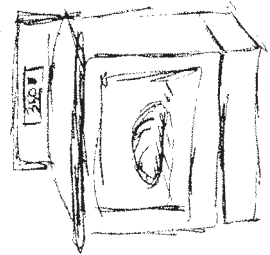
Solution: time to face the music T.C.



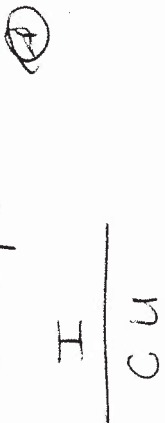
Solution: _____ T.P.



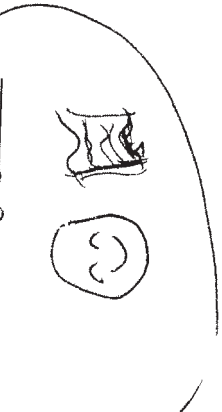
Solution: Bun in the oven T.N.



Solution: I Oversee you U.C.



Solution: FACEBOOK U.P.



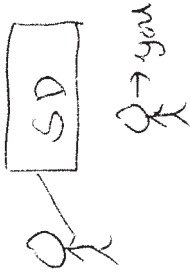
Solution: H₂O

T.N

HIJKLMNO

Solution: UCSD

U.C



Solution: Every Day Has Its Day

U.P



Solution: Think outside the Box

T.C



Solution: cross the 7 seas.

I.P



Solution: Sideways

T.N

WAYS

Solution: Love is in the air

UC

Solution: "That's the way love goes"

UC

Solution: Cutey Pie

UC

Solution: Six feet wader

UC

Solution: Above and beyond

UC

Solution: Shame on you

UC

Solution: figure-eight U.P.

FIGURE EIGHT

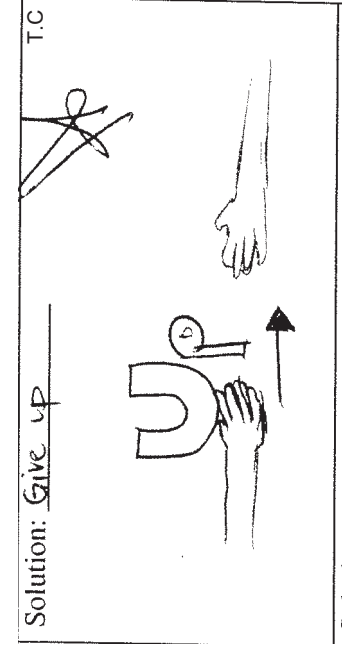
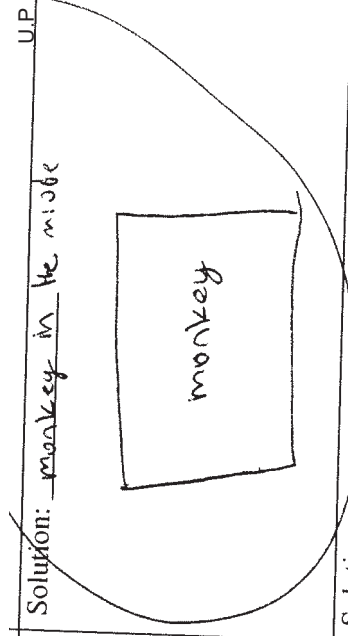
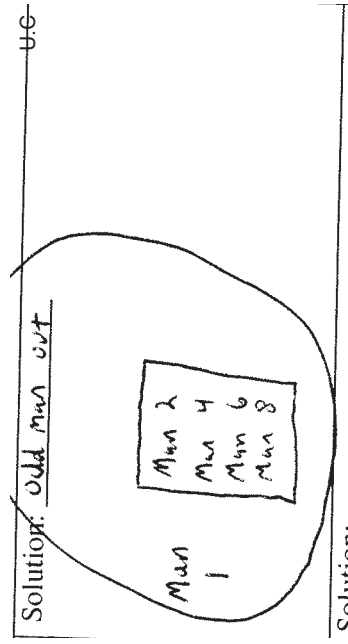
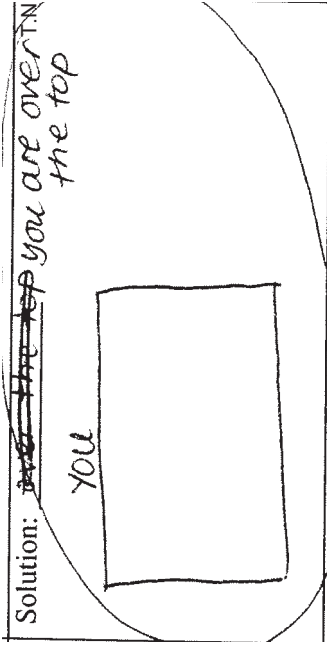
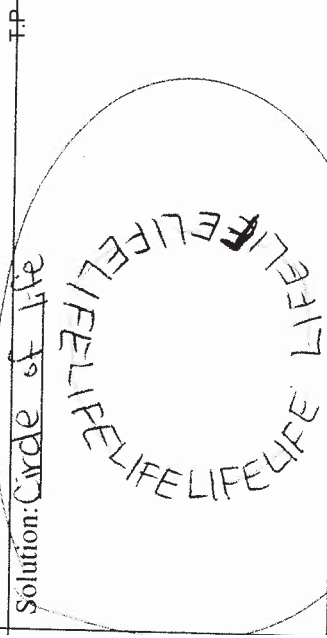
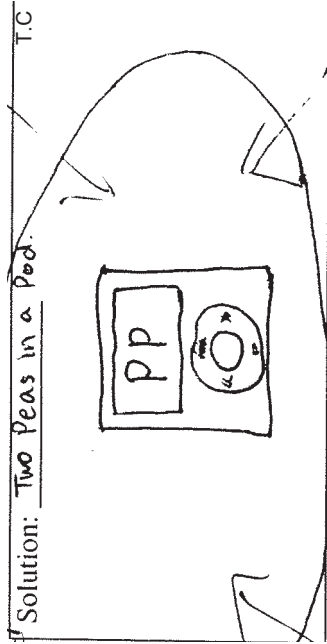
Solution: turn your frown upside down U.G.

Solution: running in circles T.P.

Solution: fish in a big sea T.N.

Solution: NAKED U.G.

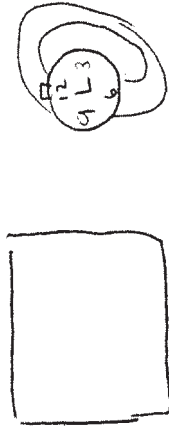
Solution: integrated circuits U.P.



Solution: you and me until eternity T.P.



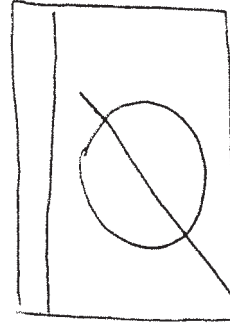
Solution: watch out T.N



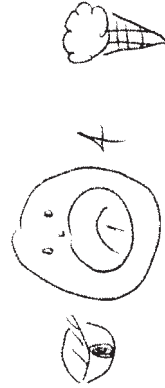
Solution: be with me forever U.C

B=oo#Me

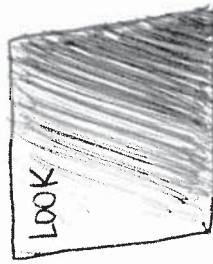
Solution: Above Average U.P.



Solution: a screen for ice cream F.B



Solution: look on the bright side T.P



Solution: helpless T.N

helpless

Solution: iphone U.C

1	2	3
4	5	6
7	8	9
*	0	#

Solution: splitting headache U.P

HEADACHE

THANKS

Solution: biggest loser T.G

LOSER LOSER LOSER LOSER LOSER

Solution: syllabus P.P

Solution: Read between the lines N

Read

Solution: Round About

Solution: 9:50 PM

Solution: Do you understand?

A
B
H-O
n-o

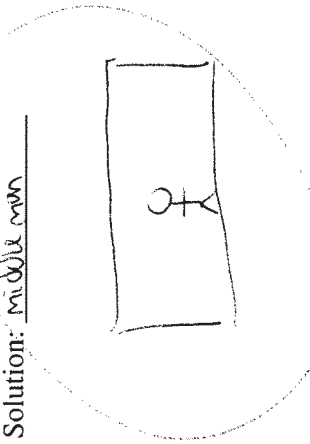
Stand
Do U

Solution: getting big

Solution: Middle man

Solution: Wind beneath Wings

getting
getting
getting
getting
getting



Solution: facebook UP

Solution: Driving under the influence IS

Influence

Solution: Tea bag T.P

Solution: NO leftover T.N

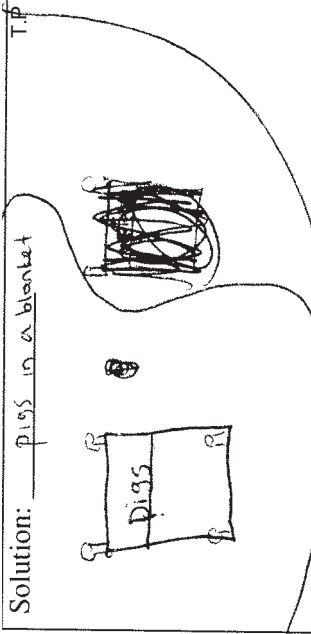
right down up
up left down right

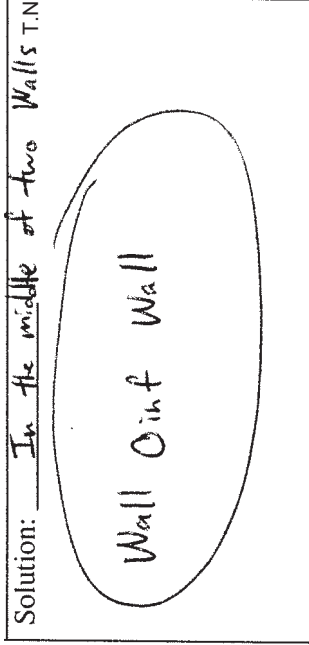
Solution: Circle of Life BC

Solution: Laugh out loud U.P

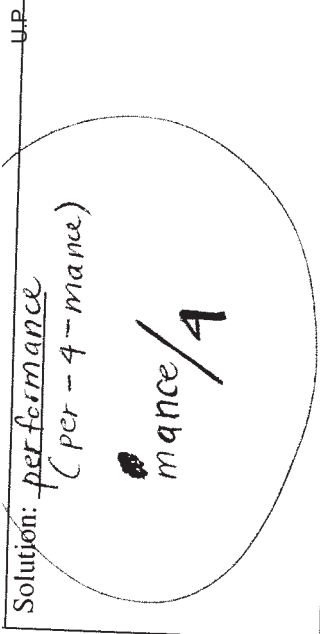
Loud Laugh

T.C
Solution: color by numbers.
Color 467
~~Color 467~~

Tip
Solution: piss in a blender


Solution: In the middle of two Walls T.N


UC
Solution: ~~Blackberry~~
Berry

U.P
Solution: performance
(per - 4 - mance)
mance / 4


Solution: Missing you (Missing "u" in the phrase)
Can Yo... Guess why
I am Bl... e ?

Solution: underwear


wear
?

Solution: skating heels

shoot

Solution: love is in the air

LOVE



Solution: Six Colleges in University

Y U N I
College College College
T College College College
I S R E

Solution: slice of time

Time

Solution: MEME

ME ME

Solution: I go to work.

T.N



Solution: go out

U.C



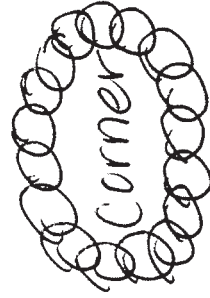
Solution: stretch your mind

U.P

Y O U R M I N D

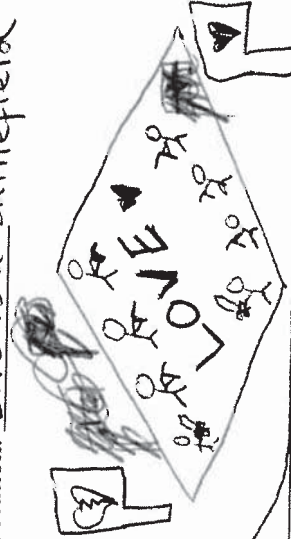
Solution: around the corner

T.C



Solution: LOVE is a battlefield

T.P

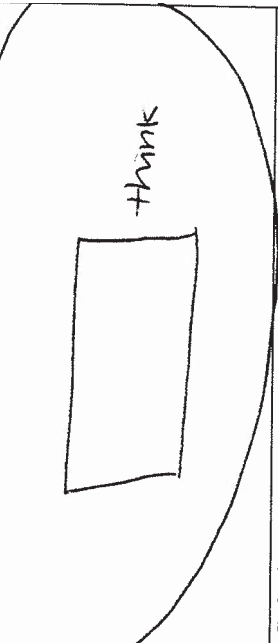


Solution: IMAGINATION

T.N

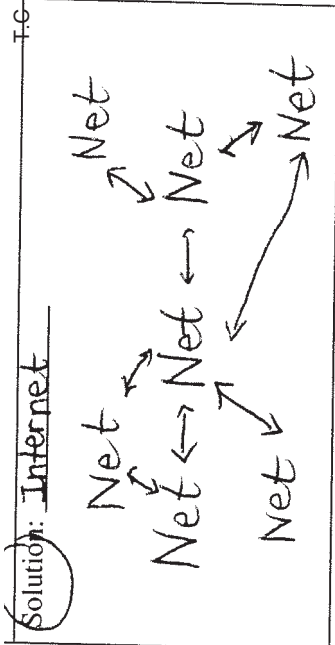
IMAGINATION
Active

Solution: think out of the box U.C



Solution: To infinity and beyond (beacon) U.P

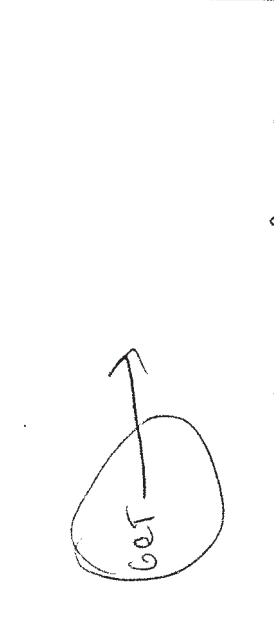
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Solution: Stretching Comments T.P

Comments
 C-O-M-M-E-N-T-S
 C-O-M-M-E-N-T-S

Solution: Get out T.N



Solution: Unlimited Plan U.C

PLAN

Solution: Long Time no "c" (long time no see)

aabbababbabab

Solution: Infinite Time Line

E R N
I
L S M
E

Solution: Eyes on the prize



Solution: Fair and square

= n □

Solution: Think outside the box



Solution: Ace in the Hole



Solution: nine times out of ten

9 9 9 9 9 9 9 9 9 9 10


Solution: glass is half full/empty

GLASS

Solution: See you on the tip of a

NO

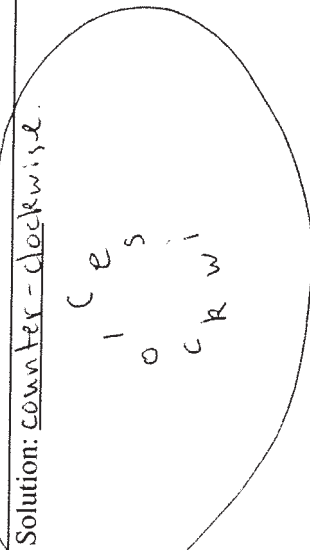
Solution: cloud 9



Solution: scrambled eggs

SGEG

Solution: counter-clockwise



Solution: Starry Night T.P.

Solution: one on top of another T.N

Solution: 4 degrees above zero U.C

Solution: BOOK SHELF U.P.

Solution: time is money I.C.

Solution: eight through the eyes T.P.

Solution: add tea

T.N

Solution: stay inside

UC

Solution: Ground zero

U.P

Solution: _____

T.G

Solution: UCSD hoodies are in style

T.P

Solution: forever in love

T.N

Solution: Sign your life away U.C

x Life Away

Solution: Doctors without Borders U.P

Doctors

Solution:

Solution: Brains against Brains U.C
(or vice versa)

SnarBrains

Solution: _____ I.P

I the game

→ I'm ahead of the game

Solution:

Solution: Look behind you T.N

YOU

Solution: Priming cats and dogs U.C

~~Cats Dogs
Cats Dogs
Cats Dogs~~

Solution: I love you even more
I love you = more.

Solution: In reality, ~~we~~ at the Institute of ~~with~~ printing
Business
Economic
Sociology

Solution: DM I Teq?
"M.I.T"
Teq - ?

Solution: skyfall
sky
↓ ↓ ↓

Solution: For instance
INST4NCE

Solution: I love Sucks
love
Sucks

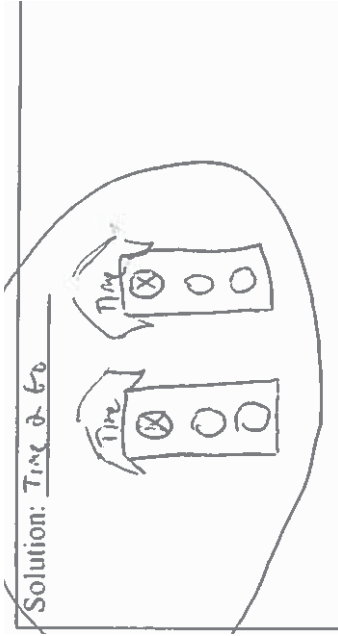
Solution: mind over matter



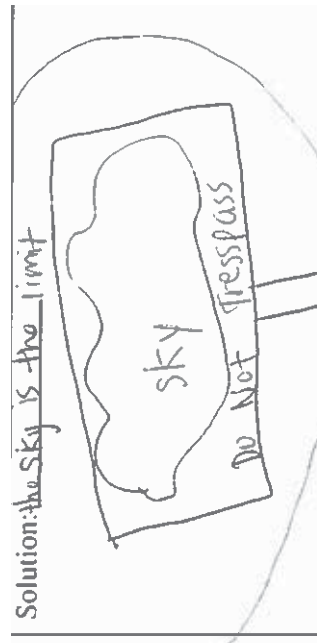
Solution: In & Out

In Out

Solution: Time & to



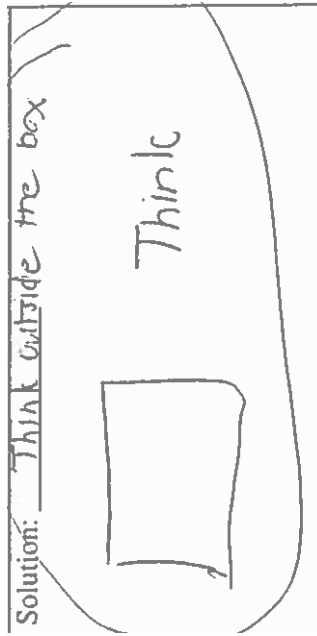
Solution: the sky is the limit



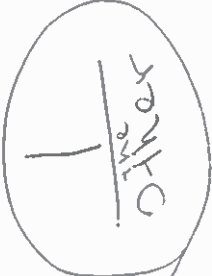
Solution: _____

Everything you own is a box to the left

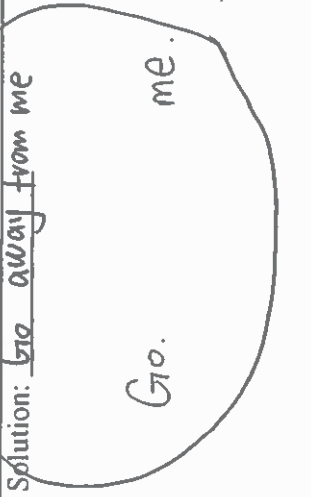
Solution: Think outside the box



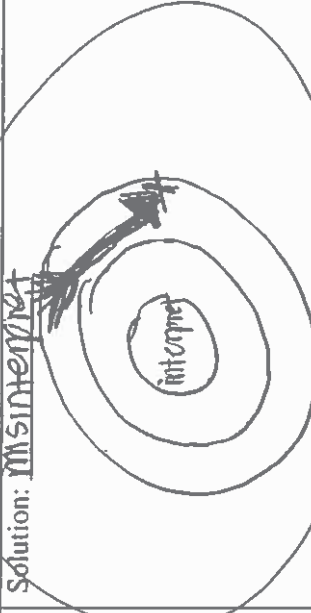
Solution: One over the other




Solution: Go away from me.



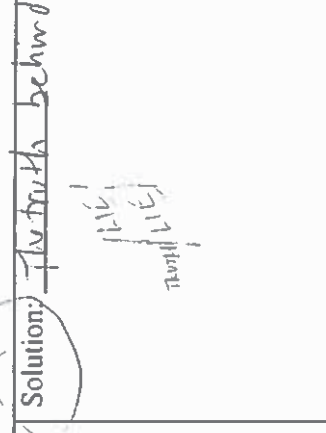
Solution: Internet



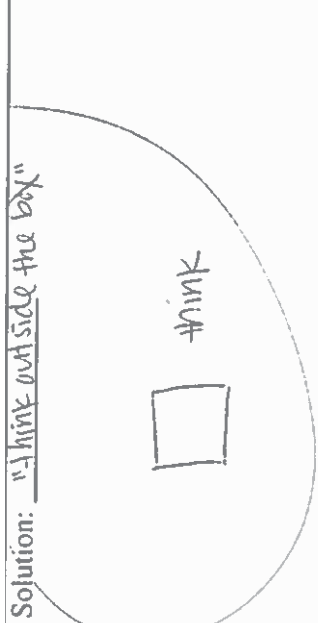
Solution: Close the door



Solution: The truth behind




Solution: "Think outside the box"

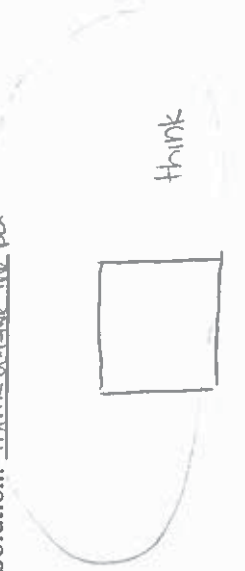


Solution: under wear
weav

Solution: be forgetful
forget forget
ful

Solution: outside the box
outside


Solution: Count down
~~Count~~
Count

Solution: think outside the box
think


Solution: Over the moon


Solution: You are always happy
A positive
you

Solution: Too much happy
happy happy happy happy
happy happy happy happy
happy happy happy happy
happy happy happy happy

Solution: Read between the lines
READ

Solution: REFLECT

Solution: Long time no see.
abcdefghijklmnopqrstu
vwxyzabcdefghijklmnopqr
stuvwxyz....

Solution: I love you
I heart you

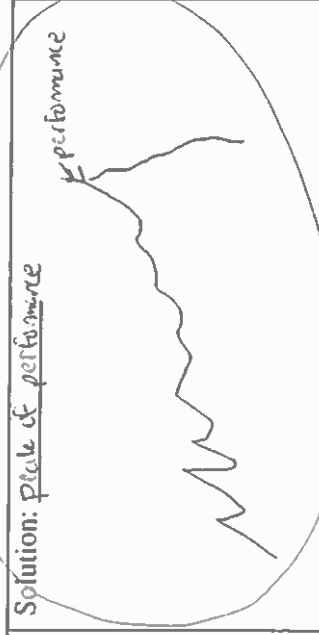
Solution: what's up, dog?

updog?

Solution: beating around the bush

or b
- bush
x v

Solution: plate of performance



Solution: holy moly

MOLY

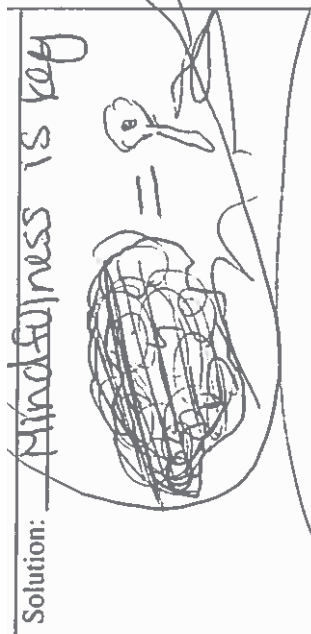
Solution: Grinding my Enemy

ECONOMY

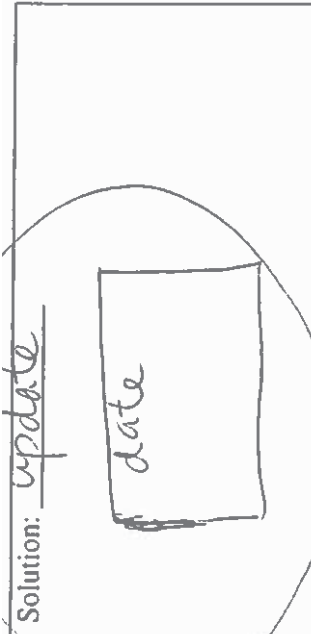
Solution: Best for the underdog

$\frac{\text{Dog}}{\sqrt{4} \text{ the}}$

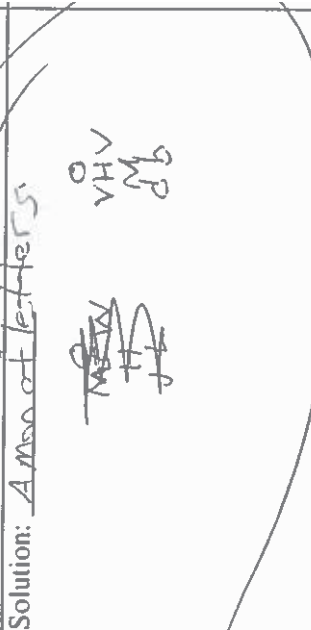
Solution: Mindfulness is key



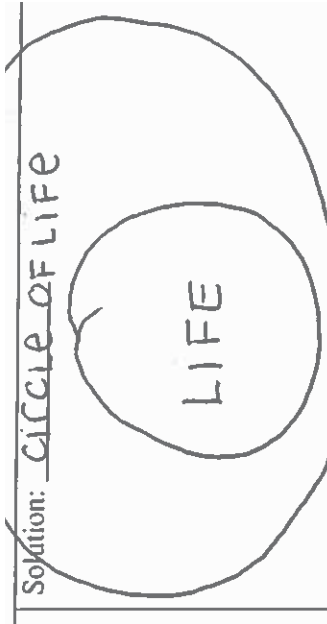
Solution: update



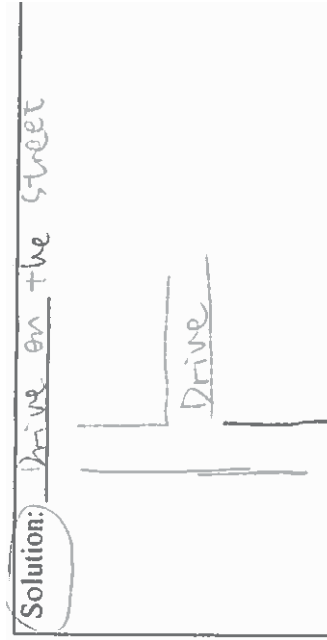
Solution: A man of letters



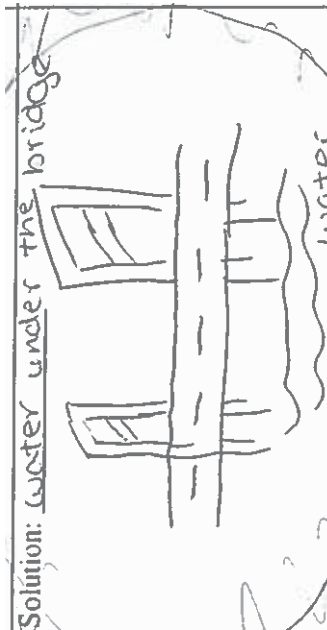
Solution: CIRCLE OF LIFE



Solution: Drive on the street



Solution: water under the bridge



Solution: Winning circles around you

W
U
N
N
I
N
G

Solution: look around

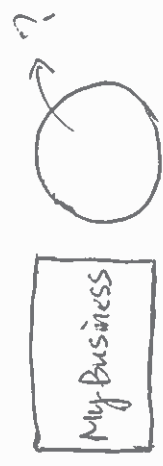
look

Solution: look distance

D
I
S
T
A
N
C
E

Solution: None of my business

My Business

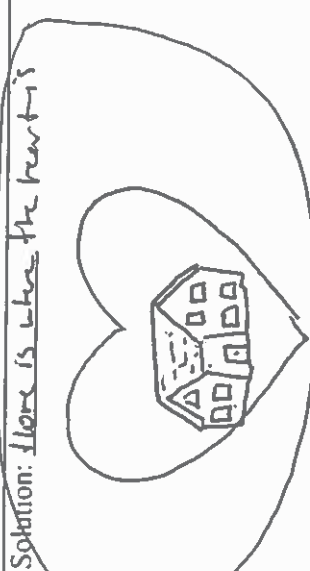


Solution: stopped in your tracks

trac stopped

✓

Solution: Here is where the heart is



Solution: The sky is the limit

Solution: passing time

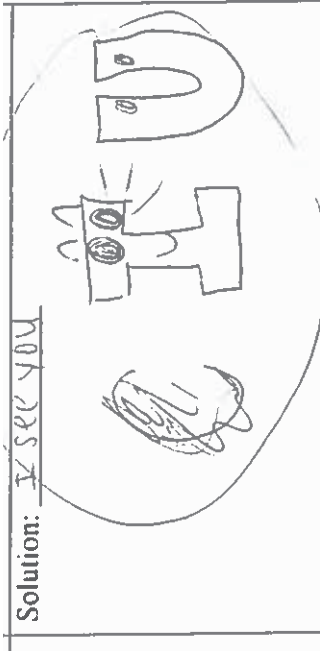
Solution: Heart Attack

Solution: Too loud in the house.

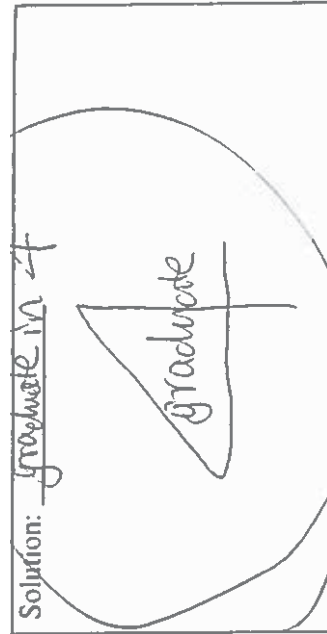
Solution: Love you for life

Solution: head over heels in love

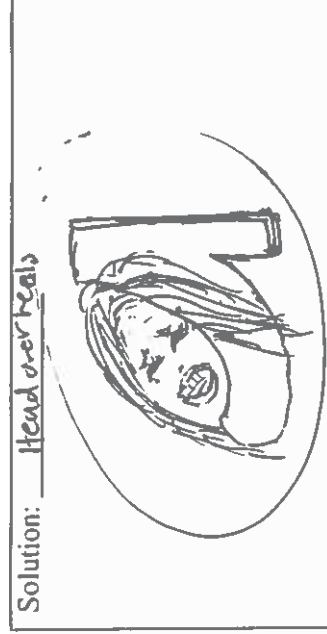
clouds : Up in the clouds

Solution: ~~SEE YOU~~



Solution: Charge over Time
$$\frac{\text{CHANGE}}{\text{TIME}}$$

Solution: graduate in 4



Solution: Laugh out Loud
L A U G H
Loud

Solution: Head over heels


Solution: straight As
AAAAA


Solution: head over heels


Solution: top notch
→ notch ←
notch
notch
notch
notch




Solution: plenty of fish in the sea

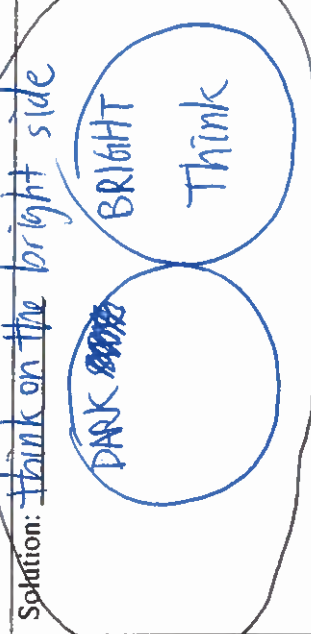

Solution: 99 pebbles but a bitch with one counter
1. 3+1=?
2. a bitch
3. a bitch
4. a bitch
5-996. abitch
99. a bitch

Solution: imagination


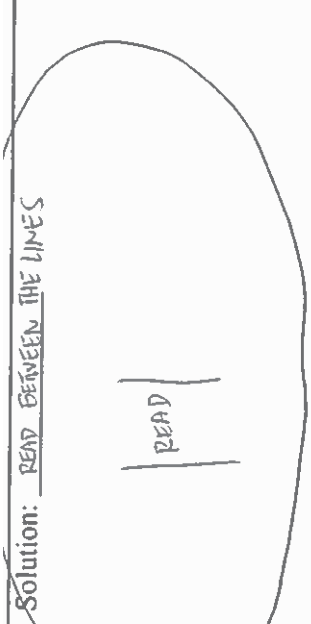
Solution: Go down

A hand is shown pointing downwards towards a large, thick, upward-pointing arrow.

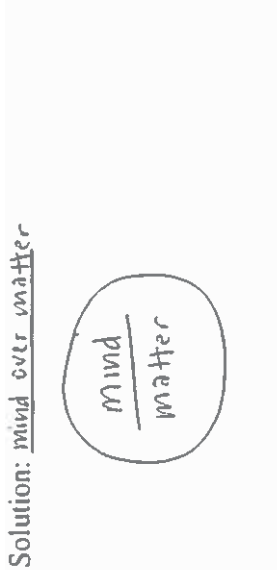
Solution: Think on the bright side

Two overlapping circles are shown. The left circle is labeled 'DARK' and the right circle is labeled 'BRIGHT Think'.

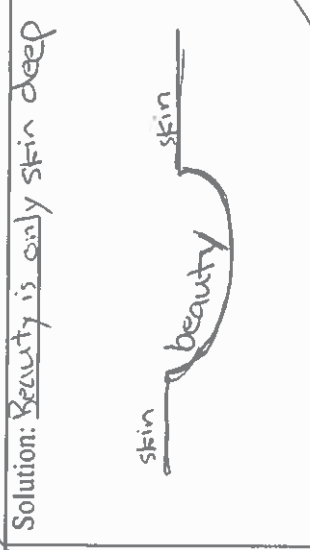
Solution: READ BETWEEN THE LINES

A large oval shape is drawn, with the word 'READ' written vertically inside it.

Solution: mind over matter

A circle is drawn with the words 'mind over matter' written inside it.

Solution: Beauty is only skin deep

A diagram shows the word 'beauty' written above a horizontal line. A bracket is drawn below the line, extending to the left and right. The word 'skin' is written above the left end of the bracket.

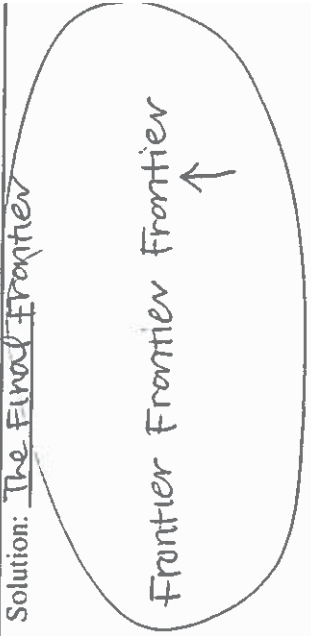
What goes up and never goes down?
Answer: Age

Maid
= Maid in the USA = Made in the USA


Solution: Right at the best second




Solution: The Final Frontier



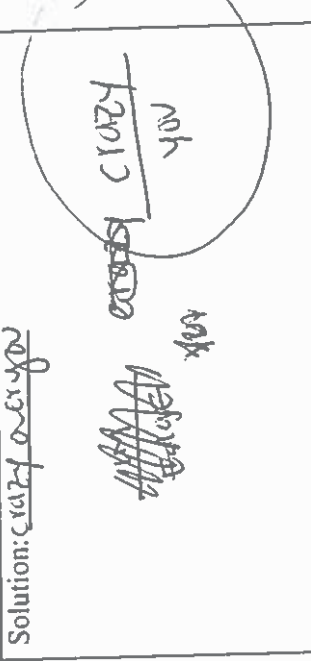
Solution: force



Solution: keyboard



Solution: crazy over you



Solution: HOW TIME FLIES

12	3
9	6

→

12	3
9	6

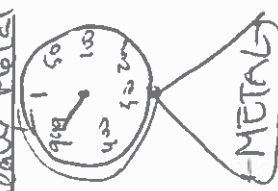
→

12	3
9	6

Solution: Chip over Candy

CHIPS
CANDY

Solution: Heavy Metal



✓

Solution: Bold Move

MOVE

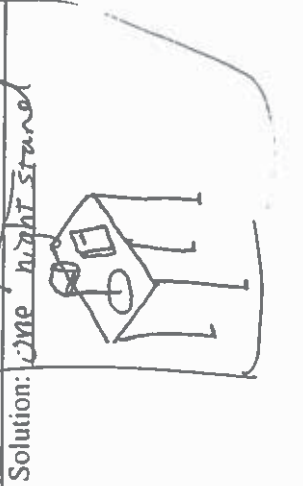
Solution: RIGHT THERE

THERE

Solution: under the sea

<u>S</u>
under

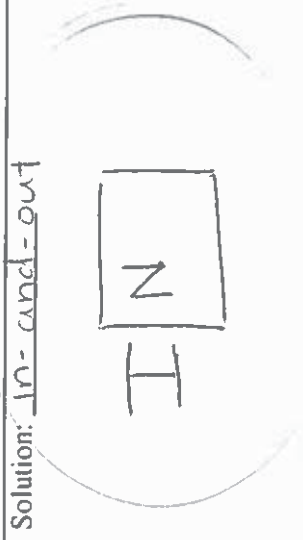
Solution: line, night strand



Solution: light on time

KIGHT
TIME

Solution: In-cand-out



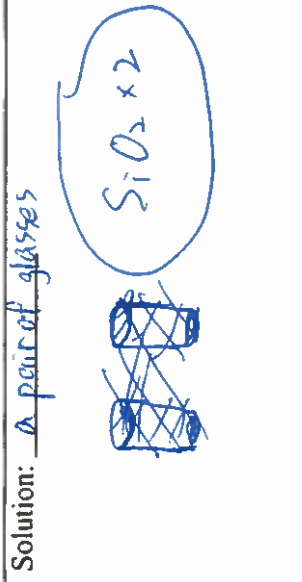
Solution: end of the line

line ↓

Solution: jump over joy

~~happy~~ jumping
joy joy joy joy

Solution: A pair of glasses



Solution: ~~fox~~ ~~hms~~ ~~air~~ ~~6805~~
boath boath boath boath
cccccccccc