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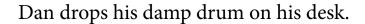
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### **Ten Quips**

**G**lad Gwen grins at grumps.

Brad blends pink blobs best.

Kit skips in brisk wind.



Glen left his lamp and lost his list.

Fran flips fat frogs fast.

Ted gets rest in bed.

Kris drinks pink ink. It stinks!

Stunt man Stan slips and spins on his spit.

Tom trips on ten traps.







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#### Wombats



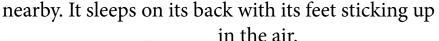
A wombat is a funny animal. It has a thick body with short legs. A wombat has a very short tail. It has a big head with small ears, and it has big,

strong teeth. A wombat eats grass and shrubs. Then

it spends up to 2 weeks digesting its meal!

Wombats dig many tunnels. A tunnel can be up to 30 meters long. That is as long as three buses!

A wombat sleeps in the day. It sleeps in its tunnel or





A wombat mom has a pocket for its baby. But the pocket opens in the back! That is so the baby is kept clean and protected as the mom digs tunnels.



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### **The Toothpick Fighters**

Adapted from a Traditional Japanese Folktale
Illustrated by Libby Johnson

Long ago in Japan, it was common to cover the floors with thick, soft mats of woven **reeds**. The mats had to be kept very clean, for the family sat, slept, and even had meals on the floor. The family did not wear shoes indoors, and children had to learn never to harm the mats or get dirt on them.

Most children in Japan did a great job of being neat and clean. But now and then a child did not do such a good job. In fact, in a small fishing town on the



coast was a girl who had a bad **habit**. At night when she went to bed, she always wanted to pick her teeth with a toothpick.

Now, it was not so bad that she wanted to pick her teeth with a toothpick. The bad part was that after she did it, she was too lazy to get up out of bed to throw it away. Instead, she stuck the toothpick between the reeds of the mat near her bed.

After several months, the mat was so full of



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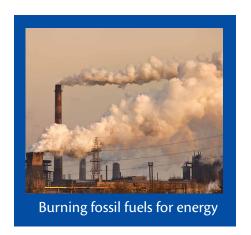
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#### **Geothermal Energy**



Humans need energy to keep houses, offices, and schools warm in the winter and cool in the summer. We get most of the energy for heating and cooling from burning fossil fuels: oil, gas, and coal.

Fossil fuels, however, cannot be **renewed**. Burning fossil fuels **emits** poisonous chemicals that can harm plants, animals, and humans. Research

also shows that burning fossil fuels adds to global warming.

With all the problems from burning fossil fuels, it is important to invest in other sources of energy for heating and cooling. Wind energy from windmills and solar power from the sun can be good. But wind and solar power need just the





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### The Story of Chocolate

The average American consumes twelve pounds of chocolate each year! But how much do you know about chocolate? What is in chocolate? What is in chocolate? How is it made? Who makes it? You might be surprised what you can learn about this popular treat!

#### Cocoa or cacao?

Cacao (cä cä ō) was the original word and spelling. Like many words, it changed with time. The spelling cocoa (cō coa) probably began when early English traders misspelled the word cacao. Today, cacao mostly refers to the trees and the seeds. Cocoa mostly refers to the powder that is made from the seeds.

#### **From Cacao Trees to Chocolate Candy**

Chocolate is made from the seeds of the cacao

tree. Cacao trees grow in warm, humid rainforests. Although cacao trees first grew in South America, today western Africa has the most cacao tree farms.

The cacao tree produces a fruit called a





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#### The Boy Who Wanted a Drum

Adapted from a Traditional Indian Folktale

In a small village in India lived a poor woman and her son. Every morning the boy walked to a forest to find firewood and brought it to his mother. Sometimes he had to walk a long way to find enough wood.

Every day his mother got up and made *parathas*. She ground up some grain and mixed the flour with water and salt. She kneaded the dough and formed it into small balls. Then she took each ball and flattened it into a circle, adding layers of oil and spices and folding it and flattening it over and over. Finally, she started a fire with the wood that the boy





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#### Sepak Takraw



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She watches the small plastic ball bounce off her opponent's head and soar back over the net. In an instant, she leaps up, turns upside-down, spikes the ball with the side of her foot, finishes her mid-air flip, and lands on her feet again. As the

ball slams down over the net, the opponent's lunging attempt to kick the ball fails. The stadium explodes with the roaring cheers of fans. With a scream of joy she realizes that her team has just won the King's Cup! They are the best women's sepak takraw team in the world!

Sepak takraw combines elements of soccer, volleyball, gymnastics, and martial arts. Like soccer, players are not allowed to touch the ball with their hands or arms. Like volleyball, players must keep the ball from touching the ground and get it over