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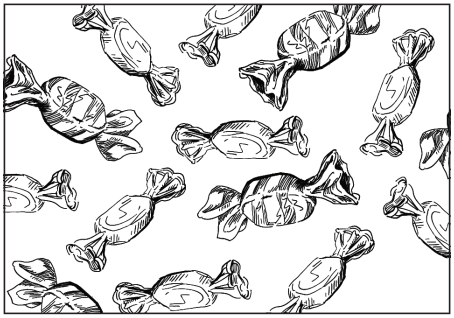


WHO INVENTED SALT WATER TAFFY?

The best foods often have great stories behind them — and salt water taffy is no exception. This delicious, gooey, sugary treat was invented in the late 1800s in the Jersey Shore area of New Jersey as an affordable, pop-in-your-mouth snack for ocean-goers. How exactly this yummy candy first came to be, however, remains a bit of a mystery.

Although salt water taffy made today doesn't have any seawater in it, it does have both salt and water. Legend says that the first salt water taffy was invented by accident when an assistant at the original New Jersey candy store used seawater instead of regular water when making the candy. Another story says that there was a big storm, and waves of seawater splashed into the candy. A girl walked by and said, "Now you have salt water taffy!" We may never know the truth, but one thing is for sure: A day at the beach tastes even better with salt water taffy!

These days, salt water taffy is a popular treat sold in coastal towns all over the United States, from Laguna Beach, California to Cape Cod, Massachussetss. Still, the salt water taffy of Ocean City, New Jersey is considered the most authentic. Now, it's available in a rainbow of colors and flavors like vanilla, peppermint, chocolate, cherry, and even cotton candy!

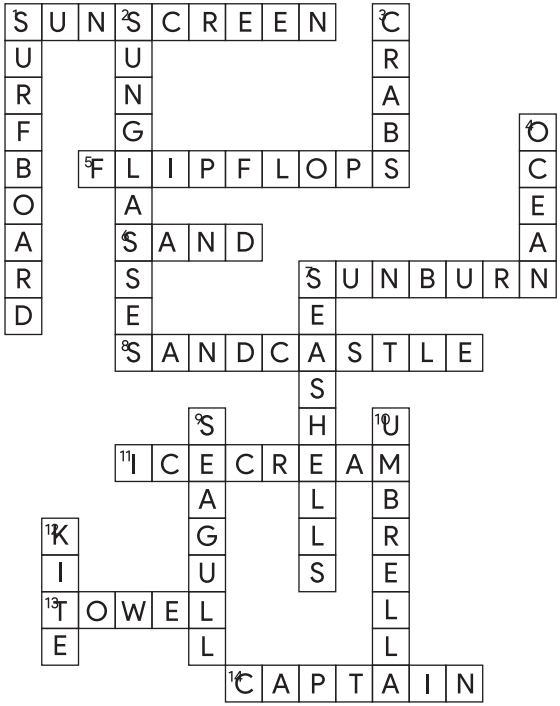
SEASIDE CROSSWORD

ACROSS

1) Lotion that keeps sunburns away.
5) Beach shoes that show off your toes.
6) What beaches are covered in.
7) You might get one if you don't wear sunscreen.
8) Something you build at the beach.
11) A frozen dessert everyone "screams" for.
13) Going swimming? Dry off with one of these.
14) The person in charge on a boat.

DOWN

1) A large object used to ride a wave.
2) These protect your eyes from the sun.
3) Sea creatures with pincer claws.
4) A large body of salt water with waves.
7) Sally sold ____ by the seashore.
9) A noisy seabird.
10) This will make shade in the sun (and keep you dry in the rain).
12) Let's go fly a __!



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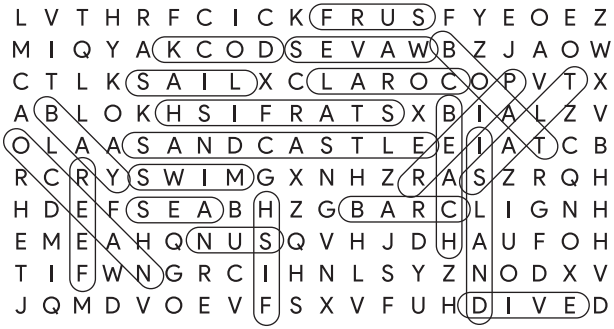
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