

# **DID YOU KNOW?**

### **ASPENS**

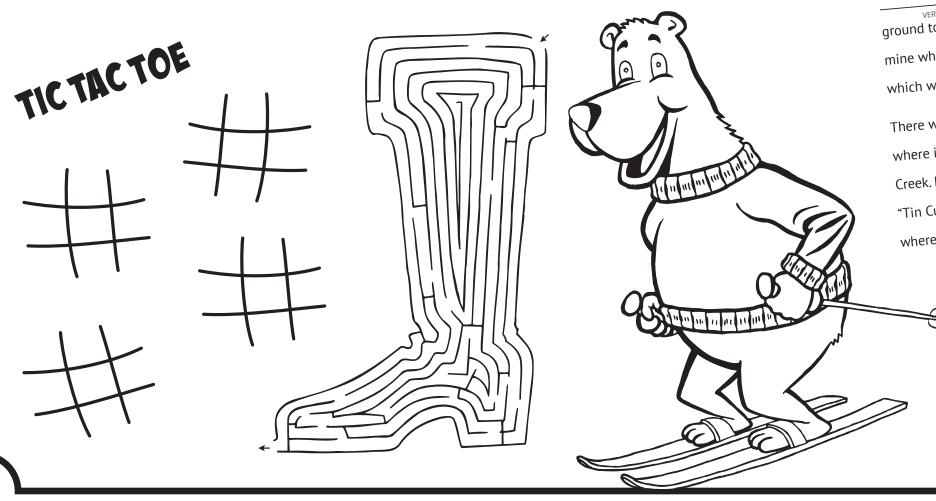
Aspens like growing in Crested Butte because they grow where the winters are cold and the summer nights are cool.

Aspens grow in colonies. A colony starts with a single seedling and spread by means of root suckers. New stems come up out of the ground and can be over 130 feet away from the parent tree.

Individual aspen trees can live for 40–150 years above ground, but the root system of the colony is alive much longer – Sometimes for thousands of years, sending up new trunks as the older trunks die off.

Aspen colonies are able to survive forest fires, because the roots are below the heat of the fire, with new sprouts growing after the fire burns out.

Aspens are sometimes called "quakies" because a stalk called the petiole attaches the leaf blade to the stem so the leaf can move like it is quaking.



## SILLY SAGAS

Have one person ask for words to fill in the blanks. For everyone coming up with words, remember there is no Hints: A VERB is an action. A NOUN is a person, place or thing. An ADJECTIVE describes a person, place or thing. peeking! Fill in these blanks and you'll have your own silly story.

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"Tin Cup Gulch." At Crested Butte Mountain Re
where you can pan for your own treasures to t
HANGMAN
- HUNGHIM

## STORY ABOUT MINING

came to Crested Butte to try their luck \_\_\_\_\_. Some of the miners came on horseback They stayed in bunkhouses, tents, \_\_\_\_stars. It was not always ; they wanted to find. Sometimes they would try \_ like Gothic. they would hike up \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ looked promising and blast with dynamite which ound. If you go for a hike you might come upon a hole used his \_\_\_\_\_\_ to dig. Be careful not to there were big mines where miners went underight in the town of Crested Butte, there's "The Bench" for coal around. In this mine they \_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_and taken out of the valley. \_ in the area. One town was called "Tin Cup" NOUN

From nearby Willow nned some \_\_\_\_ and he named the valley Itain Resort you will find the "Tin Cup Mining Company" res to take home with you.



