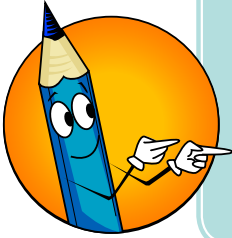


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5. fox \_\_\_\_\_

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7. quiz \_\_\_\_\_

8. maze \_\_\_\_\_

9. tax \_\_\_\_\_

10. prize \_\_\_\_\_

11. fix \_\_\_\_\_

12. zebra \_\_\_\_\_

13. wax \_\_\_\_\_

14. puzzle \_\_\_\_\_

15. sax \_\_\_\_\_

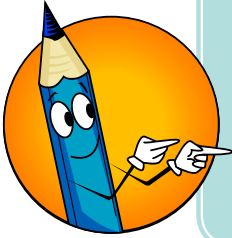
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| 9. tax    | <u>          <b>taxes</b>          </u>   |
| 10. prize | <u>          <b>prizes</b>          </u>  |

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| 11. fix    | <u>          <b>fixes</b>          </u>   |
| 12. zebra  | <u>          <b>zebras</b>          </u>  |
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