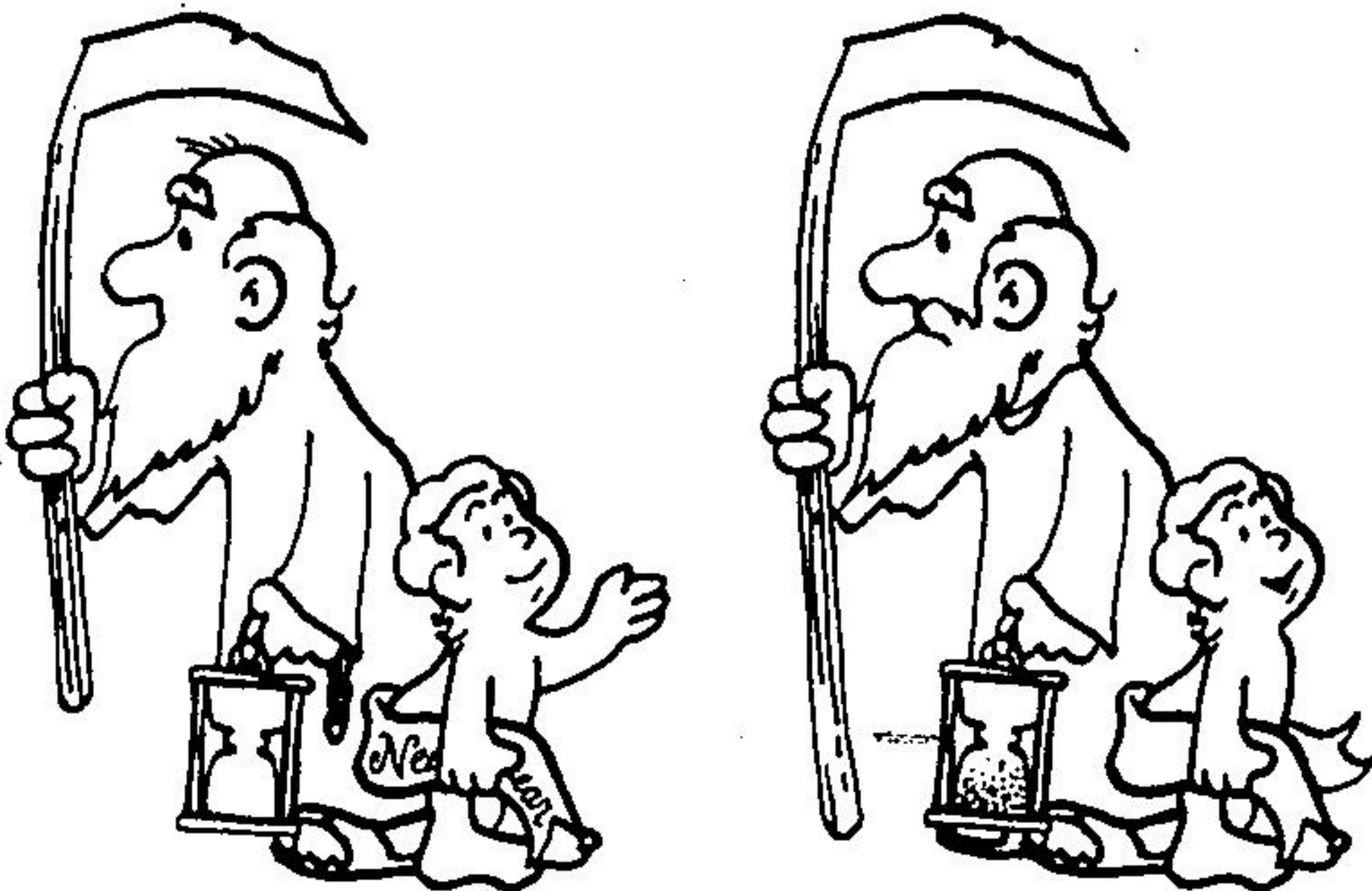


# Young Outlook

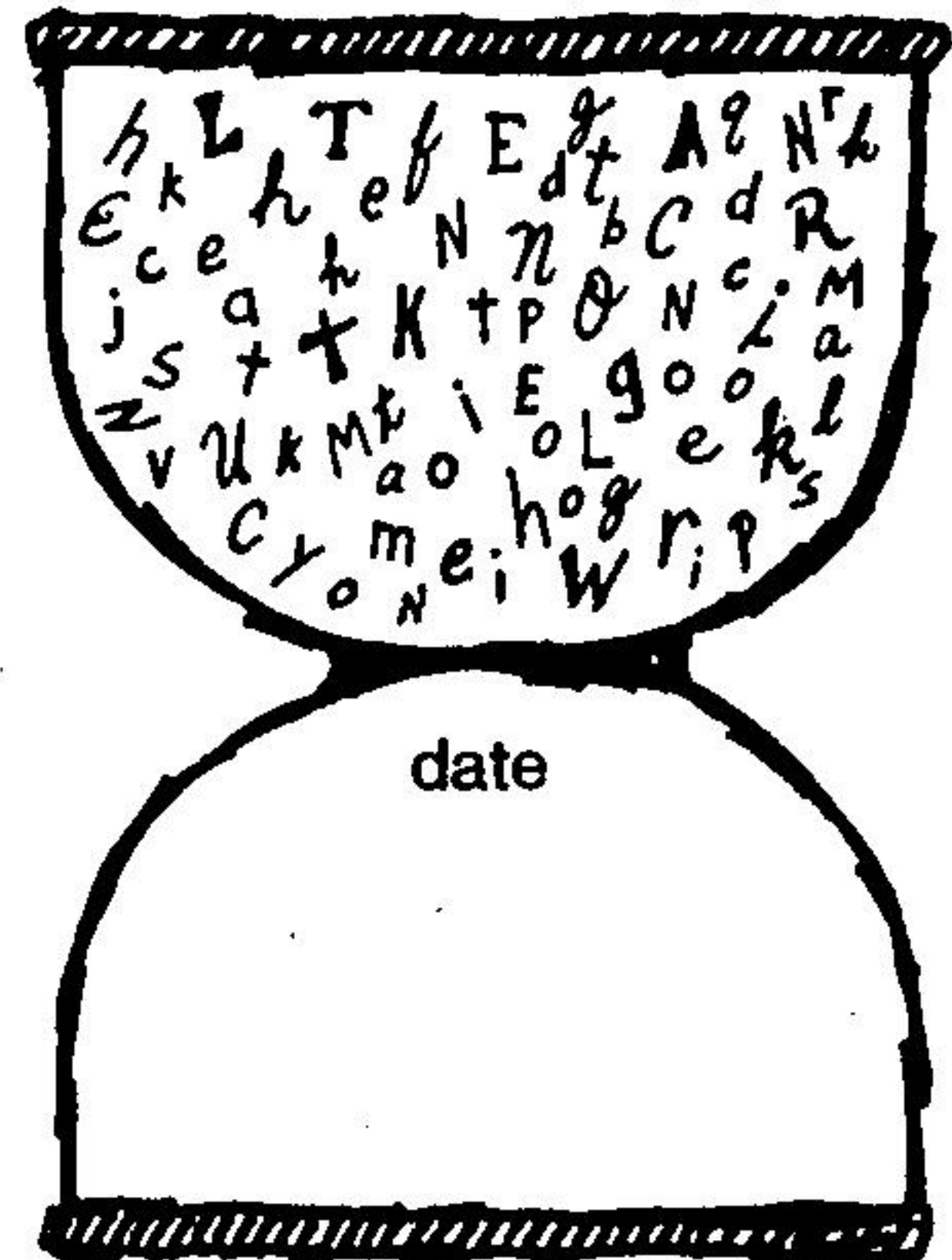
## THE OLD AND THE NEW

Because the New Year represents a new beginning, it is often symbolized by a baby. The old year, accordingly, is often symbolized by an old man. Try to find at least ten ways in which the two drawings are different.



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How many words of at least four letters and which relate to time in some way can you make using the letters in the top part of the hourglass? Each time you use a letter, draw a line through it since you may use each letter only once. Write the words you make in the bottom of the hourglass. We came up with ten words; you might be able to make more. We've done one for you to give you a head start.



(Answers: hour, month, time, clock, year, past, week, night, noon)

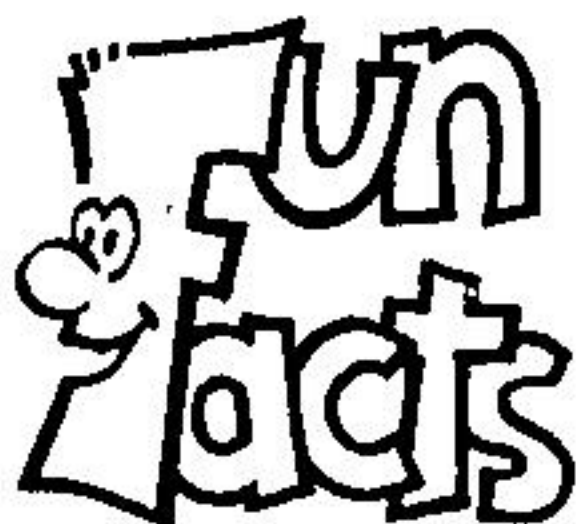
### NEW YEAR LUCK

In many states located in the southern region of the United States, it is believed that to eat black-eyed peas on New Year's Day is to insure a year of good luck. Some foreign countries have similar food customs. Unscramble the letters to find out what food brings good luck in each of these countries.

- 1. Germany
- 2. Switzerland
- 3. France



(Answers: 1. Germany: hamsters; 2. Switzerland: whipped cream; 3. France: potatoes)



- The Romans, in 153 B.C., were the first to recognize January 1 as the beginning of the year. Prior to that, March 25, the date of the vernal equinox, was their New Year's Day.
- New Year's Day was a time for exchanging gifts long before the custom became associated with Christmas.
- The annual Tournament of Roses Parade held in Pasadena, California was initiated in 1886 as an "artistic celebration of the ripening of the oranges of California."
- One New Year's superstition says that calendars should not be hung before sunup on New Year's Day because they will bring bad luck.

## LETTER LOGIC

Fill in the blanks with a word for each definition listed. The letters you write in the circles, when put in proper sequence, will spell a phrase associated with Christmas and New Year's.

- (a twelve month period) - ○ \_\_\_\_\_
- (the coldest season) - ○ \_\_\_\_\_
- (not new) - ○ \_\_\_\_\_
- (people we know and like) - ○ \_\_\_\_\_
- (pleased and satisfied) - ○ \_\_\_\_\_
- (a social gathering) - ○ \_\_\_\_\_
- (relatives) - ○ \_\_\_\_\_
- (time of the year) - ○ \_\_\_\_\_

(Answers: 1. year, 2. winter, 3. old, 4. friends, 5. happy, 6. party, 7. family, season, a holiday)



Pat: What do you call an adult?  
 Pam: Someone who has stopped growing except in the middle.  
 Patient: Doctor, please help me. I snore so loudly that I wake

myself up.  
 Doctor: In that case, try sleeping in another room.

Teacher: Class, give me several sentences using the word beans.  
 1st student: "My father grows beans."  
 2nd student: "My mother cooks beans."  
 3rd student: "We are all human beans."

### BOOKS

*Hooray Days - New Year's to Christmas.* by Judith Ghinger. Gr. 4-6. Things to make and do for fun and magic to take you out of the ordinary all throughout the year.

*New Year's Day* by Ailiki. Grs. 1-4. Simple explanations of this holiday's history and the many colorful ways it is celebrated today.

*Happy New Year Round the World* by Lois Johnson. Grs. 5-7. Each chapter of the book tells how the New Year is celebrated in a different country.



Each new year brings an opportunity to "turn over a new leaf." If there is anything you would like to do or to change, now is the time for a new beginning. Good luck in the new year!