


Young Outlook

SUNSHINE STATE

Some of Florida's greatest attractions are its beaches. Thousands of tourists travel to Florida every year to walk on the sand of its beaches. Alfie Alligator would like to complete this word ladder going from walk to sand. Can you help him by changing one letter on each rung?



structure that divides rooms

round object used in sports

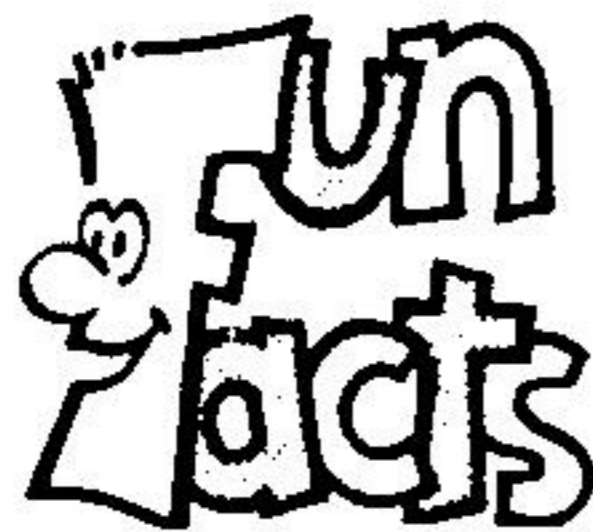
no hair

group who plays music

walk

sand

(Answer: wall, ball, bald, band)



- Walt Disney World serves 3 1/2 million pounds of french fries, 170,000 gallons of ice cream, 300,000 gallons of milk, 900 tons of chicken and over six million hamburgers each year.
- In Palm Beach, it's illegal to own a kangaroo, to hang a clothesline, or to park almost anywhere.
- The Everglades National Park encompasses 1.4 million acres - that's larger than the state of Delaware.
- St. Augustine, Florida, the oldest city in America, is the location of an alligator farm which is home to hundreds of alligators, crocodiles and other wildlife.

Unscramble the letters to discover the names of Florida's state bird, tree and flower.

1. sabal _____ 2. _____ 3. _____ blossom



Answers: 1. sabal palm, 2. mockingbird, 3. orange blossom



You can enjoy sunshine, sand and surf when you visit beautiful states such as Florida. However, you should always be careful not to spend too much time in the sun and to be sure an experienced adult swimmer is with you whenever you go near the ocean.

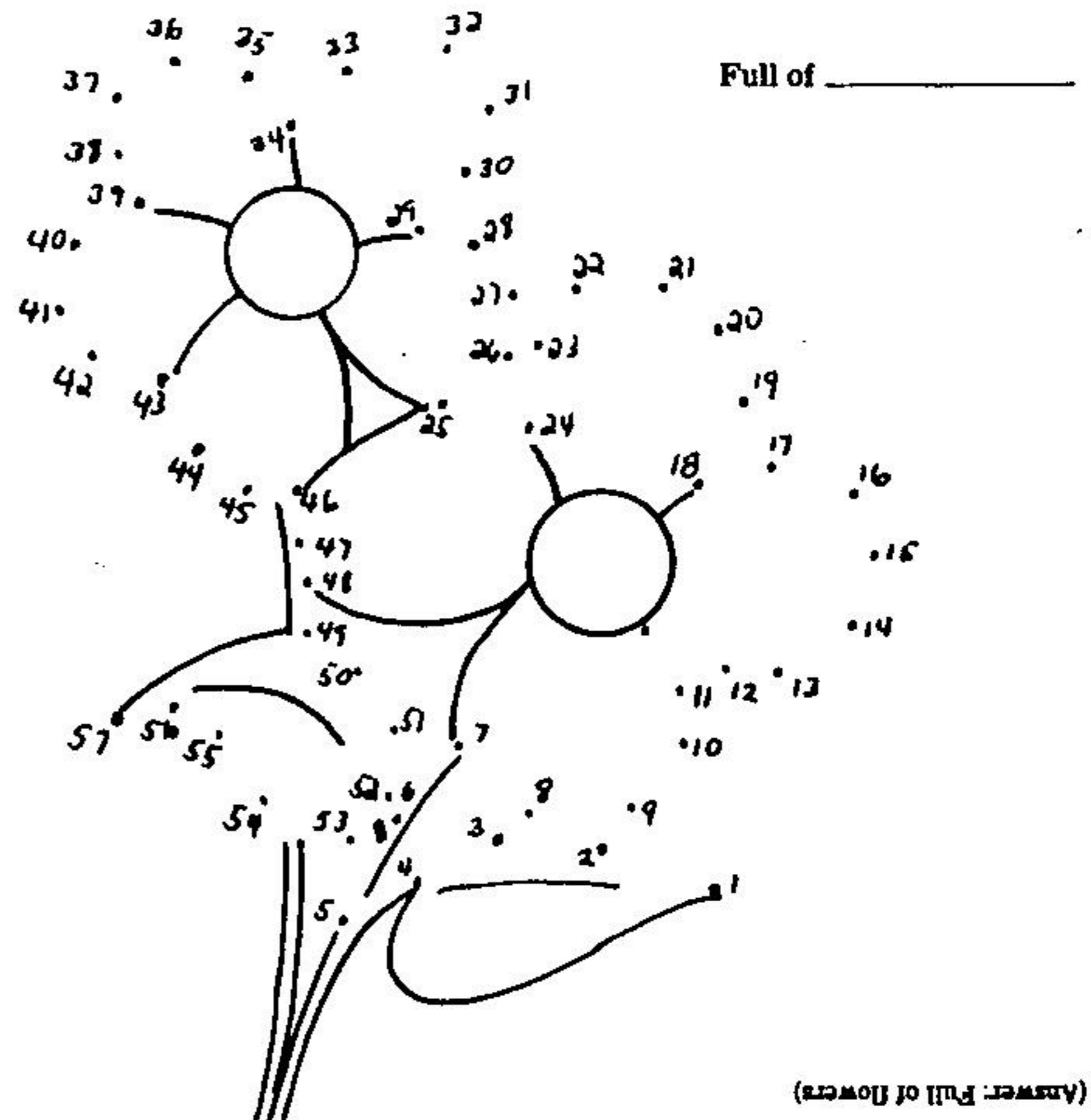
BOOKS

Florida by Kathleen Thompson. Grs. 4-6. Today's technology meets yesterday's Indian culture under the shining sun of Florida. From the first permanent settlement in America at St. Augustine to sending the first Americans into space, Florida has led our country.

Come Again, Pelican by Don Freeman. Grs. K-3. A little boy and his family go on vacation to the beach. The boy is learning to fish and has a most unusual teacher - a pelican!

SENSATIONAL SIGHTS

Florida is a Spanish word. To find out its meaning, complete the drawing below by connecting the dots. Then fill in the blank to complete the phrase. It is believed that when explorer Ponce de Leon discovered this area he named it Florida because he saw so many of these.

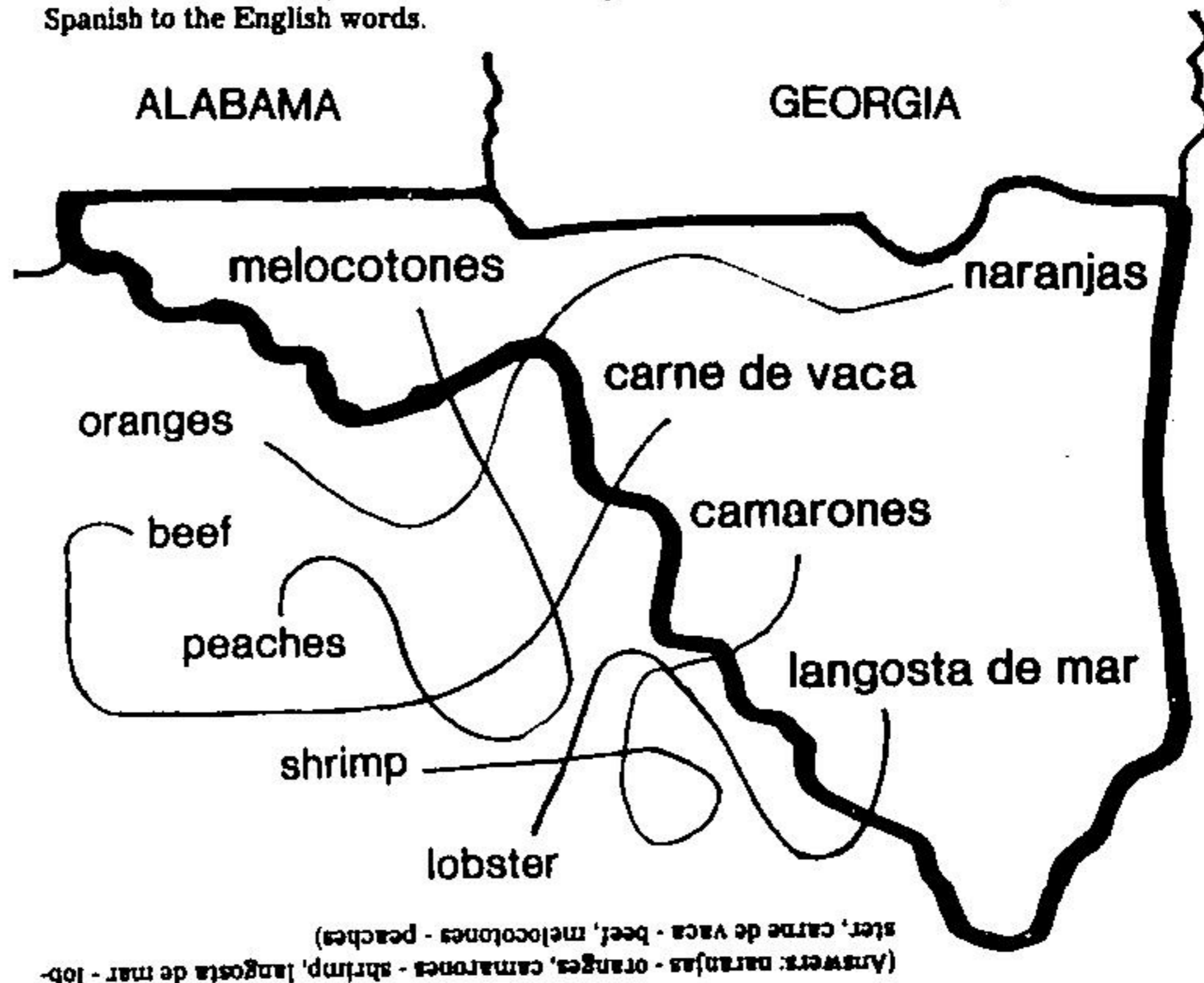


Full of _____

(Answer: Full of flowers)

¿SE HABLA ESPANOL?

Spanish is the second most commonly spoken language in the state of Florida. More than 50% of the residents of Miami are Spanish-speaking. The Spanish names for five of the state's major products are written on the map. To discover the English translation for each word, follow the lines from the Spanish to the English words.



ALABAMA GEORGIA

melocotones naranjas

oranges carne de vaca

beef camarones

peaches langosta de mar

shrimp lobster

(Answer: naranjas - oranges, camarones - shrimp, langosta de mar - lobster, carne de vaca - beef, melocotones - peaches)

A Little Bit Of HUMOR

Q: Why is a palm tree like a calendar?
A: It gives dates.

Q: What is the difference between

sea surf and a baby?
A: One rolls upon the shore, and the other rolls upon the floor.

Buster: Did you have a nice vacation?
Ben: No! It rained every single day.
Buster: It couldn't have been that bad. You even have a nice tan.
Ben: That's no tan - it's rust!

Uncle Zeke: Did you catch all those fish by yourself?
Smart Alex: No, I had a word to help me.

Cathy: Did you hear about the Olympic diver who used to be afraid to go off the high board?
Clark: No, what about him?
Cathy: He finally took the plunge.