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## **Real Special News**

**For existing users of original Nesy – last chance to get 25% discounted upgrade to Nesy Deluxe.**

Nesy Deluxe is software designed for use by all students, but is particularly suitable for those with dyslexia. It comprises of 12 onscreen games and over 1,500 printable resources, including worksheets, board games, books, card games, teaching points etc. the price is only \$300 (including GST) and there are no ongoing licence renewal fees!

More details of the Nesy learning programme are in our website 'Reading section'.

For our customers who have previously bought the original version of Nesy, we can offer a special 25% discount on the new version Nesy Deluxe (proof of previous purchase required).

**This offer finishes on December 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2010**

You can still use your old Nesy so will have a wider selection of onscreen games!

**How is the new Nesy different from the old Nesy programme?**

### **New features:**

A4 printed teaching manual full of information about dyslexia.

Integrated electronic record keeping with group monitoring.

Users create their own profile and all progress is automatically saved.

Revision games linked to printable certificates.

10 new onscreen games.

25 animated rules.

120 lesson plans with strategies for learning.

70 animated phonemes.

Library of interactive mnemonics and word endings.

40 interactive worksheets.

'The Fair' - 9 games to maintain motivation.

Lessons for Punctuation, Thinking

Skills and Past Tense.

### **New games include:**

Jig Sore (synthesising phonemes),  
Chimp Fu (syllable division),  
Fish Food (1-2 player spelling),  
Piranha Snap (1-2 player reading),  
Hot Feet and the letters of fire/words of doom (synthesising phonemes/reading words),  
Nesy Challenge (reading and spelling assessments).

### **Improved features:**

Early stage resources have been greatly extended

Facility to record and play games with your own words

Every worksheet has been recreated and every illustration redrawn

## Featured websites



### WikiHow

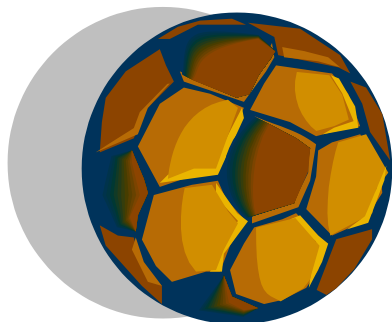
<http://www.wikihow.com/Main-Page>

WikiHow is a website dedicated to 'How To' manuals on a huge range of subjects. Not only can you read them but also write your own or even add edits to other peoples!

The categories include:

- sports and fitness
- computers and electronics
- finance business and legal
- food and entertaining
- health
- hobbies and crafts
- home and garden
- arts and entertainment
- pets and animals

As with lots of things on the internet, you need to check the source to see if it's accurate but the site certainly has lots of useful information on it.



### The Khan Academy

<http://www.khanacademy.org/>

This website recently won \$2 million dollar prize from Google for being one of the most innovative in the world!

The Khan Academy is a not-for-profit with the mission of providing a free world-class education to anyone, anywhere.

The subjects covered are Maths, Science, History and Finance (in the Humanities section).

It has over 1600 videos made in digestible 10-20 minute chunks especially for viewing on the computer.

The conversational style of the videos is not what people traditionally associate with math and science instruction.

The website is constantly being added to, with the Maths category being the most comprehensive.

Within each subject are different categories, e.g.

#### Maths:

Algebra,  
Calculus,  
Probability  
Brainteasers

#### Science:

Biology  
Chemistry  
Physics  
Organic chemistry

## Edith the poodle

Hi, I'm Edith, the Real Special mascot.



Well the warm weather is here so I have put away my woolies and am going for very light garments. This cute brown and white gingham number even has an embroidered sun on the side! Rather than keeping me warm, it helps stop me burning as I have just recently had a fur trim.

Dogs that have recently had their coats trimmed short are particularly vulnerable to burning as well as heat stress during hot weather. And did you know that exposed areas, such as the nose and ears, can be susceptible to sunburn? For more information and also tips for (dare I say it) cats, go to:

<http://www.purina.co.nz/Home/All+About+Dogs/Health+and+Wellbeing+Dog/Healthy+Living+Dog/Helping+Your+Dog+Cope+With+Extreme+Weather.htm>

### Warm-weather care

As temperatures soar, dogs become more vulnerable to heat stress. Provide plenty of cool, fresh water to help keep your dog cool throughout the summer. If your dog spends a lot of time outdoors, you will need to provide a shaded area.

Never leave your dog in the car. Confinement in a car or any other poorly ventilated enclosure can be fatal. One study reports that when the outside temperature is 26°C, the inside of a car will reach 32°C in five minutes and 43°C in 25 minutes!

Avoid exercising your dog too much during hot days or warm, humid nights. The best time to exercise is either early in the morning before sunrise, or late in the evening after the sun goes down.

### Just for fun Edith's Bee jokes.

Bees are a sign of sunny weather so I thought some bee jokes might give you a buzz!

#### Why did the bees go on strike?

Because they wanted more honey and shorter working flowers!

#### What did the bee do to the other bee in summer?

Swarm here isn't it!

#### What kind of bees hum and drop things?

A fumble bee!

### Sudoku for November

The solution is on page 4.

9					1		
	8	7	2				
			9				3
	5			1			
		2		8	6		4
				6		2	8
	9	5			8	7	
						5	
				7	9		1

## Easy recipe

### Condensed Milk Slice



There are many variations on this type of recipe but I love it because there is no cooking involved. The only tricky part for children making them is the melted butter so with a bit of supervision, they can make their own slice.

#### You will need:

- 2 packets plain biscuits
- 1 cup chocolate chips.
- 1 cup desiccated coconut
- 1 cup melted butter (microwave for a few seconds)
- 1 tin condensed milk (approx 400g)

#### Method:

1. Crush the biscuits to chunky crumb size (in a food processor or with a rolling pin).
2. Mix the biscuit crumbs with the remaining ingredients, until the whole mixture is moist.
3. Press the dough into a slice tin, and put it in the refrigerator for approximately 2 hours to set.
4. Cut into squares.

#### Variations:

Use different kinds of biscuits, e.g.malt, gingernut, chocolate chip etc.

Condensed milk comes in a caramel flavor as well.

Instead of dark chocolate, use white or milk.

You can replace the chocolate chips with other treats such as chopped marshmallows, dried fruits, nuts, etc.

### Sudoku solution (from page 3)

9	2	6	3	5	4	1	8	7
3	8	7	2	1	6	4	9	5
5	1	4	9	8	7	2	6	3
6	5	8	4	2	1	7	3	9
7	3	2	5	9	8	6	1	4
1	4	9	7	6	3	5	2	8
4	9	5	1	3	2	8	7	6
8	7	1	6	4	9	3	5	2
2	6	3	8	7	5	9	4	1

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