

# The Energy Adventures of Tommy and Remi

## The Case of the Shiny Roof



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## The Case of the Shiny Roof Grade 3 and Under



The sun is such an important part of life on Earth and we use it in so many ways. Describe three ways we use the energy from the sun:

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

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Design your own home that uses the energy from the sun. Draw or describe it below. Consider the things from the book, but also anything else you like.

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Grade 4 to 6



We learned a lot about solar energy in this book. What are three positives and negatives of solar energy? You may need to do some extra research.

Positive	Negative

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# Build Your Own Solar Oven



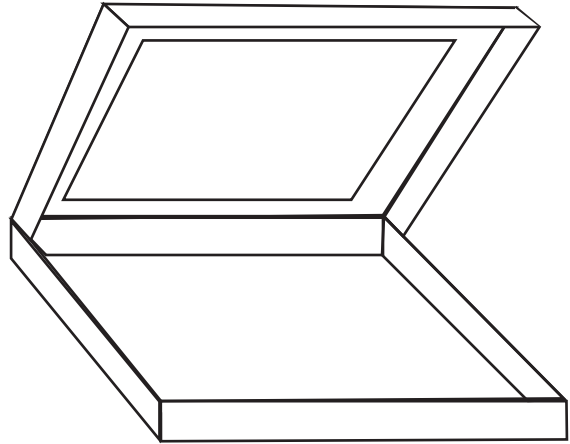
You may have seen the solar oven outside Reginald's house.  
Now it's your turn to build one.

## Here are the supplies you'll need:

- A clean pizza box or shoe box with a hinged lid
- Marker
- Scissors
- Tape
- Glue stick
- Ruler or stick
- Black paper
- Tinfoil
- Plastic wrap
- Newspaper or fabric
- A pie plate
- Something to cook - s'mores, a hot dog, nachos, toast, cheese
- Oven mitts

## Let's get started!

1. On the closed box, draw a rectangle on the lid an inch or two in from the edge, other than the edge at the hinge.
2. Cut the three edges to create a flap. The hole left in the box is the window.
3. Line the inside of the flap with tinfoil, shiny side out, using tape or glue.
4. Open the box and tape down a double layer of plastic wrap on the inside of the window. Tape all around the edges to keep the heat trapped inside.
5. Glue or tape black paper on the bottom of the inside of the box. Black absorbs heat which will help the food cook.
6. Tape crumpled up newspaper or fabric around the inside edges of the box (make sure it still closes). This insulates the box.
7. Put the oven outside in the sun. Place the food on the pie plate in the oven and shut the lid.
8. Tilt the flap so the tinfoil is reflecting sun into the box. The heat will start to build up inside because it can't escape through the plastic wrap or the newspaper you used to insulate. Use a ruler or stick to hold it open.
9. Adjust the flap's angle as needed to keep the sun directed in the oven.
10. Leave the box until the food is cooked. Careful it might be hot! Use oven mitts to remove the food.
11. Check with an adult to make sure the food is ready to eat, then enjoy!

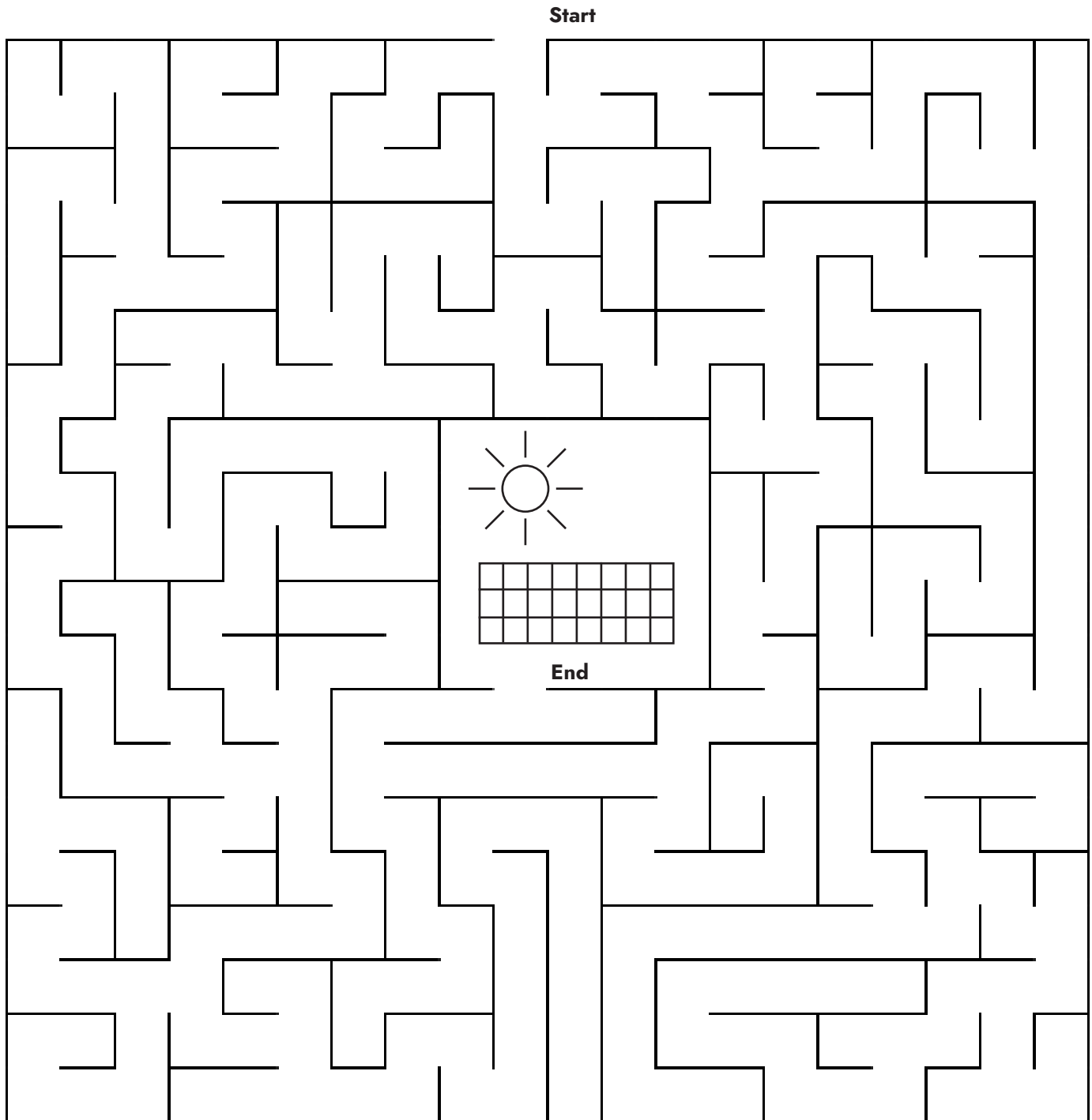




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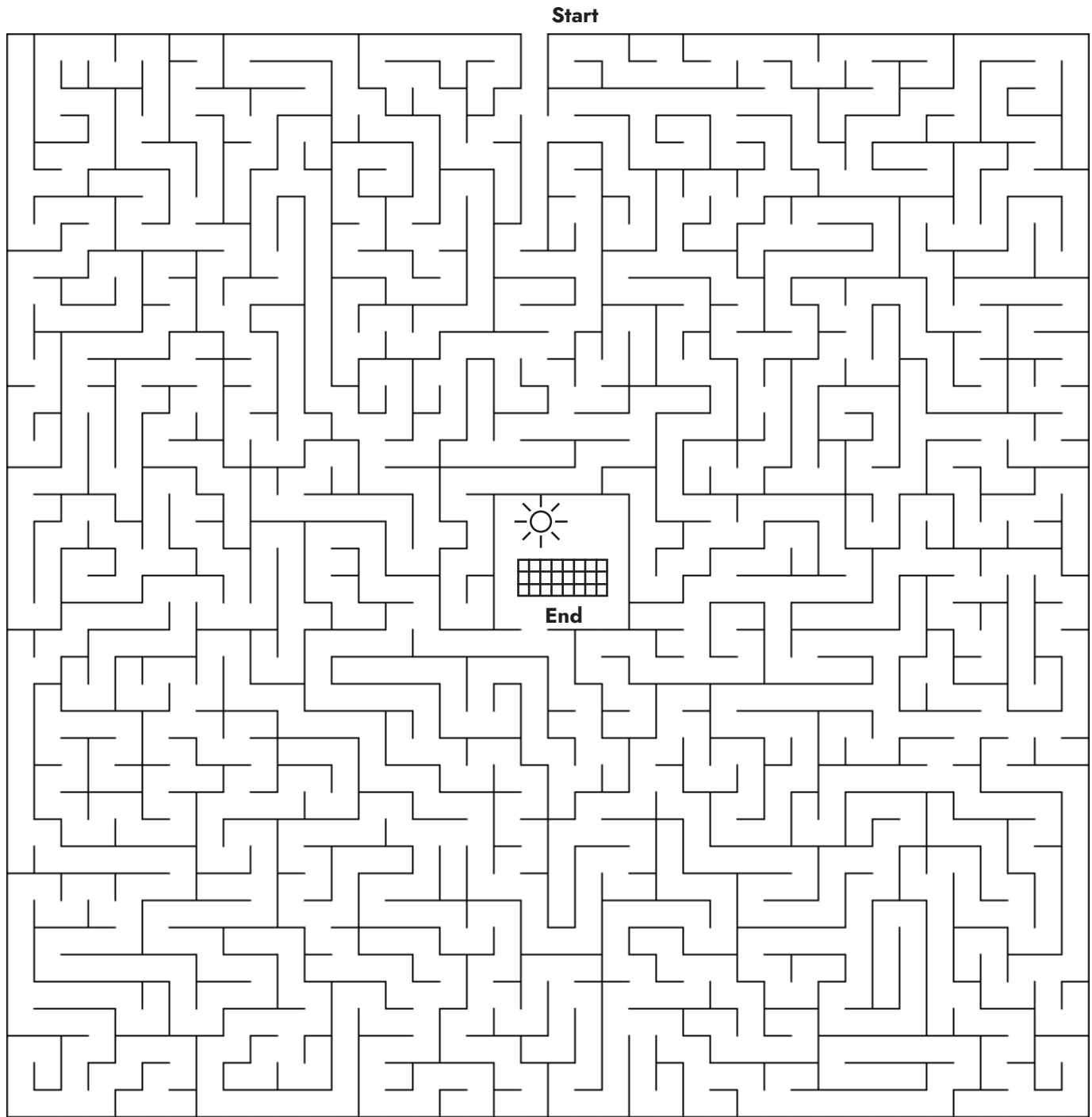


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Help Tommy and Remi find the solar panel.





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B A S P P Z T K W G S G  
V I T Q L J S O L I H F  
R T S O C D U W M N I E  
O C R E M I N Y U M N F  
O Z P N A S X E T H Y U  
F K O W I F J N A D W I  
I C L I M A T E W O R D  
R I Q N Z S A R B E V L  
E S O D G O U G H D Y I  
C R P A F L N Y B E I G  
R E G I N A L D K I A H  
E R G W L R O T R E W T

Atoms  
Climate  
Energy  
Heat

Light  
Reginald  
Remi  
Roof

Tommy  
Shiny  
Sol  
Solar

Sun  
Wind





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A N E R E N E W A B L E K O W R E D I N  
N P T L A M F H R S L E N F D O L R U D  
P O E T E L E C T R O N S O D Y E H M V  
E H N U W N I L P H U I R E D U C E W D  
C A N R F I N K H O T E O R S D T U W J  
D O W E E T E B E S H P O R W O R L D T  
S H U G D N M R A K W Q F S F X I R O I  
H B W I L O E W T D O D O I K A C O H G  
I T U N E C L W T U V W E P P R I N E H  
N E N A P M I N A K E E W O H N T Y U O  
Y H C L W U G O N B N E N A O O Y S B M  
L J O D Y N H R E N L A O T C E L O N P  
E C L I M A T E W A B E F O U T E L S R  
C A O J A N E G R B I D O M H R N L P E  
E O U D R P L R O L D I G S Y K E R H G  
R V R O E A H P H O T O N S G D R O F Z  
I P S W M L C T M T F Q D W P O G W W O  
S R A D I A T I O N Y U T O M M Y I D W  
R U C K L N Y A H M T R I O W T H G O R  
L X N O F E D U N S O L A R P A N E L S

Adventure  
Atoms  
Climate  
Colours  
Electricity  
Electrons

Energy  
Heat  
Light  
Nonrenewable  
Oven  
Photons

Radiation  
Reduce  
Reginald  
Remi  
Renewable

Roof  
Tommy  
Shiny  
Sol  
Solar panels

Sun  
Wind  
World

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Can you find all 15 differences in the 2 pictures?



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Can you find all of the objects  
in the campground?



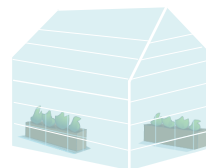
Clothes Line



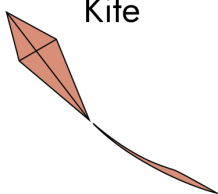
Fossil



Greenhouse



Kite



Nik



Pumpjack



Reginald



Remi



Sandwich



Sol



Solar Oven



Solar Panel



Sun



Sun Dial



Sunflowers



Sun Glasses



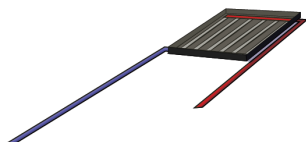
Sunscreen



Tommy



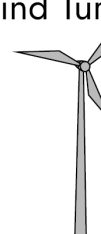
Water Heater



Wind Chimes



Wind Turbine





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