

THE WHEELS ON THE PAGE GO ROUND AND ROUND

This optical illusion was created by a Japanese professor of psychology called Akiyoshi Kitaoka. It uses a sequence of colours, going from dark to light to dark, to create a visual disturbance that the brain tries to correct, causing the eyes to see movement.


ALMOST TRUE

Soccer

One of these football facts is false. Can you spot it?

- 1 Over 2 000 years ago, Roman politician Cicero (106-43 BC) documented that a man was killed while having a shave when a ball was kicked into the barber's shop. Ouch.
- 2 King Edward III banned soccer on 12 June, 1349, because the beautiful game was distracting citizens from the more necessary practice of archery.
- 3 The earliest record of any game resembling soccer is from the 3rd century BC in China, where warriors played kicking games after battle using the heads of their enemies as balls.

NUMBER 3 IS FALSE: There's no such record from China, although English legend has it that after public beatings, the heads would be thrown to the crowd to be kicked around.



WORD PLAY

What term or phrase does each puzzle represent?

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3 LOV

2 TH UNDERSTANDING EM

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SOLUTIONS: 1. ANYONE FOR TENNIS 2. MISUNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THEM 3. ENDLESS LOVE



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