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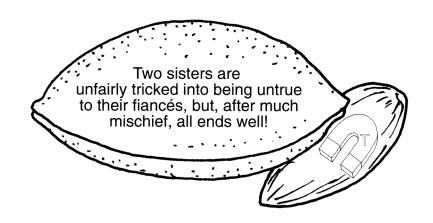
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MOZART. THE COMPOSER

(1756 - 1791).

Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart was a musical genius and a child prodigy. He was born in Salzburg, Austria. His middle name means "Beloved of God."

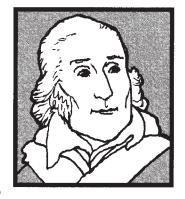
Mozart lived to the age of only 35, but his life of composing began when he was five. By the age of 14, he had written operas, symphonies, chamber music, church music, and works for every instrument - including mechanical clocks and musical glasses! His early years were spent traveling to the royal courts of Europe where he and his sister played for kings and queens.

In spite of his fame and talents, Mozart was a normal, cheerful child. He loved playing games and joking, and enjoyed his work. He was treated as a grown-up and seemed to be an adult in miniature. At the courts "little Mozart" would appear in his costume with his trademarks: a small violin, a powdered wig, and an ornamental sword.

From his manuscripts, we see that even his most complicated scores were written in a clear and legible way and rarely had to be corrected. He composed entire works of music in his head before ever writing them down.

Mozart left 600 pieces that we continue to enjoy. His operas, *The Marriage of Figaro, Don Giovanni, Così fan tutte,* and *The Magic Flute,* are performed all over the world. He is one of the greatest composers of all time.





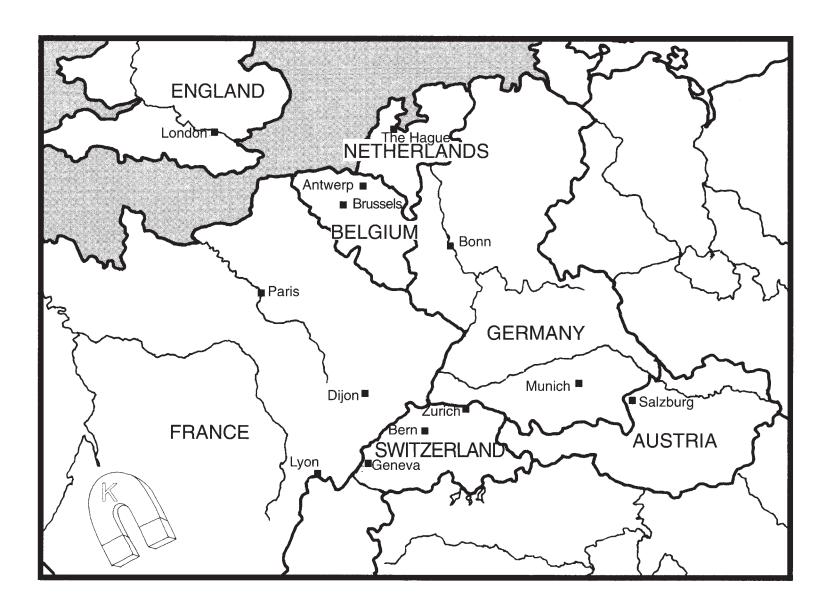
LORENZO DA PONTE, THE LIBRET-TIST

(1749-1838), was born in Italy. He wrote the words to *Così fan tutte*. A poet, priest, and printer, he was the first to present Italian opera in the United States.



HIS GREAT EUROPEAN TRIP

In June of 1763, when Mozart was seven years old, he and his family traveled all over Europe - by sailing ship, mail coach, private carriage, and canal boat. They visited 6 countries: Germany, Belgium, France, England, the Netherlands, and Switzerland. Mozart was not on vacation; he worked! During the two-and-a-half year trip, he played his violin, a harpsichord, or the local organ in twenty different concerts. In January of 1766, the family returned home.

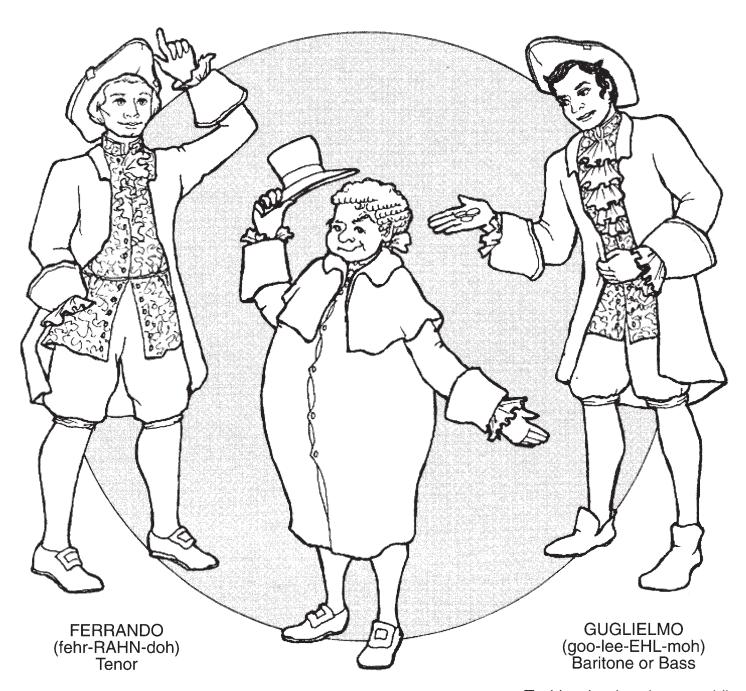


Trace Mozart's Great European Tour by drawing a line from one city to the next on this map. Starting in Salzburg, Austria, the main cities he visited were: Munich, Bonn, Brussels, Paris, London, Antwerp, the Hague, Dijon, Lyon, Geneva, Bern, and Zurich - then back again to Salzburg.

CHARACTERS



IN THE OPERA



Now, Ferrando is a soldier, Dorabella's fiancé. And he bets that she'll be true In spite of all the tricks they'll play.

DON ALFONSO (dohn ahl-FOHN-soh) Bass or Baritone

Don Alfonso is a clever man, When all is said and done. Says, "No woman can be loyal, As I proved, not even one!" To this other handsome soldier Fiordiligi is engaged; But he's in for disappointment, Losing money he has waged.

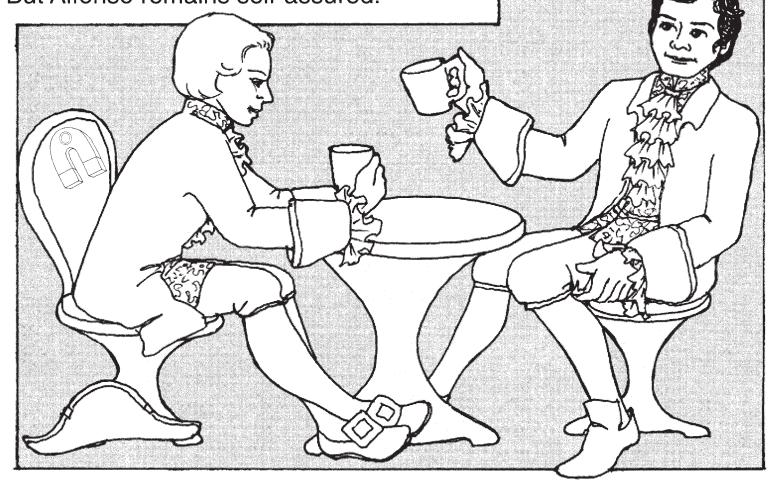


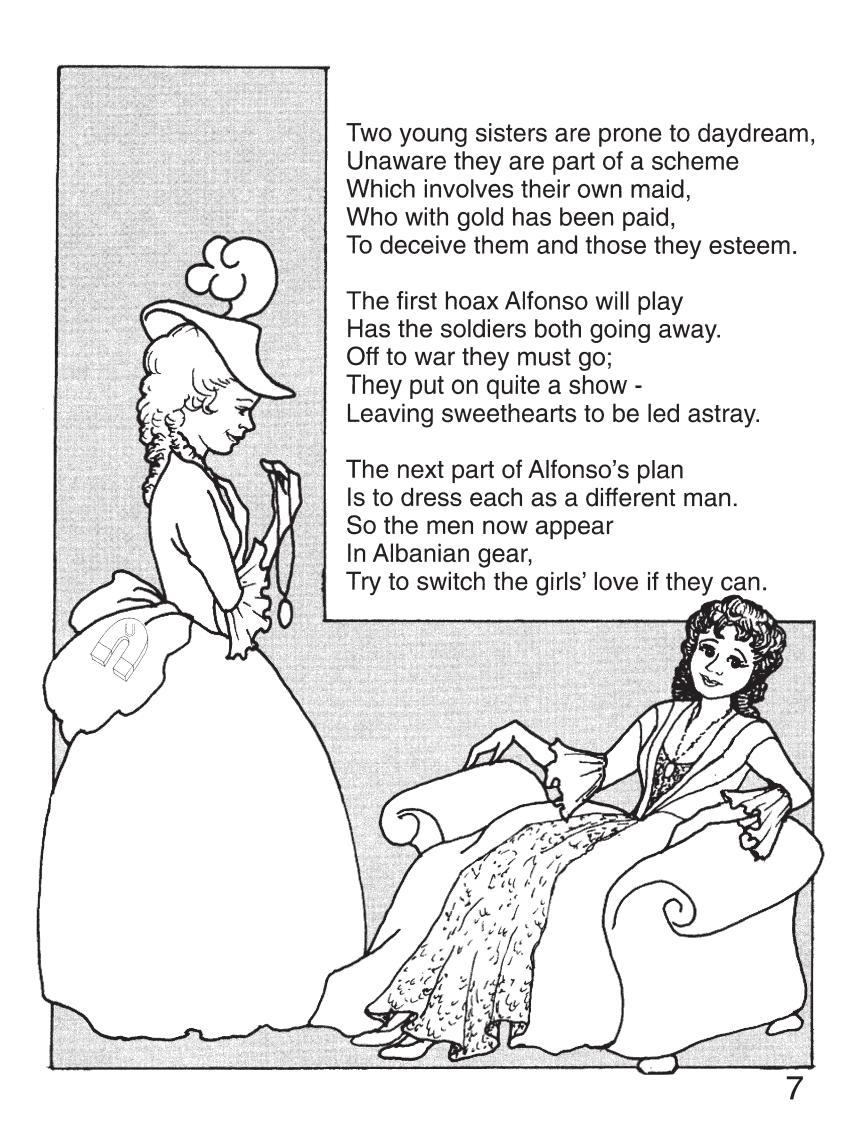
THE STORY

Two young officers in a café
Have a very unusual day.
They end up with a bet,
One which they will regret;
'Cause it turns out that they'll have to pay!

Don Alfonso, a crafty old man, Will convince these young men if he can, That "Your girls won't be true, And I'll prove it to you. But you will have to follow my plan!"

"You would doubt our fiancées? Absurd! They'll be faithful and both keep their word." And the two soldiers shout (Even take their swords out!) But Alfonso remains self-assured.

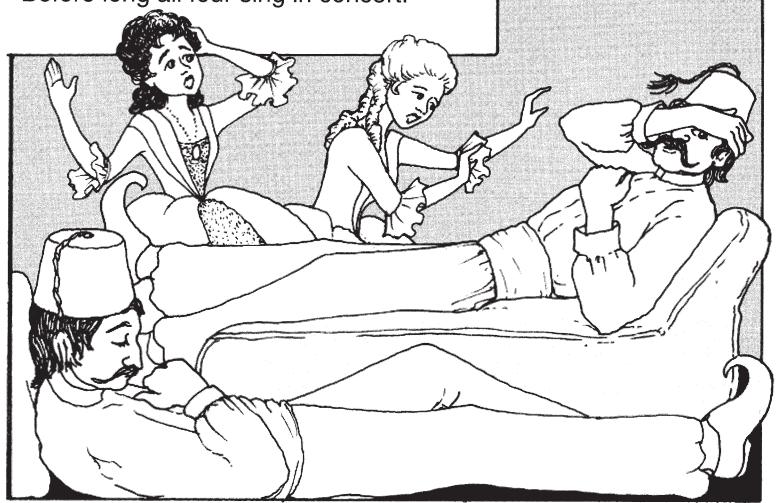


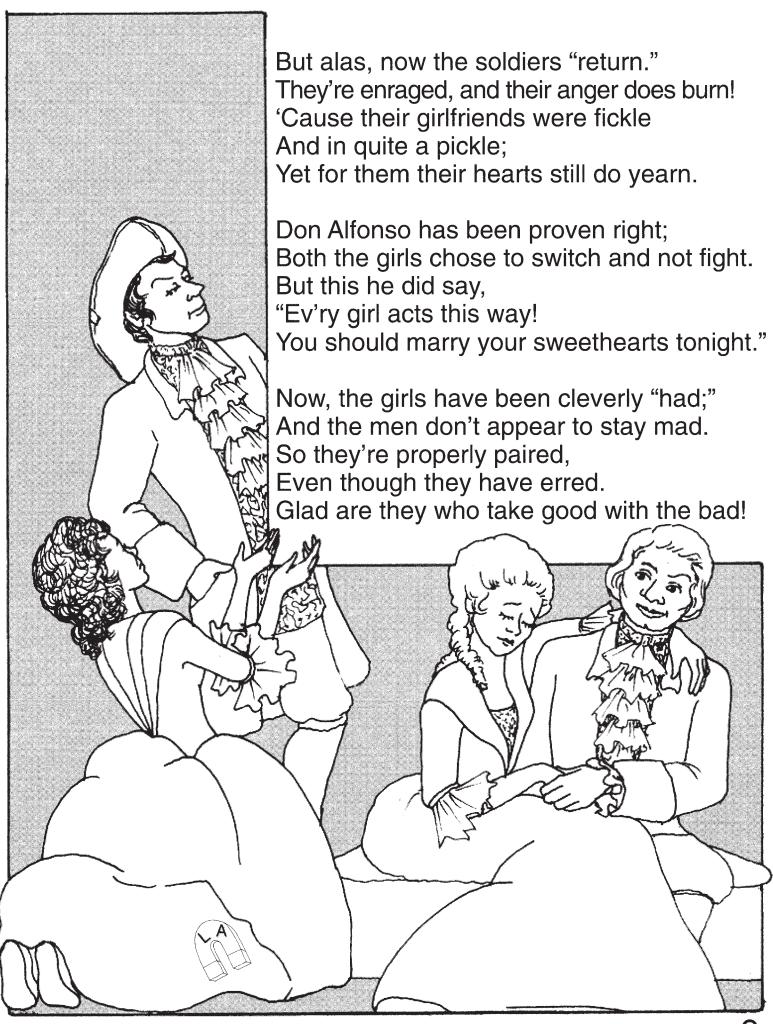


Their flirtations the sisters defy.
So the poor men say they want to die.
It is poison they take.
(Though we know it's a fake!)
"Can they love us that much?" the girls cry.

Then Despina, disguised as the "doc," "Magnetizes" them out of their shock. When they open their eyes, Telling sweet, loving lies, Then the hearts of the girls go "tick-tock!"

Their maid says, "It's no crime to flirt; No one else needs to know or get hurt." While at first they're quite shy, The girls give it a try; Before long all four sing in concert!





WHO AM 1?

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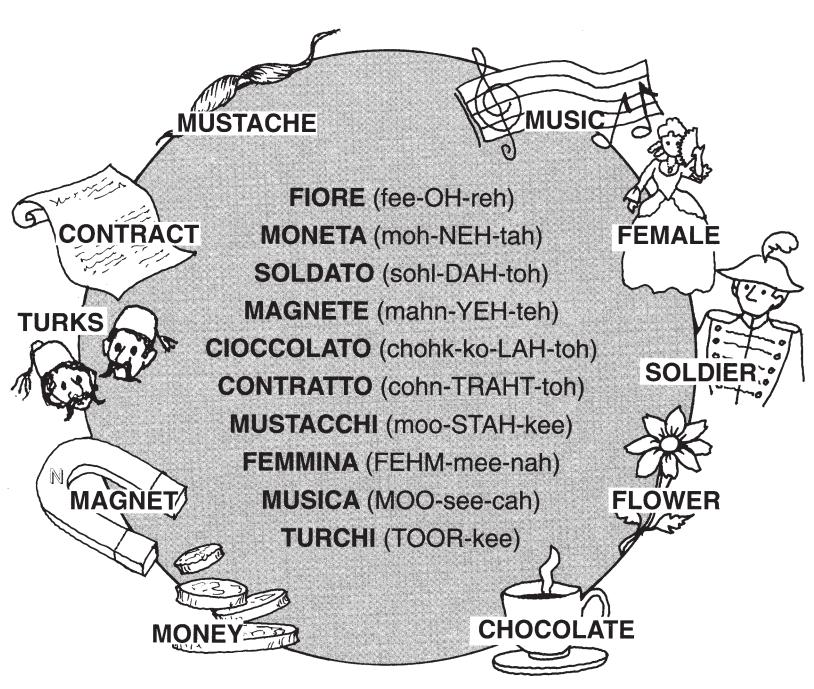
LIKE LANGUAGE

Così fan tutte is written and sung in ITALIAN.

Many of our English words look like their Italian relatives but sound different.

Try pronouncing these Italian words, for you will hear them in the opera.

Then draw a line to their English LOOK-ALIKES below:



SOAUE SIA IL VENTO

Ensemble

Fiordiligi and Dorabella have just said goodbye to their fiancés, Ferrando and Guglielmo, thinking they have left by boat to go to war. Don Alfonso joins the women in singing a prayer for their safe journey.







Così fan tutte is noted for its beautiful ensembles (on-SOM-bulls), meaning that more than one person is singing at the same time.

You can hear a rocking, wavelike pattern in the music. The notes even look like waves rippling across the page.

LIES AND DISGUISE

Fill in the blanks to discover who is who.



To trick Dorabella and Fiordiligi,

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were disguised as two A $_{37}$ $_{38}$ $_{39}$ $_{40}$ $_{41}$ $_{42}$ $_{43}$ $_{44}$ $_{45}$.

They used **lies** and **disguise** to:

Use the numbered letters from above to find this familiar slogan used in the opera.

Circle the word which does NOT describe

DON ALFONSO:

sly - tricky - conceited - self-assured - crafty

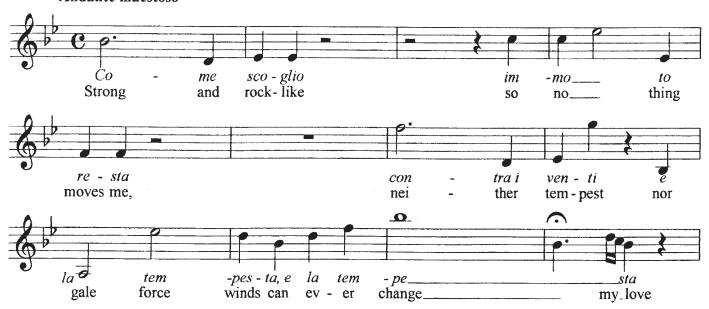
worldly - bachelor - clever - old - kind - sneaky

COME SCOGLIO

Aria

Fiordiligi is outraged! Two "strange" men dressed in Albanian costumes have just told her that they are drawn to her and to her sister "like lovesick butterflies." Fiordiligi declares that she will not be moved, and she will remain faithful to her fiancé, Guglielmo.

Andante maestoso



An aria is a big solo. It's a chance for a singer to show off a little and display a few vocal gymnastics. This aria is especially difficult to sing - it's long and full of very fast notes.

As you can see, in this piece Fiordiligi must sing extremely high and low notes.





There are ten misspelled words in this paragraph. Can you find them?

Così fan tutte is a comic opera, called opera buffa.

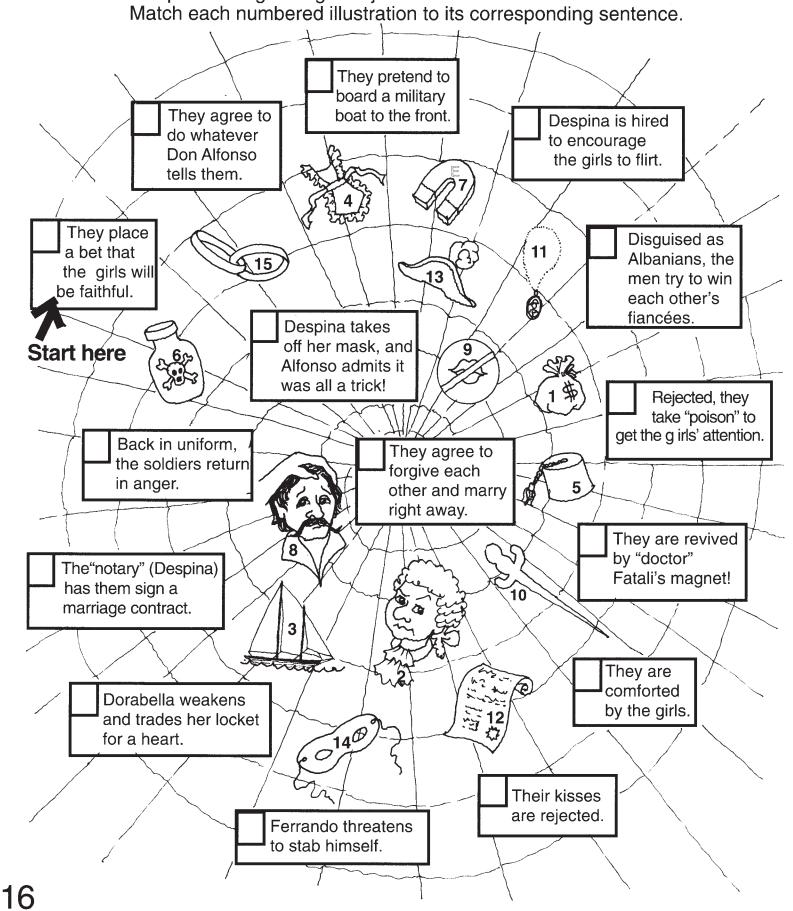
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WEB OF LIES

and now find themselves caught in it!

Trace their path through the great "joke" which almost lost them their fiancées!

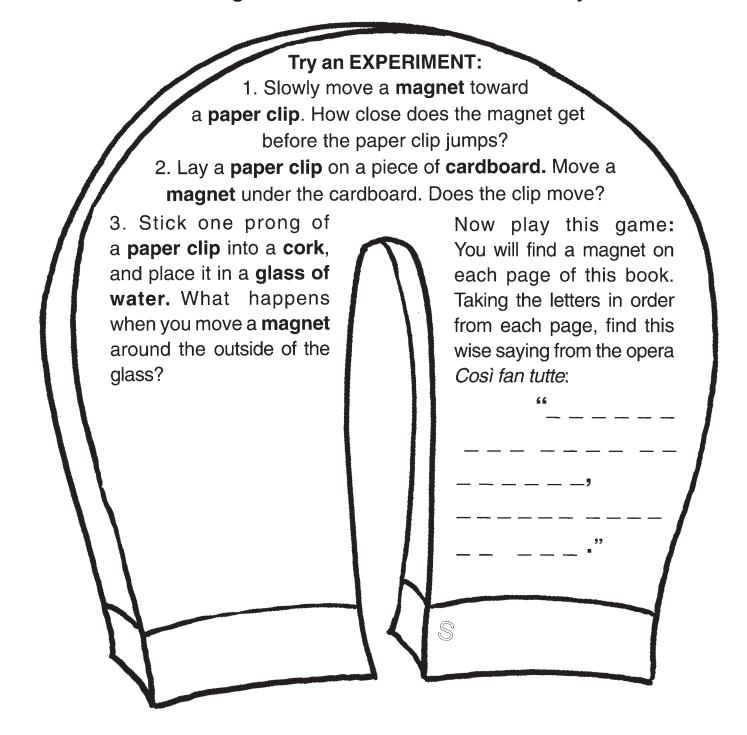




Despina pretended to cure the "poisoned" Albanians with her huge

MAGNET!

Magnets are everywhere today - from can openers and computers to the generators that create electricity!



In Mozart's day strange and exciting forces were being explored - ELECTRICITY and MAGNETISM!

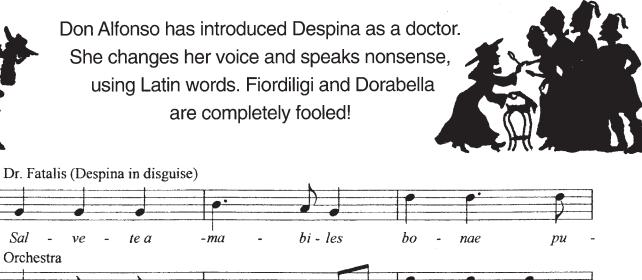
In Vienna a doctor named MESMER used magnets and hypnotism to cure his patients. He became so popular that his name is now used to describe something that is spellbinding. We call it "mesmerizing!"

DOCTOR FATALIS

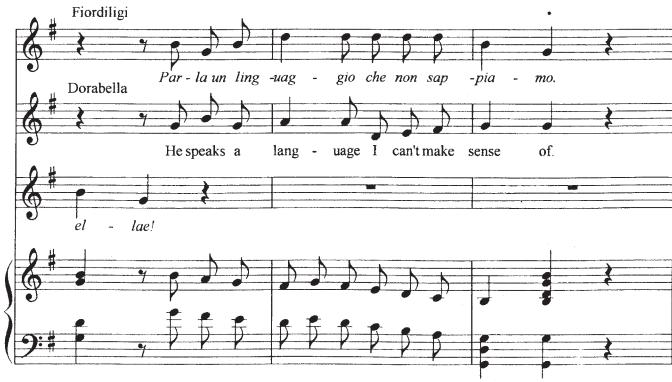
This recitative is accompanied by orchestra instead of harpsichord.



using Latin words. Fiordiligi and Dorabella



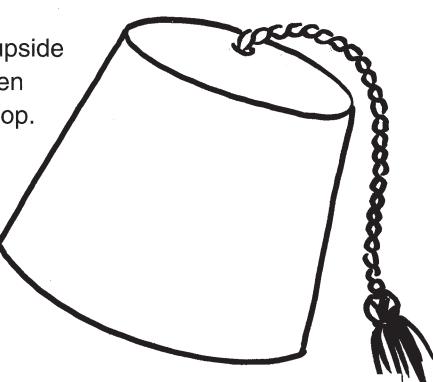






With a **FEZ**(a Turkish hat) and a **MUSTACHE** you, too, can disguise yourself as an Albanian!

Turn a plastic butter tub upside down and paint it red. Then poke a rope through the top. A knot inside will keep the rope secure, and you may knot and fray the other end to make a tassel.

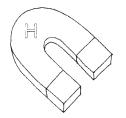


Tracing this pattern, cut a mustache from black construction paper and attach it under your nose with a piece of double-sided tape.

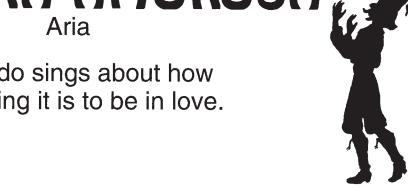
Now, with a white shirt or blouse and a pair of loose-fitting black pants, you may pretend to be an Albanian!

Can you find at least 50 words of three letters or more in the word, "MUSTACHE?"

UN' AURA AMOROSA Aria

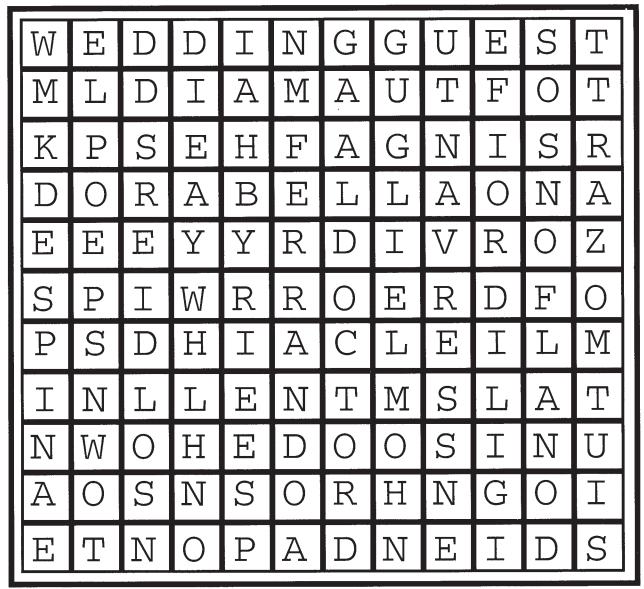


Ferrando sings about how refreshing it is to be in love.





PICK OUT THE PEOPLE



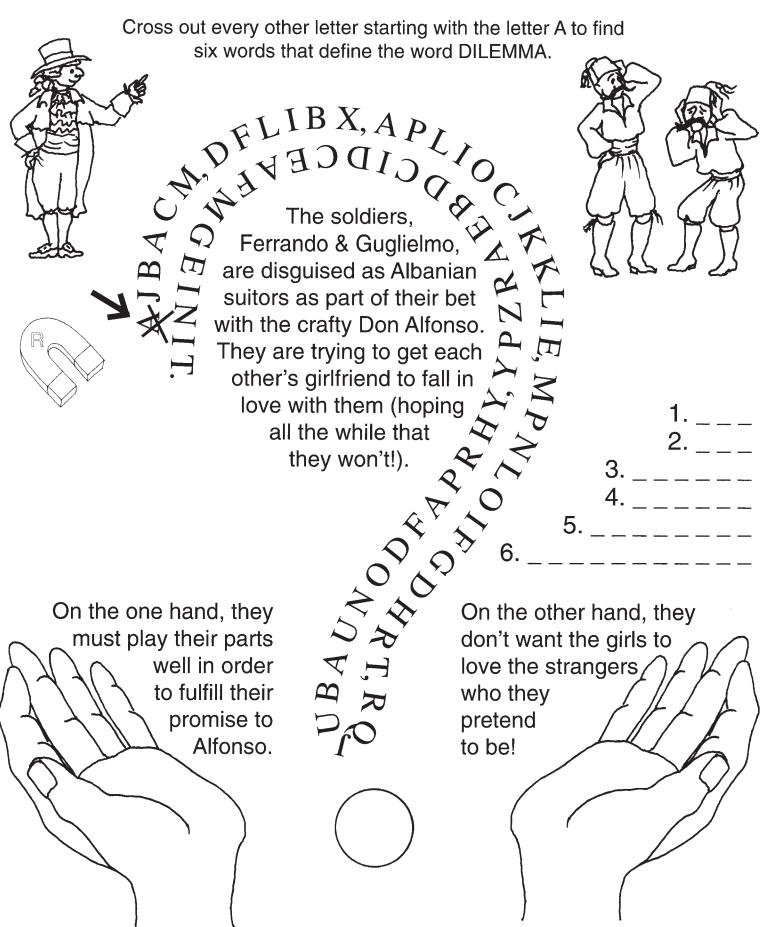
Look up, down, backward, forward, and diagonally to find these opera characters:

DA PONTE, DESPINA, DOCTOR, DON ALFONSO, DORABELLA, FERRANDO, FIORDILIGI, GUGLIELMO, MAID, MOZART, NOTARY, SERVANT, SOLDIERS, TOWNSPEOPLE, WEDDING GUEST

Now write the leftover letters in order in the spaces below to see the silly advice that Despina gave to the two sisters. It's a common phrase which means, "Do something while you have the chance."

Don Alfonso has put our two men in a

DILEMMA



ACT IT OUT

Characters:

FIORDILIGI

two sisters seated in their garden

DORABELLA

FERRANDO

their fiancés, disguised as Albanians

GUGLIELMO

DON ALFONSO - crafty man directing the charade

DESPINA

- the maid, later disguised as a "doctor"

Stage props:

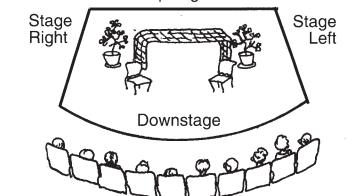
2 chairs

Flowers

2 large pill bottles

Giant magnet (cardboard)

Large pair of eye glasses



Upstage

Act 1, Scene IV:

FIORDILIGI:

I am so sad and lonely! All my happiness left when

Guglielmo went off to war.

DORABELLA:

And to add to our sadness, we have these awful

foreigners pestering us!

FERRANDO and GUGLIELMO: We'll take a double dose of "poison"!

That's the solution!

DON ALFONSO:

Oh no! Gentlemen, please don't do that! No, no! Not that! (Ferrando and Guglielmo enter from stage right,

holding poison flasks and followed by Don Alfonso.)

FERRANDO and GUGLIELMO: With this poison we end our lives!

Without their love, we don't want to live anymore! (Pretending they don't know the women are there,

they drink and throw down the flasks.)

FIORDILIGI:

Goodness, they've taken poison!

DON ALFONSO: The strongest kind! In fact, they mixed together all the

poisons they could find!

DORABELLA: Oh no! Suicide scares me to death!

FIORDILIGI: It makes my blood run cold!

FERRANDO: (staggering) I'm reeling, losing feeling!

GUGLIELMO: (walking in circles) Everything is starting to fade away -

disappearing before my eyes!

(The two men fall to the floor.)

DON ALFONSO: Rigor mortis has set in. Look how their muscles begin

to tighten!

(The men pretend their bodies are stiffening.)

FIORDILIGI: Help us! Somebody help us!

DORABELLA: Despina! Come quick!

DESPINA: Did you call me? (sees the men on the ground)

What happened to the Albanians?

DON ALFONSO: They were driven to...do themselves in by hopeless love.

And I'm afraid that help may be too late.

DESPINA: We must try to help them!

FIORDILIGI: What do you suggest?

DESPINA: There are still signs of life. Raise their heads slightly.

Stroke their foreheads lightly. (Girls do as instructed.)

(to Don Alfonso) Let's go for a doctor! (Despina and Alfonso run off-stage.)

FIORDILIGI and DORABELLA: Oh, how cruel we've been!

What can we do to save their lives?

FERRANDO: *(to the audience)* This is really funny!

GUGLIELMO: (to the audience) I could laugh myself to death!

FIORDILIGI: Poor men! Are they suffering? (The men start to moan.)

DORABELLA: I hear their moaning. (They groan even louder.)

FERRANDO: The girls are getting warmer every minute!

GUGLIELMO: (to audience) They're weakening! (frowns) But we don't

really want them to! (They give each other questioning

looks and drop their heads back to the floor.)

(Don Alfonso enters with Despina disguised as a doctor wearing big glasses. The girls jump up to meet them.)

DON ALFONSO: May I present Doctor Fatalis?

FIORDILIGI: Oh, doctor, what are their chances?

"DOCTOR": (feels the Albanians' pulses and puts her hand on their

foreheads.) First, I need to know what caused this!

DORABELLA: They took poison - a double dose!

DON ALFONSO, FIORDILIGI, and DORABELLA: Love caused their suicide!

"DOCTOR": Don't get excited! I can make them well again. With this!

(produces a giant magnet.) (to the audience) With just a little hocus-pocus these silly girls will lose their focus.

DON ALFONSO, FIORDILIGI, and DORABELLA: A giant magnet?!

"DOCTOR": I can pull out the bad from their head to their toe,

moving my magnet like this and like so!

(moves magnet from top to bottom of Guglielmo.)

I can cure all the diseases I know,

moving my magnet like this and like so!

(twists magnet up and down over Ferrando.)

Help me to support them. They are weak.

FIORDILIGI and DORABELLA: Of course! Gladly!

(They bend down to hold the mens' heads in their laps.)

"DOCTOR": You're doing nicely. Yes! Soon they'll be well.

(winks at Don Alfonso.) (The men begin to move.)

DON ALFONSO, FIORDILIGI, and DORABELLA: They're alive again!

FERRANDO: Am I alive, or am I dreaming?

GUGLIELMO: Am I in heaven? Are you an angel?

(They roll their eyes, try to hug the girls, but are only allowed to kiss their hands.)

DON ALFONSO and "DOCTOR": (to audience) I think our trick is

beginning to work! It's the magnet's strong effect!

GUGLIELMO and FERRANDO: Kiss us or we die! Just a little kiss?

"DOCTOR": Please, won't you? Out of kindness for these poor men?

DORABELLA and FIORDILIGI: Get out of here, you awful men!

And don't come back to us again!

DON ALFONSO: (to men) Sooner or later their anger will turn to love.

FERRANDO and GUGLIELMO: That's what we're afraid of!

FERRANDO: Are we winning?

GUGLIELMO: Or are we losing?

FERRANDO and GUGLIELMO: Oh, my goodness, how confusing!

(curtain)

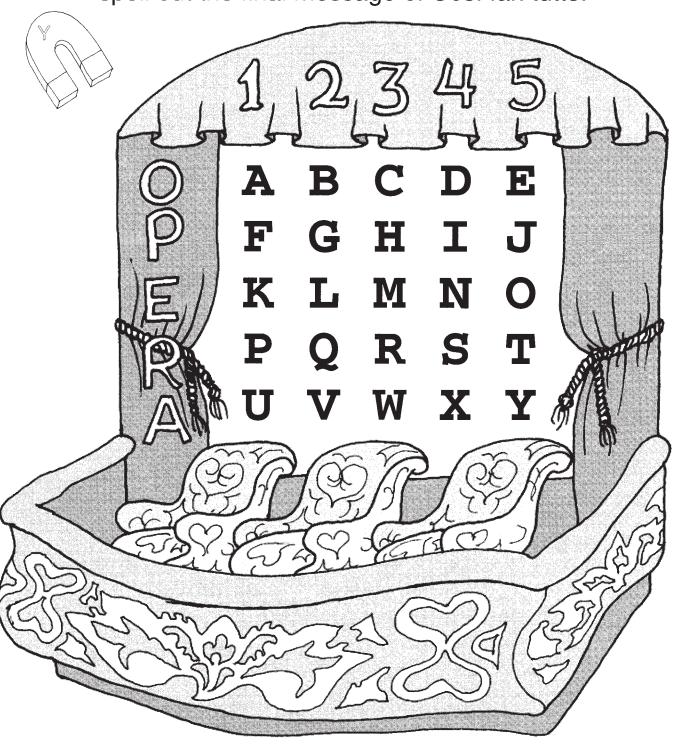
STUFF in the STORY

The props pictured are those you will see in the opera.

The two men bet that the sisters will remain true. But they agree to try to trick the girls. A same announces that the men must go "to war." The girls wave goodbye, wearing from their boyfriends. Later, the sisters sit on A in the garden, and She tastes their ... She (Despina) is bribed with trick the girls. She tells them they must learn to flirt. Just then, two "Albanians" with funny appear and try to win the girls' love. When this doesn't work, they pretend to take The "doctor" pretends to bring them back to life with her huge Soon a decorated with serenades them off-shore. Guglielmo gives Dorabella a 💙 - shaped pendant in exchange for a of her boyfriend, Ferrando. The girls primp in front of a

To get away, Fiordiligi wants to join Guglielmo for the battle. She tells the maid to bring military and puts on a soldier's throws off her . But Ferrando if she leaves, so she finally threatens to kill himself with a gives in. Dressed like a notary, Despina brings a , and the girls sign it with a Don Alfonso confesses it was all a TRICK, and the couples get back together as they started. They toast each other with Unscramble this message from Despina to Fiordiligi and Dorabella: WATH SI ODOG ORF HET SEOGO SI DOGO ROF EHT **DRENGA**

Using the **OPERA BOX** code below spell out the final message of Così fan tutte:



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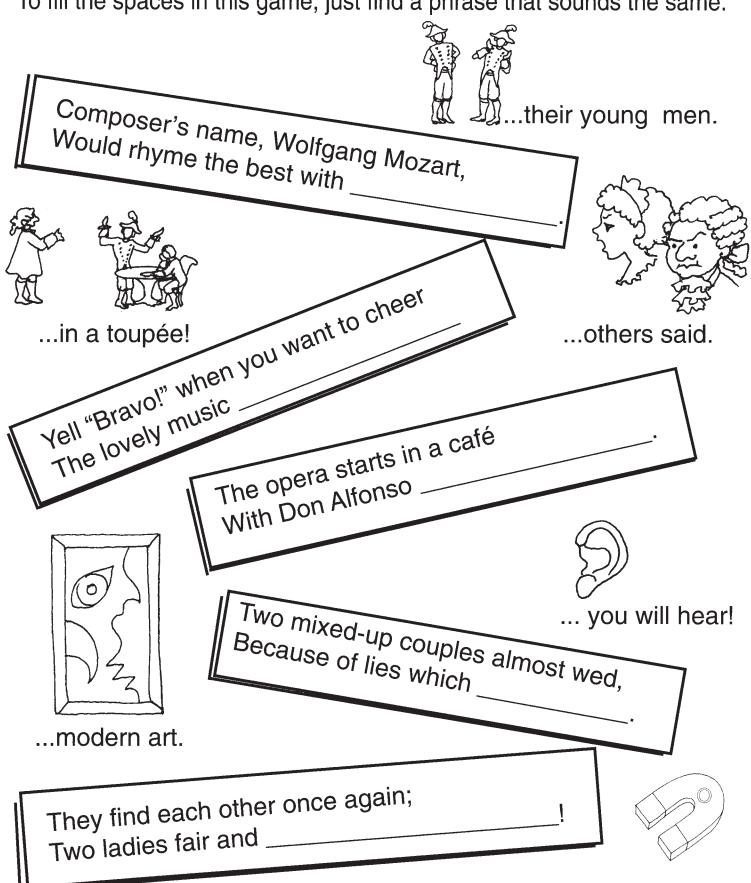
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RHYME TIME!

Rhyming's lots of fun to do; so go ahead, you do it, too! To fill the spaces in this game, just find a phrase that sounds the same.



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pg 3 HIS GREAT EUROPEAN TRIP



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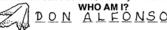
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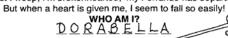
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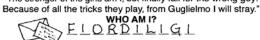
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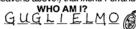
First I weep; I'm brokenhearted; my Ferrando has departed.



The stronger of the girls am I, but finally fall for the wrong guy!



I was convinced, when this all started, Fiordiligi was true-hearted. But then I found (heavens above!) that friend Ferrando won her love!



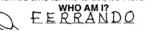
I tell the girls, "Your men aren't true; so do to them as they do you!" I dress the part and play the "Doc." I magnetize them from their shock.

WHO AM I?

DESPINA



With Don Alfonso I'm disgusted; Dorabella can be trusted! But, when it's time for me to act, it's Fiordiligi I attract!







ONTRACT

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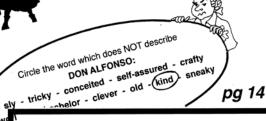
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SOLDIER



TONGUE TOAD pg 15 (There are ten misspelled words in this paragraph. Can you find them?

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LIES AND DISGUISE



To trick Dorabella and Fiordiligi,

DESPINA disguised herself as a

DOCTOR and a NOTARY GUGLLELMO and FERRANDO

were disguised as two A L BANLANS.

They used lies and disguise to:

"PULL THE WOOLS OVER THE EYES."

SOLUTIONS

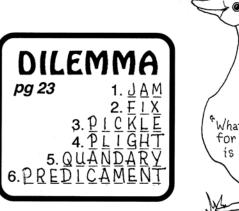




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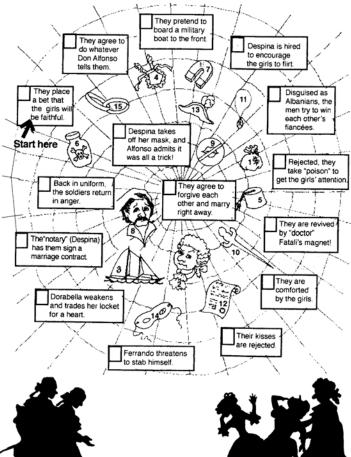


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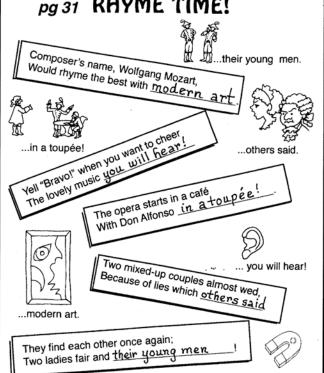
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