

Unsolved Mysteries

You have been selected to participate in **the search for the truth**. Below you will read of three mysterious events which occurred in the last week. Not many clues are out there, but that's why we've asked for your professional opinion. It will require your best application of logic and precise thinking, not to mention some really good guessing.

See how you do, but remember: **small things can have big consequences**.

1. The smoldering remains of a charter flight lay in a **snow-capped grave** in the Rocky Mountains. There are no survivors and few clues about what caused this tragedy. Structurally, **the aircraft seems sound**—indeed, the only damage to the frame is on the nose where the it smashed into the side of the mountain. But while the windshield seems solid, there is a great deal of **broken glass scattered** about within the cockpit. How did this terrible tragedy in the skies occur?
2. A twenty-year-old man is **lying unconscious** in the middle of the road that winds along the side of a **rock quarry**. His head, knees, and hands are bleeding. Not a single car is in sight, and the only sound to be heard is the whir of the man's **skateboard** as it continues down the hill. How did he end up like this?
3. His body is shattered, bloody, and dead. This teenage boy is lying on a **major freeway** surrounded by people and a whole string of smashed cars. A torn piece of the **teen's shirt** is hanging from the sign on the bridge twenty feet above. What was the cause of this teen's gruesome death?



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SPEAK YOUR MIND

On the lines below, write a legitimate criticism about each of the people or things listed. Don't be cruel in what you say, but be honest and perfectly frank in your answers—your teacher will not read them out loud to the class.

My Family _____








My Room _____

My School _____

My Hometown _____

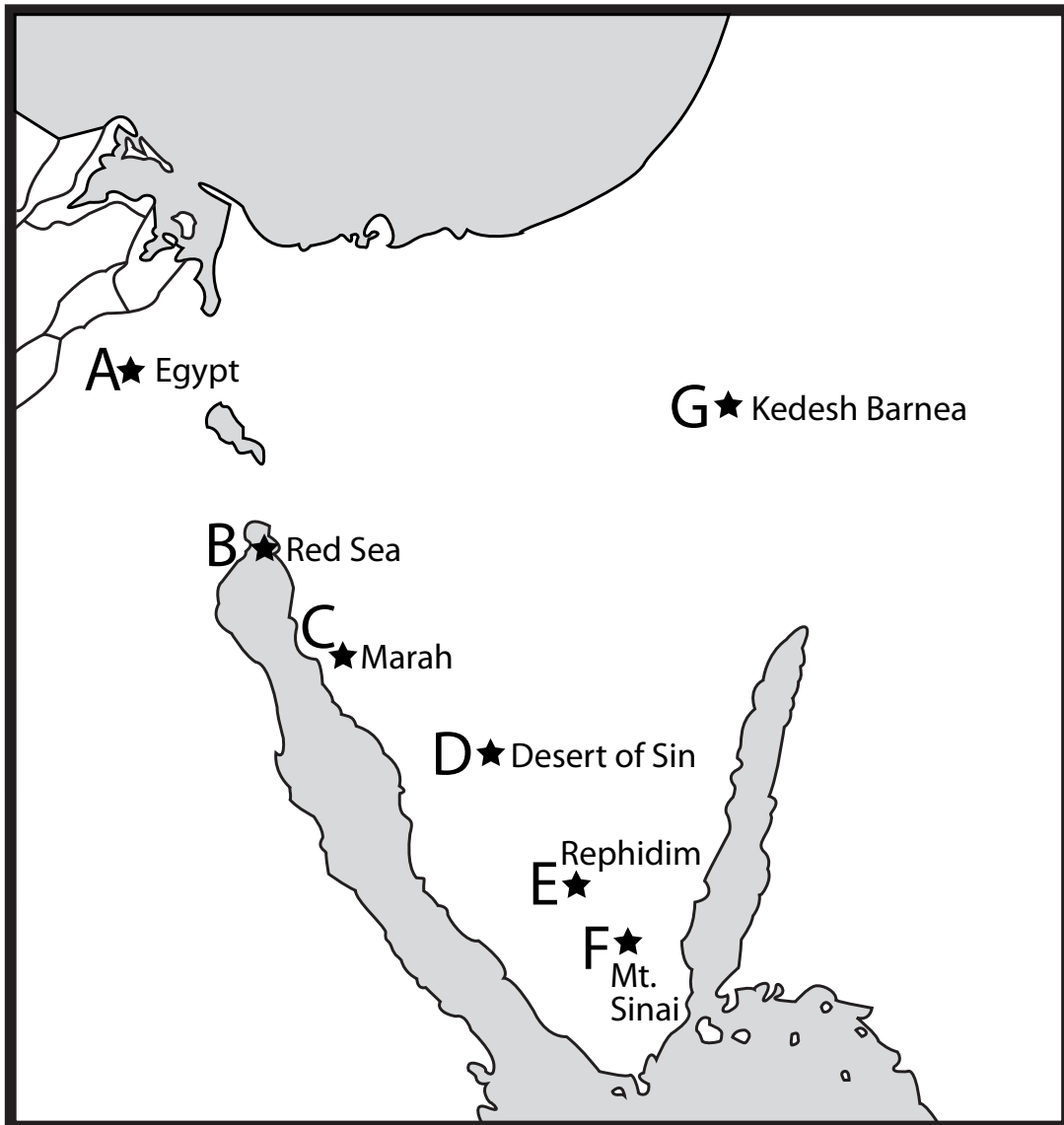
A Sports Team _____

My Church _____

| My Blessings Journal | |
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PROFILES IN COMPLAINING

- A. _____ E. _____
B. _____ F. _____
C. _____ G. _____
D. _____





TROUBLE-SHOOTER

You have just started a business in a small rural town. You are a trouble-shooter. When people have mechanical problems, they give you a call, and you give them advice. Below are a few situations that need your immediate attention. Remember, you are the one who is supposed to have all the answers. Pick the one best solution for each scenario.

1. "Excuse me sir, but I have a real problem back at my house. You see, the whole house is filling up with water, and it's ruining everything I own. I turned on the bathtub faucet and put in some bubble bath soap, but then I got tied up on the phone, and the water spilled over onto the floor. This very minute it's running down the stairs and into the dining room. What should I do?"

- Open all the windows and doors to let the water flow outside.
- Put sandbags in the bathroom to contain the water.
- Move to a different house.
- Call the water company to shut off the water.
- Turn off the tub faucet.

2. "Hello, I hate to bother you, but today as I was grilling hamburgers outside, I stepped on a doggy "prize." It was kind of embarrassing because we had company over, and I was barefoot. How can I prevent this from happening again?"

- Wear stilts every time you are outside.
- Pass a law to make dog ownership illegal.
- Pay someone to walk ahead of you everywhere you go.
- Bring your grill inside and cook your burgers in the living room.
- Watch where you are walking.

Accountability Chart

Chart your success for 90 days. For each day you remember the weapon verse and defeat the sin, circle that day.

| Sin of . . . | Weapon Verse | Action Principle |
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| Lying | Ephesians 4:25a _____ _____ | I must not substitute the truth with a lie. |
| Complaining | Numbers 11:1a _____ _____ | I must remember God's goodness when I feel like complaining. |
| Mocking | Proverbs 14:9a _____ _____ | I must not allow myself to mock others. |
| Cursing | Ephesians 4:29a _____ _____ | I must refuse to use curse words, replacing them instead with holy speech. |
| Gossiping | Leviticus 19:16a _____ _____ | I must not slander others but instead speak a good word. |

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| 56 | 57 | 58 | 59 | 60 |
| 61 | 62 | 63 | 64 | 65 |
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