

# STUDENT ACTIVITY KIT for

## *My Best Friend Is a Secret Agent*

by Richard Clark, Illustrated by Rich Murray

### About the Book

*My Best Friend Is a Secret Agent* tells the story of Nort, a brilliant young boy, who invents a gizmo that's able to make his best friend, Chip, an expert at any skill they can imagine. At the flip of a switch, Chip becomes C.H.I.P., the Computerized Heroic Incredible Person. But they're not just doing this to fool around, they're doing it to turn Chip into a secret agent capable of saving their beloved home town of Vortville from a collection of wacky bad guys with a whole lot of wacky plans!

Not only is the book a lot of fun to read, it's also a great way to get kids to appreciate science and invention. Though the science is fictionalized, the real hero of the book is Nort, the brilliant young inventor who's able to imagine and build most anything he puts his mind to. And that's a great message for students, especially those who look forward to exploring STEM subjects.

### Classroom Activities

Young readers of this book can have a lot of hands-on fun with the storytelling exercises, mind games and drawing projects included here.

- "My Secret Agent Story": You too can be C.H.I.P. the secret agent! First, create your own "wacky bad guy", complete with his wacky plan. Then imagine you're C.H.I.P. himself, and figure out what skills you'll need to take the bad guy on! (Invent your own cool gadgets too!)
- "Dress Up C.H.I.P.": Choose a skill for C.H.I.P., then color him in. Make sure you give him a cool tag line too!
- "Gadget Word Search": See if you can find all eleven gadgets in C.H.I.P.'s word search puzzle.
- "Find the Freaky Fuzzies": Can you help C.H.I.P. make his way through the maze to find the Freaky Fuzzies?

### More Fun on the Website

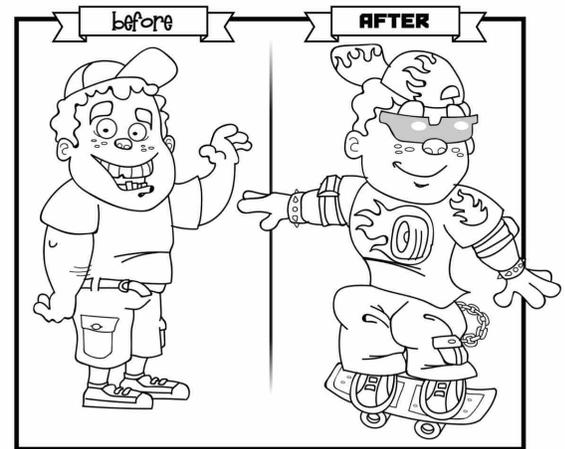
Just go to [mybestfriendsecretagent.com](http://mybestfriendsecretagent.com) and click on "Coloring" to find lots of illustrations from the book to color. There are also several other children's books to download there, most of them for free, including a FREE "NORT AND C.H.I.P." COMIC BOOK!

# MY "SECRET AGENT" STORY

From *My Best Friend Is a Secret Agent*, by Richard Clark

Your name: \_\_\_\_\_

Your teacher's name: \_\_\_\_\_



What wacky bad guy is attacking your town, and what does he want to do?

(Example: "Dr. Pumpkin" - He wants to paint the whole town orange! Or "The Loop-de-looper" - She wants to replace all the streets with roller-coasters!)

(Tips: Ask yourself what wacky bad guy would you be? Wacky bad guys aren't evil, they just love something so much, they want everybody else to love it too... whether they like it or not!)

Wacky bad guy name: \_\_\_\_\_

Their wacky plan: \_\_\_\_\_

What skills would C.H.I.P. need to have to take on the wacky bad guy?

(Example: For "The Loop-de-looper", C.H.I.P. could become a bulldozer driver to bulldoze the loopy roads, or a BMX bike rider to ride on them and do tricks.)

What gadgets could Nort build for C.H.I.P. to take on your bad guy?

(Example: For "The Loop-de-looper", Nort could invent "Magneto Tires", magnetic tires for the C.H.I.P.-mobile so it won't fall off when doing the loop-de-loops in the roads.)

## DRESS UP C.H.I.P.

Use the gray outline of Chip in his undies to turn him into the C.H.I.P. you created in your own story. Color him as C.H.I.P. the **stuntman**! Or C.H.I.P. the **ninja**! Or even C.H.I.P. the **ballerina**!  
(And don't forget to give him a catchy tagline!)



# GADGET WORD SEARCH

Find the gadgets listed below in the puzzle. Remember, the words can be horizontal, vertical or diagonal. And they might even be spelled backwards!

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

GUMMY GRIPPERS

TURBO TAIL

MINERAL MIXIFIER

CLAMPY CLAWS

TICKLE BOT

CHIP MOBILE

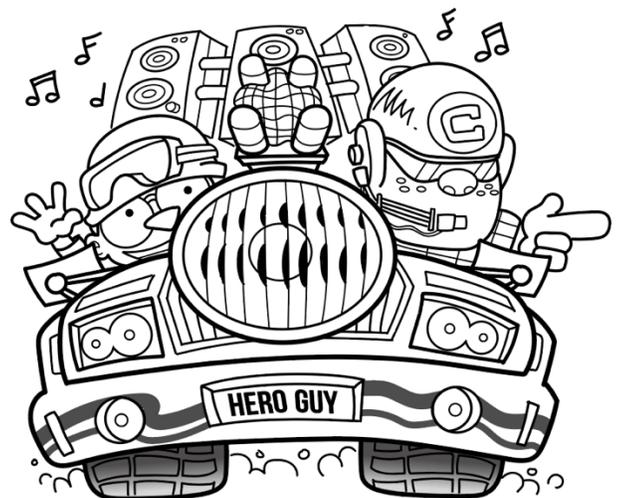
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GO THRU GOGGLES

ROPE ERANG

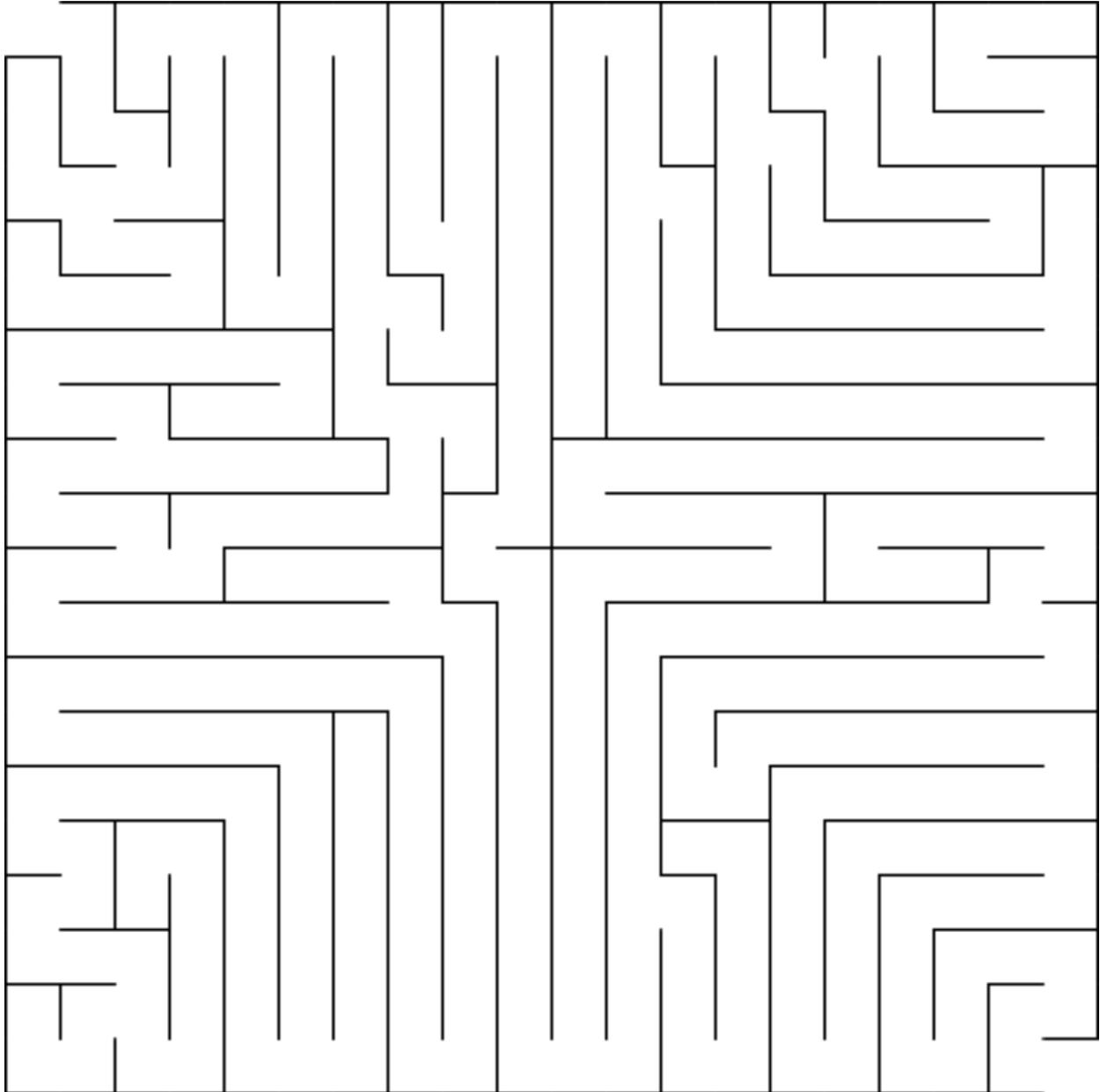
BANANA RANG

LADYBUG DRONE



# FIND THE FREAKY FUZZIES

Can you help C.H.I.P. make his way through the maze to find the Freaky Fuzzies?



# PUZZLE SOLUTIONS

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

