

Bird

Doing bird

“Prison time. Isn't a bird free? William Blake wrote that 'A Bird in a cage / Sends Heaven in a rage.'”

Bird

Sing like a bird

“Is bird song really like divulging secrets? Is it because both involve repetition?”



Bird

Eat like a bird

“Hummingbirds eat constantly to maintain their high energy flying. So the idiom's conventional meaning isn't necessarily an accurate perception.”

Bird

Kill two birds with one stone

“Why not eight? This idiom clearly pre-dates the steroid era.”

Bird

A little bird told me

“Imagine having a little bird on your shoulder that whispers secrets in your ear.”

Bee

Bee's knees

“Perhaps as special as hen's teeth?”



Bee

Bee line

“Which flies straighter, the bee or the crow?”

Bee

Busy bee

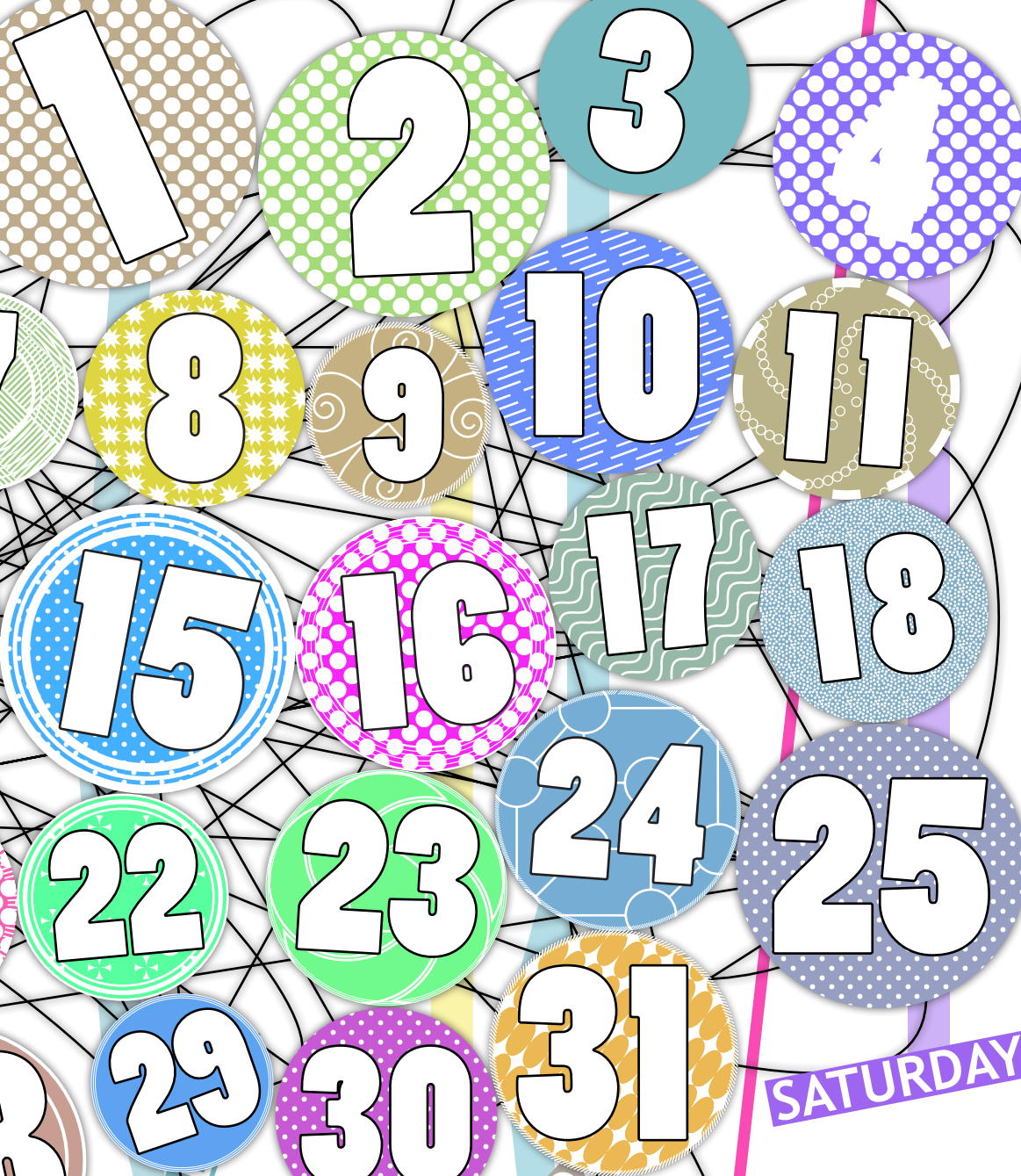
“It's not so much how busy you are, but why you are busy. The bee is praised. The mosquito is swatted. (Mary O'Connor)”

Bee

Bee in her bonnet

“Although this should connote distraction and alarm, it typically refers to someone with a fixation, who is highly motivated.”

MAY



Snail

Snail mail

“Neither snow nor rain nor heat nor gloom of night stays these couriers from the completion of their appointed rounds.”

Snail

Snail's pace

“Despite their reputation, they chomp through foliage at quite a clip.”

Boar

Drunk as a peach orchard boar

“Evidently boars can't hold their fermented peaches.”



Crocodile

To cry crocodile tears

“How did crocodiles become reknowned among predators for false sorrow?”

Crocodile

See you later alligator, after a while crocodile

“How to make a rendez-vous with large reptiles in doggerel.”

Boar

Useless as tits on a boar

“How did the boar become the one male mammal whose nipples are the standard for uselessness?”

Snake

A snake in the grass

“This idiom seems a bit unfair to the snake, which by its nature cannot easily rise above the grass.”

Snake

Snake oil

“Snakes are probably lucky that their oil is now devalued. Minks have trouble parting with their valuable oil.”

Snake

Slicker than silk pajamas on a garter snake

“It's unclear whether this means slick like a salesman or simply without friction.”



Snake

Like fighting snakes

“With music, and hands, a snake charmer can gain the upper hand.”

Walking at a snail's pace