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Introduction

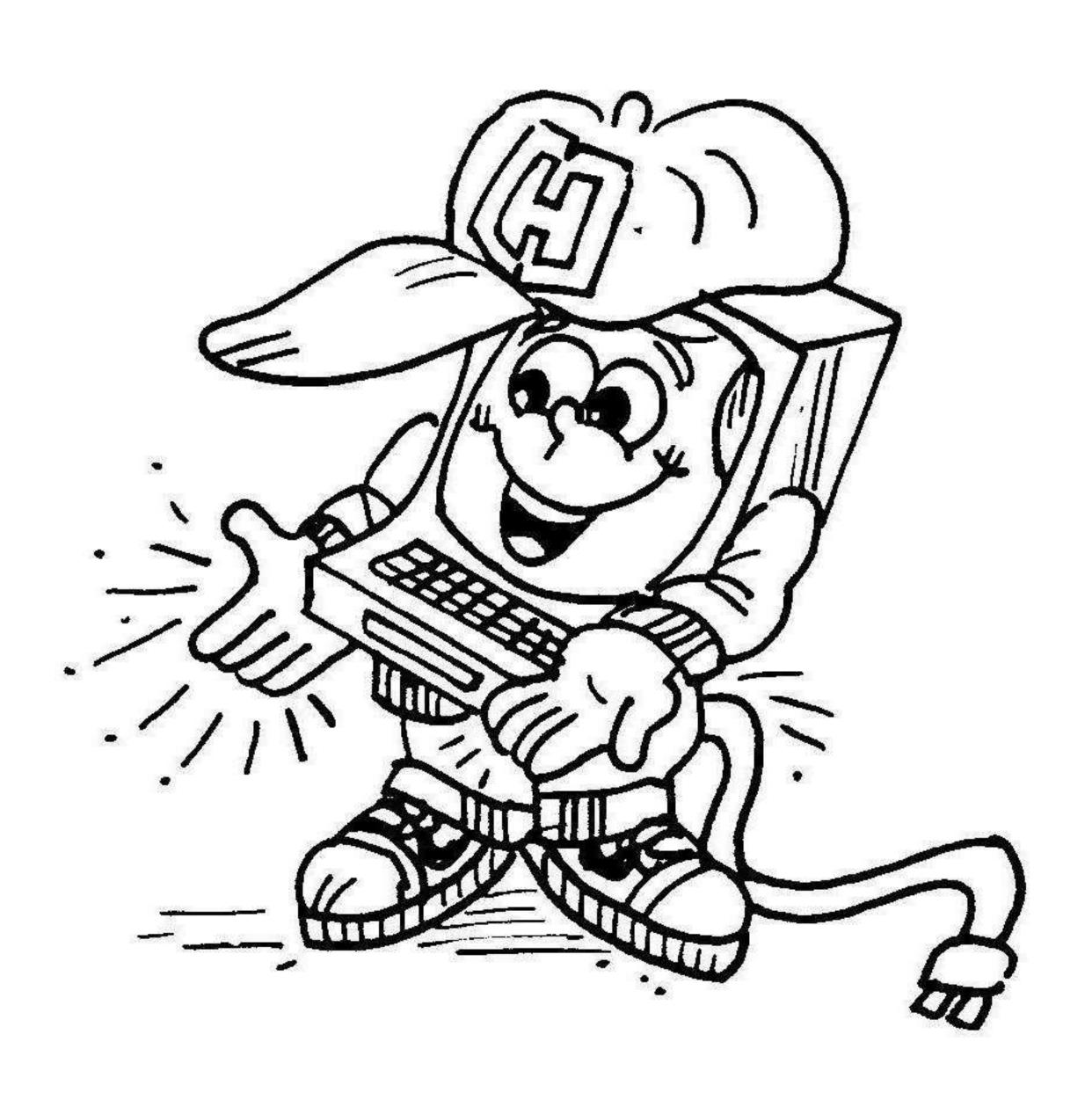
Instant Activities for your Commodore is part of an eight book "Growing Up with Computers"™ series. This beginning programming book for children ages 9 and up introduces computer programming in BASIC. No prior experience with the computer is necessary for either the child or the supervising adult.

A carefully tested step-by-step introduction to the computer by Herbie, a very friendly computer character, unravels the mysteries of programming with humorous stories, delightful drawings, and easy-to-follow programs. Herbie first acquaints the new user with the keyboard and its special keys. The back cover helps the child by being a reminder of proper keyboard fingering position.

Herbie takes the new programmer for a ride in a rocket ship, and in a balloon. Herbie then teaches how to add a blast-off program prior to take-off, and how to add color. Through a sequenced activity-book style of presentation, the new programmers are soon writing their own count-downs and take-offs in balloons and ships of their own design.

Herbie introduces the child to a magician with a bag of tricks, and soon children can write their own magic number guessing games. Silly "mad-libs" will keep your child laughing and eager to do more programming. A colorful center-fold poster emphasizes that computers and computer programming are used in many diverse professions. The longer programs will open vistas of programming possibilities for more experienced users. The beginning user will enjoy copying and running these programs.

Instant Activities for your Commodore is the perfect primer for young programmers. Children should be encouraged to go page-by-page in order to absorb the concepts presented. What the program does, and what is seen on the screen is detailed in each activity. Do not worry about getting stuck as the Quick Reference Guide in the back of the book rescues any seeming emergency. At the conclusion the child will proudly display a well-earned "Perfect Programmer" award. Even if the child's programming is not exactly perfect, we will know he or she had a perfectly wonderful time trying, thanks to Herbie.



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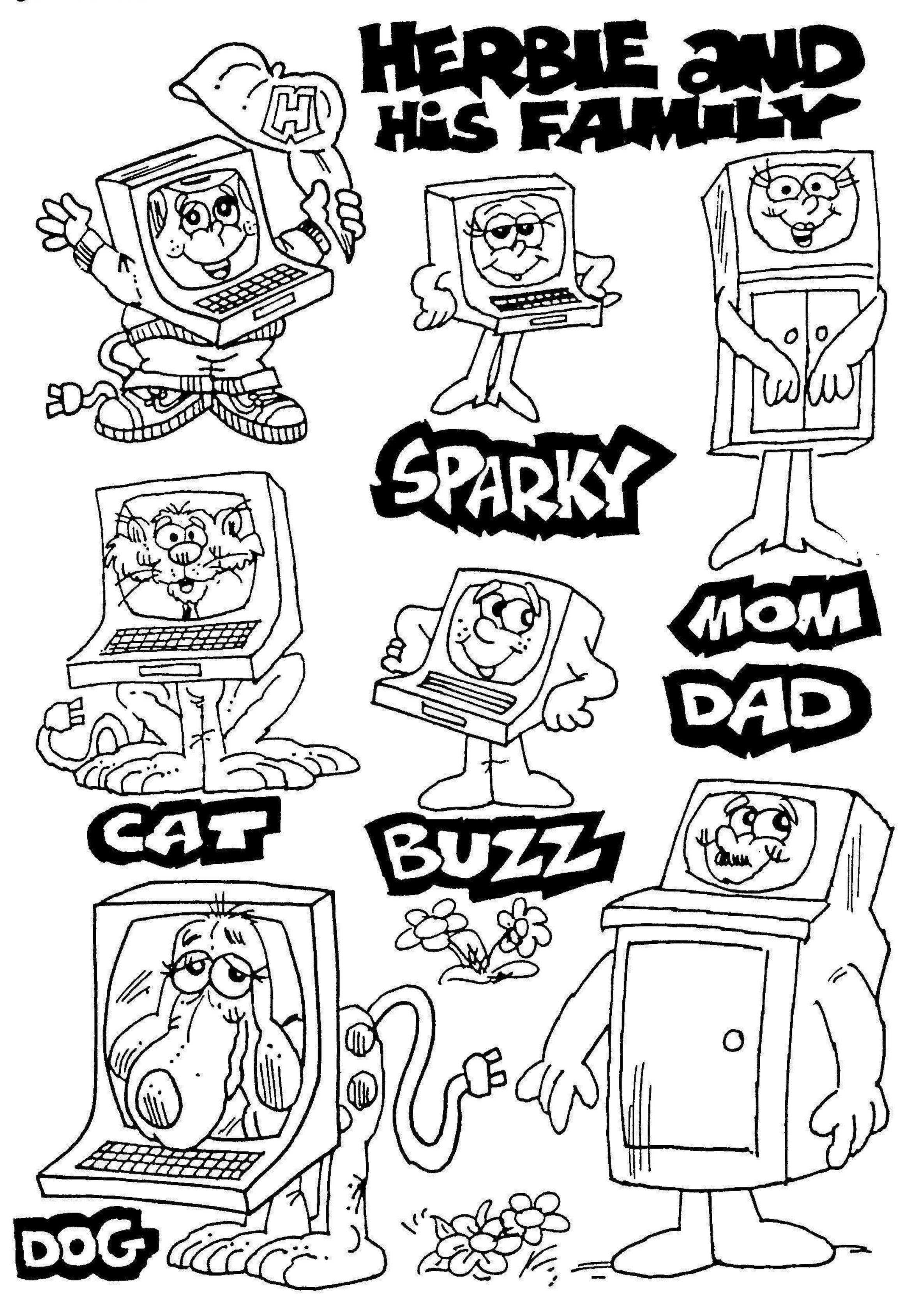
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Meet Herbie

Hi! I'm Herbie, and this is my family. We are the Micro family! We are a friendly bunch, and, as you can tell, I'm the talkative type. When you finish this book, you will be able to talk back to me, because you will know how to talk in my language, which is BASIC*. So let's get started!



*Capitalized boldface words can be found in the Quick Reference Guide (pages 44-46).

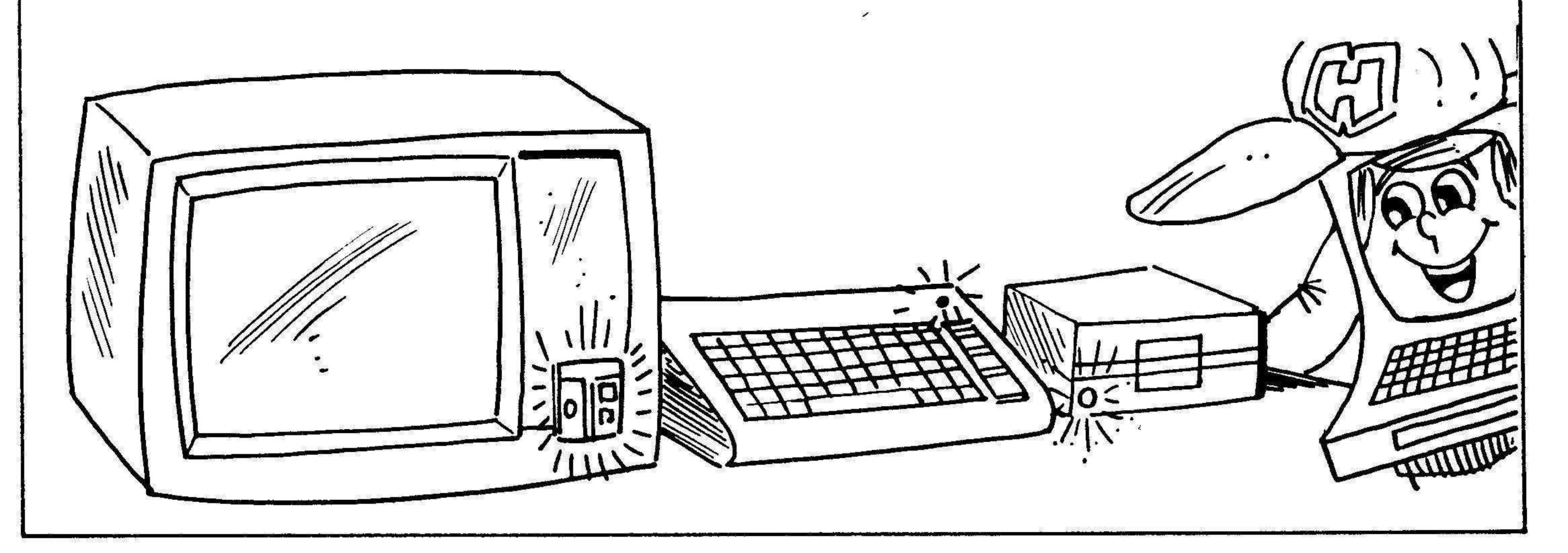
Getting Started

First things first! Check your hands. Make sure they are clean, then let's turn on the computer. Find the unlit power light on the computer.

Turn your monitor or TV on. Then turn on your computer.

The red power light should be on. Some writing will appear on the screen. This message should also appear on the screen.

READY.

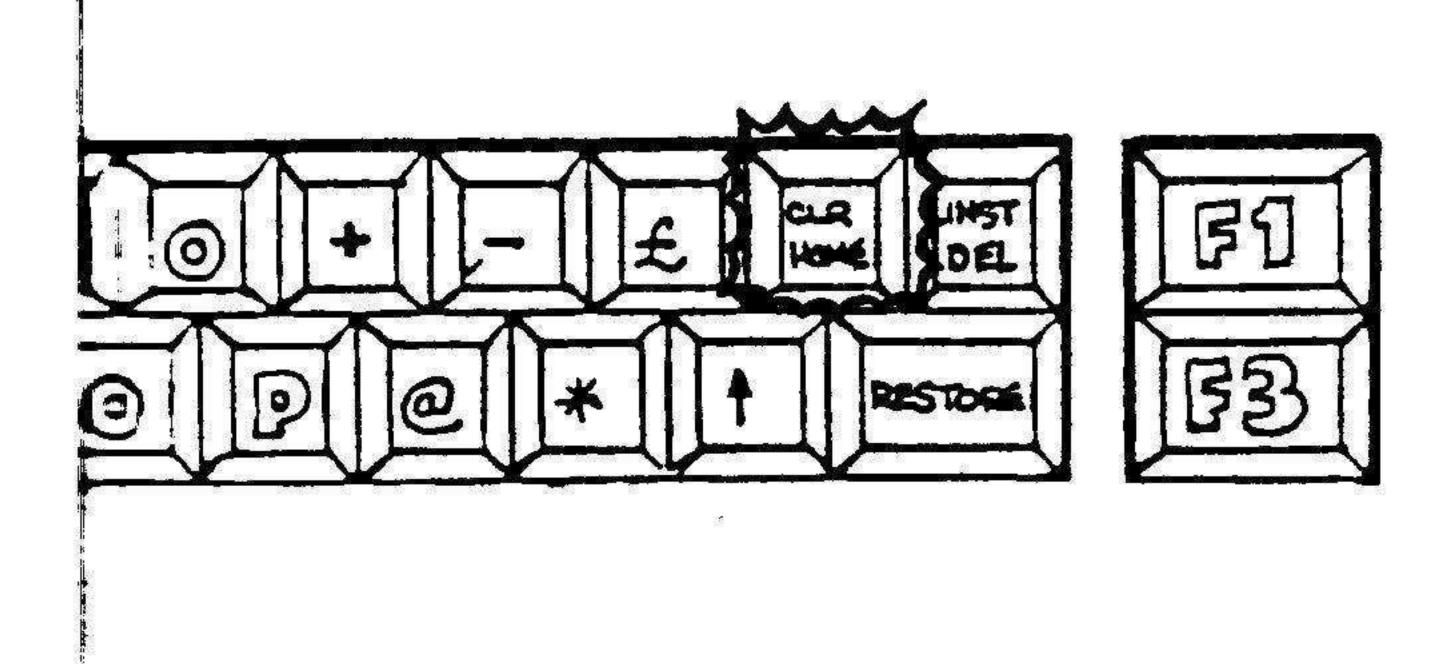


Ready, Set, Go!

READY means the computer is ready to take your every command. The cursor is the blinking square that is underneath the READY. It tells you where you are. The computer is READY and now we begin:

Press the CLR/HOME key.

Did you see the cursor move? It moved to its "home" position at the very top left-hand corner. That is why the key says HOME on it!





Seeing the Sights

The cursor is a special key. Let's get to know it better! It can go anywhere, if you know how.

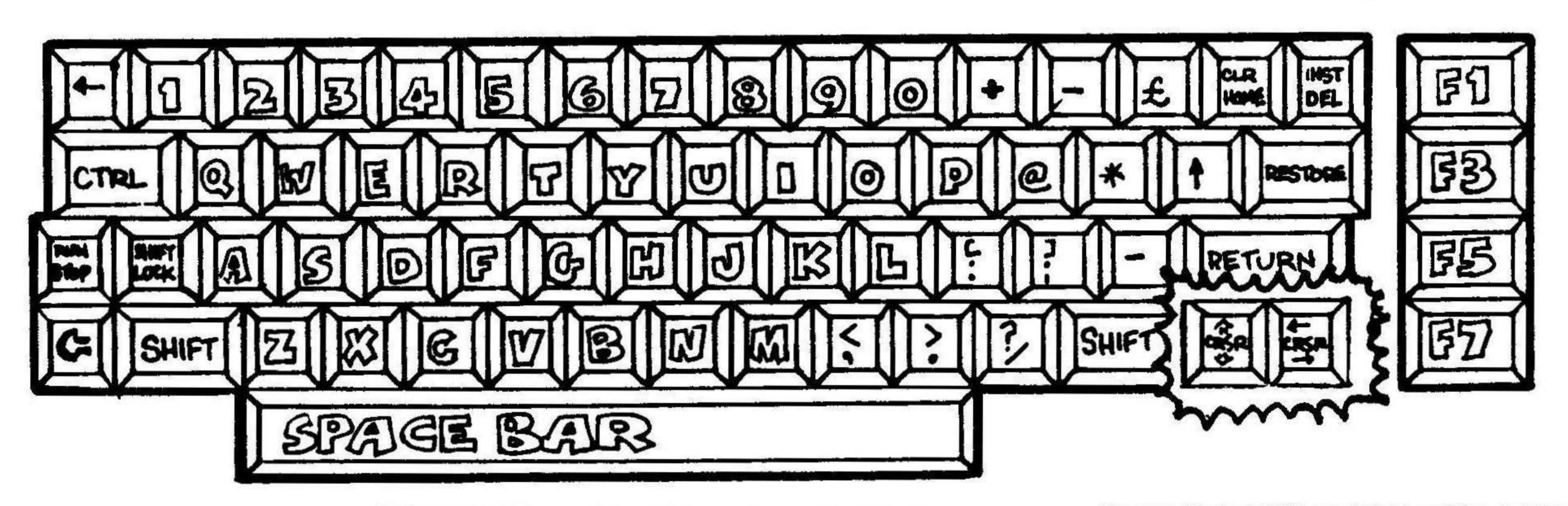
Press the CRSR \(\infty \) key and watch it go to the right.

Press the SHIFT and the CRSR 🗀 key and watch it go to the left.

Press the CRSR 🕻 key and watch it go down.

Press the SHIFT and the CRSR 🕻 key and watch it go up.

This is easy! Can you move it around the outer edge of the screen, as if you were making a picture frame?



Shifty Business

Find the SHIFT LOCK key. Press it down and type some letters. Did you get some very funny looking symbols? They are graphics characters.

Press it again-capital letters! Press it again-graphics characters.

With graphics characters, you can write in code. Write your name and see what it looks like in graphics characters.

Is your screen a mess? Do you want to do some housekeeping? Do this to see the fastest housecleaner alive.

Press SHIFT and while holding it down, press CLR/HOME.

Pressing SHIFT with CLR/HOME gets you the clearing up (CLR) part of the key. Because the CLR is on the top part of the key, you have to press SHIFT to get it into action.



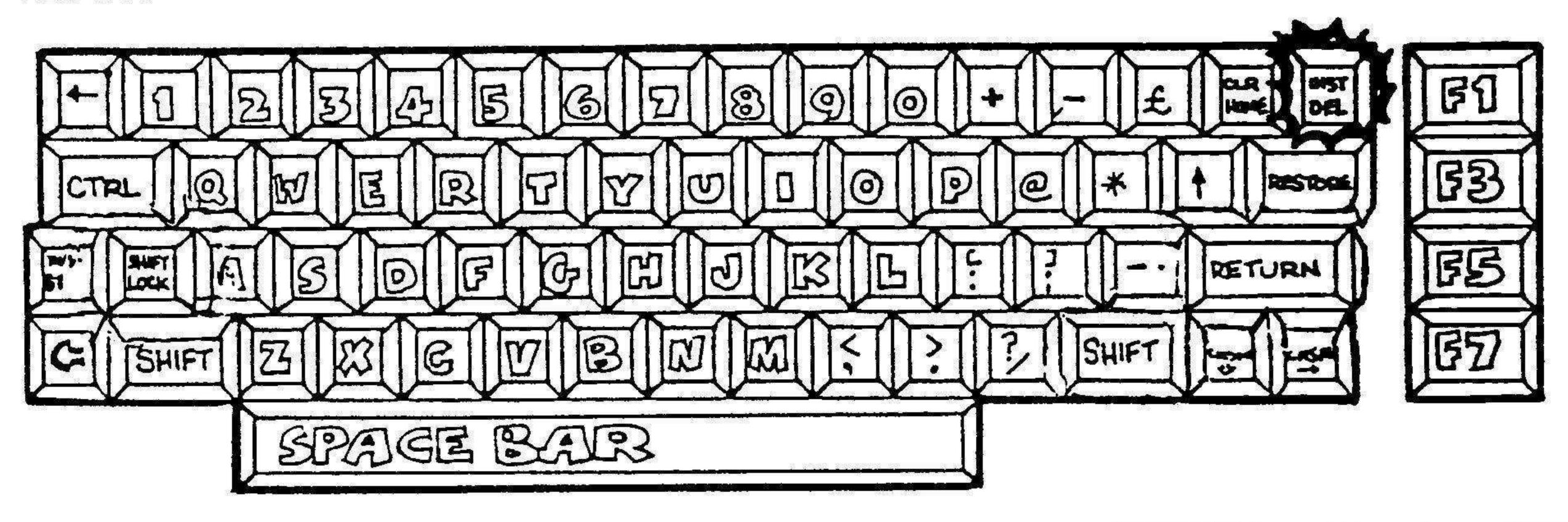
Get the DEL Eraser Out

Wow! That was a lot of cleaning in a hurry. Maybe you just need to clean up a little mess. Let's practice how to use the arrow keys to clean up small messes. Type this:

HERBEE

Oops! I spelled my name wrong! Let's go back and correct that. Press the INST/DEL key twice to the first E. Now type an I right over it, and then an E next to it. Now my name is spelled right because we deleted, which means erased, the spelling mistake. DEL on the key stands for delete. You should have this on your screen now.

HERBIE



Insert

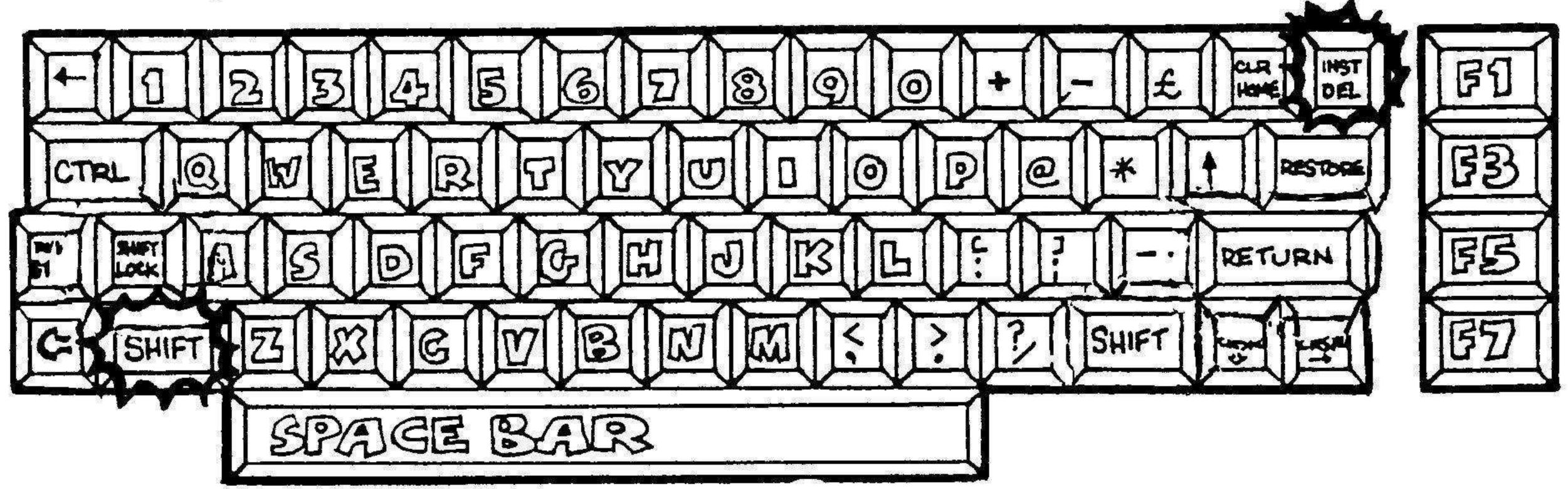
What does INST stand for? INST stands for insert, which means to put in something. Let's insert a short word, like HI. This is how we do it.

- 1. Use the SHIFT and the CRSR ≒ key to go over to the H.
- 2. Press SHIFT and INST/DEL.
- 3. Press the above keys 3 times, twice for HI and once for the space.
- 4. Type HI, and a space.
- 5. Use the CRSR to go to the right and out of the way.
- 6. The screen looks like this now:

HI HERBIE

You just inserted a word! Can you go back and insert 2 words so that the screen looks like this:

I SAY HI HERBIE



Space Bar

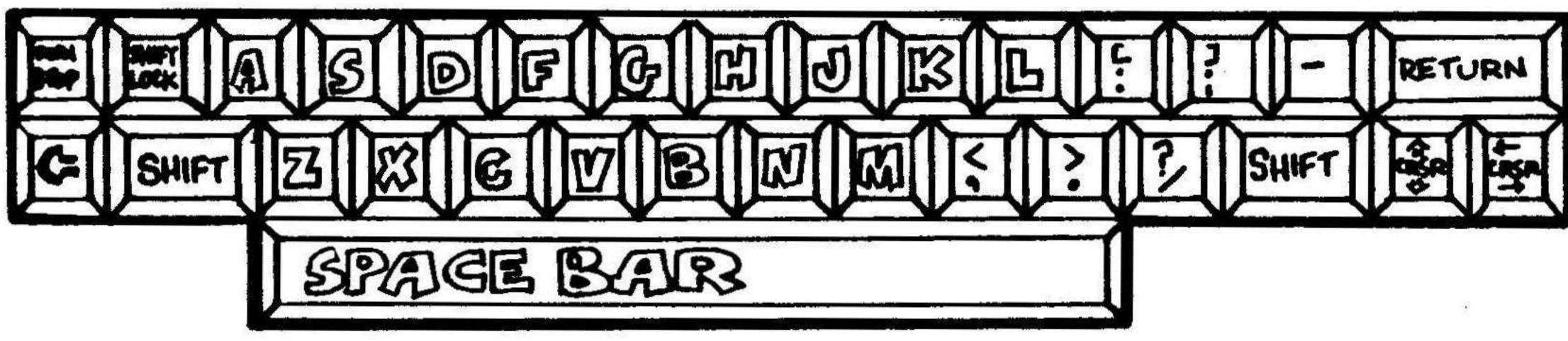
Have you ever heard of a SPACE BAR? No, it isn't anything like an ice cream bar or a candy bar. It's the long bar below the keys on the computer keyboard. It makes blank spaces. It is called the SPACE BAR. You use it so your words won't stick together and look like this:

HERBIEMICROLIKESTOTEACHABOUTCOMPUTERS.

Now we can read the words after using the SPACE BAR:

HERBIE MICRO LIKES TO TEACH ABOUT COMPUTERS.

I could not teach you anything if I did not have a SPACE BAR.



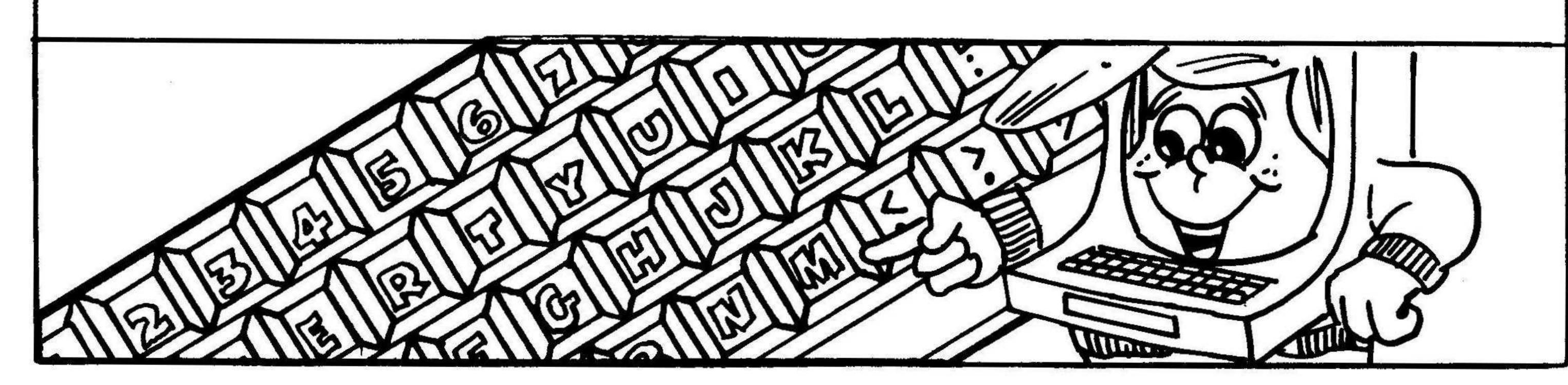


Keyboard Fun

This is going to be fun! Try out my keys, lots and lots of them, but only press one at a time. Spell your name; spell my name; spell anything; spell nothing.

Careful on the keyboard! I don't like to be pounded. You would not like to be pounded either.

This is what I think about my new computer chips. Can you type this?



RETURN

Everytime I go somewhere I have to RETURN. Do you always return home when you go somewhere? You tell a computer to RETURN by pressing the RETURN key. You always have to come back to the RETURN key.

RETURN puts you at the left margin. Write my name and press the RETURN key and see what happens.

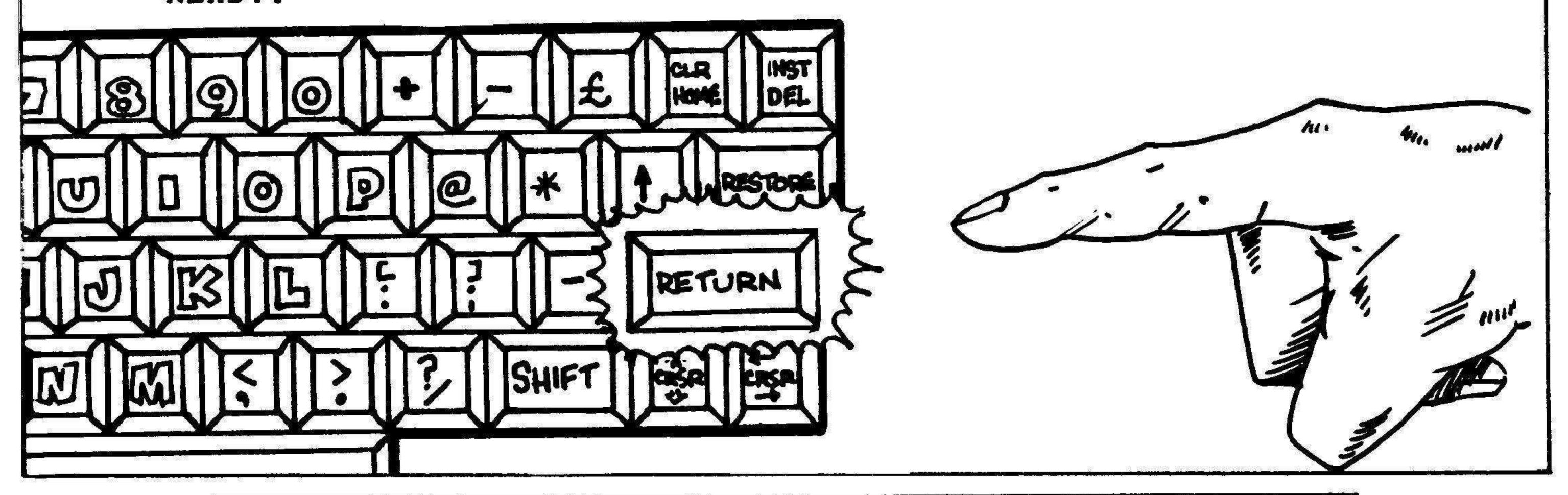
HERBIE

press

RETURN

Oops! Did you get a special message like the one below? Yes! Congratulations, you did it correctly.

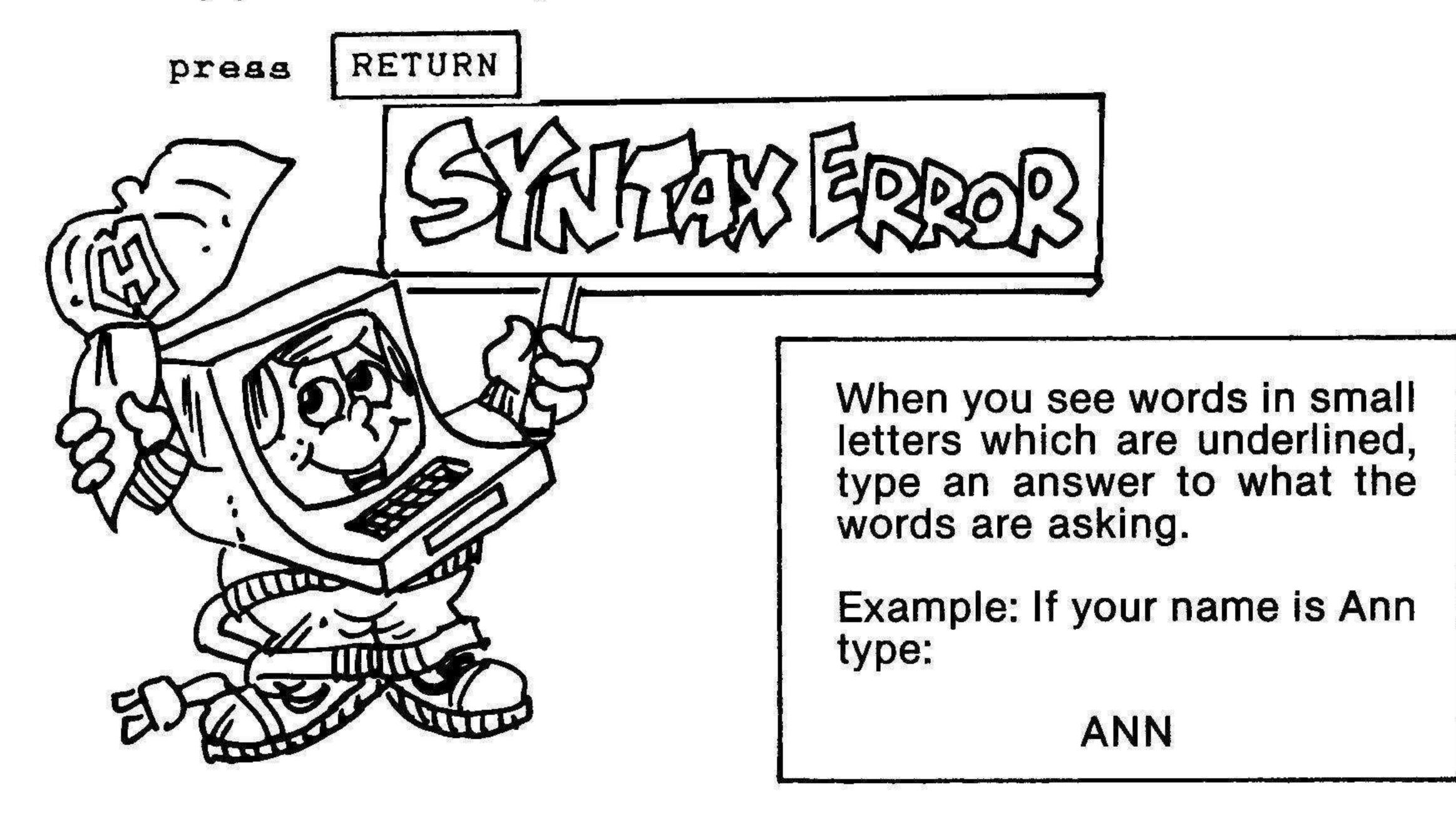
?SYNTAX ERROR READY.



SYNTAX ERROR

Don't worry! Nothing is wrong. Nothing is broken. SYNTAX ERROR just means the computer does not know what you are talking about. We know the computer doesn't know HERBIE, but let's try your name. Maybe it knows that.





Oops! SYNTAX ERROR again! (pronounced sin-tax) The computer does not know your name either, because it needs some instructions in front of it to know what to do with your name. It needs a computer program!

0's and 1's

To make a computer program you need to know how to count, which I know you already know. When you talk to computers you have to tell us the numbers very carefully. Sometimes new programmers (that's you!) get mixed-up so I need to help you.

Look at the keyboard and type a row of the capital letter O, and number 0. See the

difference? The number 0 looks like it has a crack.

Now type the number 1, a whole row of them, and then a row of the capital letter I. It is easy to see the difference now.

> 111111111111111111111111111111 IIIIIIIIIIIIIIIIIIIIIIIIII



Just remember to type the number or letter, whichever one you really mean, otherwise I get very confused. Now type this so that we won't confuse the computer with all those strange numbers.

NEW

press

RETURN

A Program!

Let's learn some more computer talk. Let's write a computer program!

10 PRINT "HERBIE"

RETURN press

RUN

press

RETURN

Do you see this on the screen?

HERBIE

Now you type this:

press 20 PRINT "__________"

RETURN

RUN

press

RETURN

Press the SHIFT key to get the QUOTATION marks

Did you get a 0? If you forgot the QUOTATION marks the computer writes 0.

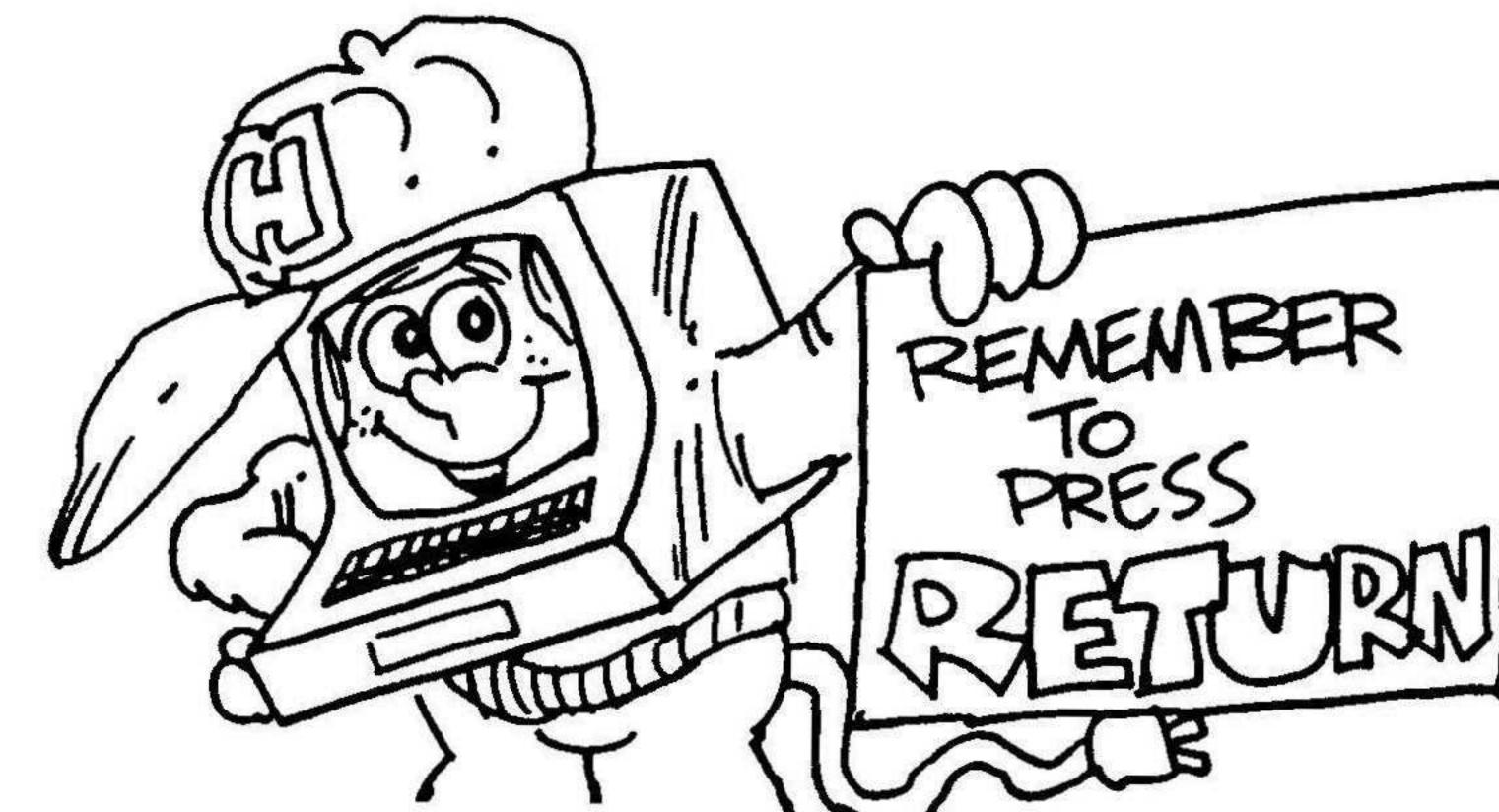
Do you see your name and HERBIE on the screen? I hope you do. If not, type it again being very careful to start at the far left edge. Are you using 0's and 1's correctly? Don't forget to press RETURN after each line. If it does not work write NEW, press RETURN, and try again.

Line Number

What is a computer program? It is not like your favorite TV program. It is not like a TV show at all. Here is what it is:

A computer program is a group of instructions for the computer to follow.

Each instruction has a LINE NUMBER.



Let's make a longer program. Keep adding more LINE NUMBERS with PRINT and QUOTATION marks. Remember to press RETURN at the end of each line.

30 PRINT "HELLO"

press RETURN

40 PRINT "HOW ARE YOU?"

Press RETURN

RUN

press

RETURN

LIST

Oh! That was fun! Write some more, but whatever you want to write. Press RETURN at the end of each line.

50 PRINT "

Press RETURN

60 PRINT "

press RETURN

70 PRINT "_____"

Press RETURN

RUN

Press RETURN

Have some of the instructions that you have been writing disappeared right off the screen? Yes? Do you think the computer might have forgotten it? Well, don't fear, we computers have good memories. Do you believe me? Just type LIST.

LIST

press

RETURN

See. nothing was forgotten. LIST made the computer show you everything in its angeable RAM MEMORY. We computers are pretty sharp!

Erasing a Line!

Oops! Sometimes I make a mistake. Like the time I gave out all the answers instead of the questions for Mrs. Brown's math test. Do you sometimes make a mistake? Do you want to fix it? If you make a mistake typing, or you just want to erase a line, this is how you do it.

Let's say you LIST your program and you want to erase line 30. This is how you do it.

LIST

press

RETURN

30

press

RETURN

That is all there is to it! Line 30 now has nothing in it. It is erased. Do you want to see for yourself? Just write LIST and see. Now, try some more erasing. To erase my name, line 10, just do this:

10

press

RETURN



Try erasing your entire program now. It is easy. Check yourself by writing LIST. When it is all gone there will be nothing to LIST!

Writing a Program

Is that program all gone? Type LIST to check. Good! Let's start a new one. Let's think of all the fun things there are to do in the summer time. I'll give you a start and you can finish.

10 PRINT "IN THE SUMMER TIME I LIKE TO DO THESE THINGS:"

press

RETURN

20 PRINT "COMPUTER PROGRAMMING" press

RETURN

30 PRINT " press

RETURN

40 PRINT " press

RETURN

50 PRINT "___

press RETURN



Remember: Press RETURN only after the last QUOTATION mark in each line. In LINE NUMBER 10 let the computer drop you down to the next line. Press RETURN when you are finished with THINGS:". Press RETURN on each line after the last QUOTATION MARK.

Inserting Lines

Sometimes it's fun to slip into secret places, like under the bed, or behind the couch. Sometimes it is fun to slip in more lines in your computer program too. Follow me and I show you how.

LIST

press

RETURN

5 PRINT "SUMMER VACATION JUST-IN-CASE-I-GET-BORED LIST"

press

RETURN

RUN

press

RETURN

Remember to press RETURN on each line only after the last QUOTATION mark. For a long line the computer will drop down to the next line by itself.

Did SUMMER VACATION JUST-IN-CASE-I-GET-BORED LIST slip into your program? I hope so? Pretty easy, isn't it? Just remember to press RETURN at the end of each line. From this lesson on, you are on your own. There will be no more reminders to press the RETURN key.

NEW

that do you think of computers now? You know a lot, but let's learn something NEW! see these four commands below. Press Return after each word.

LIST

NEW

LIST

RUN



Nothing happened, did it? That is because you erased all the computer's changeable RAM MEMORY with one new word. That very powerful word is NEW. Now you will have to write a NEW program, because the old one is gone. NEW gets you ready to write a NEW program by erasing the old one from the memory.

NEW erases the computer's memory

SHIFT CLR/HOME erases the computer's screen

Correcting Mistakes

Nobody's perfect! Yesterday my brother Buzz spilled chocolate milk all over the dog. We had to wash the dog. Boy, did he yowl! Computer mistakes are easier to fix. Type this silly program in, and then we will fix it.

NEW

10 PRINT "WE WASHED OUR DOG" 20 PRINT "IN THE TUBA." RUN

Oops! Did you find the spelling mistake? Let's change line 20 and tell the truth.

20 PRINT "IN THE TUB."
RUN



Just type the line over that you want to change. You do not have to write the whole program. Whew! That sure saves a lot of typing.

Line Ordering

Want to know another neat trick we computers can do? It doesn't matter in what order you write the program line numbers. We will straighten them out for you. Too bad, computers can only straighten out program line numbers; we can't straighten out your closet yet. You'll have to do that. Just try us out on the jumbled-up program below.

NEW

- 20 PRINT "I ASKED IF IT WAS FEELING FINE."
- 30 PRINT "IT SAID NO."
- 10 PRINT "A COMPUTER IS A FRIEND OF MINE."
- 50 PRINT "AND HAVE ITS DISKS REALIGNED!"
- 40 PRINT "IT HAD TO GO"

RUN

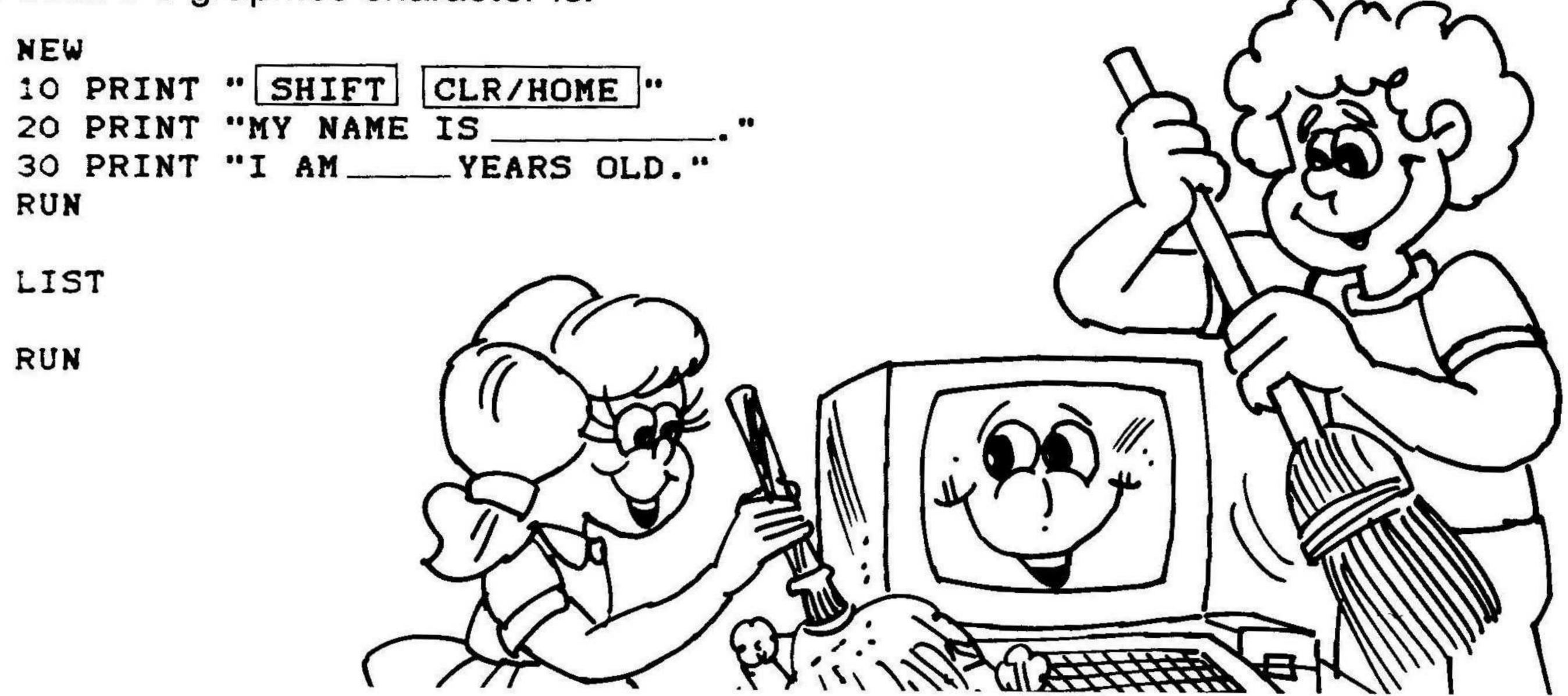
LIST



You should have a poem that rhymes.

Screencleaning

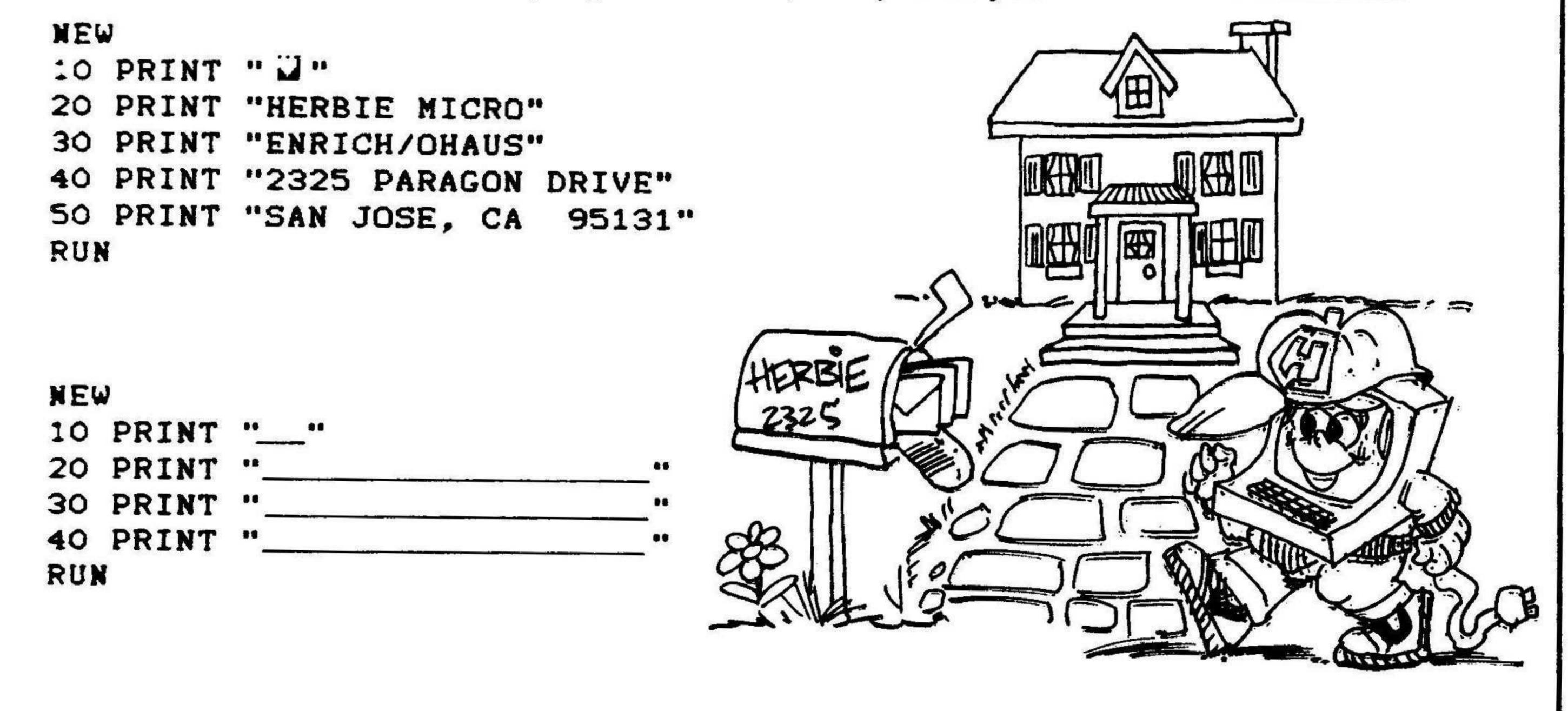
Let's do some spring screencleaning. You know if you put PRINT 'SHIFT CLR/HOME' the beginning of each program, the screen gets cleaned every time you RUN the program. Make sure you press the SHIFT key first, then the CLR/HOME key. When you type it on the screen it comes out with a graphics character. Type the program below to see what the graphics character is.



Did you see the reverse heart? If not, try it again until you find the heart in your program UST. Notice that clean fresh screen you get every time you RUN the program? That's the heart does for you.

Here Lives Herbie

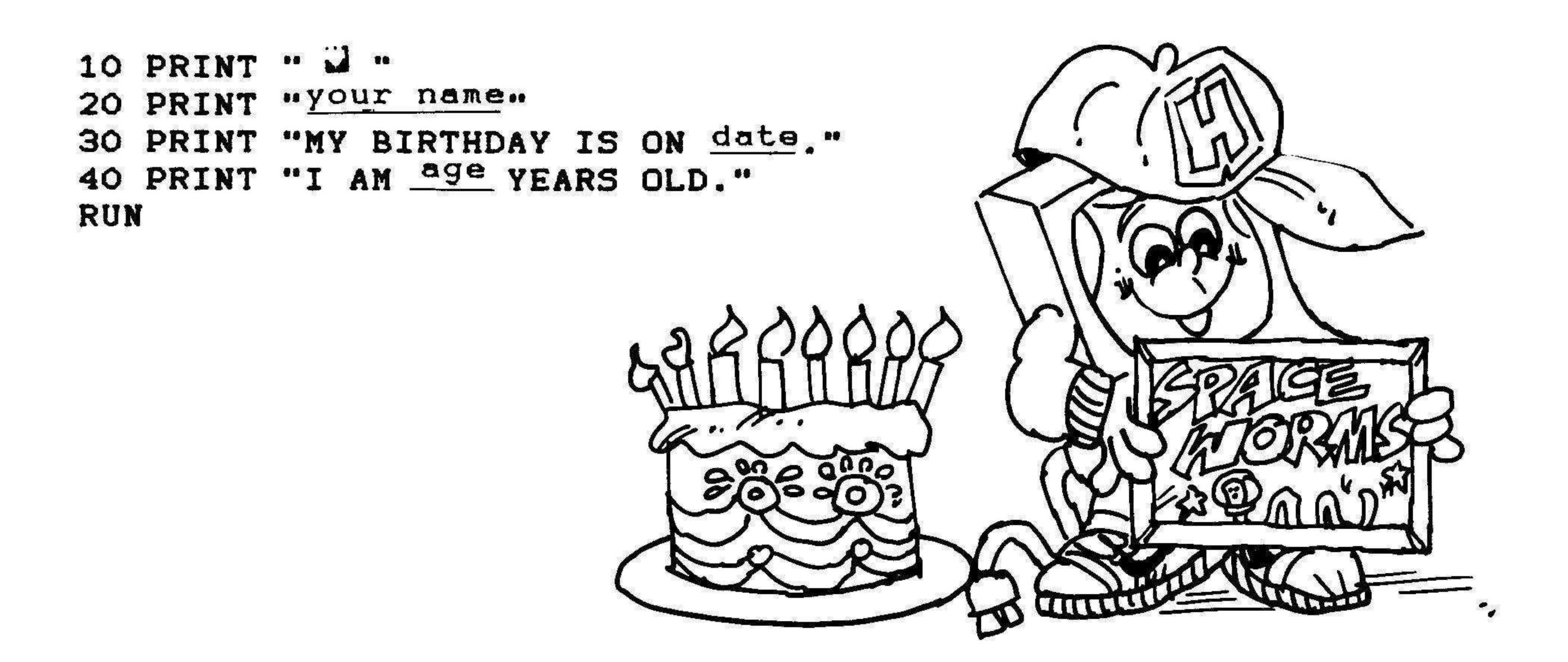
Do you want to know my address? Just look below in the program to find it. Can you write your address? Just follow the program below, but put in your name and address.



From now on, every time you see the you will know which keys to press to get it.

Happy Birthday to Me!

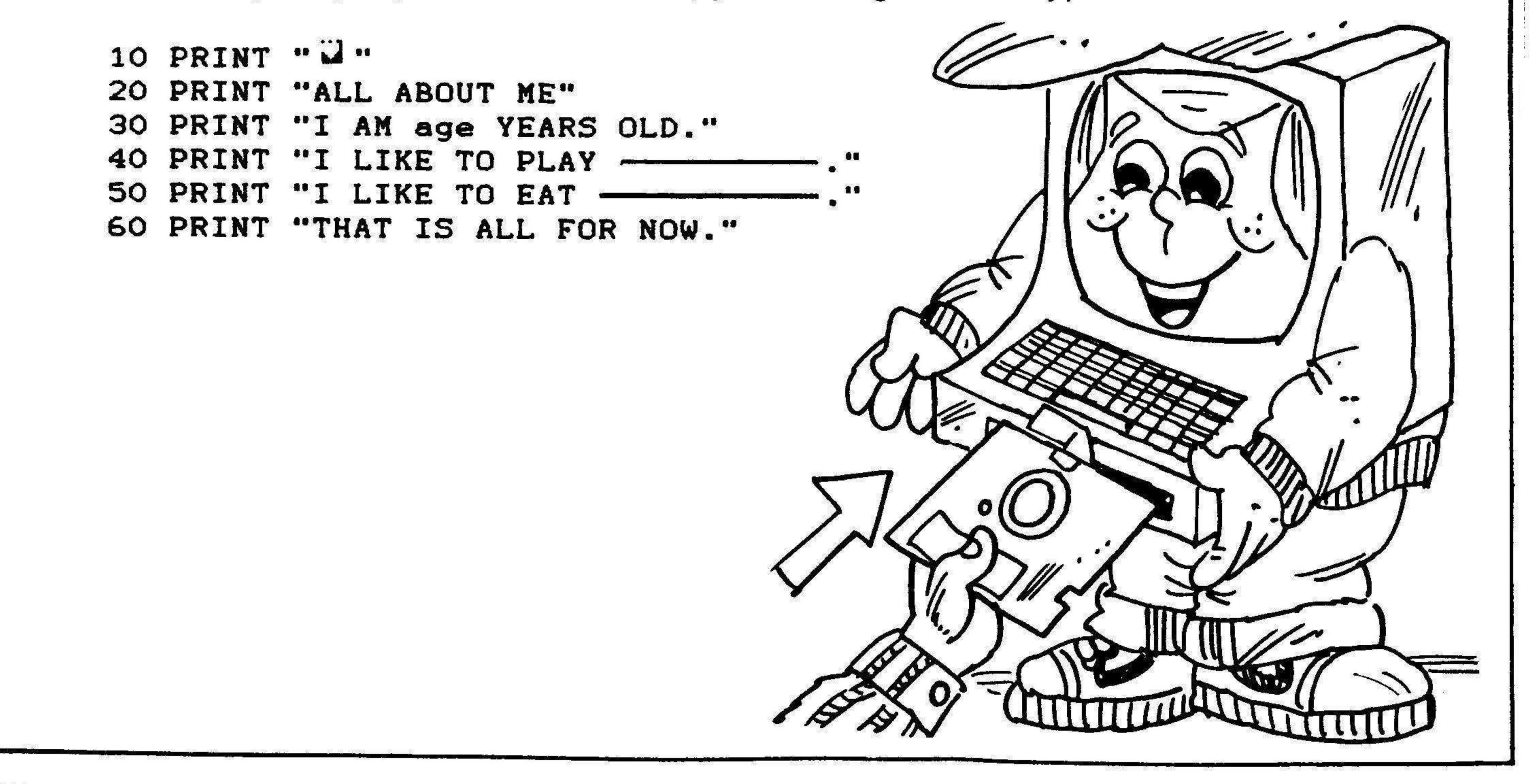
Happy Birthday to Me, Happy Birthday to Me, Happy Birthday Dear Herbie, Happy Birthday to Me! My birthday is on April first. I would like a Space Worms computer game. When is your birthday? Put it into your computer's memory.



Don't forget to write NEW!

All About Me

I am nine years old. I like to play Space Worms. I like to eat disks! Friends should know a lot about each other. Now you know about me. Tell me about you! Type in the program below. Don't forget NEW before you begin and RUN afterwards. There will be no more reminders. If your program doesn't work, you've forgotten to type NEW or RUN.



Just Dreaming

like colors, lots and lots of colors. I like to dream in color. I dreamed my cursor, and even my whole screen, changed colors. Then I woke up and found out it was true!

Bring on sweet dreams by turning off the lights. Type this to blacken your screen:

C-64

Vic-20

POKE 53281,0

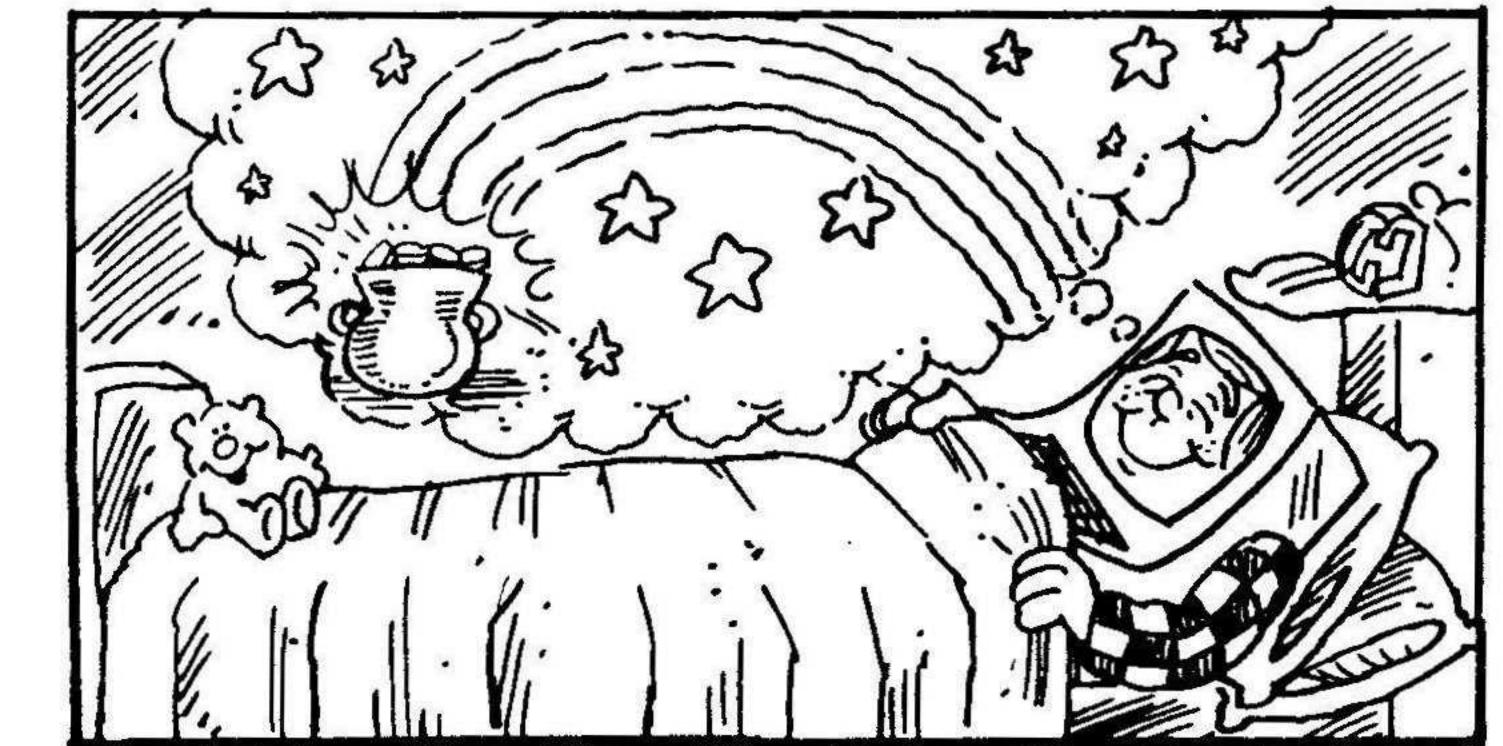
POKE 36879,8

Using the CTRL keys and the number keys, change the color of the cursor. Look at the side of the keys 1-8. Press the CTRL key first, then type a number. Watch the cursor change color. Did it disappear sometimes.? It only looked as if it disappeared because it faded into the color of the background. Type the line below. Press the CTRL key when you see [CTRL] and a number in brackets.

[CTRL][3] DREAMS [CTRL][4] SHOULD [CTRL][5] BE [CTRL][6] IN

[CTRL][8] COLOR!

Look, different color print! My dreams come true...in technicolor!



Changing the Screenery

dreamed I changed the whole world, well, at least my screen. This is how to make this part of the dream come true.

COMMODORE 64 type this:

POKE 53280,56 POKE 53280,134

POKE 53280, —— (You pick a number now between 0-255)

Did you see the screen border change from red to blue and then to? (whatever color-number you put in). I think this is fun! Let's change the screen color now. Pick a number between 0-255 to go into the blank, then keep experimenting.

POKE 53281, ---

Keeping the cursor white ([CTRL] [2]) helps you to see the screen better. It is a good idea to set your typing and cursor to white whenever you use the computer.

VIC-20 type this:

POKE 36879, —— (any number from 0-255)

To return the screen to normal colors type this:

C-64

Vic-20

POKE 53280,14

POKE 36879,27

POKE 53281,6

Reverse Writing

"I wish I could go to Hawaii," said Herbie. "What for?" asked his sister Sparky. "We have a lot of relatives there. I'd like to see them. Our relatives in Hawaii have a lot of fun, too." Sparky looked puzzled. "How do you know that? What do they do for fun?" Herbie shook his head. "I won't tell you." You can find out Herbie's secret, though. Just type the program below.



CTRL 9 is the key to turn on the reverse writing. Look and find the words RVS ON written on the front of the 9 key. Press the CTRL key and the 9 key at the same time. You will see the letter R in reverse writing.

A Computer Bug

Don't be bugged if there is a computer bug in your program. What is a computer bug? It is a mistake, but it can drive you buggy. Type the program below to find out about a program with a bug in it.

- 10 PRINT " " "
- 20 PRINT "WHAT WAS THE BUG DOING IN THE COMPUTER PROGRAM?"
- 30 PRINT
- 40 PRINT "[CTRL][9] LOOKING FOR A BYTE TO EAT!"



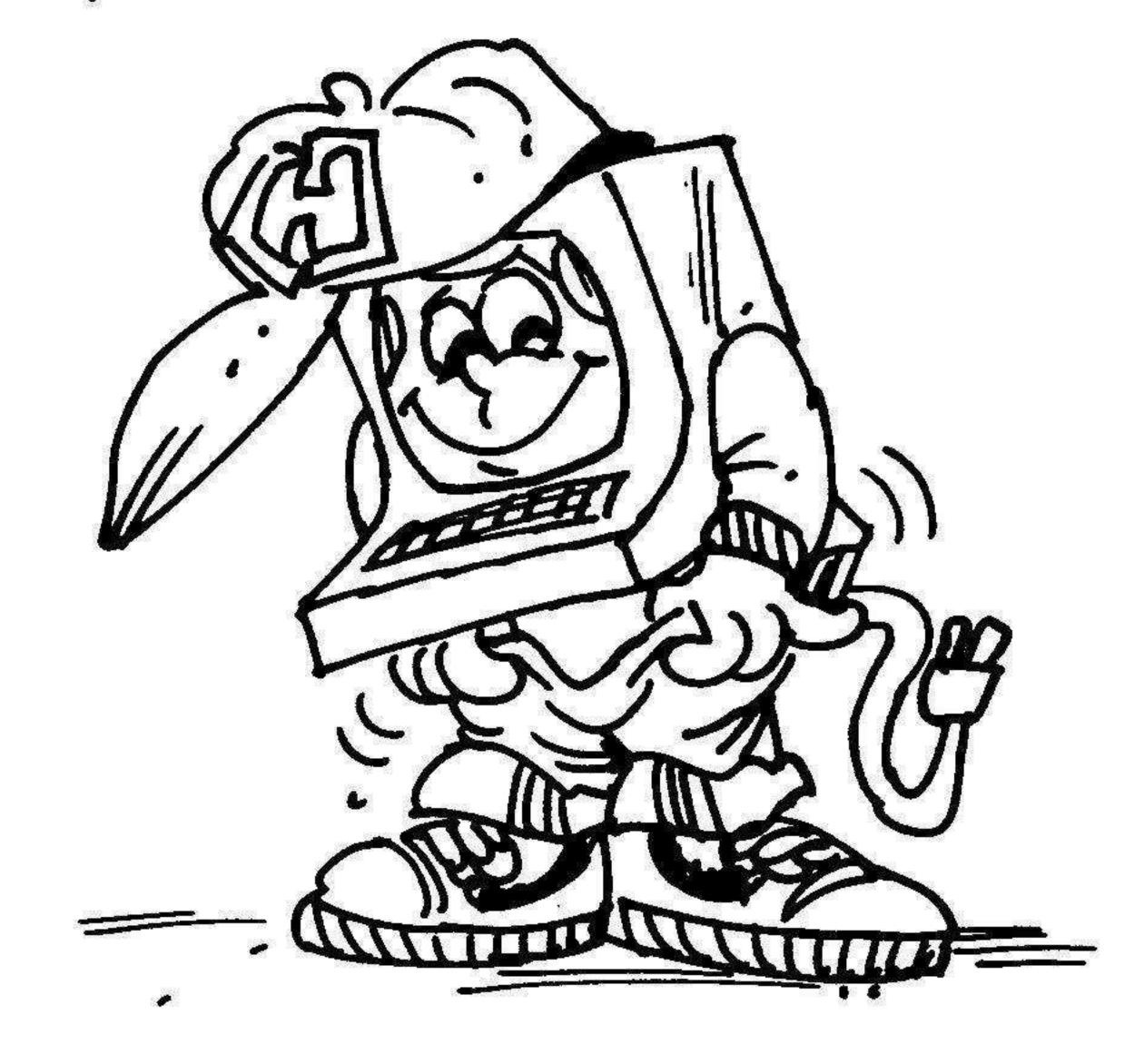
Did the answer look like it had a white box around it? If it did, you hit the right keys.

Tell Me a Joke

I bet you have more riddles you'd like to program. If you can't think of any, here are some answers that might help you remember.

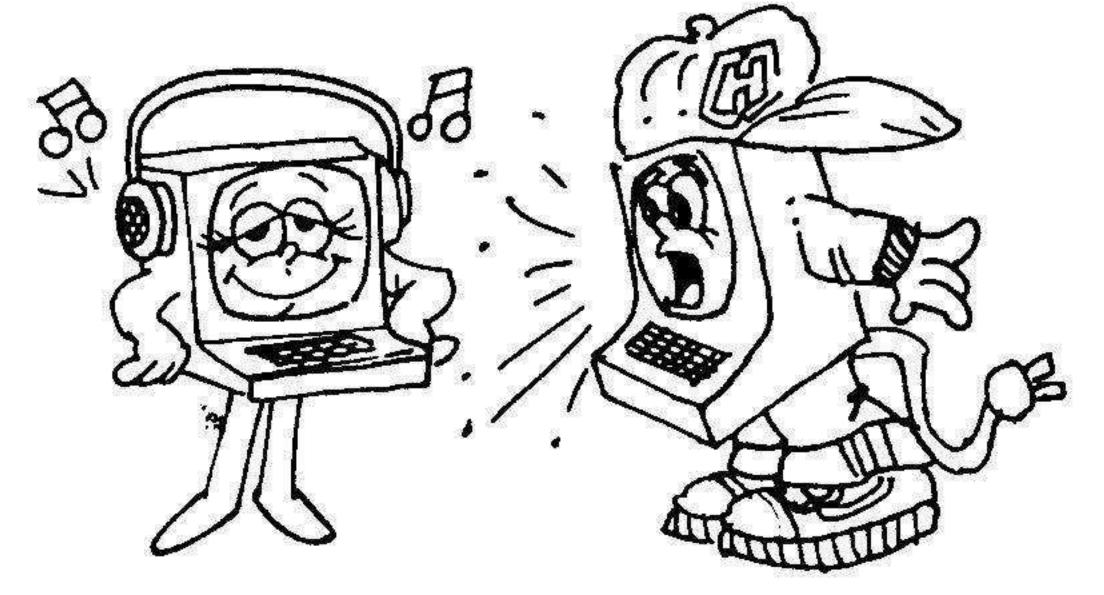
- 1. To hold up his pants
- 2. To get to the other side

You don't like those? Here's your chance to come up with better ones!



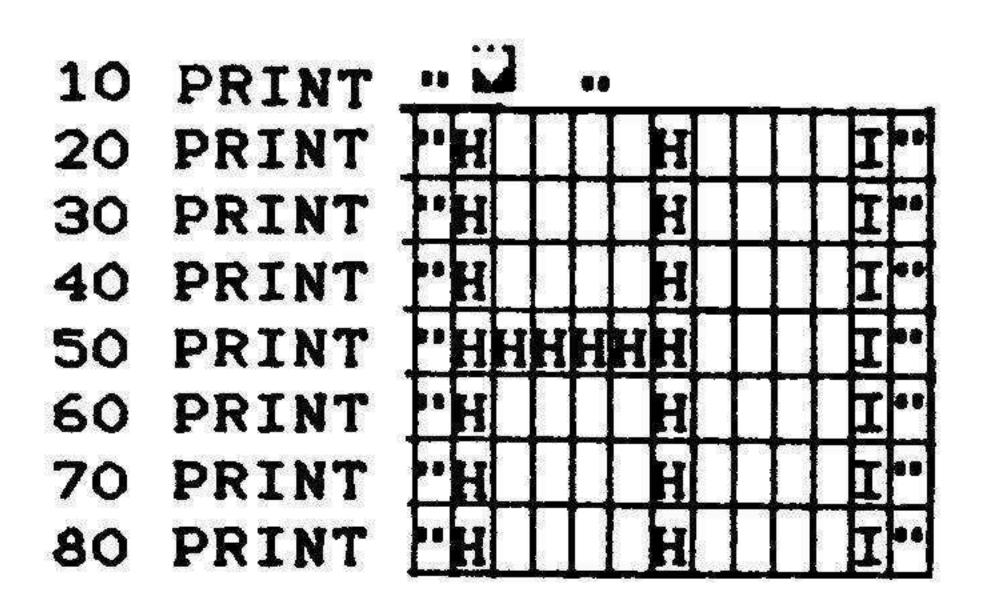
A High HI

"Hello," said Herbie to Sparky. Sparky did not say a word. Herbie spoke louder. "HELLO!" he yelled. Sparky did not even look at her brother. Herbie got angry. He got louder and louder. "HI!" he yelled. Then he looked at Sparky again. She was humming a tune and had tiny earphones plugged in. Do the program below to see how Herbie finally got his sister's attention. The lines will help you count over to the right spot!



PRINT may be abbreviated with a ?. For example, this program could be typed like this:

```
10 ?" U "
20 ?"H H I"
30 ?"H H I"
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If you make a mistake on a line, just type that line over again. The correct version will appear in your program.

Because of the small screen on the VIC, VIC users should always use? when doing cture programs.

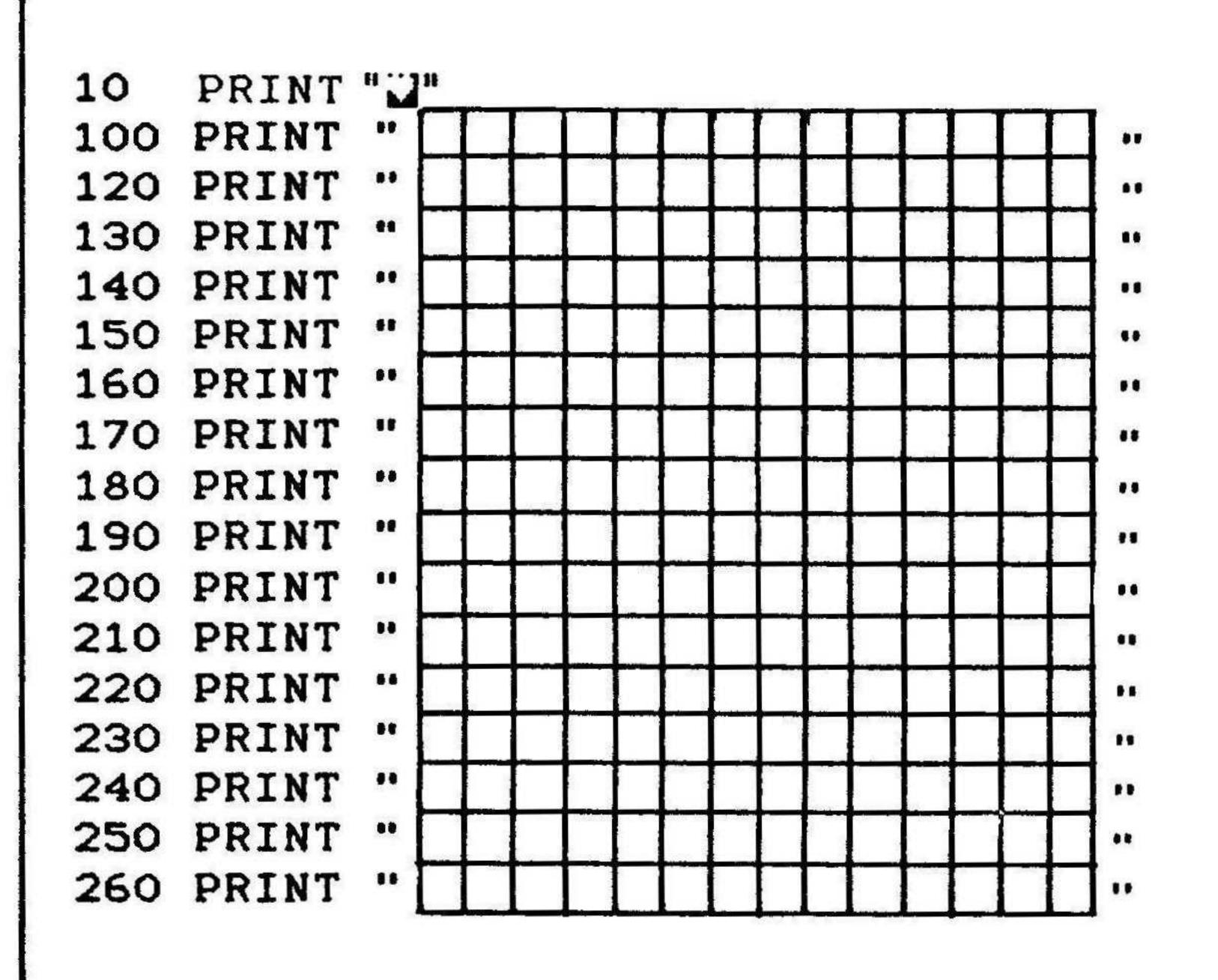
Wow! What Words!

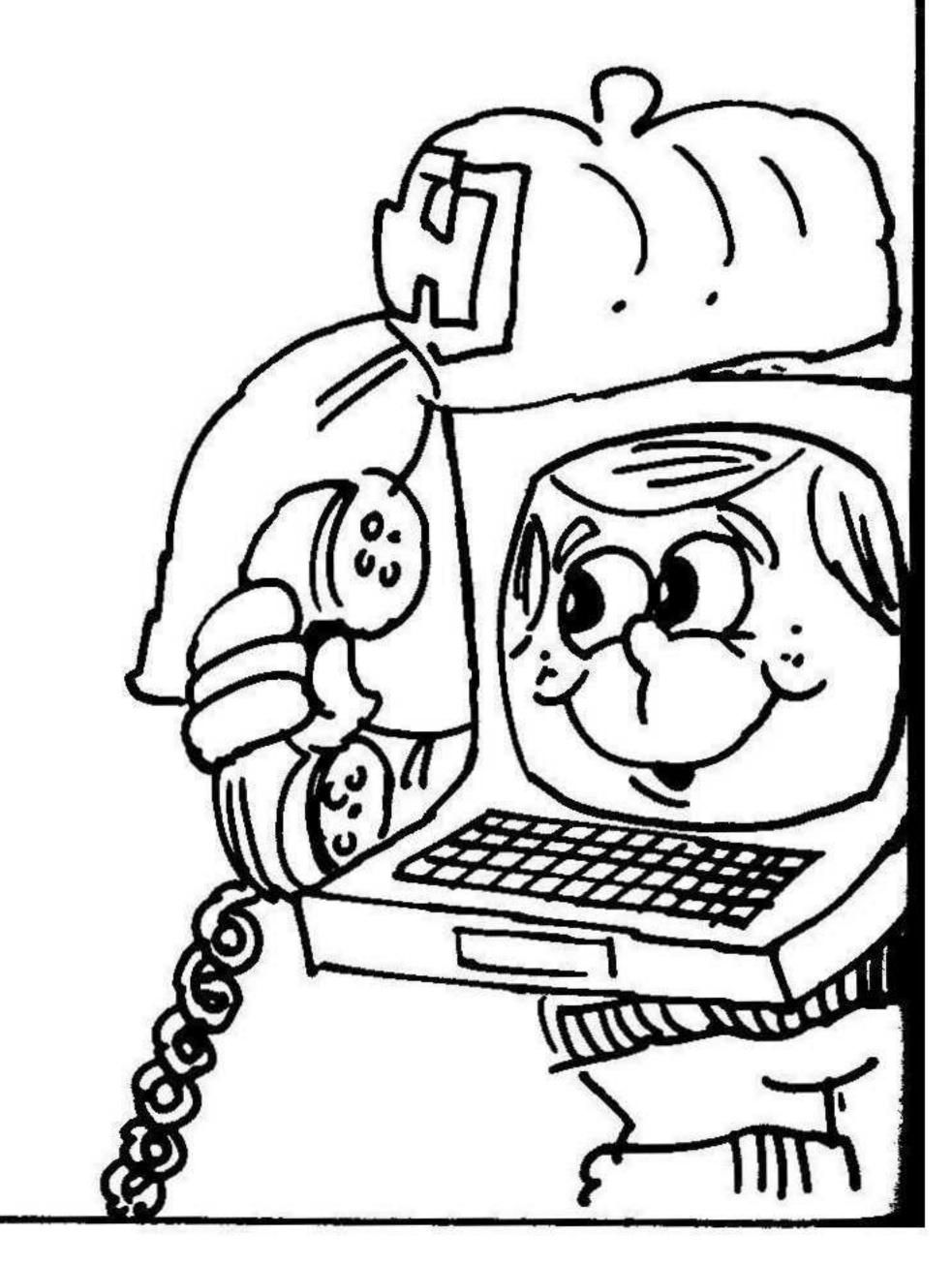
It's fun to make giant-sized words. Herbie ran up to his brother Buzz. "I have our whole weekend planned," Herbie announced. "First, we'll play baseball. Then we'll play computer games. Then we'll see a movie. "The Computer's Revenge" is playing." Type the program below to see Buzz's answer to Herbie.



Initially Yours

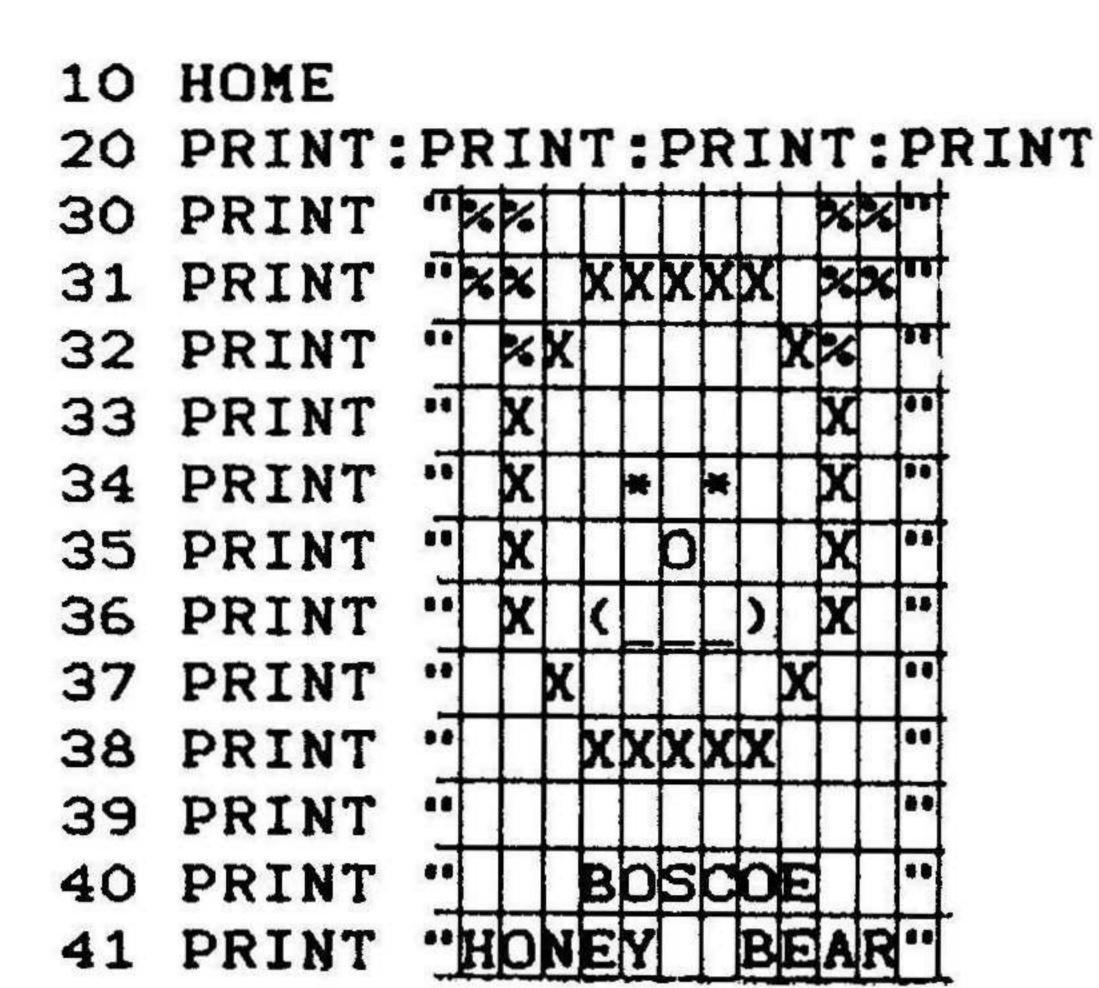
The telephone rang and Herbie answered it. It was Mrs. Brown, the teacher at school. "Herbie, have you lost a disk?" she asked. "We found one with the initials HM on it. Is it yours?" Herbie turned a little red. "Well, aah, umm, must be! I wondered where that disk went." Herbie wrote his initials in computer print, just like Buzz wrote OK. Can you write your initials? Use the grid below to help you, then program it on the computer.





A Sticky Friend

I have a new friend. He's a very nice guy. He's always smiling, too. Would you like to see a picture of my friend? When you actually write and RUN the program, he looks a little different than he does in the program LIST below. I did not draw his paws in because they were all sticky. I wonder where he could have been?





PRINT with nothing after it makes a blank line. Many PRINT's with colons (:) in between make a blank line for every PRINT. Line 20 makes 4 blank lines.

A Sea Chanty

"Let's sail the ocean blue!" exclaimed Herbie. Mom and Dad said that would take too long. "But we'll sail all around Byte Bay and back. We'll sing a sailing song too. Sing the sailing song with the Micros.

7 PRINT: PRINT: PRINT: PRINT
10 PRINT: SAILING:
20 PRINT: SAILING:
30 PRINT: SAILING:
40 PRINT: SAILING: SAILIN

95 PRINT"

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[SHIFT] R for — (top lines)
[SHIFT] B for |
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[SHIFT] N for \

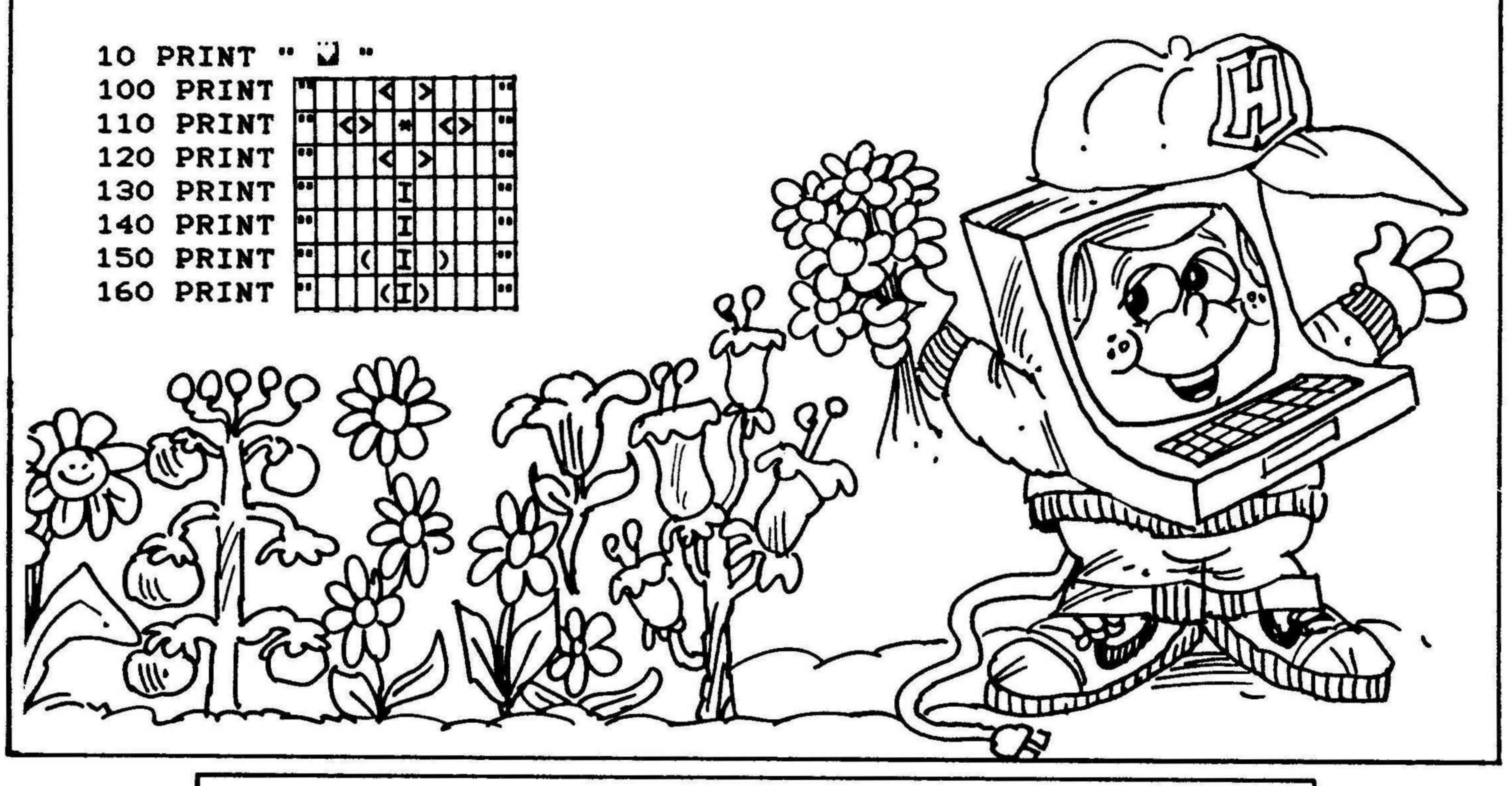
97 PRINT"THE CCEAN BLUE

There are lots of different ways to number computer programs. If you are doing screen pictures the line numbering is very important. All of the picture part must have the same number of digits in the line number, otherwise you might have a crooked face or a leaky boat!

Numbers 1 to 9 have 1 digit. Numbers 20 to 99 have 2 digits. Numbers 100 to 999 have 3 digits.

Spring Planting

I planted a garden. Some of my favorite plants came up. Type the program to see what grew. Wouldn't you like some in your garden?



Be a Rainmaker

You can make weather on your computer! I wanted to keep my garden watered. I went out every day with my watering can. It was hard work. Then, one day, the sky got dark. Drips and drops fell. I ran inside so I wouldn't get rusty!

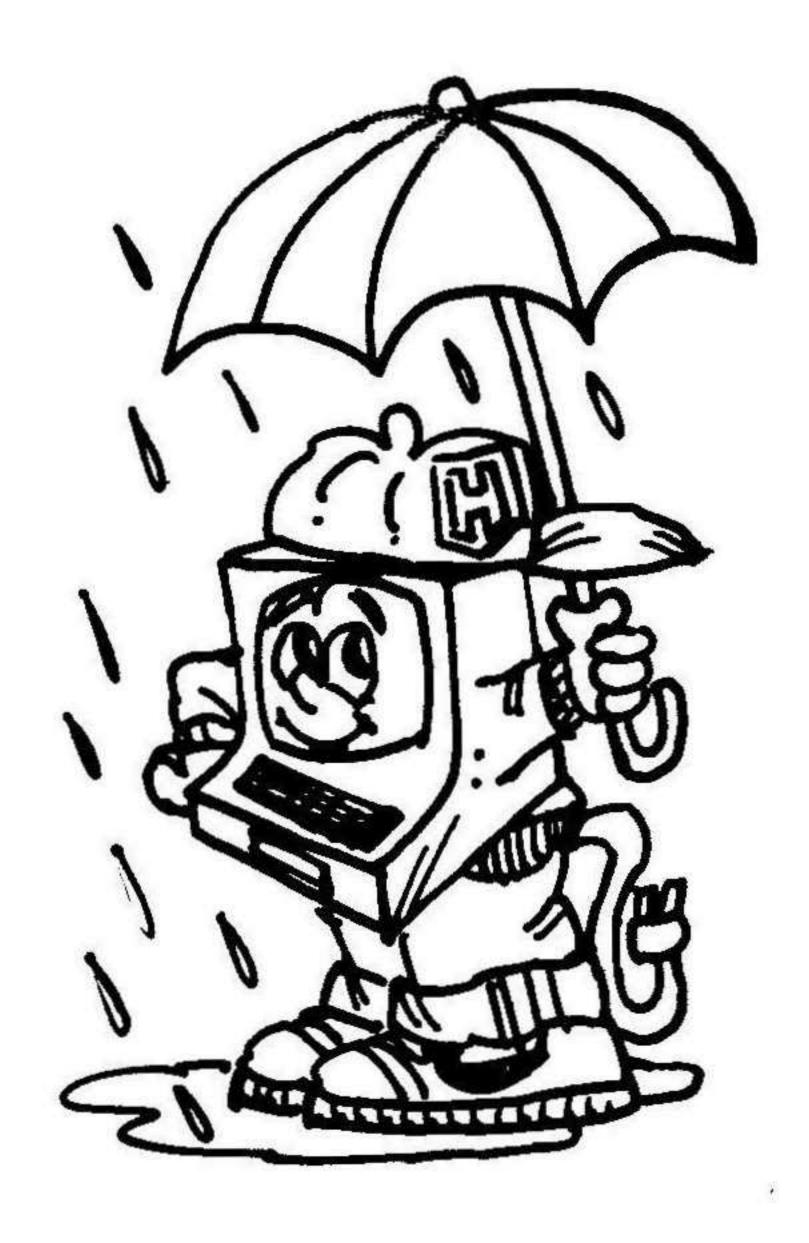
This is how you can water your computer garden, but DO NOT write NEW before you begin. If you do, the rain will not do your garden any good because all of the flowers will be gone!

| | | - | - | - | - | _ | - | | - | - | g | - | |
|----|-------|----|---|---|---|---|---|---|----|---|---|------------|--|
| 20 | PRINT | •• | - | - | - | | 1 | 1 | | | | - • | |
| 30 | PRINT | • | - | Γ | | 1 | - | - | 2. | F | - | •• | |
| 40 | PRINT | | 1 | F | Γ | F | - | Ī | F | F | - | • | |
| 50 | PRINT | F: | - | | 1 | F | - | | 1 | F | | | |

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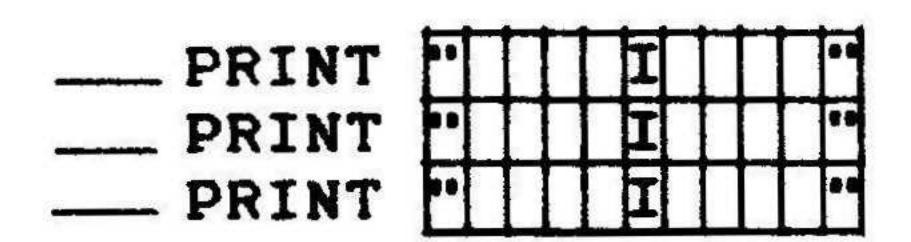
Let's add some more. Try these two lines.

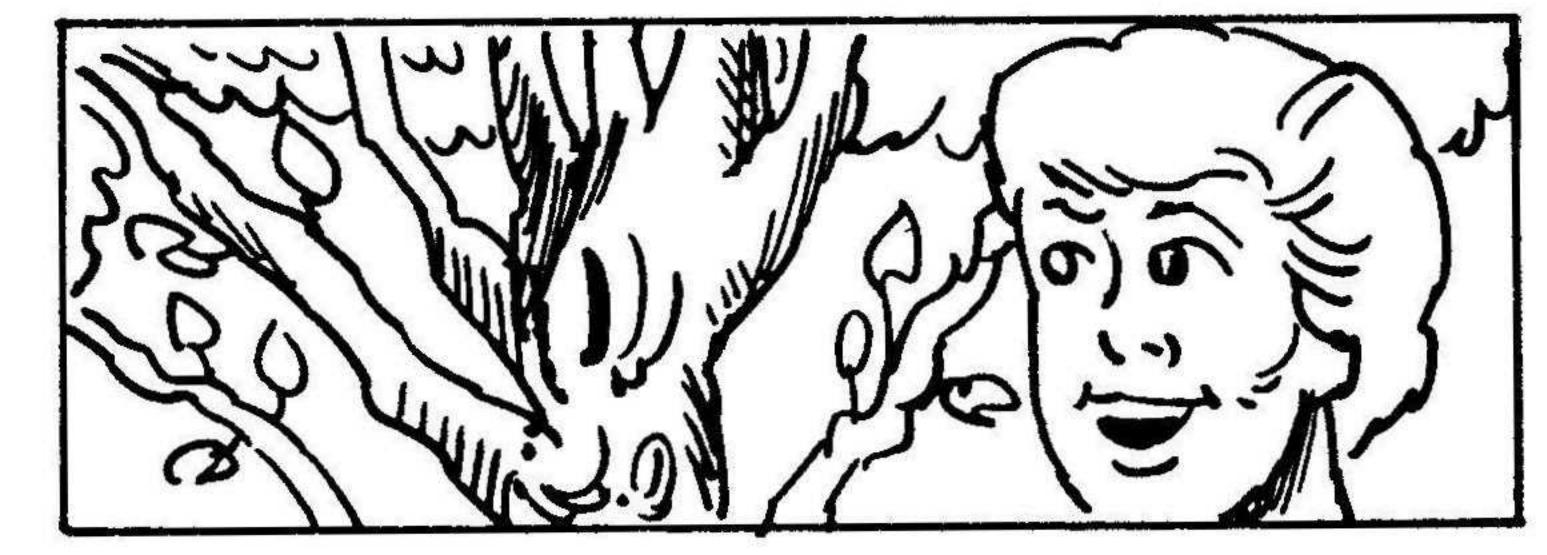
15 PRINT "APRIL SHOWERS" 170 PRINT "BRING MAY FLOWERS"



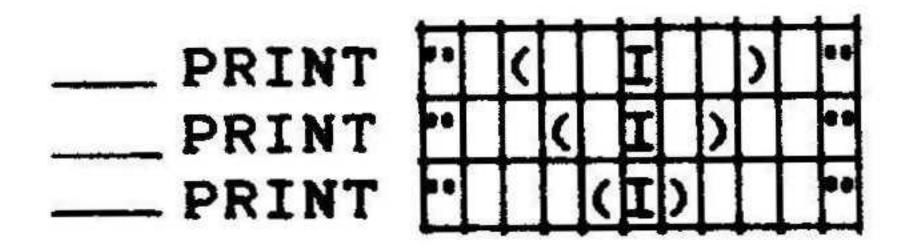
Growing Season

Can you make your garden grow with the April showers? Just make your flower stems grow by adding in lines between 120 and 140. You fill in the numbers.





You could put more leaves on the stalk by writing in more lines, and leaves, between lines 160 and 170.

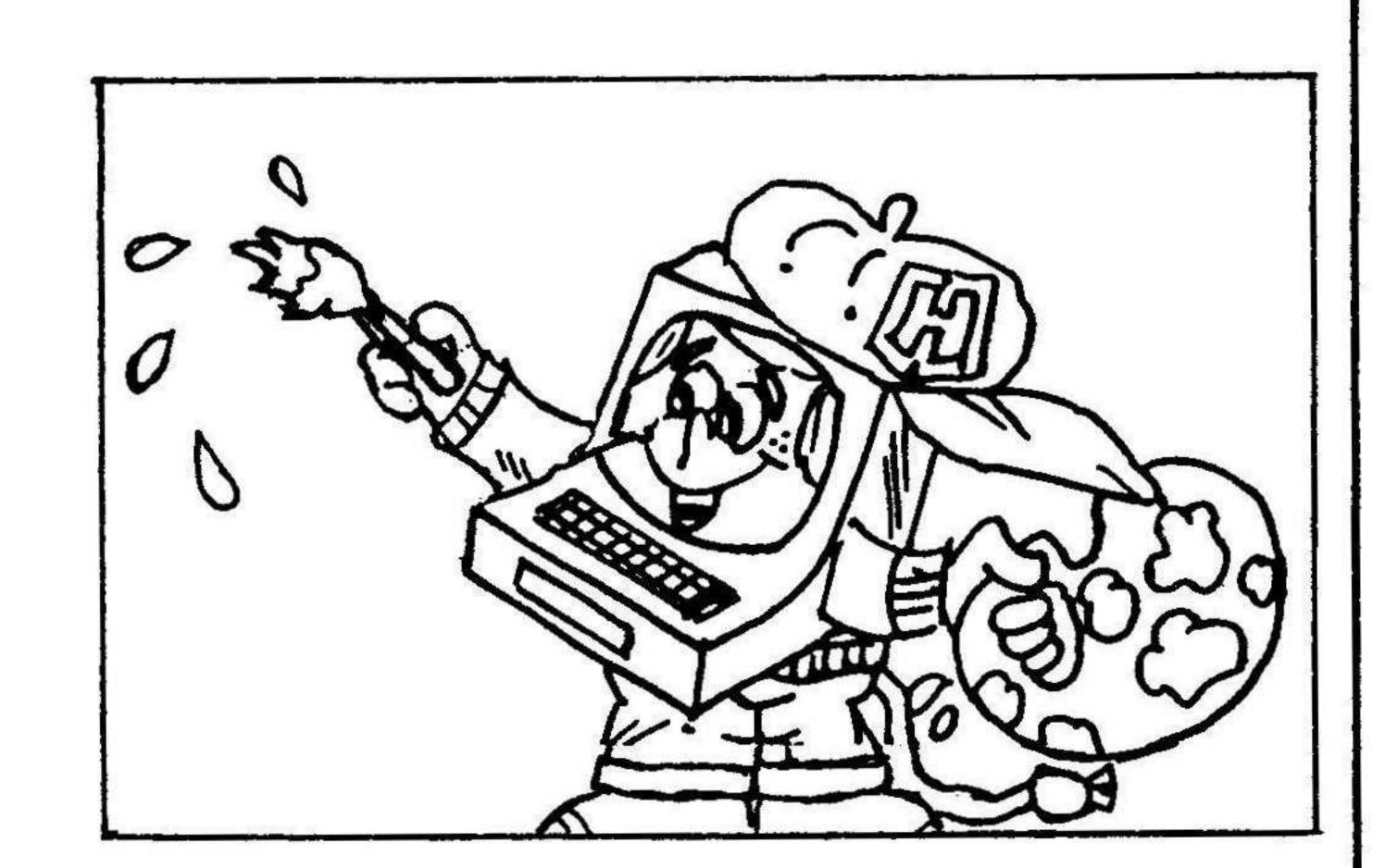




Maybe you can put something else in the picture. How about some....computer bugs! Oh, but they usually show up anyway, even if you don't put them there. Keep trying and you will get rid of them.

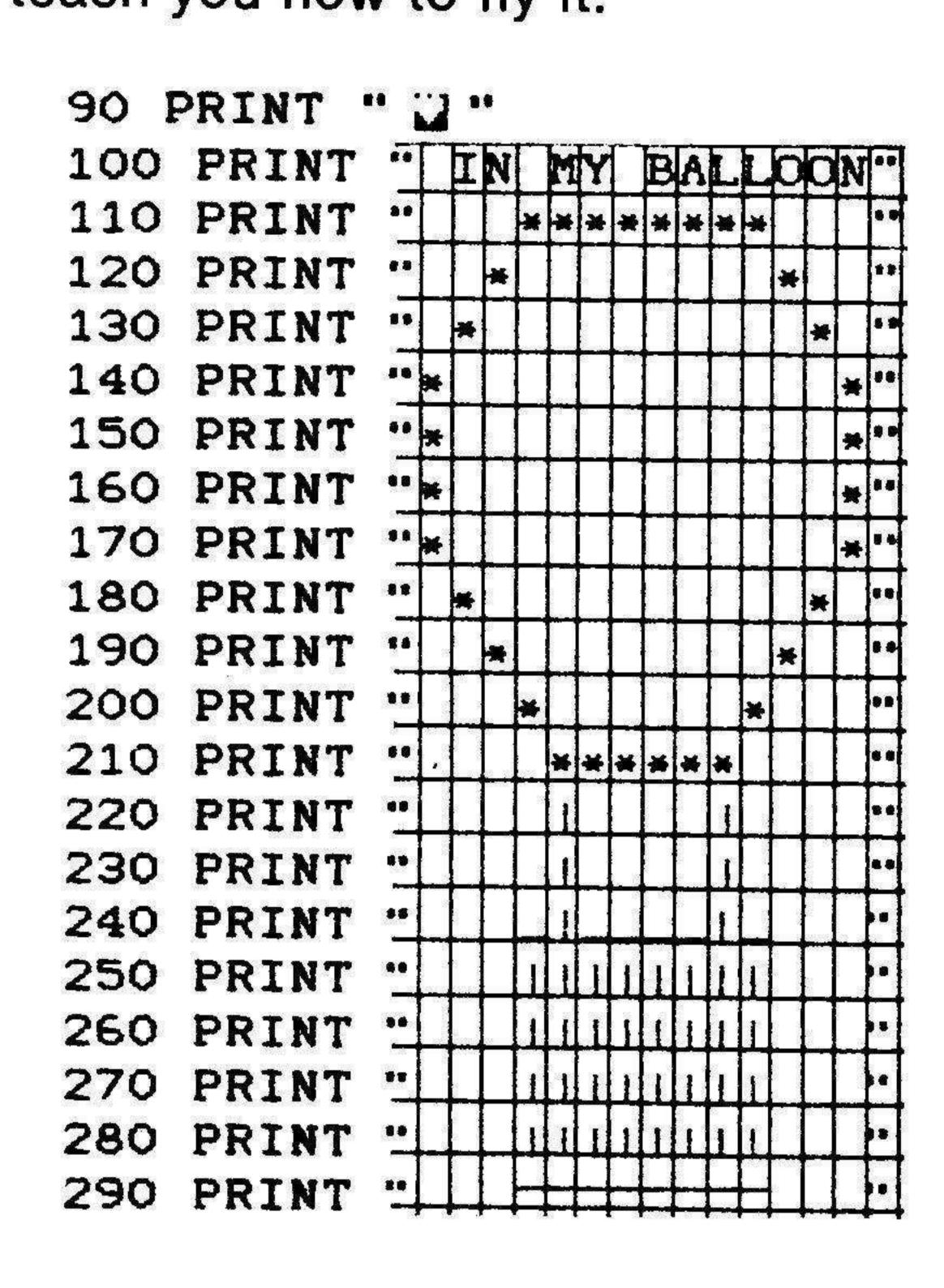
Drawing Board

Would you like to draw something of your own? It doesn't have to be a garden, but anything you like to draw. How about drawing your best friend or a nursery rhyme character? Let's see, there is Humpty Dumpty; Peter, Peter, Pumpkin Eater; the Dish that ran away with the Spoon...don't forget to put in the line numbers! Make sure they have the same number of digits.



Up, Up and Away

One day I wanted to get away for a little while, so I drew myself a balloon and up, up and away I went. Now you can do it too! But first build the balloon and the basket. Then I will teach you how to fly it.



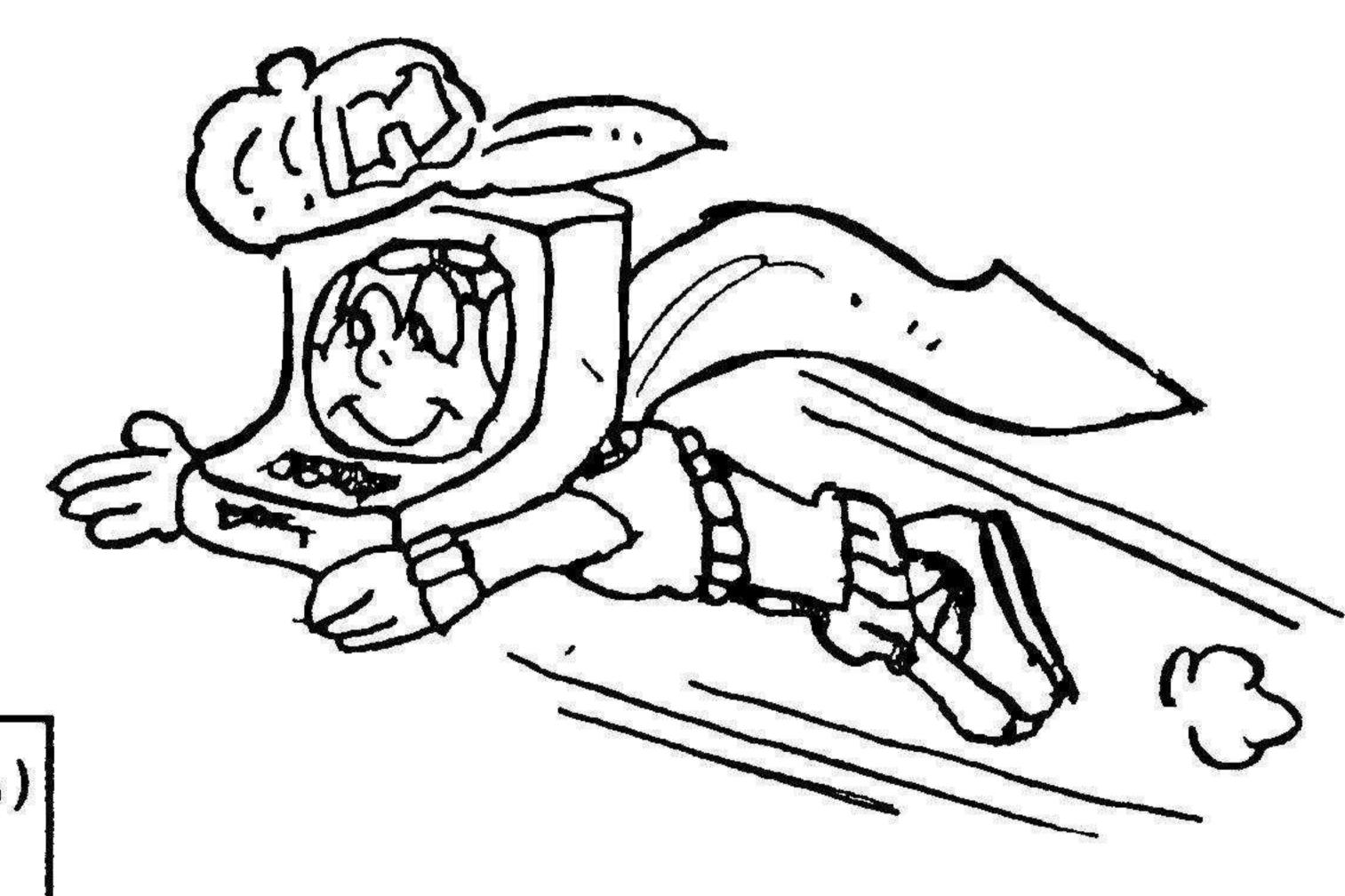


Flying Lessons

Flying lessons are starting! To fly the balloon we learn a new word, GOTO (pronounced Go To). Write this in your program.

295 FOR S=1 TO 300:NEXT S 300 GOTO 100

FOR___NEXT___ (line 295)
slows down the balloon.



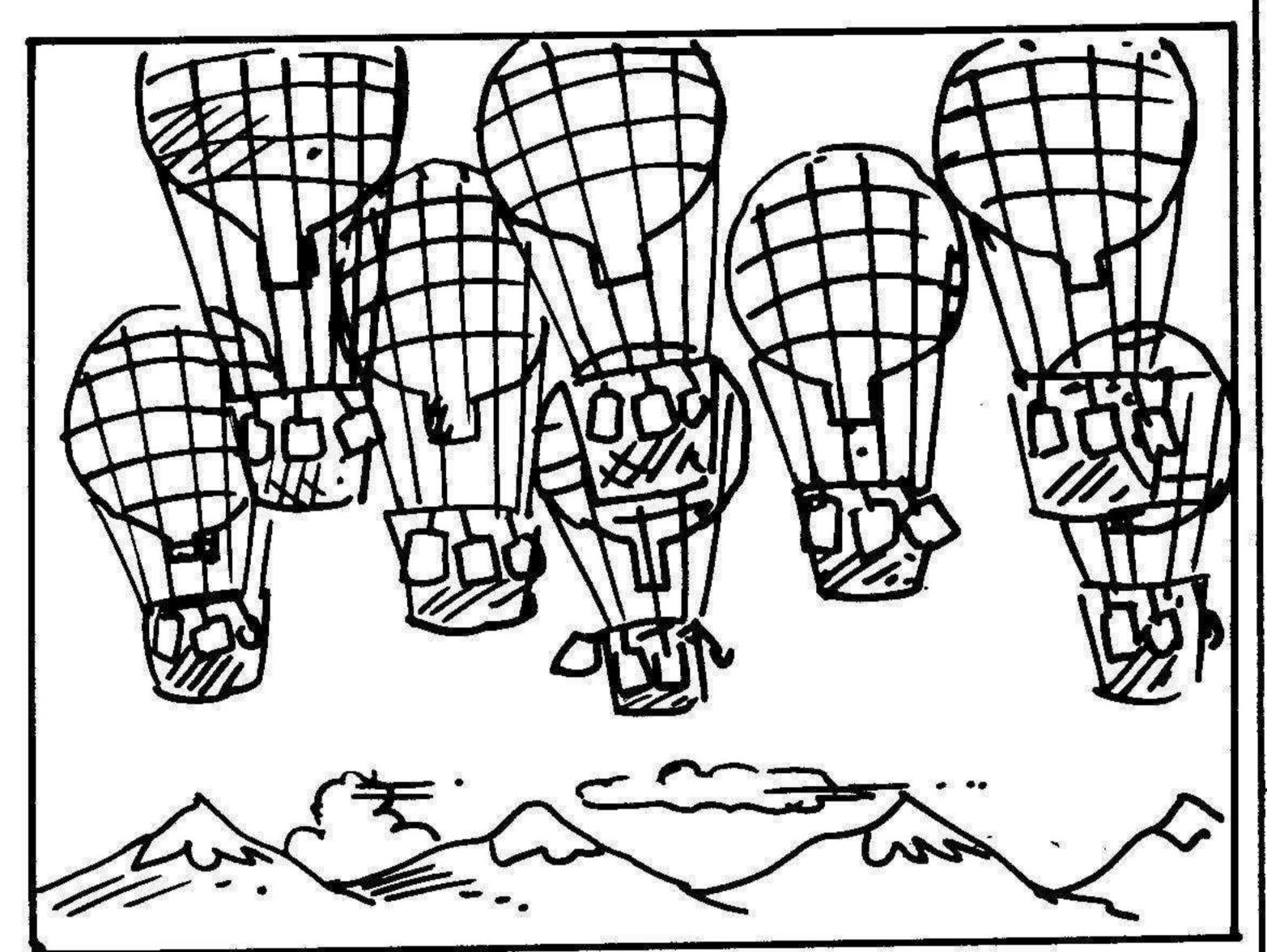
Does your balloon keep going, and going, and going? Did I hear you yell "HELP! It won't stop!" Herbie to the rescue! Press RUN/STOP to stop. Whew! Did you get it landed safely? Let's try that a few more times to get the hang of it. It is like learning to drive a car. You have to learn where the brakes are.

Air Space

Let's go for a balloon cruise again. RUN your program. Our balloon needs some space. Let's put some blank spaces in so the balloons won't run into each other.

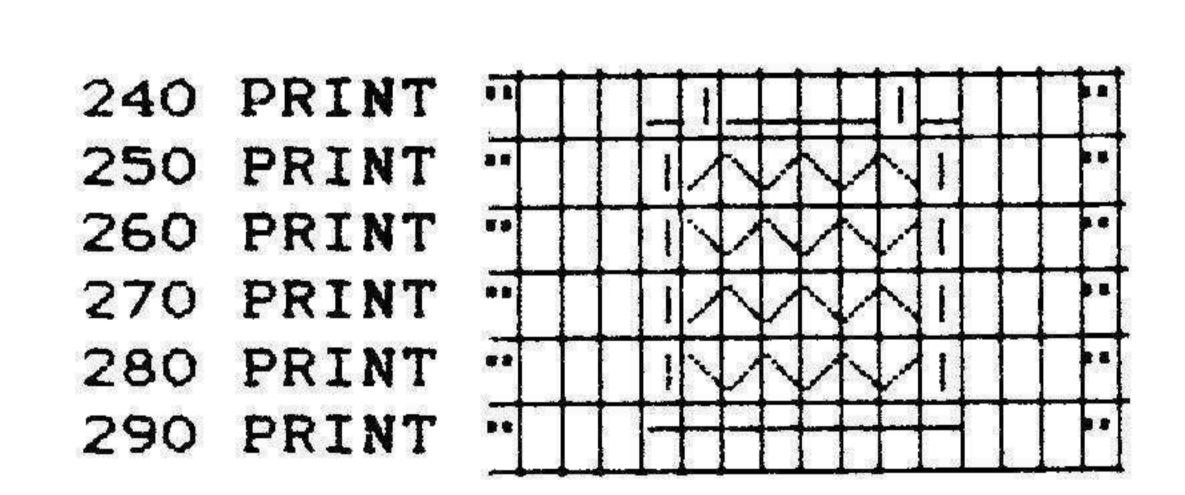
297 PRINT:PRINT:PRINT:PRINT:PRINT

That should do it. Happy ballooning!

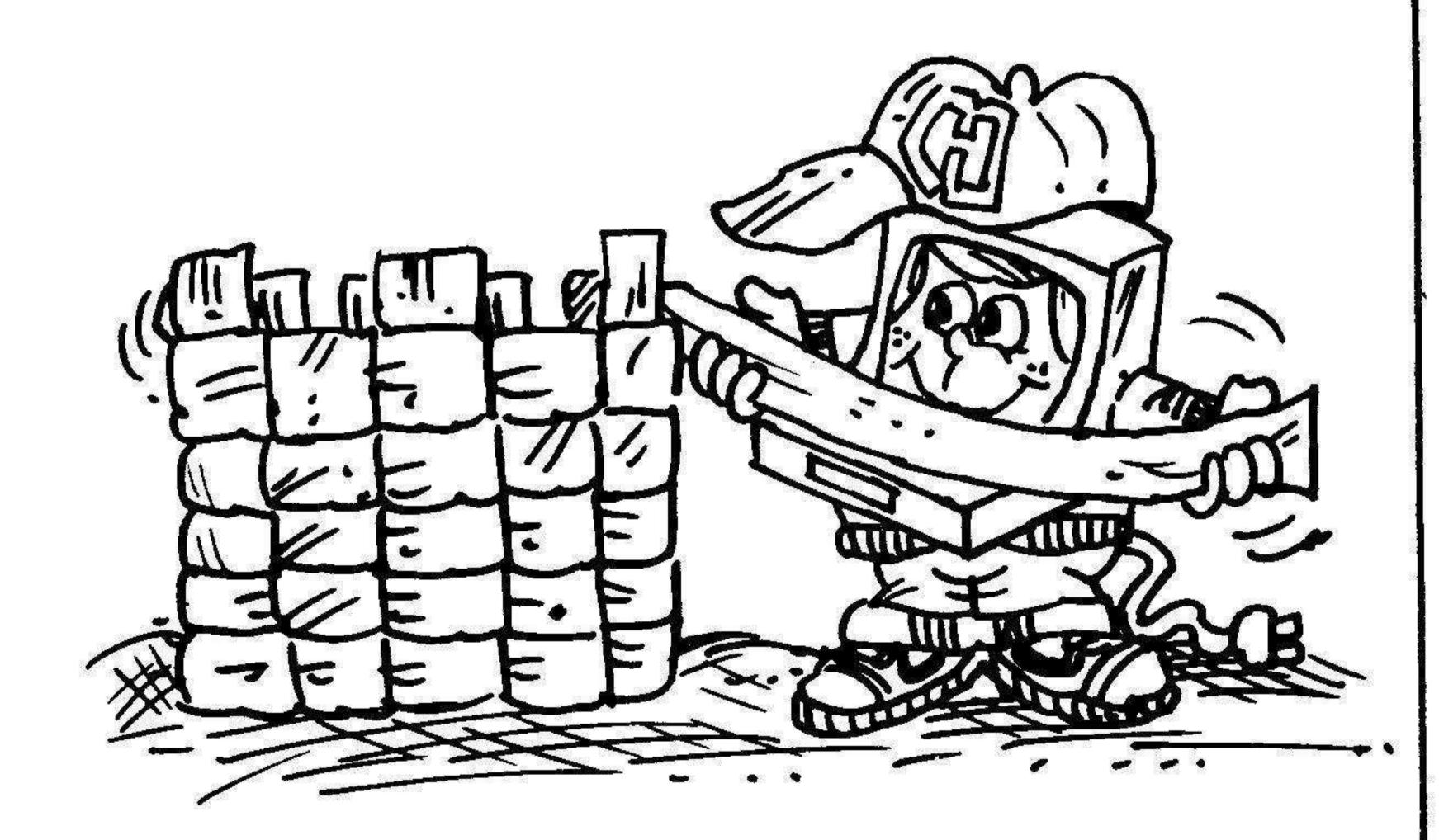


Basket Weaving Class

Let's go for a nice balloon cruise again. Where's the seatbelt? No seatbelt! Well, at least we should make sure the basket will hold together. Let's reweave it. I'll show you how.



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[SHIFT] N for \



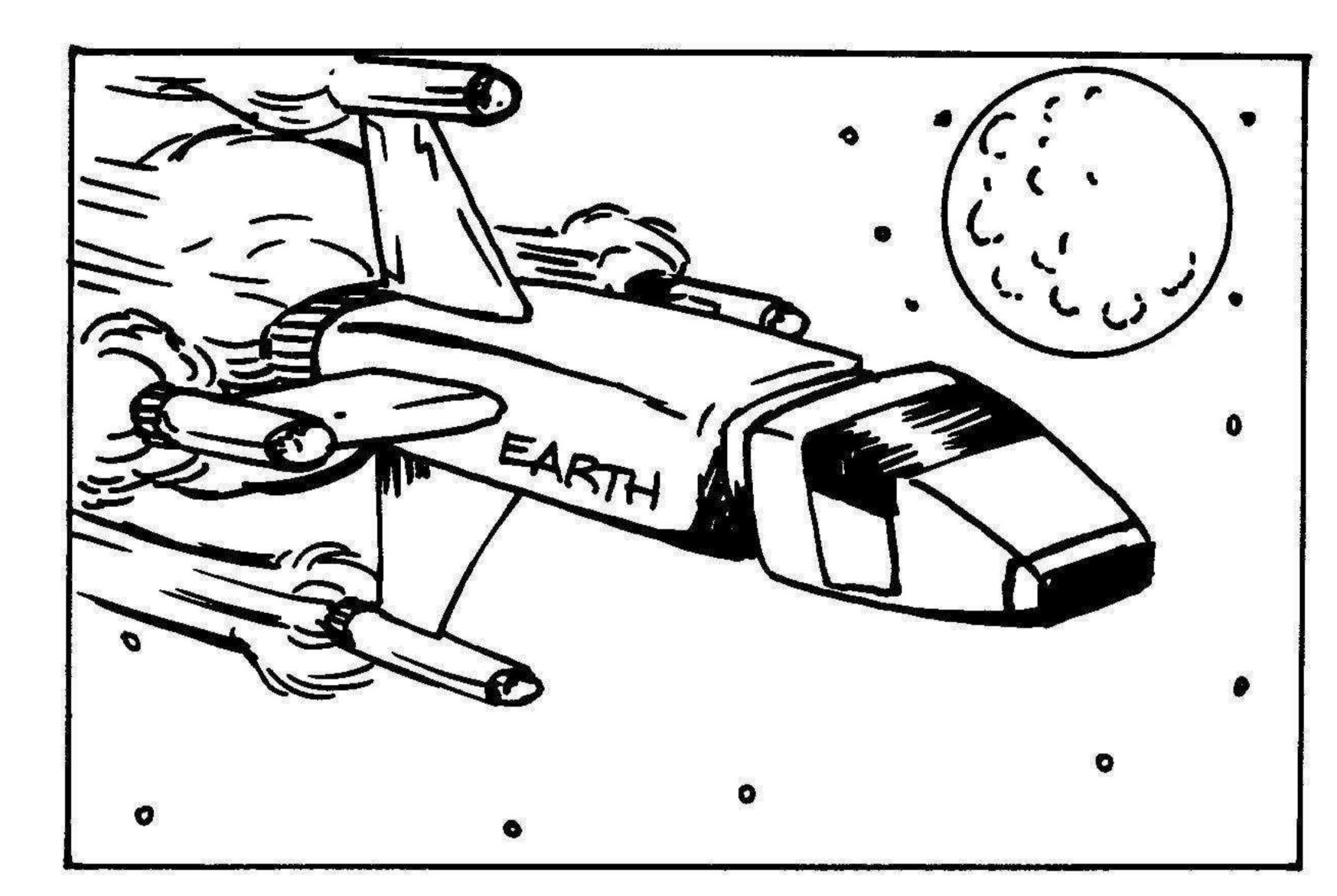
Did the basket come out looking good and solid? I would not want to fall out!

Off to Outer Space

Now that you can cruise a balloon, try speeding a spaceship.

| 90 1 | PRINT " | | •• | | | | | | | | | | | |
|------|---------|------|----|--------|--------|----------|---------|--------|-----|-------|-----|---|---|-----|
| 100 | PRINT" | | 1 | | | | × | | | | | 1 | 1 | • 9 |
| 110 | PRINT | | | | | 7 | | 7 | | | | | | न |
| 120 | PRINT" | | | | | | | | | | П | T | | 寸 |
| 130 | PRINT" | | | | | 7 | | | K | | | ٦ | T | 可 |
| 140 | PRINT" | | | | | | | | 1 | | | T | 1 | ·す |
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| 170 | PRINT" | | Γ | | | 133 | A | | Ī | 50.00 | | | | न |
| 180 | PRINT" | | | | | | R | | 1 | | | | | न |
| 190 | PRINT" | | | | | | T | | ١ | | | | | न |
| 200 | PRINT" | | | | - | | H | | i | | | | | 4 |
| 210 | PRINT" | | | 1 | | | | | | Ÿ, | | | | 7 |
| 220 | PRINT" | | 1 | | | | | | 100 | | N | | | 1 |
| 230 | PRINT" | | - | | | A 194700 | | | | | | | ŀ | 1 |
| 240 | PRINT" | | ¥ | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | | 1 | ··· |
| 250 | PRINT" | | | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | | | • | - |
| 260 | PRINT" | | | | • | ! | • | | | | | | ŀ | |
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270 GOTO 100



RUN/STOP

stops the spaceship.

Blast Off

Okay, we are ready! Do NOT type NEW!

The Spaceship Earth will soon be departing for Uranus and points beyond. Hurry, get on board! Type these additions to your old spaceship program. Write LIST to check if you have your spaceship still in memory.

5 PRINT " " "

10 LET N = 10

20 PRINT N

30 FOR Z=1 TO 200: NEXT Z

40 IF N = 1 THEN GOTO 70

50 LET N = N - 1

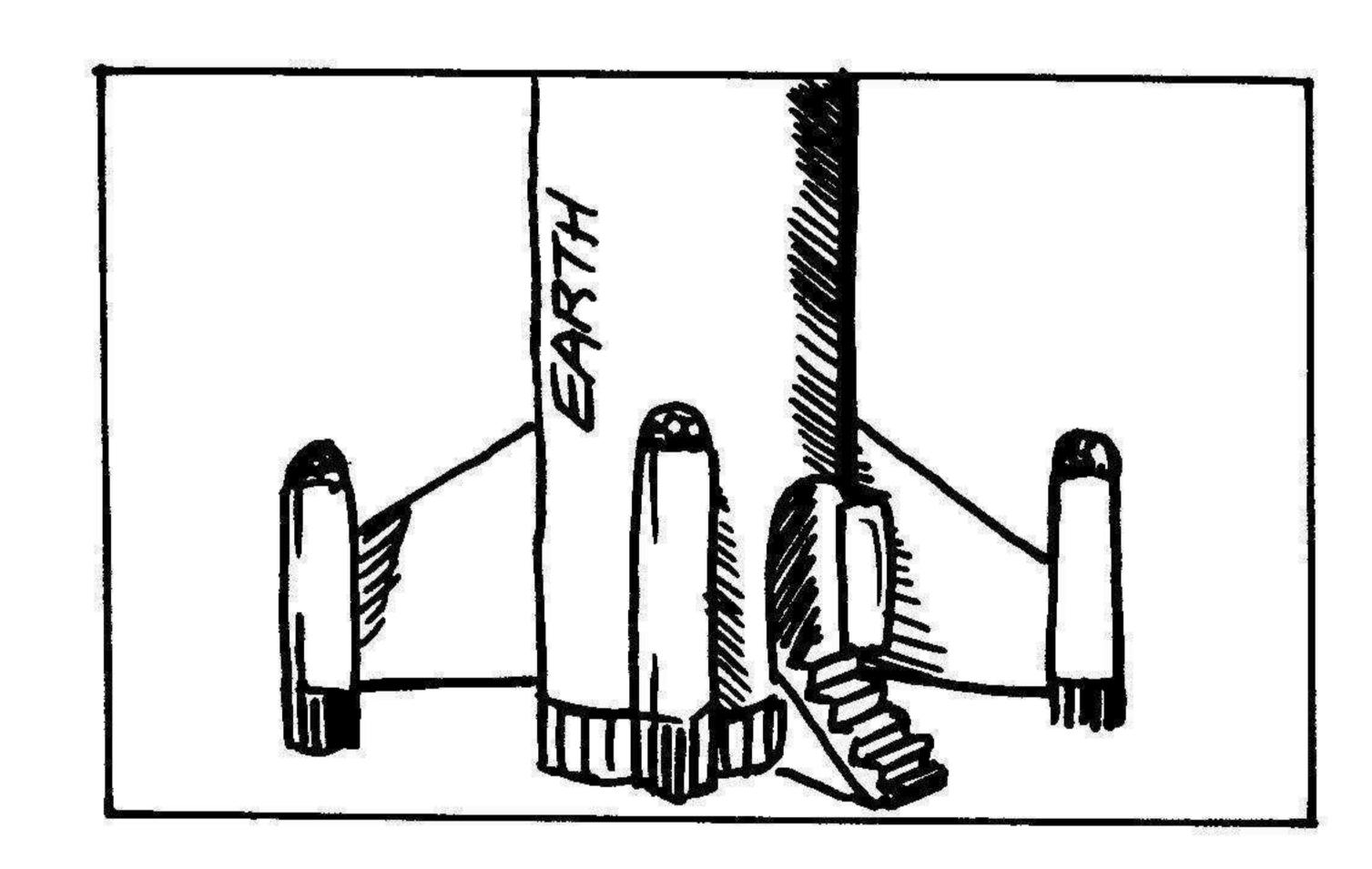
60 GOTO 20

70 PRINT:PRINT:PRINT

80 PRINT"BLAST OFF"

270

Delete line 270 by typing 270 and pressing RETURN



Did you see a count down from 10, then BLAST OFF? Great! If not, try to find the system bug. Check your typing carefully.

The Count Up

Count downs are fun, but let us learn how the computer counts up first.

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5 PRINT "I CAN COUNT"

20 LET N = 0 

starting point of count

30 PRINT N

40 FOR Z =1 TO 200:NEXT Z

50 LET N = N + 1

60 GOTO 30
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Stop with RUN/STOP

FOR____NEXT___statement (line 40) slows down the count so that you can read it.

A VARIABLE is a letter that equals a number. N is the VARIABLE in this program.

LET gives a value to a VARIABLE.

GOTO returns the computer to line 30 which "counts" another number.

Computer Cards

Of course you've heard of baseball cards. Well, Mark's Micro Mart sells computer cards. All the heroes of computer history are on them. Each card costs 3 cents. Quick! Learn to count by 3's.

5 PRINT " " " " " " 10 PRINT "I CAN COUNT BY 3'S"

20 LET N = 0

30 PRINT N

40 FOR Z = 1 TO 200:NEXT Z

50 LET N = N + 3

60 GOTO 30

Ooops! Prices went up. They now cost 5¢ each. Run this program.

5 PRINT " " "
10 PRINT "I CAN COUNT
BY 5'S"
20 LET N = 0
30 PRINT N
40 FOR Z= 1 TO 200:NEXT Z
50 LET N = N + 5
60 GOTO 30

You should see this on the screen:

I CAN COUNT BY 3'S
0
3
6
9

Prices came down! They now cost 4¢ each. Can you fill in the blank to write this program?

Hide 'n Seek

We counted up, now let's count down! Let's play Hide and Go Seek. I will count down for you while you hide. Here's a count down program.

10 PRINT "COUNT DOWN"

20 LET N = 0

30 LET N = N - 1

40 PRINT N

50 GOTO 30

Ocops! That was not quite what you expected, was it? Instead of starting at 0, let's start at 100. Can you fill in the blank to change the count down in this program?

20 LET N = ----

Was that right? Not quite, you say. It didn't stop. How are we going to tell the computer to stop? Try

45 IF N = O THEN END



IF-THEN let's the computer make a decision following our instructions.

The Count Down

Hurray! We did it! Let's see if you can do some more count downs. If you want to find a really good place to hide, you need a BIG number to count down from because computers can count so fast. Why don't you fill in the blank below? Try different numbers!

10 PRINT "COUNT DOWN"

20 LET N = ---

30 LET N = N - 1

40 PRINT N

50 IF N = 0 THEN END

60 GOTO 30

END means quit. In this program the computer returns to Line 30 again and again (GOTO 30) until the counting number, N, equals 0. Then it quits.



A-Counting We Will Go!

Herbie learned to sing! Do you know this song? "A-counting we will go! A-counting we will go! Hi-Ho the derry-o, A-counting we will go!" This is what Herbie does when he goes a-counting. Can you finish the programs for him?

| Count by 2's. | Count by 2's, starting at 100. | Count by 2's, starting at 100, and ending at 500. | | | | | | |
|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|---|--|--|--|--|--|--|
| 10 PRINT "COUNTING" BY 2'S" | 10 PRINT "COUNTING BY 2'S" | 10 PRINT "COUNTING BY 2'S" | | | | | | |
| 20 LET N = 0 | 20 LET N = | 20 — | | | | | | |
| 30 PRINT | 30 PRINT N | 30 ———— | | | | | | |
| 40 LET N = N + | 40 LET N = + | 35 IF N = 500 THEN | | | | | | |
| 50 GOTO 30 | 50 GOTO | | | | | | | |
| | | 40 | | | | | | |
| | | 50 COTO | | | | | | |

Remember, you do not have to rewrite the entire program each time. Just add the line number that is needed for the new instruction.

Backwards A-Counting

"Go will we a-counting! Go will we a-counting! Derry-o the Ho-Hi, Go will we a-counting!" I think Herbie wants to count backwards and is just being silly. Let's go will we a-counting backwards for him.

Count backwards by 5's.

10 PRINT "BACKWARDS BY 5'S"

20 LET N = 030 PRINT N

40 LET N = N30 50 —

Count backwards by 5's, starting at 400.

10 PRINT "BACKWARDS

20 LET N

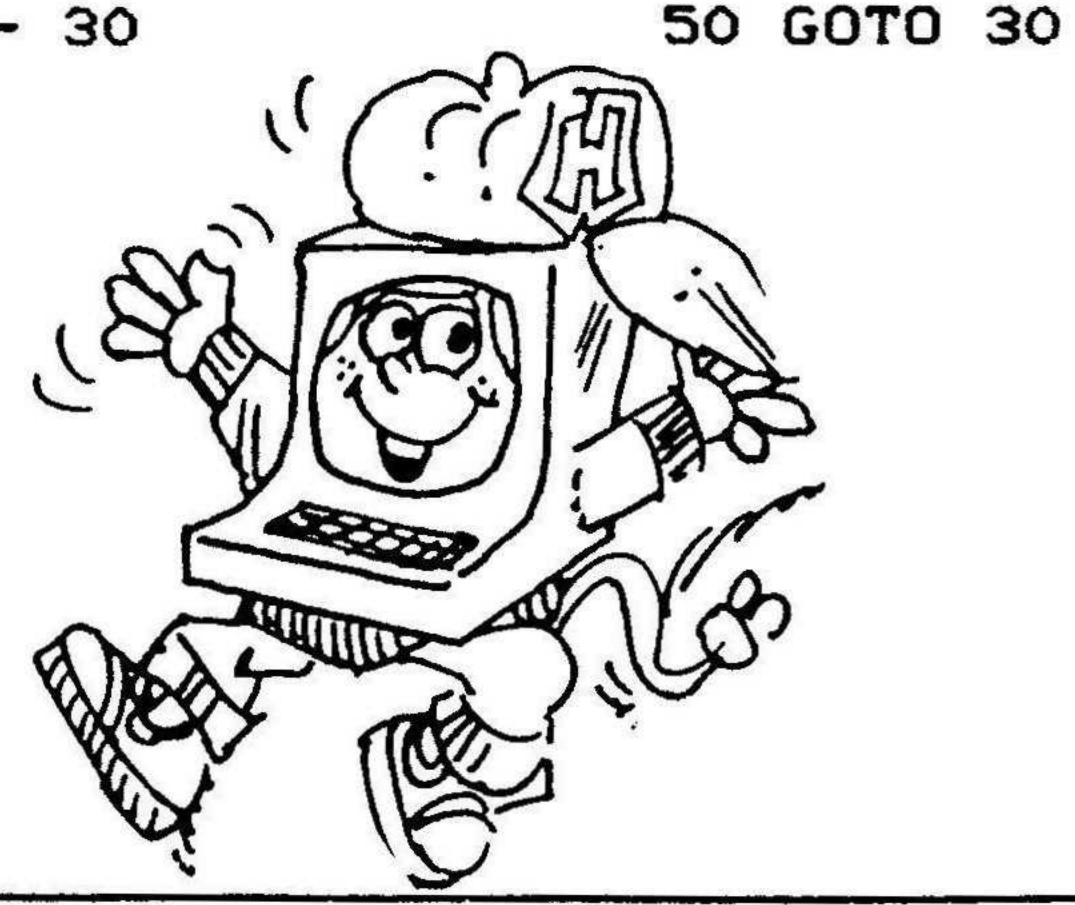
BY 5'S"

Count backwards by 5's, starting at 400, and ending at 100.

10 PRINT "BACKWARDS BY 5'S"

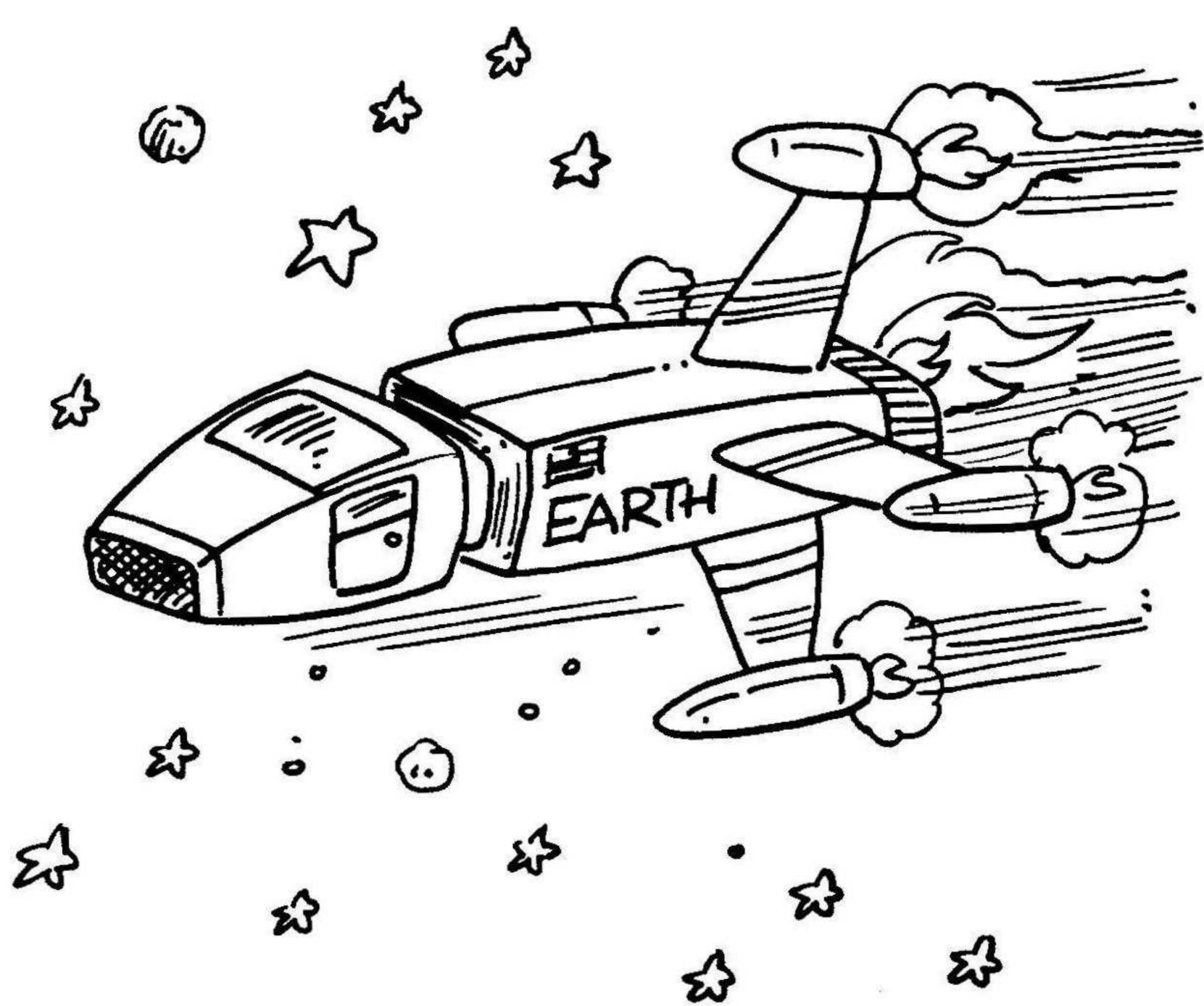
20 LET N

THEN-50



Ready for Takeoff

I'm getting ready for another space flight. I have everything I need,—water, vitamins, and even a SPACE BAR! I better remember how to do the blast off again. This time I'm going to count down from a larger number so that I have more time to get ready.



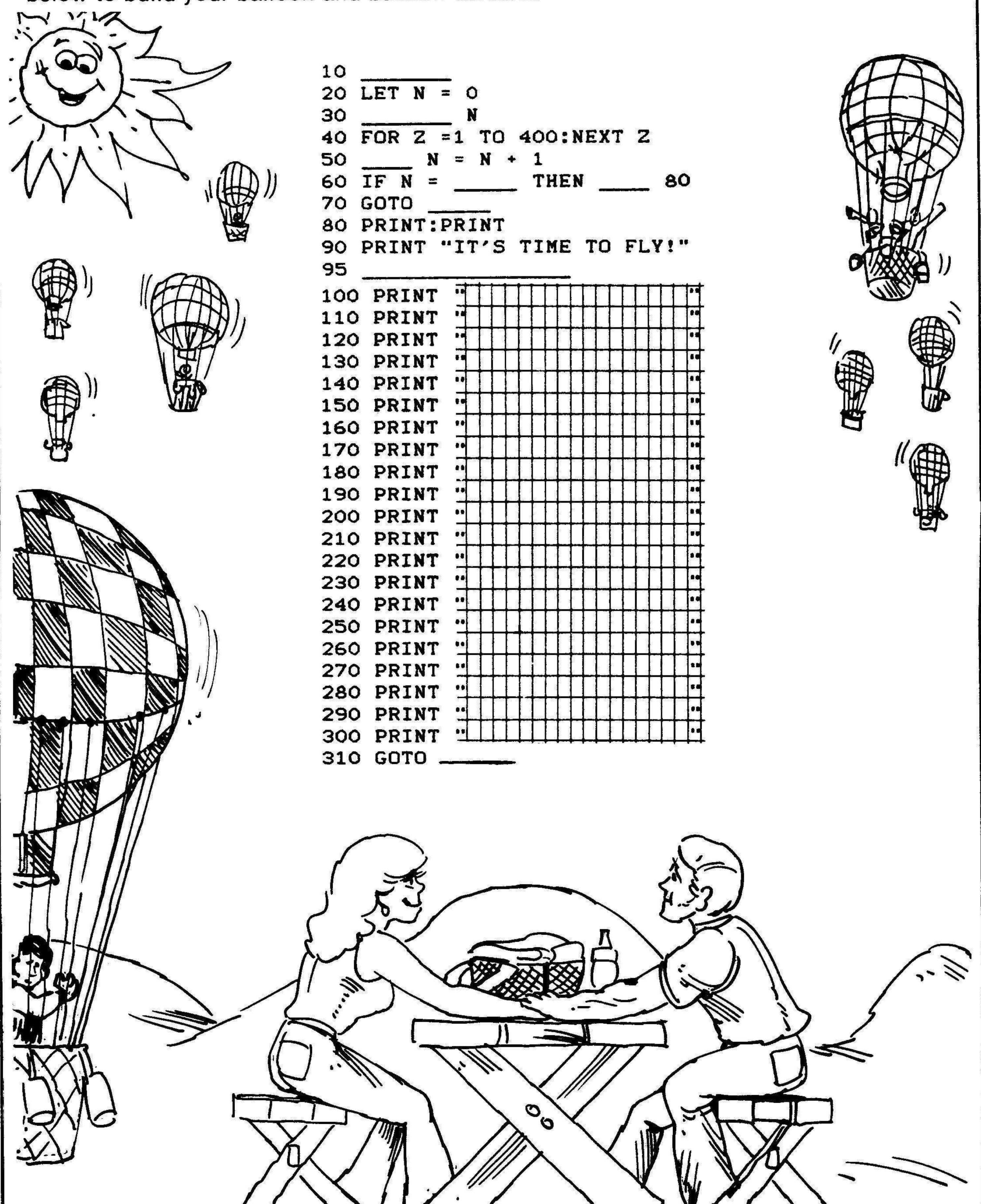
Take Me Along

Can you send your own spaceship up? Fill in the blanks below to build your own. Look at the other programs for help. But let me know when it's time to blast off. I want to come too!

10 PRINT "
20 LET N = —
30 PRINT —
40 LET N = —
50 IF N = 0 THEN GOTO —
60 GOTO —
70 —
80 PRINT "BLAST OFF"

A Balloon Blast

Taking off in a balloon can be as exciting as taking off in a spaceship. But let's have a count up to take off in the balloon. On the count of 20, it's time to fly! Fill in the blanks below to build your balloon and balloon sendoff.



A Sad Story

This is a sad story! My mom baked a chocolate-raisin-peach-marshmallow-supreme pie. It's my very favorite. Well, my brother brought home a squirrel, a possum, and several other animals that followed him. Type the program below to see what happened next. Then you will see why I think this is a sad story.

10 LET A = 520 LET B = 2

30 PRINT A + B 40 PRINT "ANIMALS ATE THE PIE!"



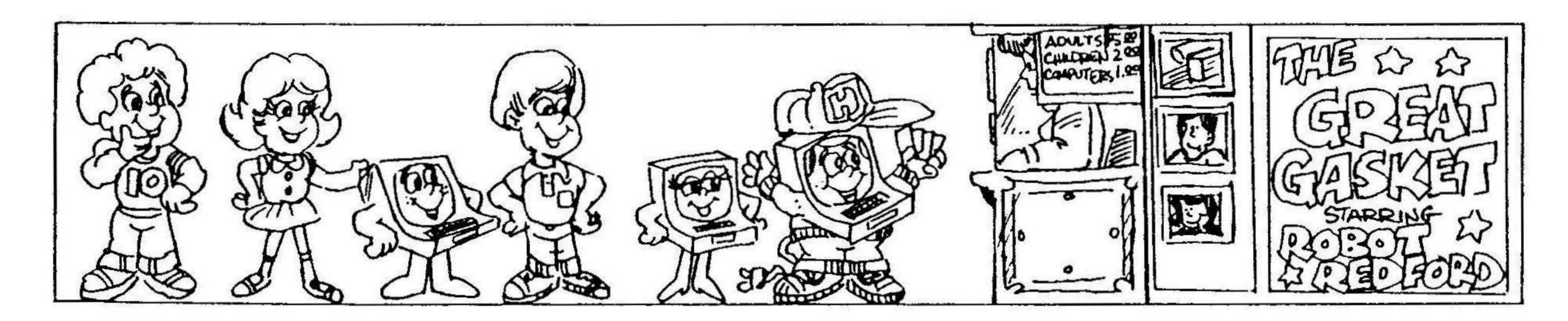
the computer to look for numbers. Even if letters follow PRINT, with no quotation marks, the computer knows the letters are VARIABLES and stand for numbers.

PRINT with no quotation marks tells

Did the computer tell you 7? That's right! Seven of them!

A Happy Story

Free passes for the movies! Hurrah! I have 12 passes. I'm going to take my friends Danny, Matt, and Lisa, my sister Sparky, and my brother Buzz to the movies to see Robot Redford. Let me see, how many passes will I have left if we all go? Type the program and find out.



10 PRINT

40 PRINT "THERE WILL BE

50 PRINT MP - P

60 PRINT "MOVIE PASSES LEFT."

The letters called VARIABLES can use almost any combination of letters to stand for numbers. We choose MP for movie passes and P for persons.

Did the computer tell you there were 6 passes left? Good! That is enough for us to go again and see Robot Redford's next movie!

A Light Friend

My friend Jason lost two pounds a week for ten weeks. Type the program below. You'll see how much Jason lost altogether.

10 PRINT " U"

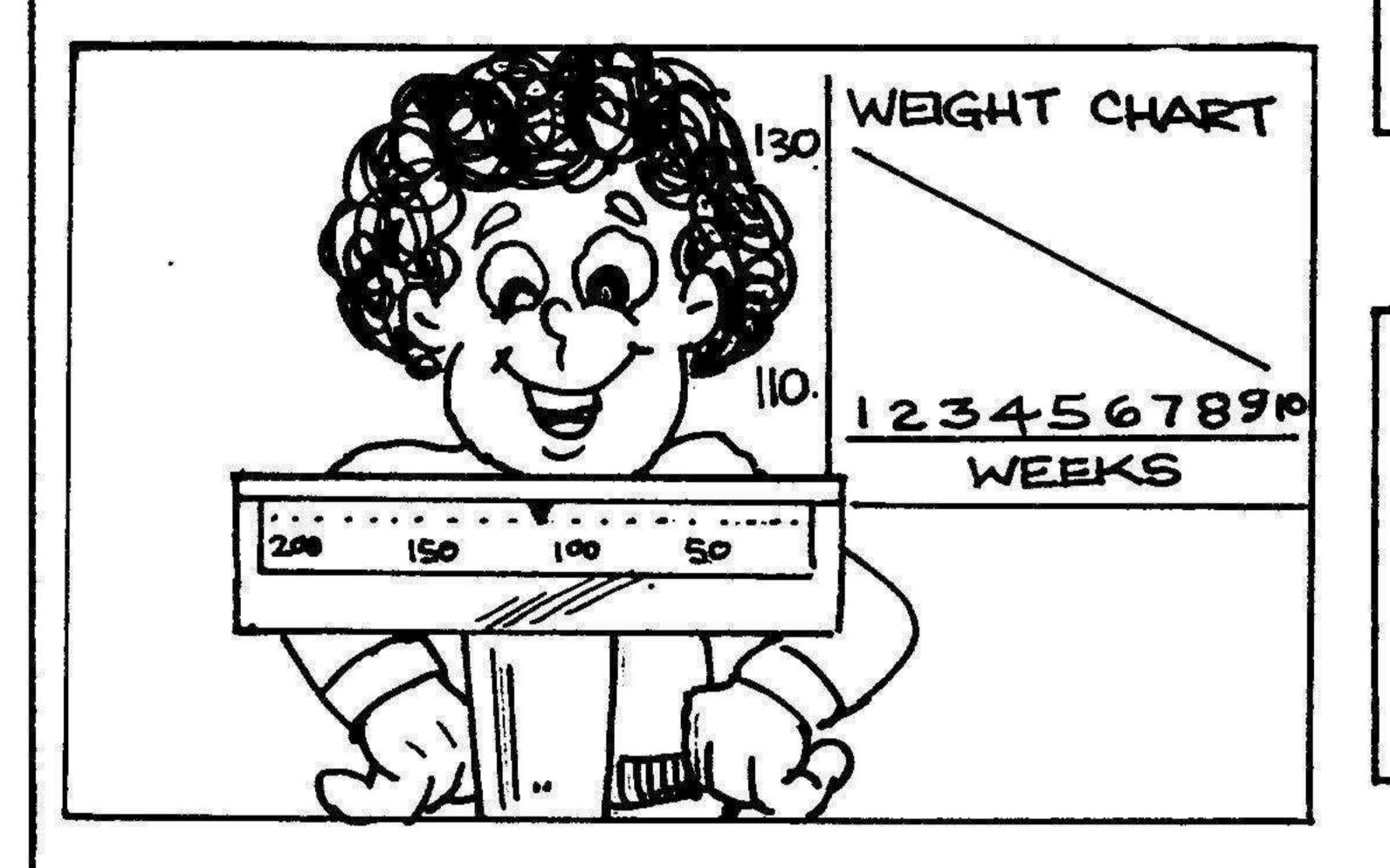
20 LET W = 10

30 LET P = 2

40 PRINT "JASON LOST"

50 PRINT W * P

60 PRINT "POUNDS IN 10 WEEKS."



The computer does multiplication using * to mean "times."

We choose P to be pounds and W to be weeks. The variables could have been X and Y, or A and B. It makes no difference to the computer, but it is easier for the programmer (you) to understand.

Did the computer say 20? Good. You did the program correctly.

An Electrical Friend

Meet my dog. He has blinking lights and an electrical cord for a tail! We have to build a fence to keep him in the yard. Let's see how big his new yard is going to be. We have 48 yards of fencing and 4 sides....well, just do the program and your computer will figure it out.

10 PRINT " " "

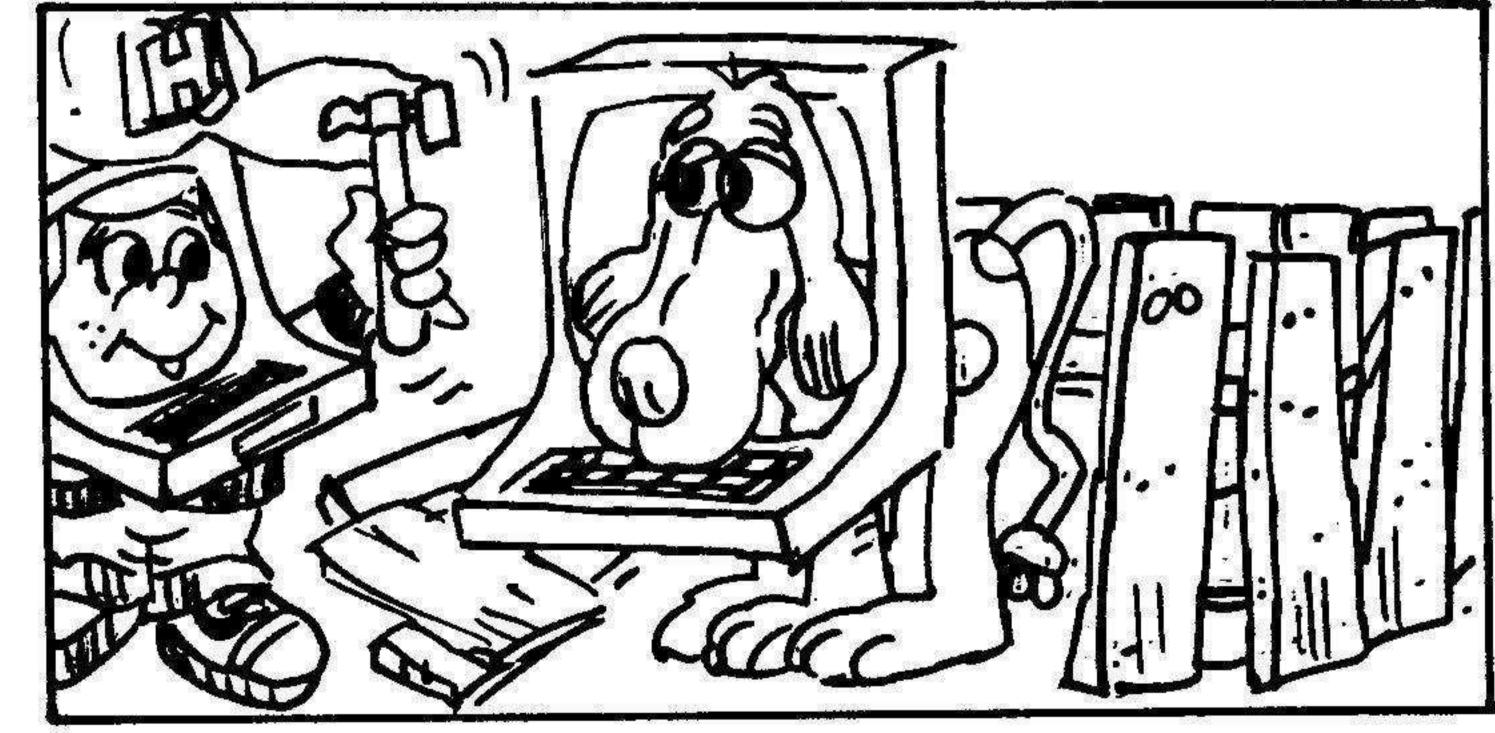
20 LET F = 48

30 LET S = 4

40 PRINT "EACH SIDE OF THE NEW DOG YARD WILL BE"

50 PRINT F/S

60 PRINT "YARDS LONG."



The computer does division using / to mean "divide."

Did your computer tell you the new dog yard will be 12 yards long? It's right. You typed the program in very well!

Hocus Pocus

Herbie went to a magic show. The magician was full of tricks. He could do this trick with just a couple of seconds in between. Copy and then RUN your program to see the trick.

10 PRINT " " "

20 PRINT "TYPE A NUMBER."

30 INPUT N

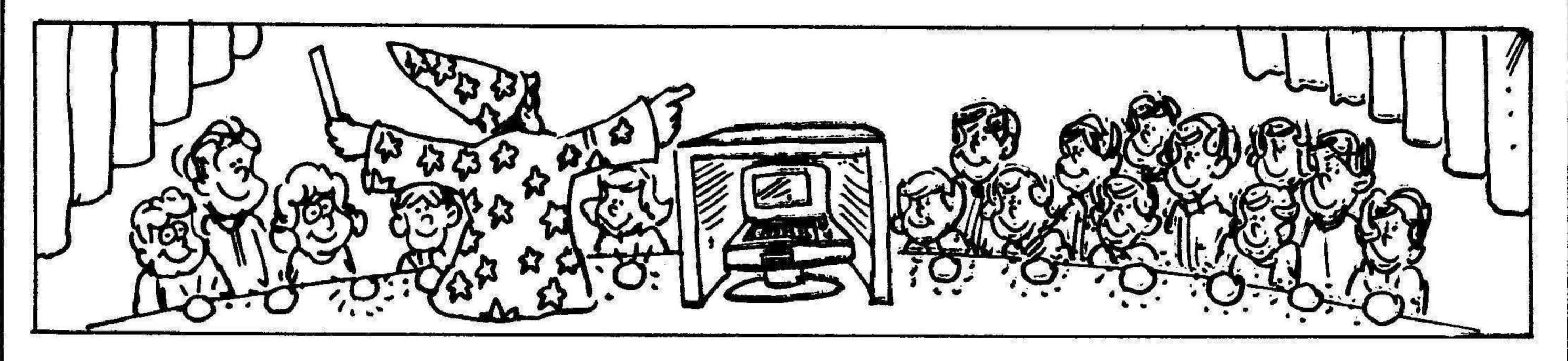
40 LET A = N * 11

50 PRINT "HERE IS A NUMBER 11

TIMES BIGGER."

60 PRINT A

INPUT tells the computer to wait while you put in an answer. The computer stores your answer in a VARIABLE. In this program the VARIABLE is named N for Number.



That was a pretty nifty trick! But of course the magician's secret was a hidden computer. If you put in 859 did the computer tell you 9449? RUN it again and see. If so, you are as good as the magician!

Abracadabra

This was another magic trick Herbie saw. The people "oohed" and "aahed." How could the magician do this so fast? Herbie knew!

10 PRINT " L "

20 PRINT "HOW OLD ARE YOU?"

30 INPUT Y

40 LET D = Y * 365

50 PRINT "YOU ARE "D" DAYS OLD!"

60 PRINT

70 GOTO 20



Stop the program with RUN/STOP and RESTORE.

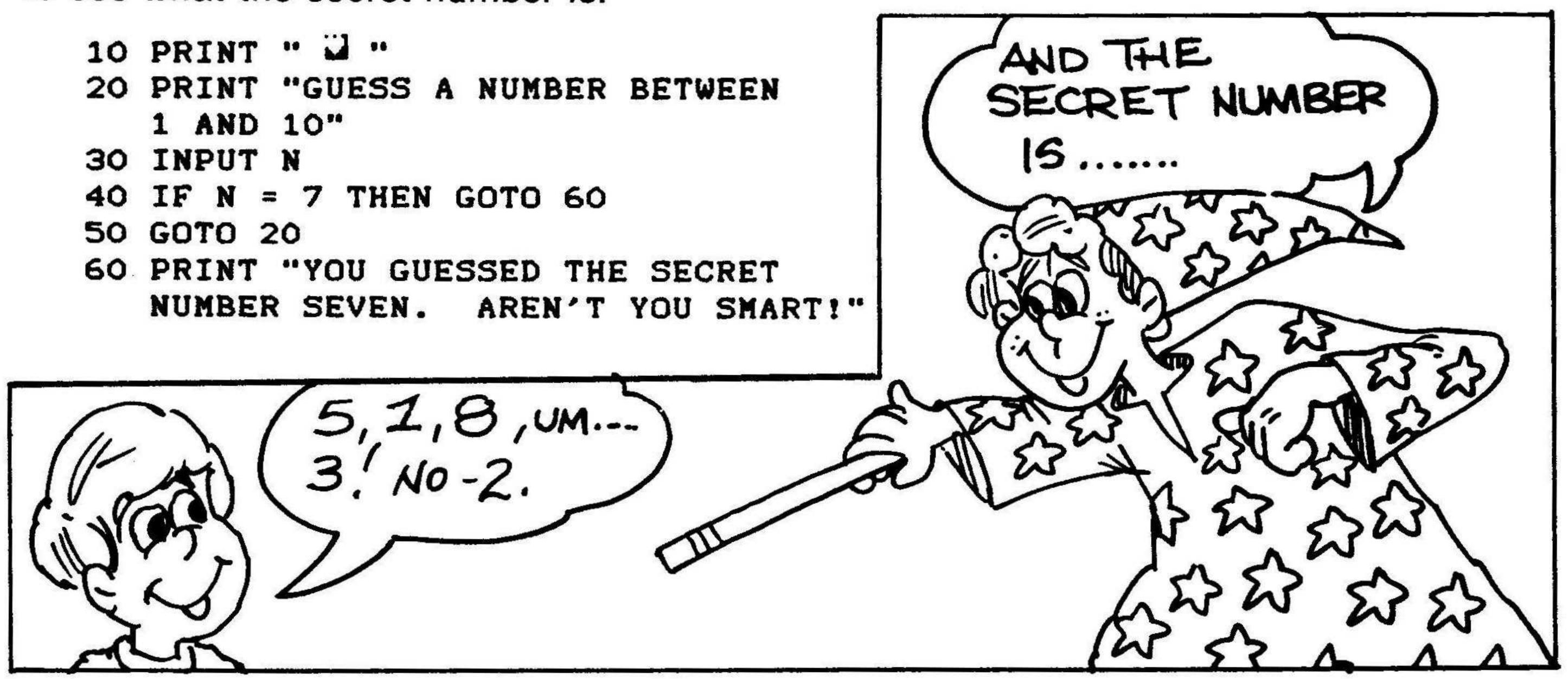
Did it say REDO FROM START? You put in letters and the computer wants a number only. So do what it says and REDO your answer.

Is the number glued to a word when you RUN your program? If so, retype line 50 paying attention to the blank spaces after ARE and before DAYS.

Herbie wanted to check the magician out. Herbie told him he was 9, and the magician said he was 3285 days old. Is that what your computer says? RUN it and see. If so, you are right!

A Magic Game

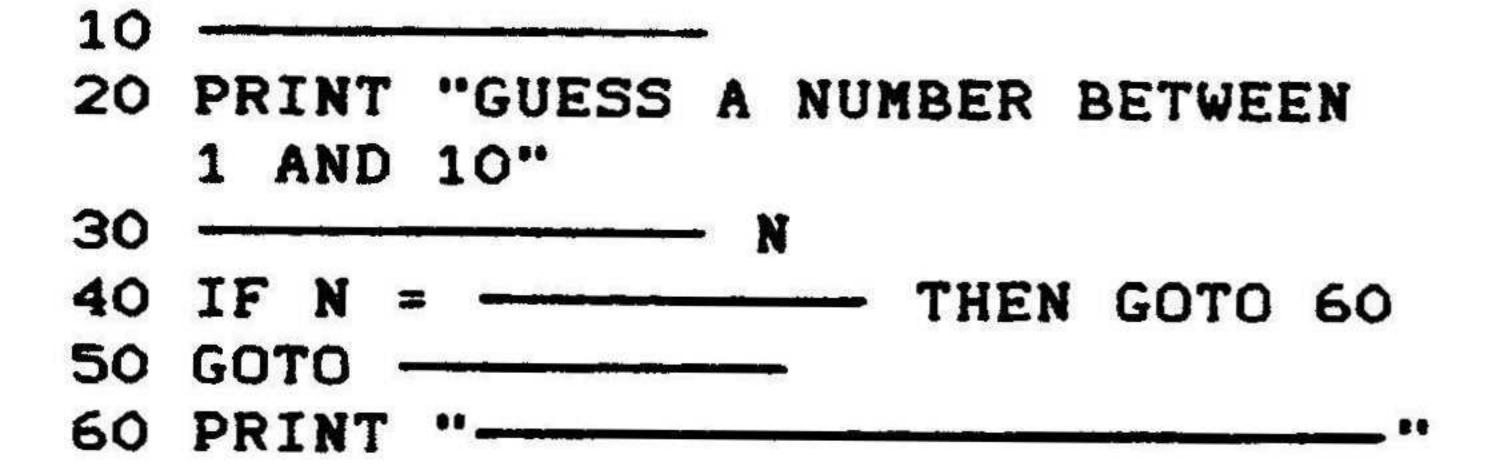
The magician said he would play a game. He had a secret number. Type in this program to see what the secret number is.

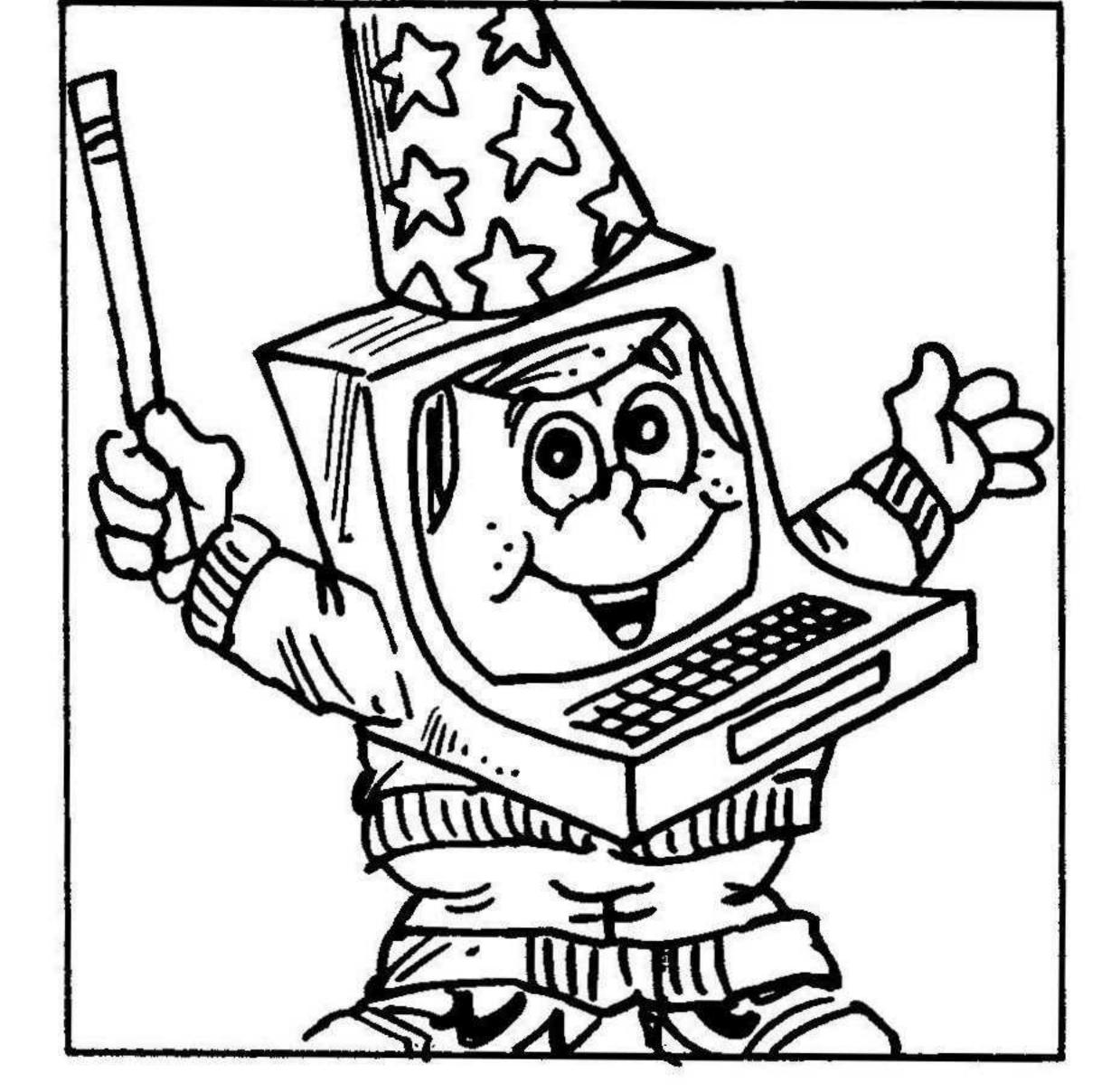


Herbie liked the magician. You could not lose at his game; he always gave you more chances until you won. Is that what happened when you typed in the program? If not, check your typing carefully.

Be a Magician

How would you like to be a magician? Try writing your own Magic Number Game. Don't let anyone else see it while you are writing it. Fill in the blanks below and write this program on your computer. Then you can be the magician and let someone guess. Put your secret number in on line 40.



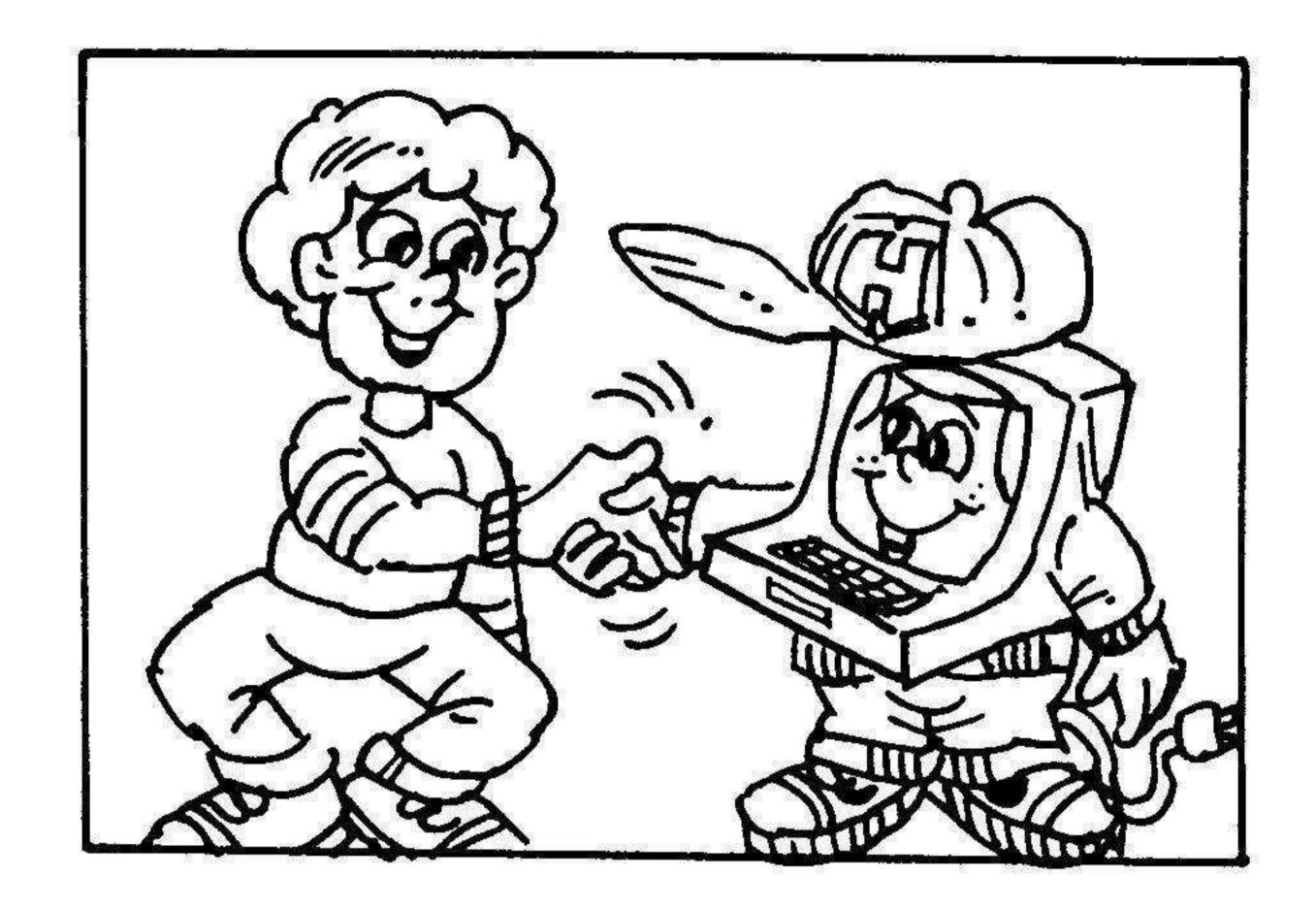


Did it work? Congratulations! Maybe you can join the Magicians' Club now!

A Polite Program

Herbie's Mom and Dad taught him to have good manners. Herbie knows what to say when he meets someone. See what he says when you introduce yourself to him. Type this program in as written.

- 10 PRINT " ""
 20 PRINT "MY NAME IS HERBIE."
 30 PRINT "WHAT IS YOUR NAME?"
 40 INPUT NS
 50 PRINT "THAT IS A NICE NAME, "
 NS
 60 PRINT "GLAD TO MEET YOU!"
 - N\$ is a STRING VARIABLE. This means it is treated as a word, and not as a number. To INPUT words you need to have the \$.

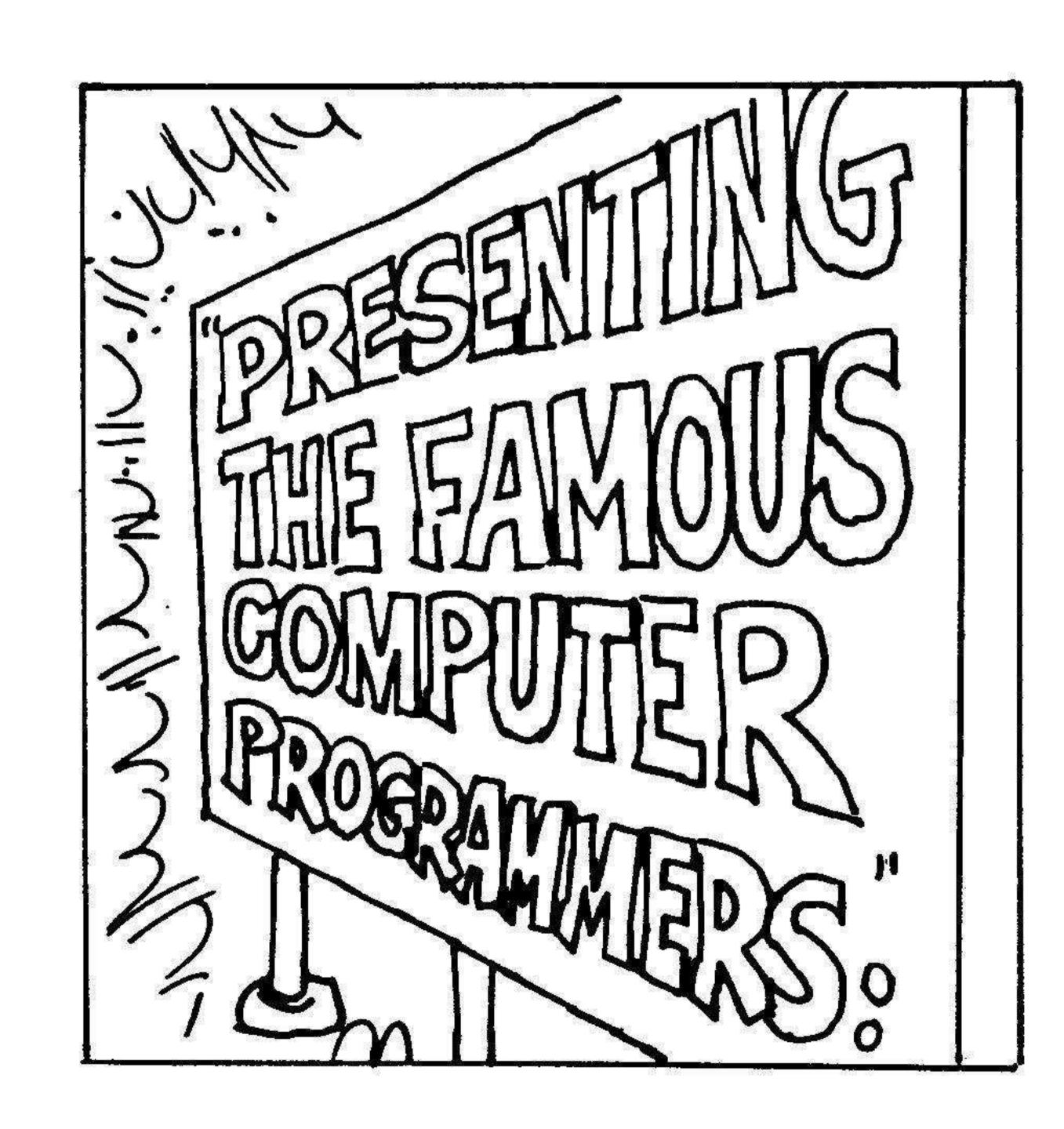


Was Herbie polite to you? Did he call you by name? If so, you know you did a good job typing in the program. RUN it again and introduce Herbie to someone else.

In the Limelight

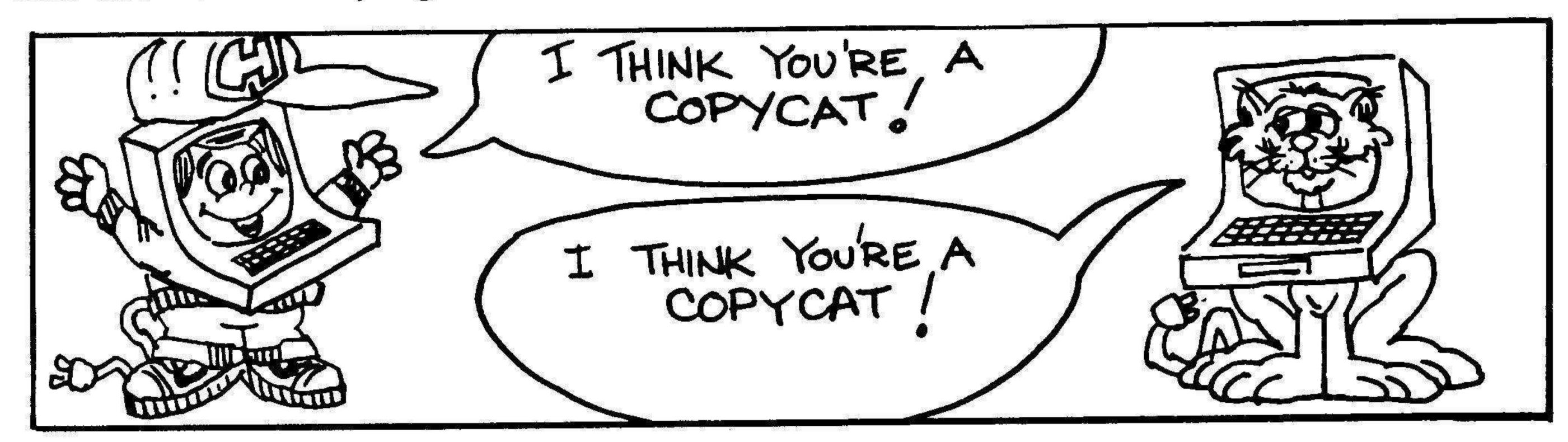
Fran and Dan love programming. They are good programmers. They want the whole world to know so they put this on their computer. By now you are a good programmer too. Tell the world through the computer. Add the name of a friend who is your programming pal.

Did you see your names as the world famous programmers? Good!



Copy Cat

My cat is a computer cat. He is a real pest sometimes. He is also a copy cat. Just look and see how he is programmed.



- 10 PRINT " LJ "
- 20 PRINT "SAY SOMETHING."
- 30 INPUT SS
- 40 PRINT SS
- 50 PRINT
- 60 GOTO 20

Stop with RUN/STOP and RESTORE.

If you type STOP THAT, does the computer say STOP THAT right back? Yes, then you know you have a real copy cat on your hands, and you typed the program correctly.

Tickets for Two

Where would you like to go on your vacation? Tahiti? Paris? Disneyland? I want to go to Timbuktu! I did the program below and I got two tickets to Timbuktu. Try it and see what you get!

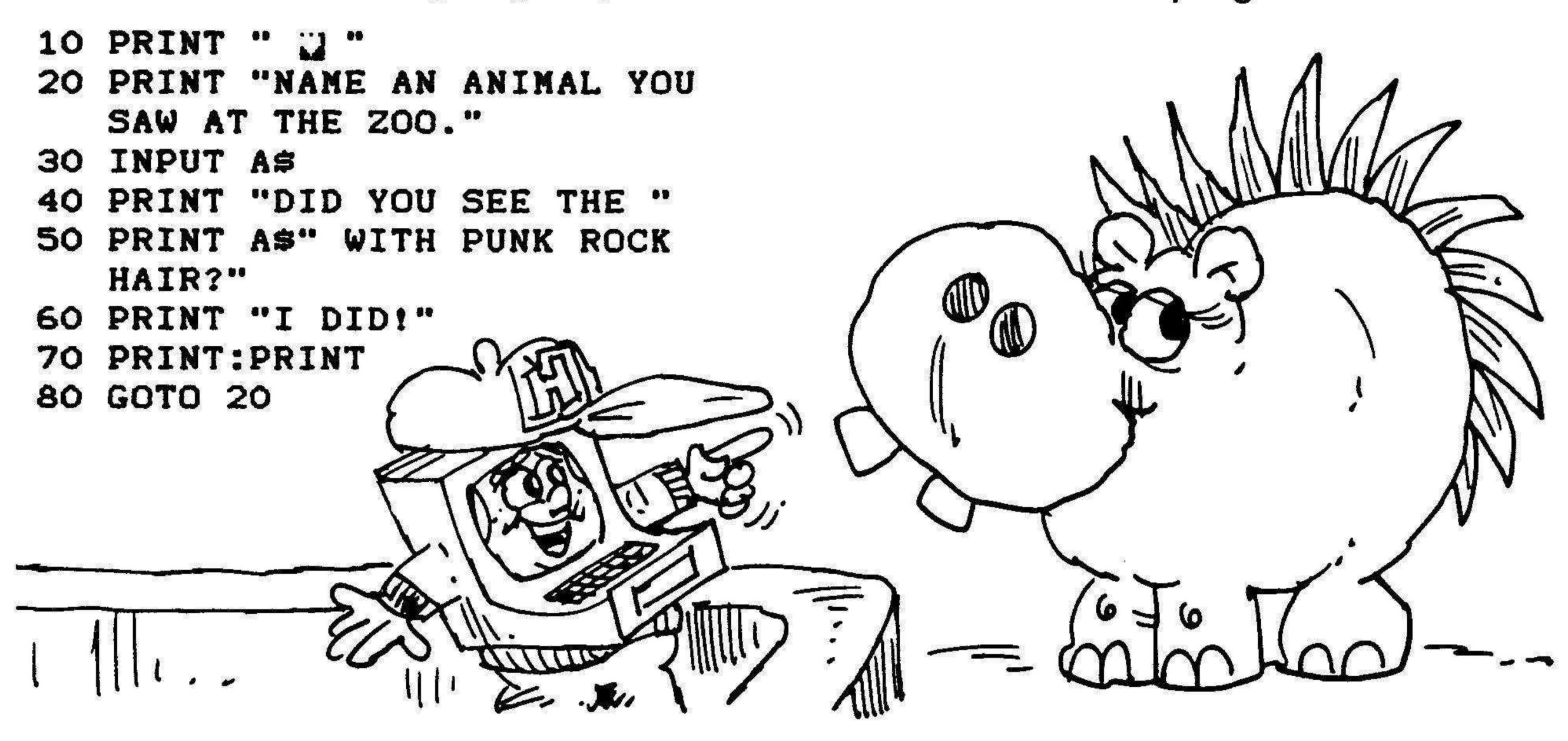
- 10 PRINT " U"
- 20 PRINT "WHERE WOULD YOU LIKE TO GO ON VACATION?"
- 30 INPUT W\$
- 40 PRINT " " "
- 50 PRINT: PRINT: PRINT: PRINT
- 60 PRINT "HERE ARE TWO PAID TICKETS FOR YOU TO:"
- 70 PRINT WS"!"
- 80 PRINT:PRINT:PRINT
 "SINCERELY,"
- 90 PRINT
- 100 PRINT "YOUR-EVERY-WISH-GRANTED TRAVEL AGENCY"
- 110 PRINT:PRINT:PRINT:PRINT
- 120 GOTO 20



Did you get two free tickets? Good. If not, check your typing and numbering carefully. Remember how to stop the program? RUN/STOP and RESTORE will do it.

A "Zooey" Hairdo

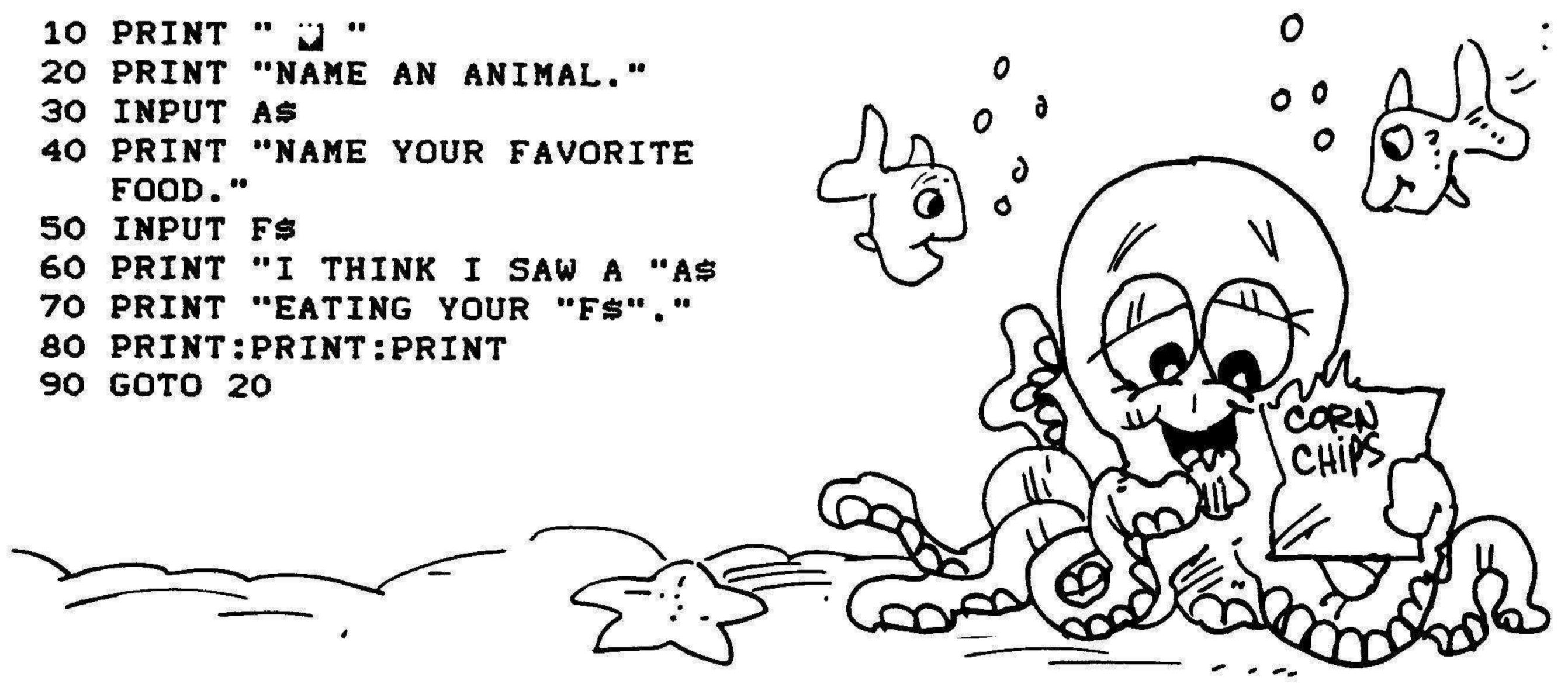
"Have you been to the zoo lately?" Herbie asked Lisa. She told him yes. "Name an animal you saw," Herbie said. The table was starting to shake because Herbie was laughing so hard. Soon Lisa was laughing very hard too. See what Herbie's program was.



I just want to know if Herbie *really* saw a hippopotamus with punk rock hair! If you typed your program right, and told him you saw a hippo, he would have told you that too.

Feeding Time at the Zoo

Herbie is not ready to quit. Look at his next silly, silly, SILLY sentence. I don't think he should have gone to the zoo!



I did the program and discovered that an octopus was eating my corn chips! Did your computer tell you something like that? Remember, the program should be typed in as shown above.

Mary Zoo's Nursery

Oh no! Not another animal program! Here it goes! It's not all there, though. Finish the program by filling in the blanks.

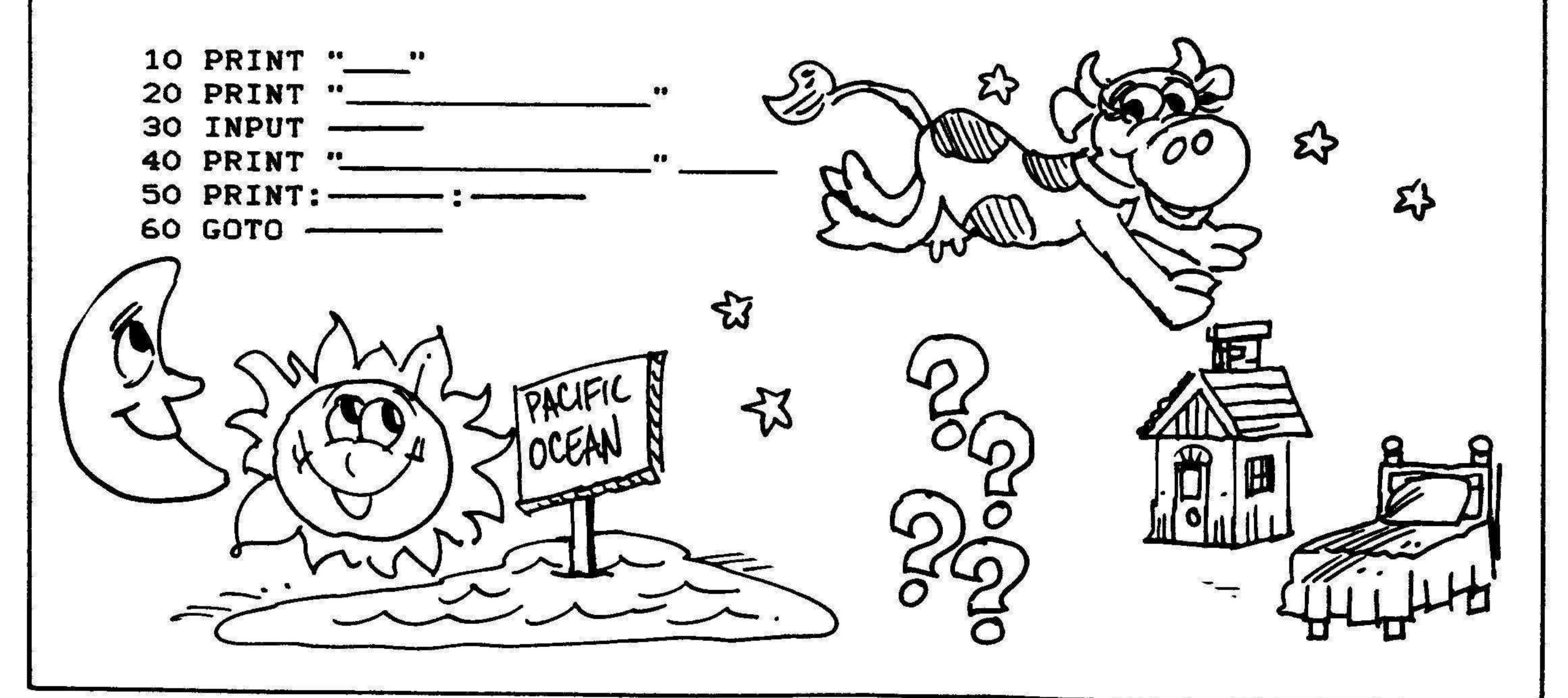


Did you discover that Mary had a whole lot of pets, and not just a lamb? Mary will have any animal that you decided to enter into the program. No wonder her name is Mary Zoo.

Silly Sentence

Maybe you have an idea for a silly sentence. Try one. You're on your own!

Need an idea? How about a nursery rhyme. Let's see...the cow jumped over the moon, the sun, the ocean, the house, the bed, the ????



Funny Business

There are lots of people who use computers. Some people like computers for fun; some like computers for business; some like computers for funny business! What kind of business do you think this program relates to?

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10 PRINT " L "
20 PRINT: PRINT: PRINT "WHAT IS YOUR NAME?"
30 INPUT NS
40 IF NS = "JESSE JAMES" THEN GOTO 100
50 PRINT " " "
60 PRINT: PRINT: PRINT
70 PRINT NS", YOU ARE NOT THE ONE WE ARE LOOKING FOR, ";
80 PRINT "UNLESS, OF COURSE, YOU THINK WE SHOULD BE LOOKING";
90 PRINT " FOR YOU. IS THERE SOMETHING YOU WOULD LIKE
   TO TELL US ABOUT?": END
100 PRINT " ":PRINT:PRINT:PRINT
110 PRINT NS"!"
120 PRINT "HOW NICE TO MEET YOU, MR. JAMES. WE HAVE BEEN ";
130 PRINT "LOOKING FORWARD TO THIS OPPORTUNITY FOR A
    LONG TIME."
140 PRINT: PRINT "WE HAVE A LITTLE PRESENT FOR YOU."
150 PRINT "WON'T YOU PLEASE HOLD OUT YOUR HANDS.....CLINK."
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See what the computer says if you enter your name as Jesse James. Did you land in the clinker?

Scoreboard

This program is for those who really like to rush at things. It helps them keep everything straight. Do you know what game it is?

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10 PRINT " " "
20 PRINT: PRINT "WHAT IS YOUR SCORE?"
30 INPUT S
40 PRINT: PRINT "YOUR SCORE IS "S
50 PRINT: PRINT "DID YOU MAKE A TOUCHDOWN?"
60 INPUT TS
70 IF TS = "YES" THEN GOTO 120
80 PRINT: PRINT "DID YOU MAKE A FIELD GOAL?"
90 INPUT F$
100 IF F$ = "YES" THEN GOTO 200
110 GOTO 40
120 \text{ LET S} = S + 6
130 PRINT: PRINT "DID YOU MAKE THE POINT AFTER?"
140 INPUT PS
150 IF P$ = "YES" THEN LET S = S + 1
160 GOTO 40
200 \text{ LET S} = S + 3
210 GOTO 40
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Fly Me to The Moon

This program is for real travelers. RUN it and see.

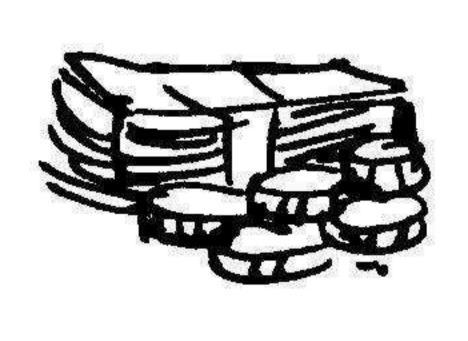
- 10 PRINT " U "
- 20 PRINT "AT WHAT SPEED ARE YOU TRAVELING?"
- 30 INPUT S
- 40 PRINT: PRINT "HOW MANY HOURS HAVE YOU BEEN ALOFT?"
- 50 INPUT T
- 60 LET D = S * T
- 70 LET MD = 238857 D
- 80 IF MD > 0 THEN GOTO 110
- 90 IF MD = 0 THEN GOTO 130
- 100 IF MD < 0 THEN GOTO 150
- 110 PRINT: PRINT "YOU ARE ONLY "MD" MILES FROM THE MOON."
- 120 PRINT "KEEP GOING!":END
- 130 PRINT: PRINT "YOU MUST BE ON THE MOON!"
- 140 PRINT "ARE YOU SURE YOU DIDN'T HEAR A CRASH?": END
- 150 PRINT: PRINT "YOU MISSED THE MOON!
- 160 PRINT "BETTER TURN IN YOUR ASTRONAUT'S LICENSE.": END

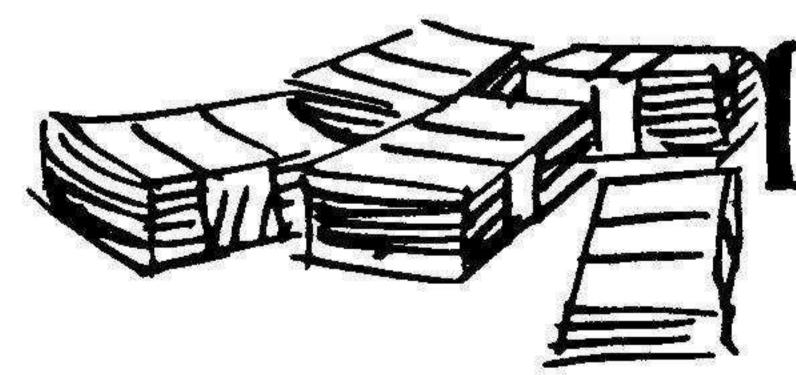


Easy Money

Here's a program for people who like to earn money while they sit around. Do you know what profession this program relates to?

- 10 PRINT " W
- 20 PRINT:PRINT "HOW MANY DOLLARS DO YOU HAVE IN THE BANK \$";
- 30 INPUT M
- 40 PRINT: PRINT "WHAT PERCENT INTEREST IS IT EARNING?"
- 50 INPUT I
- 60 PRINT:PRINT "YOU WILL HAVE EARNED APPROXIMATELY S"M * I * .01
- 70 PRINT " INTEREST THIS YEAR --- AND WITHOUT EVEN WORKING!"







If you made lots of money from writing computer programs and put \$1,000.00 in the bank at 8% interest, would your program tell you \$80? If so, you did it right.

Computer Columns

I know you will agree with me when you type the program below. If you don't, write me a letter and tell me why!

10 PRINT "COMPUTERS ARE FUN" 20 GOTO 10

Computers can be more fun than that. Let's try some fancier stuff!

10 PRINT "COMPUTERS ARE FUN", 20 GOTO 10 COMPUTERS ARE FUN
Look what the comma did!*It made columns because it spaced it over. Let's try some more punctuation!

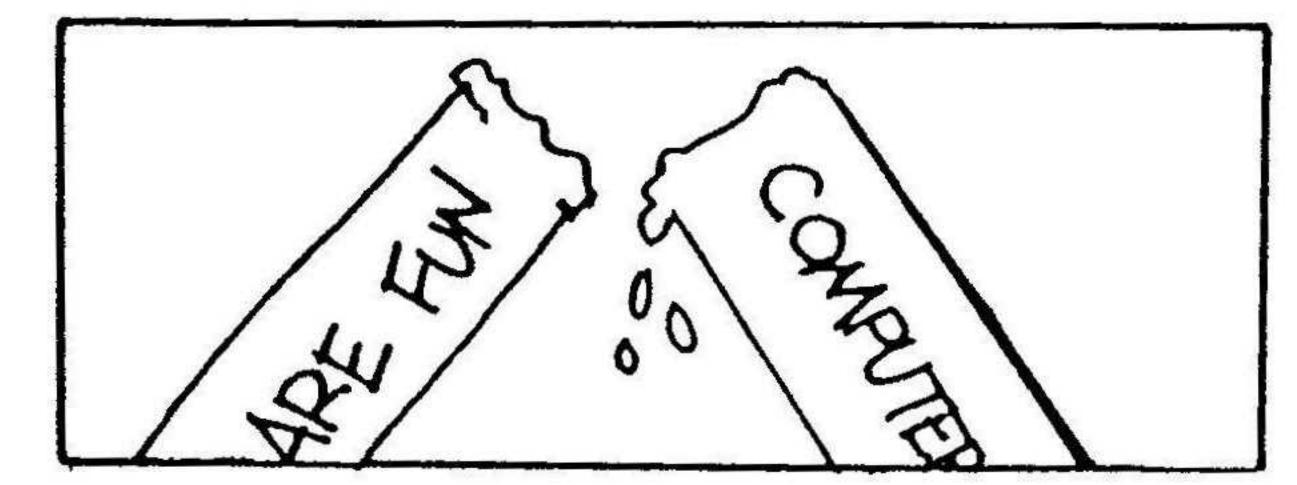
*On the VIC there is no difference because of the small screen size. Type this instead:

10 ?"FUN", 20 GOTO 10

Computer Glue

Computers are fun and punctuation is fun. Here is another one to try.

10 PRINT "COMPUTERS ARE FUN"; 20 GOTO 10



Did you get wallpaper? The semi-colon did it. It's like glue to the computer! Did FUN and COMPUTERS stick together? This is how to unglue them. Insert a space after the N and before the ". Let's try it.

10 PRINT "COMPUTERS ARE FUN "; 20 GOTO 10

Whew! Now, that is a lot better. If you use computer glue, the semi-colon, make sure you add some spaces. Otherwise...what a sticky mess!

Surprise

Here is something special for you. See what this does!

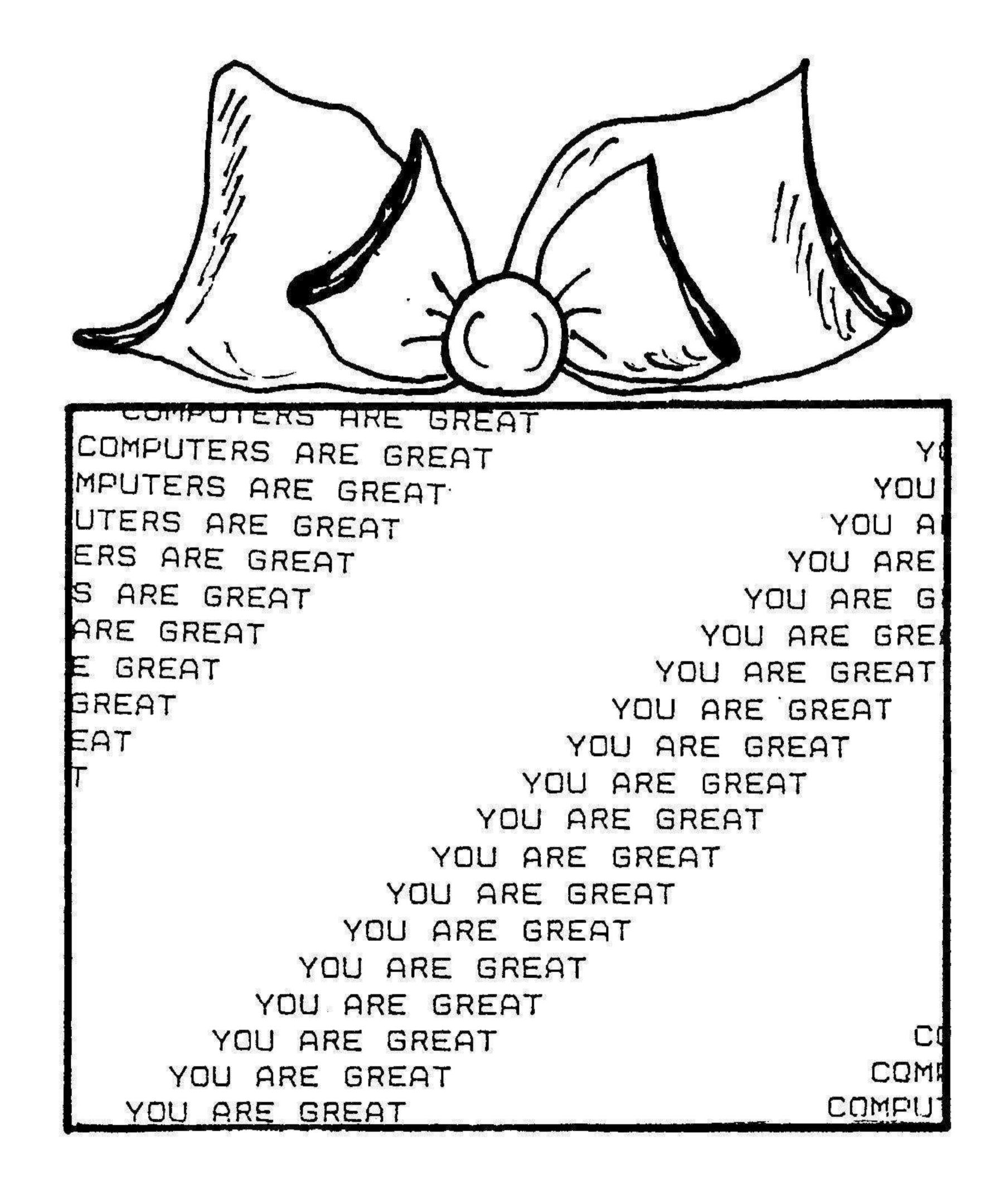
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10 PRINT "COMPUTERS ARE FUN.
";
20 GOTO 10
```



Surprise, isn't it? It's a special formula. Just count how many spaces and letters are in what you want to say:

- 1. COMPUTERS ARE FUN takes up 17 spaces. Subtract that number from 40 (the width of my screen), i.e., 40 17 = 23*.
- 2. Then put in that many spaces minus one, i.e., 23 1 = 22. In this case I programmed 22 spaces after the FUN and before the "and look what happened!

I practiced on another one! Look below to see what I programmed for you!



^{*}The VIC-20 screen is 22 characters wide. 22 - 17 = 5. You put in that many spaces (5) minus one (5 - 1 = 4). Program it with 4 spaces after FUN and before the " and see what happens!

OMBETTE GUE

BASIC WORDS

ERROR MESSAGES

ILLEGAL QUANTITY ERROR-The number is too big or too small.

OVERFLOW ERROR-The number is too big.

REDO FROM START-The computer is asking for a number only. Do not enter any letters or words, only a number.

STRING TOO LONG-The answer you input into a string variable, when the computer asked you a question, was too long. Maximum allowable length is 255 characters.

SYNTAX ERROR-There is a spelling, spacing, or punctuation mistake.

UNDEF'D STATEMENT ERROR-A GOTO statement told the computer to go to a line number that does not exist.

SYMBOLS

- + Addition
- Subtraction
- * Multiplication
- / Division
- < Less Than
- > Greater Than
- <> Not Equal To
- = Equal To
- ; Semi-colon is like glue to the computer.
- , Comma prints out in columns.
- : Colon separates statements on the same line.
- \$ A dollar sign attached to a letter (e.g. N\$), forms a string variable.
- "" Quotation marks always go with a PRINT statement.

IMPORTANT KEYS

COMMODORE (Key-Used with the number/color keys it accesses more colors. On the VIC-20 SHIFT + COMMODORE key toggles between upper and lower case.

CLR HOME-The key "homes" the cursor to the upper left corner of the screen. SHIFT+CLR HOME erases the screen and "homes" the cursor. It puts a program list.

CRSR 5 -To move the cursor to the right, press the CRSR key. To move to the left, use the CRSR key and SHIFT at the same time.

CRSR 1 -To move the cursor down, press the CRSR key. To move up, press the CRSR key and SHIFT at the same time.

CTRL Is used with the number keys to perform tasks.

FUNCTION Keys (F1-8)-Do not perform any functions in BASIC, unless programmed to do so by the programmer.

INST DEL (insert or delete)-Pressed by itself, it deletes. Used with SHIFT it inserts space.

RETURN The key used at the end of each line of instruction. It is the most used key on the keyboard.

RUN STOP-Stops your program.

RVS OFF (CONTROL 0)-Takes off reverse writing. It puts a in the program list.

RVS ON (CONTROL 9)-Puts on reverse writing. It puts an R in the program list.

SHIFT-Lets you get symbols on the top half of number and other special keys.

SHIFT LOCK-If you are in lower case it locks the computer into upper case. If you are in upper case, it locks you into graphics characters.

SPACE BAR-Gives a blank space to separate words.

COMPUTER WORDS

BASIC

Beginner's All-Purpose Symbolic Instruction Code BASIC is the computer language that this book teaches.

BYTE

A small section of computer memory. It is like a "brain cell" to the computer.

COMMAND

An instruction that needs no line number in front of it. The computer does it immediately. For example, RUN, LIST, and NEW are usually used as commands.

CURSOR

The blinking marker that indicates where you are on the screen.

LINE NUMBER

The number before a computer statement. Line numbers can be done many ways but they usually increase by 10's (e.g. 10, 20, 30, etc.).

NUMERIC VARIABLE See VARIABLES

PROGRAM

A set of numbered instructions stored in RAM memory.

PROMPT

READY indicates the computer is ready to take your next command.

RAM MEMORY

The part of the computer memory that can be changed. It is "short-term" memory that can be programmed and then erased by writing NEW or turning off the computer.

STATEMENT

Instructions to the computer that are part of a computer program because they have a line number.

STRING VARIABLE See VARIABLES

VARIABLES

A letter in the computer's memory to store names or numbers. There are two types of VARIABLES: String and Numeric.

STRING VARIABLES are words, or letters and numbers, "strung" together and represented as a letter with a \$ attached to it.

NUMERIC VARIABLES are numbers represented by a letter.

EXAMPLE: LET N\$ = "HERBIE" N\$ is a string variable.

LET N = 10 N is a numeric variable.

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