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The Tower of London

WHERE IS IT?

The Tower of London is on the River Thames, near Tower Bridge.

HOW CAN YOU GET THERE?

By bus, by car, by underground ('the Tube') and by boat.

WHAT'S THE NAME OF THE TUBE STATION?

It's called Tower Hill.

HOW OLD IS THE TOWER OF LONDON?

It's 900 years old. It's very strong. The walls are 4 metres thick! It's called 'The Tower of London' but there are 21 towers.

WHY IS IT FAMOUS?

It's got Beefeaters, ravens, the Crown Jewels and ghosts.

WHAT ARE BEEFEATERS?

They are special guards. There are 40 Beefeaters in the Tower. They live in the Tower. They wear blue and red clothes every day but on special days they wear red and gold clothes.

WHAT ARE RAVENS?

Ravens are big black birds. They eat meat. Every day they eat 150 grams of meat, eggs, and biscuits with blood. There are six ravens at the Tower. The Beefeaters give meat to the ravens every day.

ARE YOU AFRAID OF GHOSTS?

People say the Salt Tower has got ghosts. The Beefeaters don't go there when it's dark!

WHAT ARE THE CROWN JEWELS?

They are the Queen's special jewels. She wears them once a year.

HOW MANY JEWELS ARE ON THE QUEEN'S CROWN?

There are 2,868 jewels on the crown.

DOES THE QUEEN LIVE IN THE TOWER OF LONDON?

No, she lives in Buckingham Palace.

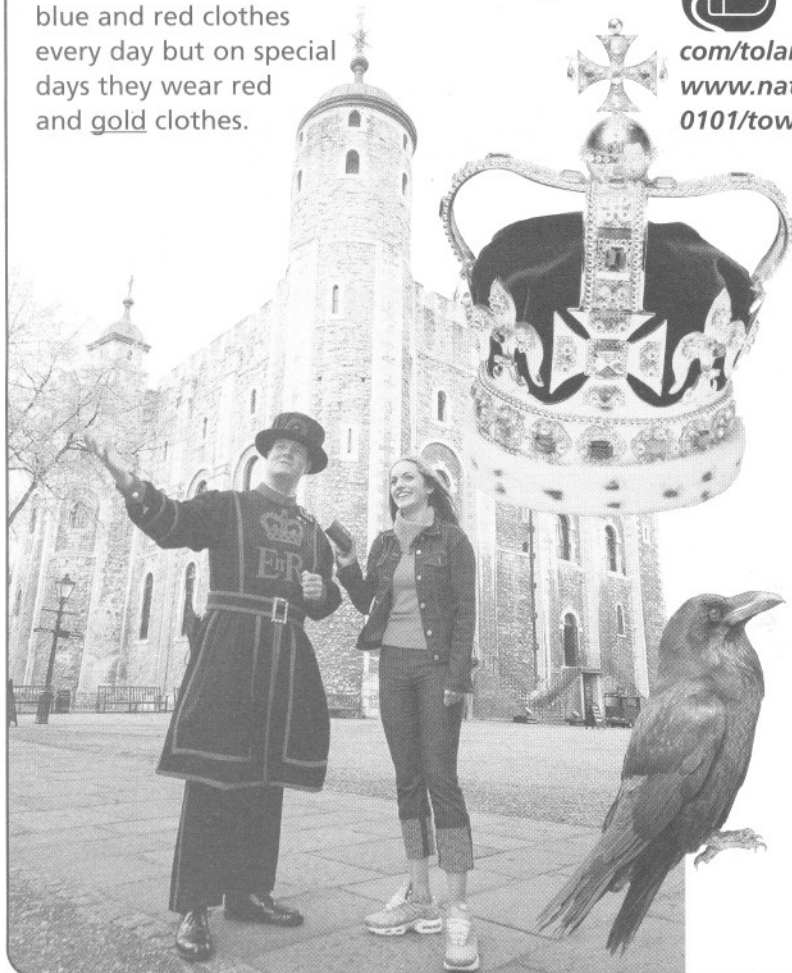


Find out more on the Internet on www.toweroflondontour.com/tolarea.html and on www.nationalgeographic.com/world/0101/tower/tower2.html

WORD CHECK

What is it in your language?
Find out!

- underground =
- strong =
- thick =
- famous =
- crown =
- jewel =
- ghost =
- special =
- guard =
- gold =
- biscuit =
- blood =
- afraid of =
- dark =
- once =



Steal the Crown Jewels!

You want to steal the jewels but you need the password.
Here is the code for the password. The password opens the safe.

EXAMPLE

fourteen = a

fourteen = n

KEY TO CODE

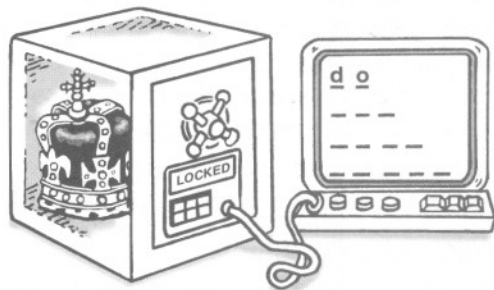
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!	N	O	P	Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z

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twenty-five, fifteen, twenty-one =

twenty-five, twenty-two, twenty-four, eighteen =

fifteen, eighteen, eighteen, nineteen, thirteen =

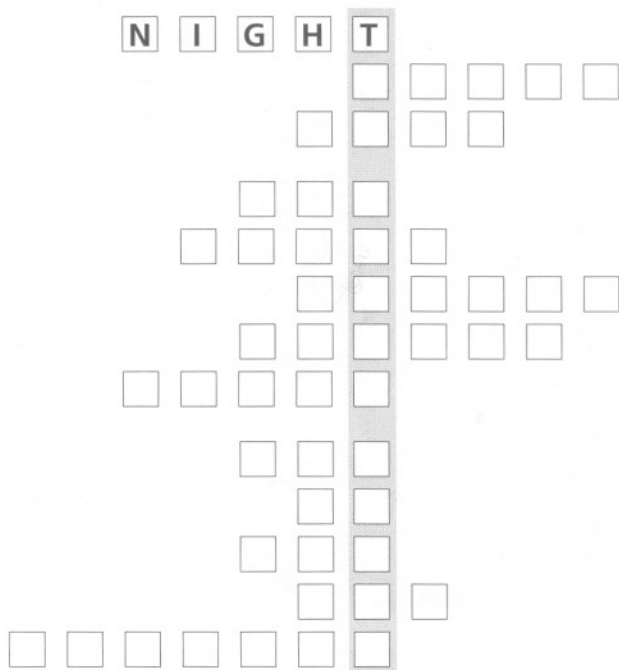


The Oldest Tower

What is it called?

Write the opposites of the words.

- 1 day
- 2 goodbye
- 3 right
- 4 old
- 5 left
- 6 brother
- 7 father
- 8 open
- 9 dry
- 10 yes
- 11 old
- 12 no
- 13 sister



English Football

THE PREMIERSHIP

There are a lot of famous football teams in England. There are twenty teams in the Premiership. This means they are the top teams in England. In May, the team in the Premiership with the most points are the champions. They win a big prize called the Premiership Trophy.

WHO ARE THE PLAYERS?

There are players from other countries in English teams. Mario Melchiot comes from Amsterdam in Holland but he plays for Chelsea. Thierry Henry comes from Paris but he plays for Arsenal. English players like David Beckham and Michael Owen play in the Premiership. Beckham comes from London and he plays for Manchester United. Michael Owen lives in North Wales but he plays for Liverpool.

MICHAEL OWEN

Michael Owen was born on the 14th December, 1979. He lives with his family in North Wales. Michael earns a lot of money because he is a top football player. He likes to buy houses for his family. He owns three houses in the same street! He is famous because he scores lots of goals. He is a striker. He plays in a Number 10 shirt for England. He was European Footballer of the Year in 2001. He is rich and famous but he likes to live an ordinary life. He signs autographs and talks to journalists and is polite to his fans, but the important thing for Michael is to play good football.

He trains almost every day with the other players in the Liverpool team, and in his free time he likes playing golf, snooker or table tennis. He loves horse-racing too.

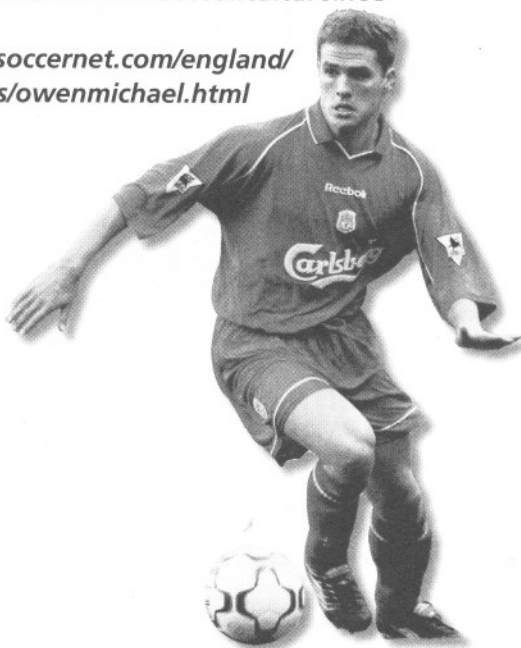
TALK TO MOJO

He owns a race-horse called Talk to Mojo. The name has Michael's initials (M. O.) and the first letters of all his family's names: His sisters are called Lesley and Karen. Michael's father and mother are called Terry and Janette;

Michael's brothers are called Terry and Andrew. Can you make a name for a horse from your family's names?



Find out more on English football and the career of Michael Owen on the Internet on www.footballculture.net/ and www.soccernet.com/england/players/owenmichael.html



WORD CHECK

What is it in your language?
Find out!

top =

point =

prize =

trophy =

to earn =

same =

to score =

goal =

striker =

ordinary =

to sign =

polite =

snooker =

horse-racing =

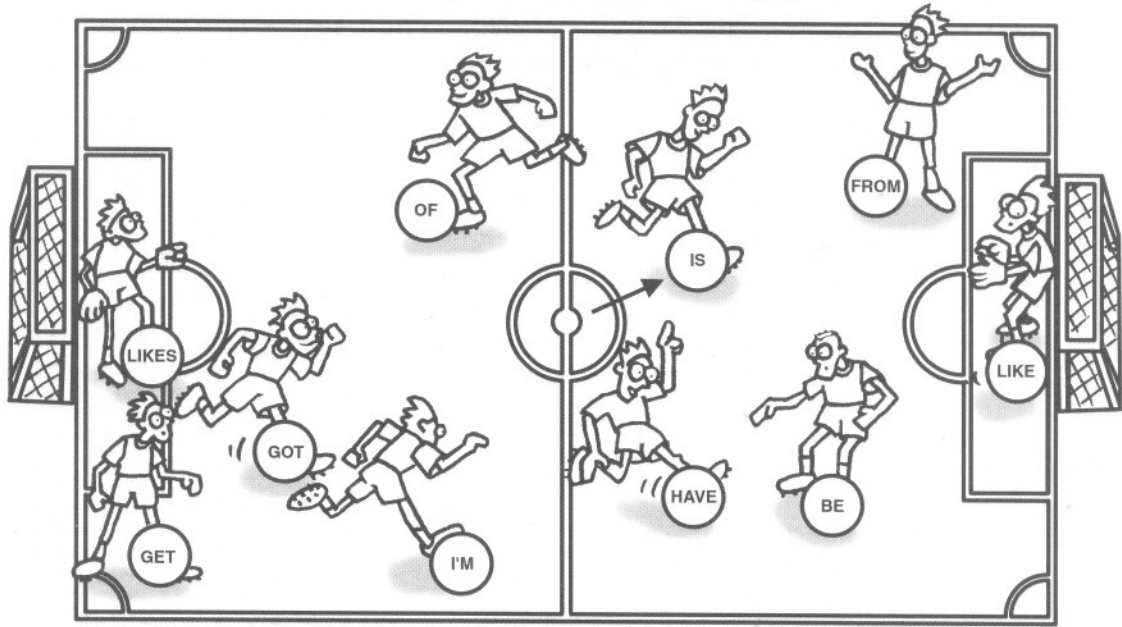
initial =

first =

Help Michael Owen Score a Goal!

Read about Michael Owen. Draw a line to the ball with the correct word in it.
Draw the goal that Michael scores.

My name is Michael Owen. am younger than David Beckham. I've got two brothers and two sisters. I'm from Chester in England. I like scoring goals.



The Fans

Look at these fans. They are watching a football match. How do they feel?
Match the feeling to the pictures.

- A** He's angry. ☒ 3
- B** She's bored. ☐
- C** They're sad. ☐
- D** He's hungry. ☐
- E** He's happy. ☐



What's going to happen next?

- 6** He's going to buy a sandwich. ☐
- 7** She's not going to watch football again. ☐
- 8** His team is going to win! ☐
- 9** Their team is going to lose. ☐
- 10** His favourite player is going to get a red card. ☐



Thanksgiving

November is holiday time in America. It's Thanksgiving. All Americans try to get home for Thanksgiving. It's a bigger holiday than Christmas. The date of the first Thanksgiving meal was 1620 - a time for the people from England to say thank you to the Native Americans. The Native Americans helped the English to hunt for food, to grow things to eat, to build houses and to use plants to cure illness.

THANKSGIVING DINNER

Americans love to eat. On Thanksgiving Americans say thank you for the food they have. American families eat a big meal together. They eat corn, potatoes, salad, pumpkin pie, apple pie, cranberry sauce, stuffing, bread and turkey. Turkeys don't like Thanksgiving - Americans eat 45 million turkeys!

THANKSGIVING FOOTBALL

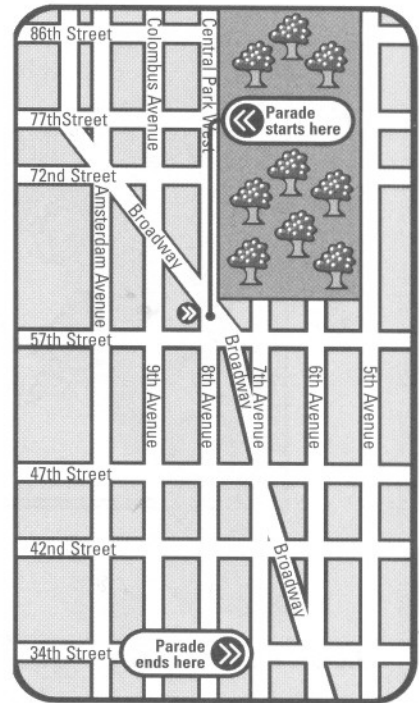
What are *The Dallas Cowboys*, *The Chicago Bears*, and *The Washington Redskins*? They are American football teams. American families watch an American football game at Thanksgiving. American football is different to football in the rest of the world. The players wear helmets and pads. The ball is like a rugby ball.

BALLOONS

If you want to see all your favourite cartoon characters - a giant Homer Simpson, a giant Mickey Mouse, a giant Shrek and many more - then go to New York City. There is a parade there with big balloons, pop stars and television stars.

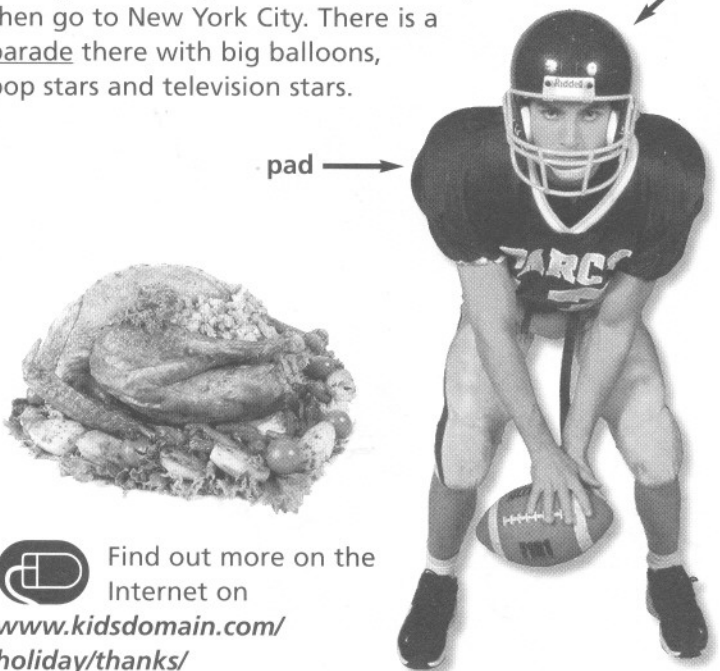
The parade starts in Central Park then it goes down to Columbus Circle and turns left into Broadway and then goes down 7th Avenue and stops at 34th Street.

Draw the route on the little map of New York.



helmet

pad



WORD CHECK

What is it in your language?
Find out!

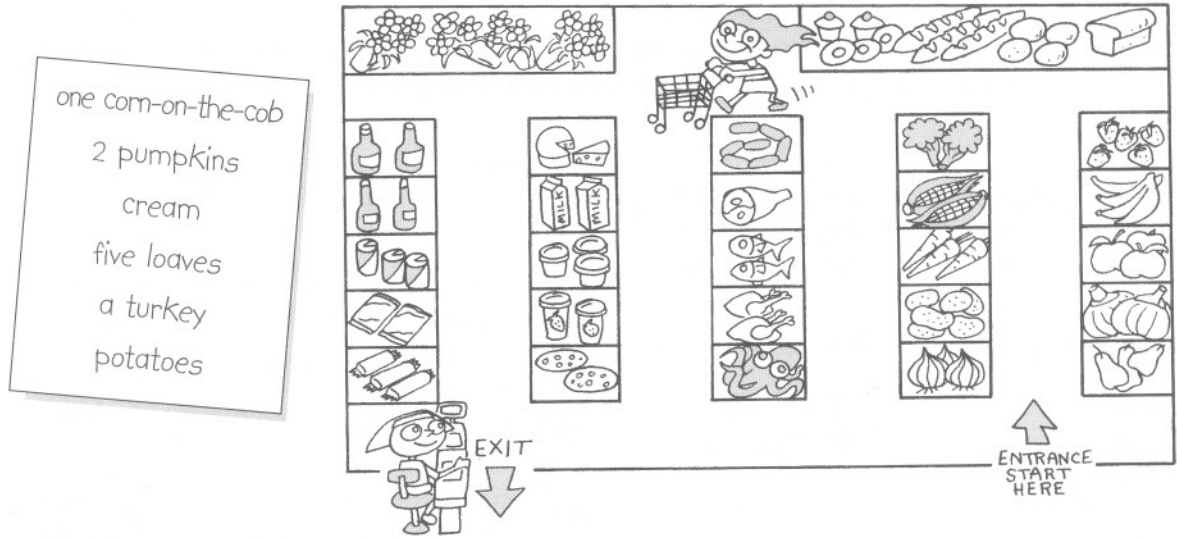
- to hunt =
- to build =
- to cure =
- illness =
- corn =
- pumpkin =
- cranberry sauce =
- stuffing =
- different =
- the rest =
- giant =
- parade =
- map =



Find out more on the Internet on
www.kidsdomain.com/holiday/thanks/

Shopping for Thanksgiving

This is your shopping list for Thanksgiving.

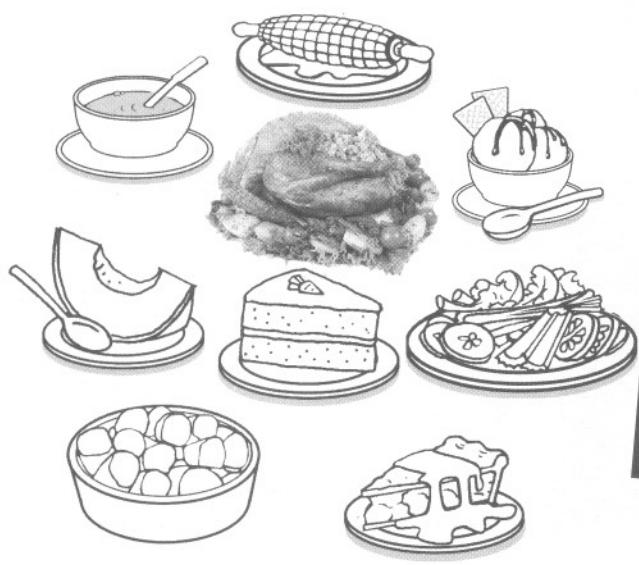


You are in the supermarket. You ask the assistant where the things are. Look at the plan of the supermarket. Which food from your list is she talking about?

- 1 Go straight on. They're between the apples and the pears. _____
- 2 Go straight on. They're on your left. They're opposite the bananas. _____
- 3 They're in row three. They're in between the fish and the octopus. _____
- 4 It's in row four. It's next to the milk and opposite the fish. _____
- 5 Go straight on. At the end of the fruit and vegetables you can see the bakery. They're next to the cakes. _____
- 6 Go straight on. They're in between the onions and the carrots. _____

Thanksgiving Menu

Look at the menu. Tick (✓) the food you want to eat. Don't be greedy! Choose one thing from each course.



Thanksgiving Menu	
STARTER	salad <input type="checkbox"/>
	pumpkin soup <input type="checkbox"/>
	melon <input type="checkbox"/>
MAIN COURSE	turkey and potatoes <input type="checkbox"/>
	turkey and rice <input type="checkbox"/>
	turkey and corn <input type="checkbox"/>
DESSERT	apple pie and cream <input type="checkbox"/>
	apple pie and icecream <input type="checkbox"/>
	pumpkin pie <input type="checkbox"/>
	carrot cake <input type="checkbox"/>


Pandas and Whales


A lot of the animals in the world are in danger. Some people like to kill animals for their fur; some people like to kill animals for fun.

PANDAS


Pandas are in danger. You can see pandas in the zoo but there are only about 700 pandas in the world. Are there going to be any wild pandas in twenty years from now?

WHY ARE PANDAS IN DANGER?

 Pandas love to eat, but they are very fussy! They only really like to eat bamboo. They can eat 38 kilograms of bamboo every day. They can eat for 14 hours every day.

 People like bamboo too. In China, they make houses, furniture, toys and paper from bamboo. People like to eat bamboo seeds, too.

 Pandas don't have many babies.

 There are many people in China. They are cutting the forests to grow food and build houses. The pandas can't find a place to live.



Find out more about pandas, whales and other animals in danger on the Internet on

www.panda.org/species/

and


[www.enchantedlearning.com/subjects/whales/species/](http://www.enchantedlearning.com/subjects/whales/species/Bluewhale.shtml)

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WHALES


The blue whale is the biggest animal in the world.


 In 1900 there were 250,000 blue whales in the oceans; today there are 3,000.


 Blue whales live for about 80 years.

 Blue whales can be 25 metres long and weigh 130 tonnes.

 Whales are like dolphins because they are mammals (animals not fish) that can live in water.

 Whales live in families of three or four. They are good at gymnastics and they can 'sing'.

 Whales are in danger because people like to hunt them.

 Whales are in great danger from pollution; a lot of toxic (poisonous) things are in the sea.

WORD CHECK

What is it in your language? Find out!

danger =

to kill =

fur =

fun =

only =

wild =

fussy =

furniture =

toy =

seed =

baby/babies =

forest =

ocean =

dolphin =

pollution =



Animals in Danger

Lots of animals are in danger. Look at the pictures, read the information and write the number of animals under each picture. Order the animals from 1 to 9.

① = in great danger ⑨ = not in such great danger

KOALA There are between forty thousand and eighty thousand koalas.

CHEETAH There are between twenty thousand and twenty-five thousand cheetahs.

TIGER There are between five thousand and seven thousand five hundred tigers.

RHINOCEROS There are about eleven thousand rhinoceroses.

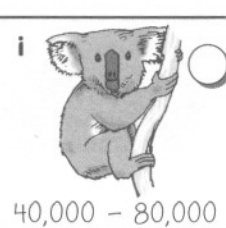
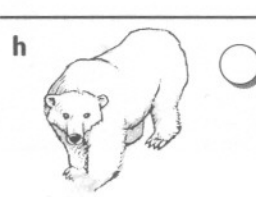
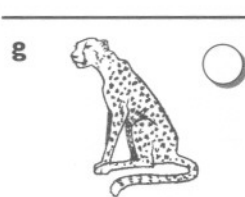
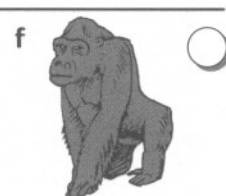
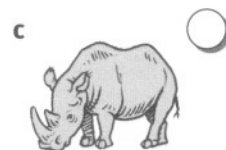
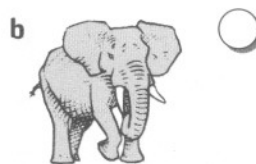
PANDA There are seven hundred pandas.

POLAR BEAR There are between twenty thousand and forty thousand polar bears.

AFRICAN ELEPHANT There are about six hundred thousand African elephants.

MOUNTAIN GORILLA There are only six hundred and fifty mountain gorillas.

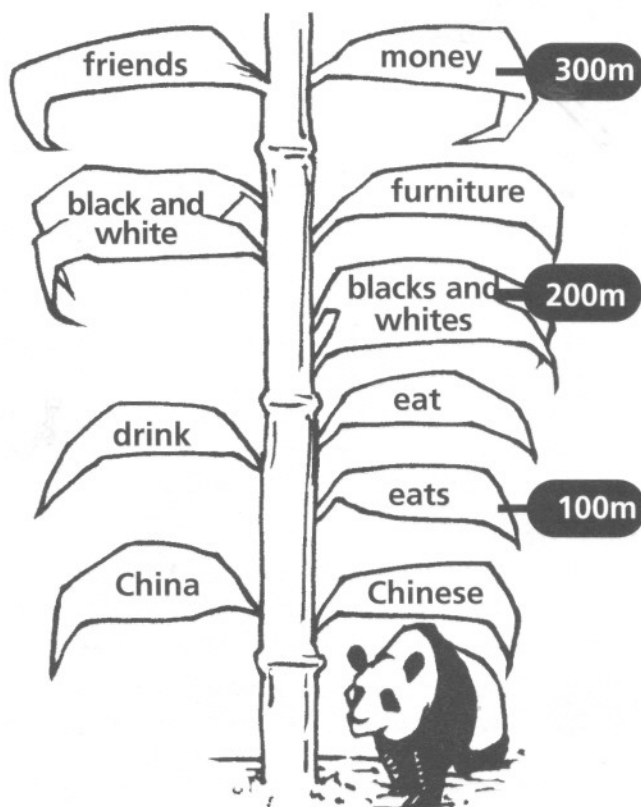
BLUE WHALE There about five hundred blue whales.



How High Can the Panda Climb?

Pandas love climbing. Choose the correct words to make this panda climb high.

- 1 Pandas live in _____.
- 2 Pandas _____ bamboo.
- 3 Pandas are _____.
- 4 Hunters kill pandas to make _____.

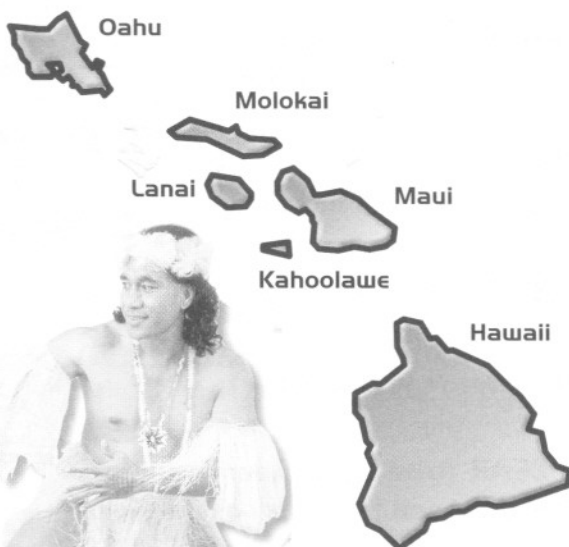


Hawaii

There's an American state that is 4,022 kilometers from America. It's Hawaii!



The state of Hawaii has got 132 islands. Hawaii is also the name of the biggest island. Here are eight of the main islands.



LANGUAGE

When Hawaiian people meet, they say 'Aloha'. The Hawaiian word 'Aloha' means 'hello', 'goodbye', 'love' and 'welcome'. They make a sign called the 'Shaka' with their hand. They give visitors a 'lei' - a necklace of flowers or shells.

WEATHER

Hawaiian people don't have a word for 'weather' because the weather is the same all year: it's always warm. In the mountains they have 'vog'. It's like fog but it's from the gas in the Hawaiian volcanoes.

SPORT

Hawaiians love basketball and baseball but their favourite sport is surfing. Hawaii is the home of surfing. There are 283 beaches and fantastic high waves.

FOOD

If you like fruit and fish, Hawaii is the place for you. Most of the pineapples in the world are from Hawaii. They grow thousands of pineapples every year! Hawaiian people love to eat fish. Forty types of shark swim in the water near the islands. You can eat some of the sharks.

CLOTHES

Hawaiian girls wear skirts from leaves called 'Hula skirts'. Boys wear the famous Hawaiian shirts. They are very bright and colourful.

WORD CHECK

What is it in your language?
Find out!

state =	<input type="text"/>
main =	<input type="text"/>
to meet =	<input type="text"/>
welcome =	<input type="text"/>
sign =	<input type="text"/>
necklace =	<input type="text"/>
fog =	<input type="text"/>
gas =	<input type="text"/>
volcano =	<input type="text"/>
wave =	<input type="text"/>
pineapple =	<input type="text"/>
shark =	<input type="text"/>
skirt =	<input type="text"/>
leaf/leaves =	<input type="text"/>



Find out more about Hawaii on the Internet on
www.hawaiischoolreports.com/quick_facts.htm

Hawaiian Island Hop

You are on the island of Hawaii. You want to visit seven Hawaiian islands.

Choose the correct phrase and draw your route.

Collect the letters in the pineapple to spell another weather word.



Nihoa



Kauai



Oahu



Molokai



Lanai



Maui



Kahoolawe



Hawaii

- 1 What the weather is like? ☐ ➡ Go to Maui
What's the weather like? ☒ ➡ Go to Lanai
- 2 It's sunny ☐ ➡ Go to Kahoolawe
It's sunning ☐ ➡ Go to Molokai
- 3 It's hot ☐ ➡ Go to Nihoa
There's hot ☐ ➡ Go to Oahu
- 4 It's rain ☐ ➡ Go to Kahoolawe
It's raining ☐ ➡ Go to Kauai
- 5 It's windy ☐ ➡ Go to Oahu
It's winding ☐ ➡ Go to Maui
- 6 There's thunder and light ☐ ➡ Go to Lanai
There's thunder and lightning ☐ ➡ Go to Molokai
- 7 It's hailings ☐ ➡ Go to Kauai
It's hailing ☐ ➡ Go to Maui

1	2	3	4	5	6	7
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Surf the Waves

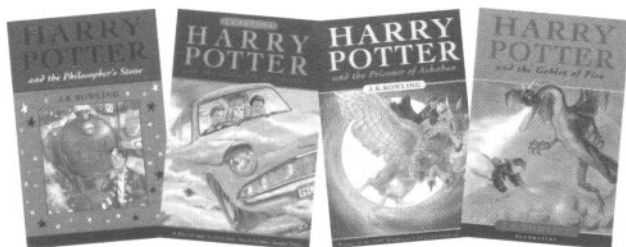
Look at the words. Which word is not in the same group with the others? Cross (X) it and surf to the beach.

- 1 wind fog rain sky
- 2 pineapple potato banana pear
- 3 scarf shirt skirt rock
- 4 surfing swimming sleeping diving
- 5 hi goodbye tomorrow hello
- 6 shark whale kangaroo piranha



Harry Potter

J. K. Rowling writes books about a boy called Harry Potter. Harry is a boy-wizard.
Are you a Harry Potter fan?



Which is your favourite Harry Potter book?

Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone ☐

Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets ☐

Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban ☐

Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire ☐

Harry Potter and The Order of the Phoenix ☐

Harry lives with his uncle, his aunt and his cousin Dudley. Who do you live with?

I live with my _____

Harry has got two friends. They are called Ron Weasley and Hermione Grainger.

What are your friends called?

My friends are called _____

Harry's got a pet. It's an owl called Hedwig.
Have you got a pet?

Yes, I've got a _____ called _____

No, I haven't got a pet but I'd like a

snake ☐ dog ☐ cat ☐

horse ☐ spider ☐ rat ☐

hamster ☐ parrot ☐ fish ☐

called _____

Harry Potter goes to a school called Hogwarts.
He goes to his school by train from King's Cross Station in London.

How do you go to school?

by car ☐ by train ☐ by bus ☐

by boat ☐ on foot ☐

Hogwarts School is a big old castle with lots of pictures on the walls and lots of ghosts.

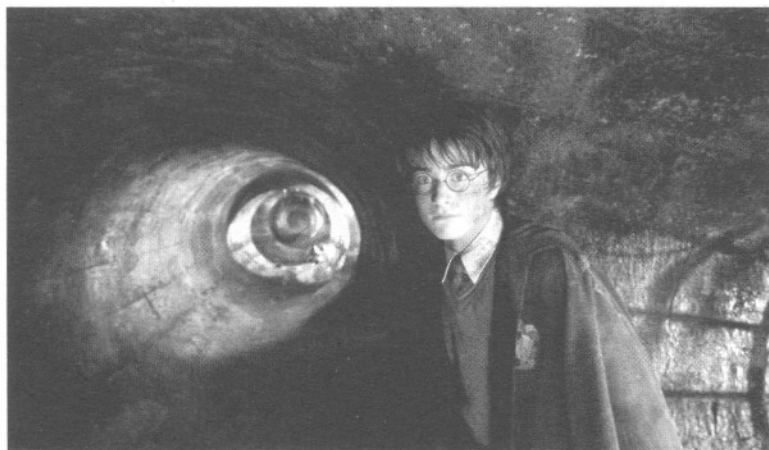
What's your school like?

My school is: a big ☐ an old ☐

a small ☐ a new ☐ building

with lots of: windows ☐ spiders ☐

classrooms ☐



Find out more about Harry Potter on the Internet on:
www.harrypotter.com

WORD CHECK

What is it in your language?
Find out!

wizard =

fan =

uncle =

aunt =

cousin =

owl =

spider =

parrot =

ghost =

building =

The Sorting Hat



There are four groups of pupils in Hogwarts. These groups are called 'houses'. The houses are called Gryffindor, Hufflepuff, Ravenclaw and Slytherin. When new pupils come to Hogwarts, the Sorting Hat tells them which house they are in.

Which house are you in? Answer the questions then count how many As, Bs, Cs and Ds you have.

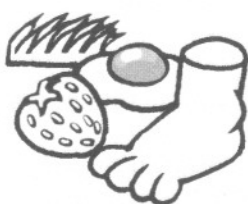


1 Which of these colours do you like?

- blue and bronze ☐ C
- red and gold ☐ A
- yellow and black ☐ B
- green and silver ☐ D

2 You are with Harry at Bertie Bott's sweet shop. Which flavour sweets do you like?

- egg ☐ A
- smelly feet ☐ B
- grass ☐ C
- strawberry ☐ B



3 Which is your favourite magic spell?

- a spell to make you invisible ☐ D
- a spell to make you strong ☐ A
- a spell to make you fly ☐ C
- a spell to change you into an animal ☐ B

4 Which animal do you take with you to Hogwarts?

- an owl ☐ C
- a rat ☐ D
- a frog ☐ B
- a cat ☐ A



5 Which animal do you want to be?

- a lion ☐ A
- an eagle ☐ C
- a snake ☐ D
- a dog ☐ B



6 What is your favourite day?

- Christmas Day ☐ B
- your birthday ☐ A
- Halloween ☐ D
- the first day of school in September ☐ C

7 What's your favourite weather?

- thunder and lightning ☐ A
- fog ☐ D
- sun ☐ B
- wind ☐ C



8 What's your perfect home?

- a small boat ☐ B
- a cave ☐ D
- the top of a mountain ☐ A
- an old castle ☐ C



ANSWERS

Mostly As: You are strong and brave.
 Your house is Gryffindor.
















Mostly Bs: You are a true friend.
 Your house is Hufflepuff.

Mostly Cs: You are clever and intelligent.
 Your house is Ravenclaw.

Mostly Ds: You are a foxi.
 Your house is Slytherin.

Venus and Serena Williams

Venus and Serena Williams are sisters. They are two of the best tennis players in the world. They love each other, but on the tennis court they are rivals.

-  They were born in Los Angeles but they live in Florida now.
-  Their father, Richard, is their manager.
-  They've got three sisters called Lydrea, Isha and Yetunda.
-  Serena is fifteen months younger than Venus. Her birthday is on the 26th of September. Venus's birthday is on the 17th of June.
-  Venus is taller than Serena. She is 1.87 metres tall. Serena is 1.78 metres tall.
-  Venus is richer than Serena. She's got almost 3 million dollars.
-  Venus weighs 76kg and Serena weighs 65kg.
-  Venus has got a faster serve than Serena. Her serve is 200 km per hour. She serves the ball faster than any woman in the world.
-  They are both very sporty. As well as tennis, they both love skateboarding, surfing and Rollerblading.
-  Venus is very brave; she loves horror films. Both girls love cartoons and their favourite cartoon is *The Simpsons*.
-  They want to be number one and number two in the world, but Venus wants to stop playing tennis when she is 24 and then she wants to go to college.
-  Serena is clever, too. She got very good marks in maths and English when she was at school.
-  Both the girls love fashion. Venus loves to wear white beads in her hair.
-  Venus has got enormous feet - UK size 11 (European size 45.5)!
-  Find out more on the Internet on www.venusandserena.homestead.com/



WORD CHECK

What is it in your language?
Find out!

best =	<input type="text"/>
rival =	<input type="text"/>
manager =	<input type="text"/>
faster =	<input type="text"/>
serve =	<input type="text"/>
sporty =	<input type="text"/>
cartoon =	<input type="text"/>
clever =	<input type="text"/>
bead =	<input type="text"/>
enormous =	<input type="text"/>

Interview With the Sisters

Match these 14 questions to the answers on page 16 about Venus and Serena.
Put the numbers in the tennis balls by the answers on page 16.

- 1

Who is the richer of the two?
- 2

Where were they born?
- 3

Who is the younger of the two?
- 4

Who is the sportier of the two?
- 5

Who is the taller of the two?
- 6

Who is the more fashionable of the two?
- 7

Who has got the faster serve?
- 8

Do they want to be tennis players forever?
- 9

Who's their manager?
- 10

Who is the braver of the two?
- 11

Have they got any brothers and sisters?
- 12

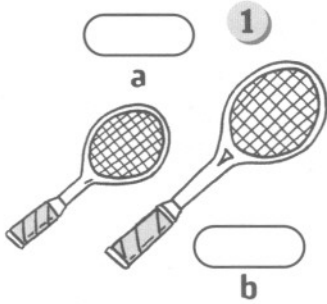
Is Venus cleverer than Serena?
- 13

Who has got bigger feet?
- 14

Who is the heavier of the two?

Venus and Serena's Tennis Things

Which ones are Venus's and which ones are Serena's.
Write V for Venus and S for Serena.



- 1

Venus: "My racket is longer than yours!"
- 2

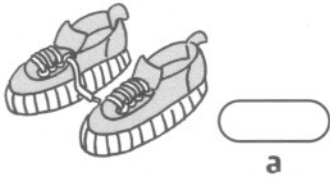
Serena: "My t-shirt is bigger than yours!"
- 3

Venus: "Your trainers are smaller than mine!"
- 4

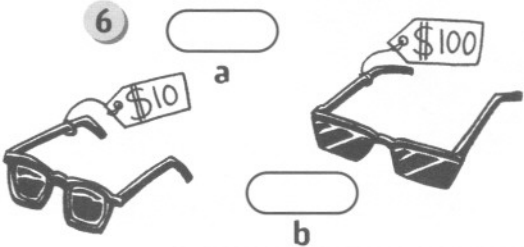
Serena: "Your bag is dirtier than mine!"
- 5

Venus: "Your socks are smellier than mine!"
- 6

Serena: "My sunglasses are more expensive than yours!"



Write the adjective	
comparative	adjective
longer	long
bigger	
smaller	
dirtier	
smellier	
more expensive	



Greyhound Racing

What sports do you like to watch?
Londoners love to watch football, cricket and rugby and dogs...

GREYHOUNDS

Dogs?! Are 'dogs' a sport?

Yes, when the dogs are greyhounds.

Greyhounds run very fast. The greyhound race track is 460 metres long. Greyhounds can run round the track in thirty seconds. They love to race against one another. Greyhounds are happy when they are running. When they are young they like to run after toys in the park. Later they run in real races in a greyhound stadium.

WIMBLEDON

Wimbledon, in south London, is very famous for tennis. People in England say that Wimbledon is the 'home of tennis'. 500,000 people come to Wimbledon every year to watch the famous tennis tournament at the All-England Club, but there is a big greyhound stadium in Wimbledon, too. On Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays many people go to watch the dogs race.

BEACHY

Beachy is eighteen months old.

He can run round the 460-metre track in 28.9 seconds. He's very fast!

He doesn't eat a big meal before a race. He eats brown bread and 'gravy' (meat juice).

After the race he eats beef and chicken. The winner of the race gets a trophy (a big silver cup), but Beachy's favourite prize is sausages and cheese.

When Beachy is too old to be in greyhound races he's going to live with a new family. Old greyhounds are good pets. They are friendly and love people. They need two walks a day.



Find out more about greyhound racing on the Internet on

www.thedogs.co.uk/

and www.wimbledonstadium.co.uk



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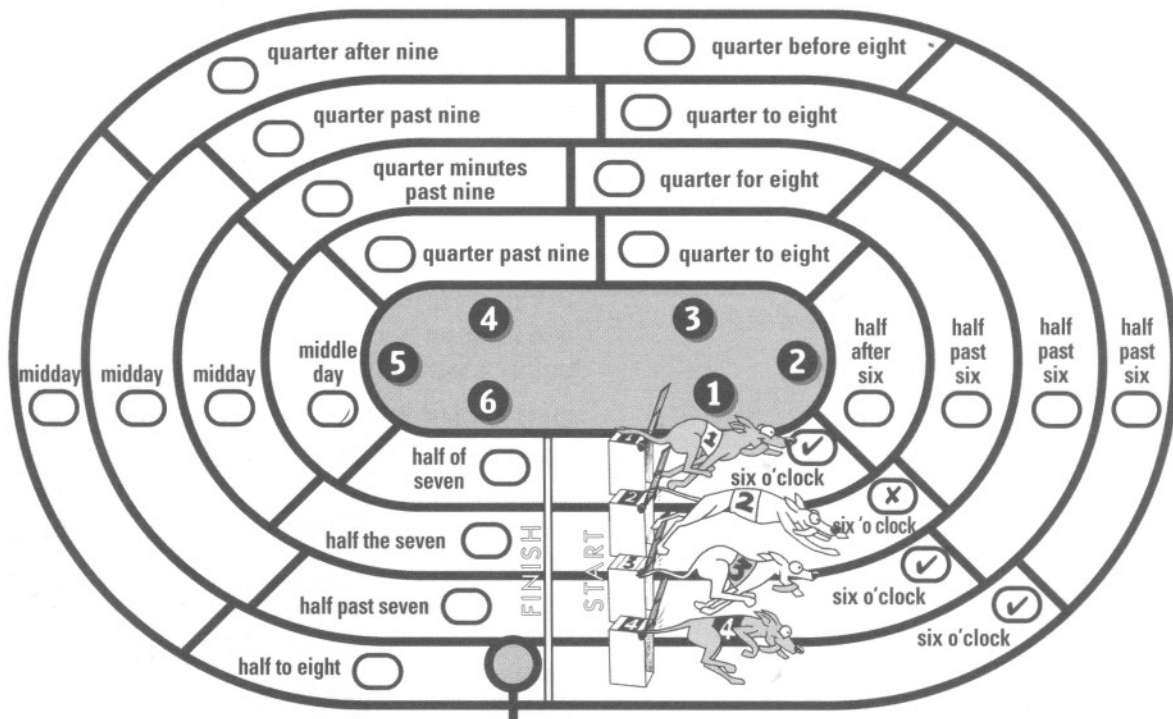
- greyhound =
- race track =
- toy =
- later =
- stadium =
- tournament =
- meal =
- juice =
- trophy =
- sausage =
- friendly =
- to need =

Top Dog

Look at the sentences about Beachy. Look at the race track.

Tick (✓) the boxes with the correct way to say the times.

The dog with all the correct answers is the winner.



1 Beachy gets up at six o'clock.

2 Beachy goes for a walk at _____.

3 Beachy has chicken for breakfast at _____.

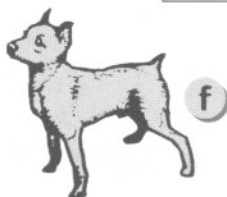
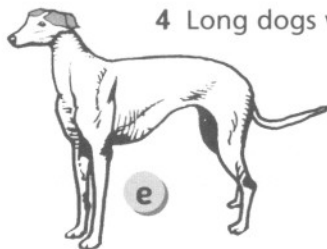
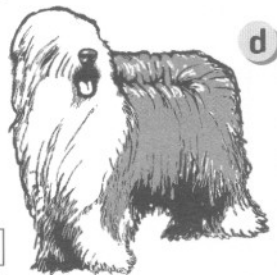
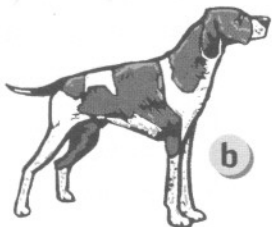
4 Beachy goes to the race track at _____.

5 Beachy has bread and gravy for lunch at _____.

6 Beachy races at _____.

Which dog is the winner?

What Are Your Favourite Dogs?



Match the dogs to the descriptions and choose your favourites.

1 Big hairy dogs

d/

2 Tall, thin dogs

/

3 Short hairy dogs

/

4 Long dogs with short fur

/

5 Dogs with flat noses

/

6 Hunting dogs

/

7 Small dogs

/

8 Fat dogs

/

Britney Spears

Who is she?

Britney Spears is a very rich and very famous American girl.

A NORMAL GIRL

She loves singing and she loves dancing. Britney has got thousands of fans all over the world. They think she is perfect, but Britney says, "I'm just a normal girl. I have boyfriend problems and I worry about how I look. I'm not perfect! I don't like my hair or my teeth. I want to change them."

WHAT DOES SHE LOOK LIKE?

Britney has got long blond hair and brown eyes. She's glamorous and she wears a lot of beautiful clothes. She travels a lot and gives concerts all over the world.

WHERE DOES SHE LIVE?

Her family home is a three-bedroom house in Kentwood. Kentwood is a small town in Louisiana in the USA.

WHO'S HER BEST FRIEND?

Her best friend is her cousin, Laura Lynne. She says her mother is her friend too. She likes to write songs with her mother.

CAN SHE DO OTHER THINGS, TOO?

She acts in films and writes songs. She was in a film called *What Friends Are For*. She's a good dancer. In one concert she danced with a big python.

HAS SHE GOT ANY RIVALS?

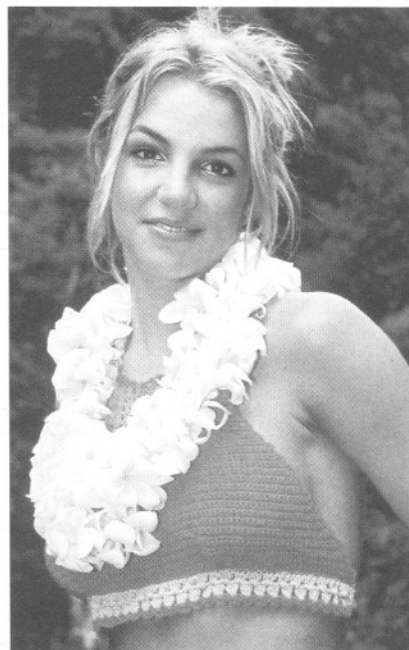
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DOES SHE COME FROM A TALENTED FAMILY?

Yes. Britney's little sister also wants to be a famous singer.



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Put them in the correct place. Then write your favourite things in the box:

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drink		
animal		
sport		
actor		
smell		

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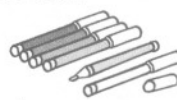
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coloured pens



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= Freddie

= Micky

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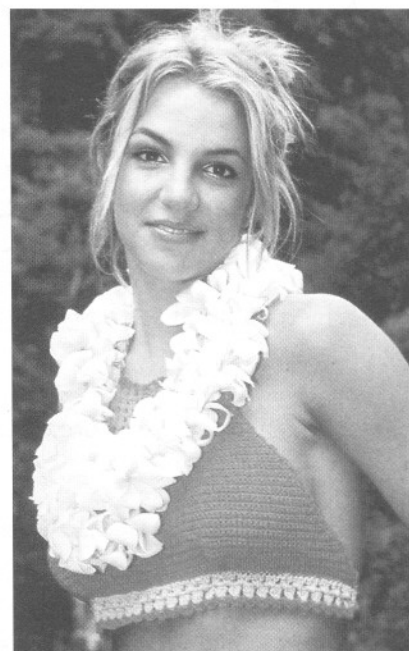
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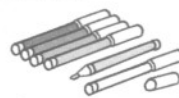
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This is a picture of my
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New York

(The American words are in *italic*)

New York is the **biggest** city in the United States. Its first name was New Amsterdam. When we talk about New York City, we mean Manhattan Island.

PEOPLE

More than 7 million people live there and they produce 12 million kilos of *trash* (*rubbish*). Lots of different *nationalities* live in New York. 100,000 Chinese people live in Chinatown. Vietnamese, Filipino and Burmese people live there too. There's a part of New York called Little Italy. It's got lots of Italian *stores* (shops) and restaurants. There are 2 million Hispanic people (from South America or Spain) in New York City. A *quarter* of all the people in New York are very *poor*.

WEATHER

It's very cold in winter; the *average* January *temperature* is 0°C. It's very hot in summer; the average July temperature is 24°C.

SHOPS

Bloomingdales is the most famous *department store*, but Macy's, in the *center* (centre), is the biggest store.



SIGHTS

The most famous places in New York are the Empire State Building and the Statue of Liberty. The Empire State Building is 443 metres high and it's got 102 *floors*. The Statue of Liberty is 45.3 metres tall. Liberty is very big - one of her *fingers* is 2.44 metres long! The Statue of Liberty was a *present* to America from France.

TRAVEL

You can travel by car, bus, train or underground. The New York *underground* is called '*the subway*'. New York *cabs* (taxis) are yellow.

FOOD

New York's *favorite* (favourite) foods are *pancakes* (for breakfast), hot dogs and bagels (for lunch), pizza, Waldorf salad, *fries* (chips) and cheesecake (for dinner).



Find out more about New York on the Internet on:

www.pbs.org/wnet/newyork/laic/home.html

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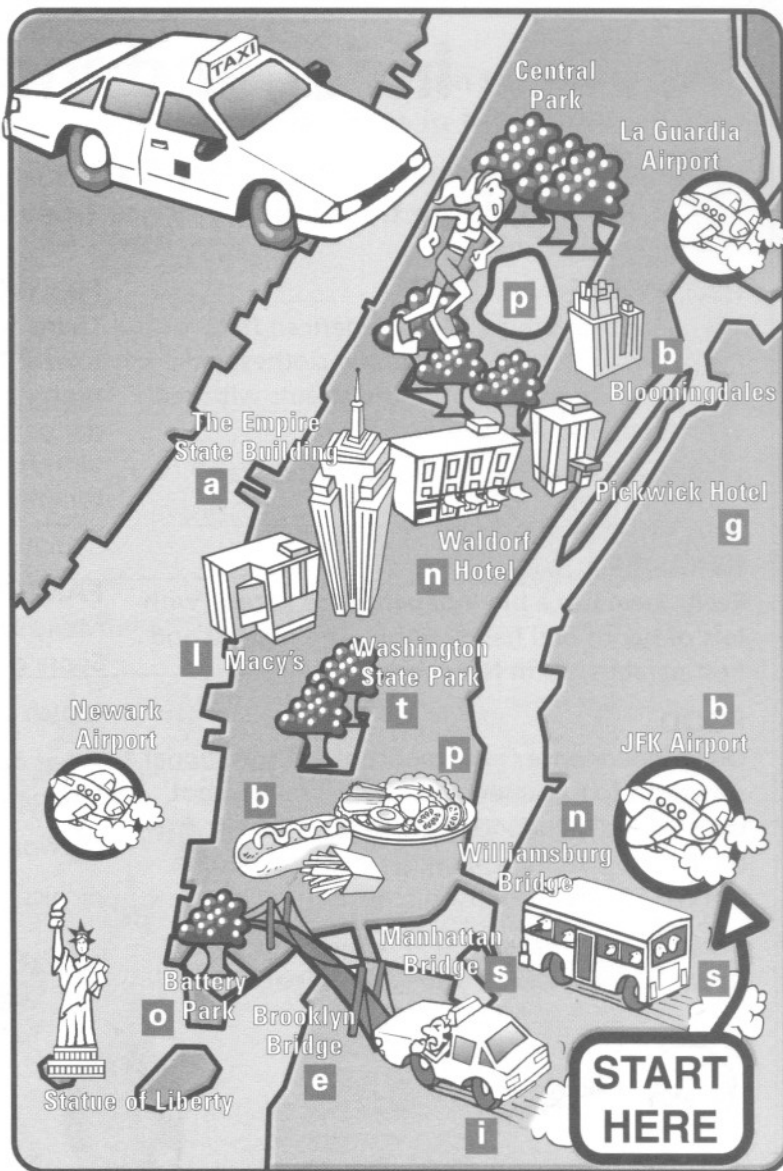
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temperature =	<input type="text"/>
department store =	<input type="text"/>
floor =	<input type="text"/>
finger =	<input type="text"/>
present =	<input type="text"/>
underground =	<input type="text"/>
pancake =	<input type="text"/>

Exploring New York

You are in New York. Read what you are doing and go to the correct place. You can find a letter at the correct places. Take the letters to spell another name for New York.

- 1 There are three airports in New York - JFK, Newark and La Guardia. Start at the **largest** airport.
- 2 You want to go to the center. There's a bus and a yellow cab. Take the **faster** one.
- 3 You can see two hotels, the Waldorf and the Pickwick. Go to the **cheaper** one.
- 4 You want to see the city. You can go to the Statue of Liberty or the Empire State Building. Go to the **taller** one.
- 5 You want to go to a park. Go to the **biggest** park.
- 6 You are hungry. You can buy a salad or a hot dog and fries. Buy the **healthier** one.
- 7 You see two stores. Macy's and Bloomingdales. Go to the **larger** one.
- 8 Go to JFK airport. There are three bridges. Take the **longest** bridge.



Another name for New York is the

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8

○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○

You are in New York City for one day. What do you want to do?
You can do four things - you only have six hours! Tick (✓) the boxes.

- You can go to the top of a tall building - like the Empire State Building. (2 hours) ☐
- You can go ice-skating at the Rockefeller Center. (1 hour) ☐
- You can go shopping at a famous store - Macy's or Bloomingdales. (2 hours) ☐
- You can visit the Statue of Liberty and Ellis Island. (3 hours) ☐
- You can take a boat trip around Manhattan Island. (3 hours) ☐
- You can have lunch in Chinatown. (1 hour) ☐
- You can go for a walk in Central Park. (1 hour) ☐
- You can take a helicopter ride over the city. (1 hour) ☐

Independence Day

The 4th of July is party time in America. It's America's birthday and Americans celebrate their independence from Great Britain in 1776.

RED, WHITE AND BLUE

These are the colours of the American flag. People wear red, white and blue clothes and they decorate their houses and streets with red, white and blue flags.

What are the colours in your country's flag?

PARADES

Every town has a big Independence Parade with lots of bands and happy music. The biggest and best parades are in New York.

FOOD

On Independence Day Americans eat traditional American food. Americans eat 155 million hot dogs on Independence Day! In New York there is a hot dog eating competition. Some people can eat 50 hot dogs in 12 minutes!

Here are some other Independence Day things to eat. Tick (✓) what you want to eat.



hamburger ☐



strawberry shortcake ☐



cherry pie ☐



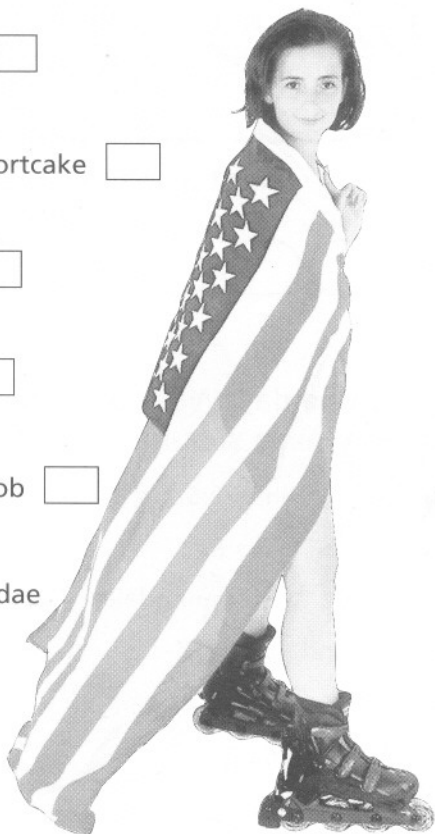
apple pie ☐



corn-on-the-cob ☐



ice-cream sundae ☐



FIREWORKS

There are lots of parties and fireworks in most towns. The sky is full of colour. Fireworks are pretty but they are noisy and they are dangerous. Every year 7,000 kids have accidents with fireworks on Independence Day! When do you have fireworks in your country?

FAMILY FUN

Many Americans like to be with their families. Some go to the beach or a lake for a barbecue.

Which is better? beach ☐ lake ☐

What do you think is the best thing about Independence Day?

fireworks ☐ parades ☐

picnics ☐ hot dogs ☐



Find out more about Independence Day on the Internet on: www.usacitylink.com/usa/

WORD CHECK

What is it in your language? Find out!

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birthday =	<input type="text"/>
to celebrate =	<input type="text"/>
independence =	<input type="text"/>
to decorate =	<input type="text"/>
parade =	<input type="text"/>
band =	<input type="text"/>
traditional =	<input type="text"/>
competition =	<input type="text"/>
firework =	<input type="text"/>
sky =	<input type="text"/>
noisy =	<input type="text"/>
dangerous =	<input type="text"/>
accident =	<input type="text"/>

Facts and Plans

The missing words in these sentences are in the stars but they are in the wrong order.
Put the letters in the correct order and write the answers in the stripes.

- 1 There are 50 stars on the flag because America has 50 states.
- 2 The flag is called 'The _____ and Stripes'.
- 3 Independence Day isn't in the winter; it's in the _____.
- 4 Let's celebrate by the sea. We can go to the _____.
- 5 We can eat outside. It's a good day for having a _____.
- 6 We can eat _____ pie.
- 7 If we dress up, we can join the _____ in the town.
- 8 Listen! The band is playing the national _____.
- 9 We're inviting our grandparents to a barbecue. Independence Day is a _____ day.



1	T	A	S	S	E	T	STATES
2	R	A	S	T	S		
3	M	U	M	R	E	S	
4	C	H	E	A	B		
5	C	I	P	C	I	N	
6	P	E	P	A	L		
7	A	P	A	R	E	D	
8	N	A	H	M	E	T	
9	M	A	L	I	F	Y	

The Warner family are telling you their plans. Choose **IF** or **WHEN** in each sentence.
Underline the correct word.

DAD

- 1 We'll visit my brother and his family **if** / **when** it's the 4th of July.
- 2 We'll have a barbecue **if** / **when** the weather's nice.

MOM

- 3 The kids can have apple pie **if** / **when** they finish their dinner.
- 4 I'll phone my parents **if** / **when** I can't see them.

LINDSAY (14)

- 5 We'll watch the fireworks **if** / **when** it gets dark.
- 6 I'll go to the beach **if** / **when** I'm with my friends.

GARY (10)

- 7 I'll go and watch the big parades in New York **if** / **when** I'm older.
- 8 I'll watch the parades on TV **if** / **when** it rains.

Animals Down Under

AUSTRALIA

Kangaroos and koala bears come from Australia. They have a pouch (a little pocket) for their babies. Kangaroo and koala babies are very small when they are born. They are only 2cm long! They crawl up into their mother's pouch and they stay there for six months. They drink their mother's milk and they are warm and safe in the pouch. The mother kangaroo can run very fast, but they baby is safe and doesn't fall out. Kangaroos are grey. They can run at a speed of 48km per hour.

After six months they leave their mother's pouch but they often go back to drink milk. A koala rides on its mother's back when it's six months old.

Koalas are in danger from two things. Koalas like eating eucalyptus leaves, and people are cutting down the eucalyptus trees to build roads and houses. Also, koalas are not good at crossing roads and cars kill thousands of koala bears every year.

NEW ZEALAND

There are lots of interesting birds in New Zealand. Keas are funny and intelligent birds. They are like parrots. They live in the mountains on South Island. They are friendly and they like playing. They like people. They are happy when tourists feed them. They like riding on top of tourist buses. People say the keas are crazy because they attack cars when they are looking for food.

The takahe is another New Zealand bird. It can't fly. It likes eating grass. There are only 160 takahes in New Zealand. The takahe is in danger.



Find out more about koalas on the Internet on

www.savethekoala.com



WORD CHECK

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pocket =

to crawl =

safe =

to fall out =

often =

to ride =

funny =

parrot =

to feed =

to attack =

The Koala Puzzle

We know that it's a bear, but it's a special kind of bear.
What kind of animal is the koala? Find the answers to the questions and put the letters in the boxes.

- | | | |
|---|----------------------|---|
| 1 Where do koalas live? | <input type="text"/> | a eucalyptus leaves |
| 2 What do koalas eat? | <input type="text"/> | i between 40,000 and 80,000 |
| 3 When do koalas eat? | <input type="text"/> | l cars and dogs |
| 4 Where do koalas sleep? | <input type="text"/> | u 18 hours |
| 5 How many hours do koalas sleep every day? | <input type="text"/> | p a joey |
| 6 What is a baby koala called? | <input type="text"/> | m Australia |
| 7 How many koalas are there? | <input type="text"/> | a because people are destroying the forests |
| 8 Why aren't there very many koalas today? | <input type="text"/> | s in trees |
| 9 What are the big dangers for koalas? | <input type="text"/> | r at night |

The koala is a _____

Two More New Zealand Birds

What are they? Read about them and find the letters in each name.
Write them under the pictures.

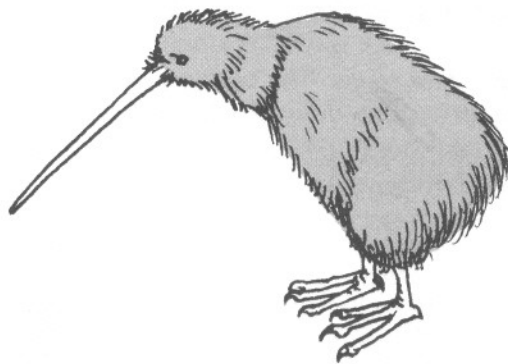


It likes eating insects, nectar, fruit and leaves.
It lives in the forest.

third word, third letter =

sixth word, third letter =

tenth word, second letter =



It likes eating worms. It can't fly. It is quite lazy. It sleeps 20 hours a day.

second word, third letter =

third word, fourth letter =

fourth word, first letter =

tenth word, third letter =

England and the English

Where can you eat black pudding, listen to Big Ben and watch a Shakespeare play? England, of course!

FOOD

When people visit England, they often try an English breakfast. It's enormous. You have sausages, bacon, eggs, fried bread, baked beans, mushrooms and black pudding (made from pigs' blood). English people don't eat traditional food very often. The most famous English meal is fish and chips, but the most popular food in England now is Indian curry!

SPORT

The most popular sport in England is football. The biggest football club with the most fans is Manchester United. Even the Royal Family love football. Prince William's favourite club is Aston Villa.

PLACES

London is a very historic city. One of the oldest buildings is the Tower of London. The Tower has a horrible history: people died there because it was a prison for famous people (kings and queens). It was the scene of many executions. It was also a zoo and there were lions and elephants there! Another famous building is the Houses of Parliament. It's also called the Palace of Westminster. It's got a famous clock tower. The bell, Big Ben, is inside the clock tower. The bell rings very loudly every quarter of an hour. Big Ben is a symbol of Britain, the British people and the British parliament.

SHAKESPEARE

William Shakespeare lived over 400 years ago, but he is still England's most famous writer. He didn't come from a rich family and his father couldn't read or write. He died on his birthday. He was an actor, too, and acted in many of his own plays.

SUPERSTITIONS

Why don't English people like to step on the cracks in the pavement or walk under ladders? It's because they are superstitious. There are six ravens in the Tower of London but they mustn't fly away - it means the Tower is going to fall down! That's another English superstition. What are your country's superstitions?



Find out more about The Houses of Parliament and superstitions on the Internet on www.pm.gov.uk/ and www.my.genie.co.uk/robainsley/eikoku/11.html

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to fall down =	<input type="text"/>
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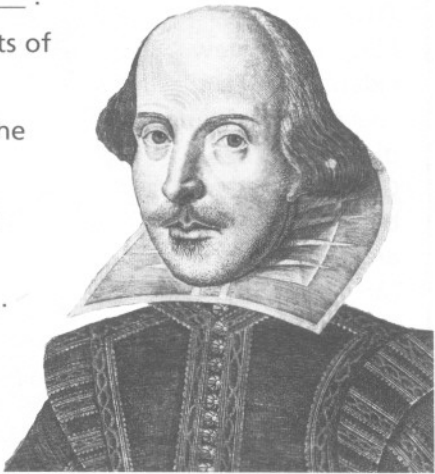




England

Read the sentences about England and fill the gaps with the correct adverbs.

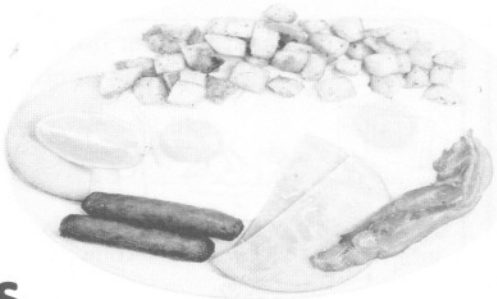
- 1 Many of the foods in the popular English breakfast are full of fat. English people don't eat very _____.
- 2 Football is the most popular English sport. Lots of kids play it _____.
- 3 Many people died _____ in the Tower of London.
- 4 The Big Ben bell weighs 13.5 tonnes. You can hear it ring from the other side of the River Thames. It rings very _____.
- 5 Shakespeare's father wanted him to be a butcher. _____ Shakespeare didn't take his father's advice.
- 6 Lots of Shakespeare's plays have happy endings, but some of them (like *Romeo and Juliet*) end _____.



regularly luckily horribly healthily sadly loudly

What would you like to do when you are in England?
Tick (✓) the box.

- ☐ have a curry ☐ watch Manchester United
- ☐ try some black pudding ☐ watch a Shakespeare play
- ☐ visit the Tower of London



Superstitions

GOOD LUCK OR BAD LUCK?

These things are good luck in England. What about your country? Add three more things to the list and say if they are good luck or bad luck.

	good luck	bad luck	neither
a rabbit's foot	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
the number 7	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
touching wood	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
a horse shoe	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
a small spider	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
_____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
_____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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What Are Your Hobbies?

This is what four American teenagers say about their hobbies.

ADAM

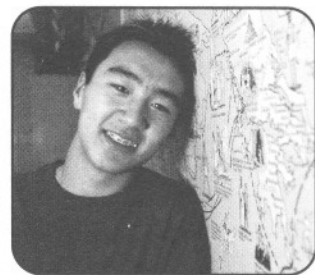
I buy all the new video games and I spend a lot of time playing them.

Consoles are best because the screens are bigger. Computers are fun too, because you can play games with other people.



RYAN

I love cooking. Many people don't think it's right for guys to cook but I really enjoy it. I like cooking Japanese food and Mexican food.



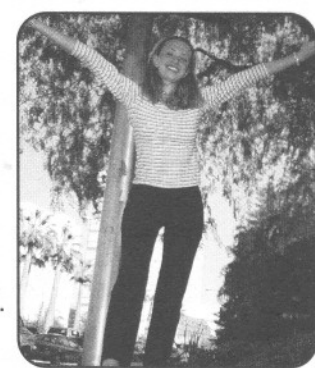
STEFANIE

I've been singing since I was a child. I started playing the guitar last year and I practise every day. I write songs about my experiences and feelings.



LINDSAY

The theatre is my passion. I've always loved acting. I sometimes do acting and modelling jobs when I'm not at school.



Here are the most popular hobbies of American teenagers.

Tick (✓) the hobbies you like.



Using the Internet

☐


Swimming

☐


Playing computer games

☐


Going to the movies

☐


Basketball

☐


Listening to music

☐


Volleyball

☐


Bowling

☐


Drama

☐


Baseball

☐

Tick the sentences that are true about you.

- ☐ I do my hobby regularly.
- ☐ I have to get up early to do my hobby.
- ☐ My hobby is something that I do well.
- ☐ I take lessons to help me to do my hobby properly.
- ☐ I have to be able to think quickly to do my hobby.
- ☐ When I'm older, I want to do my hobby professionally.

What's your hobby? _____



Find out more about what American teenagers think on the internet on:

www.teenink.com/Poll/PastPolls.html

WORD CHECK

What is it in your language?
Find out!

- console =
- screen =
- computer =
- to practise =
- experience =
- feeling =
- to cook =
- guy =
- passion =
- modelling =
- job =
- regularly =
- properly =
- professionally =

Talking About Hobbies

Read what these teenagers have to say about their hobbies.

Fill in the gaps in the grids.

- 1 All of the Phoenix School kids like going to concerts.
- 2 The girls like shopping but the boys don't.
- 3 Dave doesn't like watching videos but everybody else does.
- 4 Andy and Natasha don't like reading but Jane does.
- 5 Andy spends a lot of time on his computer, but Dave doesn't like computers, nor does Jane.
- 6 The boys often play football but the girls don't like it.

DAVE



Hobbies

going to concerts

Doesn't like

computers

ANDY



Hobbies

Doesn't like

shopping

NATASHA



Hobbies

Doesn't like

reading

JANE



Hobbies

Doesn't like

football

watching videos

Complete the conversations with the following phrases:

So do I Neither do I I do I don't

- 1 Natasha: I like going to concerts. Jane: So do I. Andy: So do I.
- 2 Jane: I like reading. Andy: _____ Natasha: _____
- 3 Dave: I don't like watching videos. Natasha: _____ Andy: _____
- 4 Jane: I don't like computers. Dave: _____ Andy: _____
- 5 Natasha: I love shopping. Andy: _____ Dave: _____
- 6 Andy: I love football. Dave: _____ Jane: _____

Scotland

Everything you need to know!

PLACES

The capital of Scotland is Edinburgh. It's a historic city with a castle. There's a popular cultural festival in Edinburgh every summer. Thousands of people travel to Loch Ness every year. It's a big lake and people believe that a monster lives in the loch (Scottish word for 'lake').

CLOTHES

Scots often wear kilts. A kilt is a woollen skirt with a checked pattern called 'tartan'. Men and women wear kilts. Each clan (Scottish word for 'a family or tribe') has its own special tartan. Men wear a leather money bag called 'a sporran' with the kilt.

MUSIC

The bagpipes are the traditional musical instrument of Scotland.

FOOD

On special occasions Scottish people eat haggis. It's lamb, heart, liver and animal fat boiled inside a sheep's stomach.



Find out more about Burns Night/Scotland on the Internet on:

www.rabbie-burns.com/burnssupper/
www.scotsmart.com/info/



SPORT

Scots enjoy the Highland Games. They are competitions for Scottish dancing and Scottish sports such as 'tossing the caber'. A caber is a 5-metre long thick piece of wood. It's very heavy and it's difficult to throw it a long way. Throwing the hammer is another Highland Games sport.

FAMOUS SCOTS

Robert Burns was a famous Scottish poet born on 25th January 1759. His most famous poem is called 'Auld Lang Syne'. People sing the words of 'Auld Lang Syne' at midnight on New Year's Eve. On Burns' birthday every year people have parties, eat haggis, drink whisky, dance to bagpipe music and read his poems.

TRADITIONS

'Hogmanay' is the name for the Scottish celebration of New Year's Eve. People go 'first footing' - they visit a neighbour's house after midnight and give the neighbour a piece of coal, some bread, some salt, and a coin for good luck.



WORD CHECK

What is it in your language? Find out!

- capital =
- to believe =
- woollen =
- checked =
- pattern =
- leather =
- occasion =
- liver =
- to boil =
- to toss =
- hammer =
- midnight =

Are You a Scottish Expert?

Fill the gaps with the missing words.

- 1 Edinburgh is the capital of Scotland, so it is a very important city.
- 2 _____ of people believe in the Loch Ness monster.
- 3 _____ people travel to Scotland every year.
- 4 There's always _____ food for everyone at a Burns Supper.
- 5 Many people don't like bagpipes. They say they make _____ much noise.

enough ~~very~~ many too a lot

- a Burns night is when _____ in Scotland celebrates the life of Robert Burns.
- b Whisky was Robert Burns' favourite drink, but _____ under 18 can drink it.
- c On Burns Night _____ carries the haggis into the room while bagpipe music is playing.
- d There is liver, heart and animal fat in a haggis - yuk! How can _____ eat it?!

someone anyone everyone no one

Famous Scottish People and Things

You use *who* for people and *that* for things. Decide which of these sentences is correct and which is incorrect. Write the letters in the box at the bottom to find the name of a very famous film about Scotland.

- | | correct | incorrect |
|--|----------------------------|----------------------------|
| a Ewan McGregor is a famous actor who is in the <i>Star Wars</i> films. He is proud to be Scottish. | <input type="checkbox"/> B | <input type="checkbox"/> R |
| b Sean Connery is an actor which was the first James Bond. He likes to wear a kilt. | <input type="checkbox"/> A | <input type="checkbox"/> R |
| c The Loch Ness monster is a thing who lives in the big lake in Scotland. | <input type="checkbox"/> S | <input type="checkbox"/> A |
| d Sharleen Spiteri is the singer in the band <i>Texas</i> who comes from Glasgow in Scotland. | <input type="checkbox"/> V | <input type="checkbox"/> T |
| e 'Clan' is a Scottish word which means a tribe or group of families. | <input type="checkbox"/> E | <input type="checkbox"/> M |
| f A haggis is a boiled sheep's stomach full of lamb, liver and heart who is very delicious. | <input type="checkbox"/> E | <input type="checkbox"/> H |
| g Robert Burns is the man which wrote Auld Lang Syne | <input type="checkbox"/> N | <input type="checkbox"/> E |
| h Bagpipes are musical instruments who are difficult to play. | <input type="checkbox"/> I | <input type="checkbox"/> A |
| i A person who brings coal to your house on New Year's Eve brings good luck. | <input type="checkbox"/> R | <input type="checkbox"/> S |
| j Kilts are skirts who men wear. | <input type="checkbox"/> E | <input type="checkbox"/> T |

The film is called _ _ _ _ _

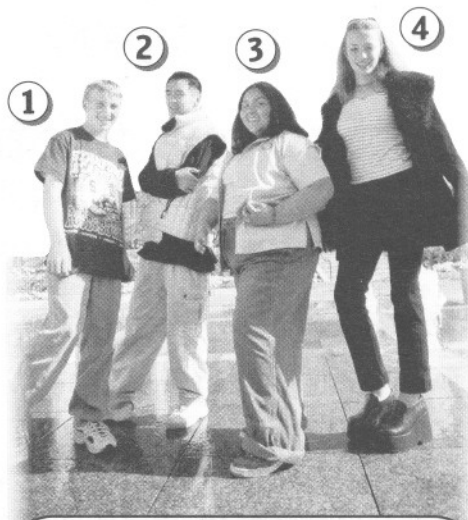
Clothes

HOW FASHIONABLE ARE YOU?

Do this quiz, add up your score and look at the box above the photo to find out if fashion is important to you.

- A** You see a really 'cool' pair of shoes in a shop, but they are very expensive.
What do you do?
- Buy them. I always spend a lot of money on clothes.
 - Leave them in the shop. You can buy cheaper shoes somewhere else.
 - Buy them if they're good quality and they're going to last a long time.
- B** You want to buy a pair of jeans. Which pair do you choose?
- The most comfortable ones.
 - The most fashionable ones.
 - The most unusual ones.
- C** Your mum buys you a sweater for your birthday, but you don't like it. Do you wear it?
- Yes. I don't want to hurt my mum, but I hope my friends don't see me.
 - No, I don't want my friends to think I am unfashionable.
 - Of course. My mum always chooses my clothes.
- D** Your friend comes to school wearing the same coat as you. What do you think?
- I hate it when people copy my clothes. I must buy a new coat.
 - I'm happy he/she likes my coat. It means I look good.
 - I'm not the only person who buys cheap clothes.
- E** Do you enjoy shopping for clothes?
- I enjoy shopping when I find clothes I really like, but I only go shopping when I need something.
 - I love shopping. I must have fashionable clothes.
 - I hate shopping. I prefer it when my mum does my shopping for me.

5 - 8: Fashion isn't very important to you. You prefer being comfortable to being fashionable. You don't care what other people think about your appearance.
10 - 12: Well done! You are fashionable but you are also an individual. You like to wear fashionable clothes, but you only wear what you like.
13 - 15: You wear fashionable clothes, but you are not individual. You only wear clothes you think other people like. It's time to start buying clothes that you like, not the ones that the fashion magazines tell you to wear.



WORD CHECK

What is it in your language?
Find out!

- to add up =
- cool =
- somewhere else =
- quality =
- to choose =
- comfortable =
- unusual =
- sweater =
- to hurt =
- to copy =
- individual =



Find out more about teenage fashion in the USA on the Internet on:

www.fashion.about.com/blteenscene330.htm

My Favourite Clothes

The American teenagers on page 34 are talking about their favourite clothes. Can you identify the people in the picture? (American words and spellings are in *italic*.)

RYAN ☐

My *favorite* clothes are my khaki long *pants*, my black shirt and my yellow vest. I don't care if my clothes are expensive or cheap. I like to wear clothes that are comfortable and I think they look good. I enjoy buying clothes very much.

LINDSAY ☐

I love black clothes and sunglasses because they look sophisticated. How I look is important to me. If I look good I feel confident. I bought my coat in Scotland. I love the fur sleeves and collar.

ADAM ☐

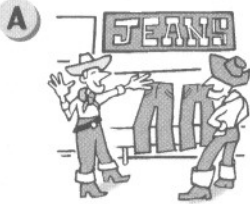
I'm wearing a Stanford football shirt, because I want to go to Stanford University. I like the *color* and style of the *pants* I'm wearing.

STEFANIE ☐

I like this shirt because it's from the garage where my boyfriend worked, so I think of him when I wear it. I bought my *sneakers* from a second-hand *store* and the extra long *pants* were my brother's and now they belong to me. Why do you need to spend a lot of money on clothes? You can spend money on better things.

The History of Jeans

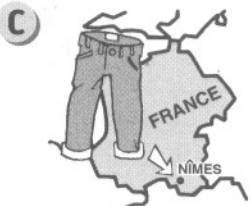
Read about the history of jeans and put the correct verbs into the gaps and match them with the pictures.



A lot of people think jeans are American, but they started in Europe. The material for jeans is called denim because it 1 _____ from Nîmes, in France (*de Nîmes*). Workers used denim material to make clothes that lasted a long time. ☐



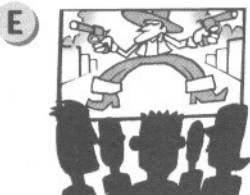
In the nineteenth century, people 2 _____ gold in California, and the Gold Rush started. Gold miners started wearing jeans because the material was very strong. ☐



In 1853, Levi Strauss 3 _____ his home in New York to start making and selling jeans in San Francisco. He 4 _____ many pairs of jeans. His business is very successful today. ☐



In the 1930s, Hollywood 5 _____ a lot of films about cowboys and Indians, called 'westerns'. Cowboys usually 6 _____ jeans in these films and jeans started to become fashionable. After that, actors often wore jeans in films. ☐



Jeans 7 _____ more popular during the 1960s and 1970s. In the 1980s, companies like Calvin Klein and Versace started making designer jeans. These days, jeans are still very popular. Most teenagers wear them. ☐

wore found came sold made left became

Australia

Australia is the sixth largest country in the world. It's thirty-one times bigger than Great Britain but only seventeen million people live there (fifty-seven million people live in Great Britain).

THE OUTBACK

Seventy percent of Australia is hot dry land called 'the outback'. It's easy to get lost in the outback because there aren't many people, cars or buildings. It's hot and you must always have water if you travel. Kids in the outback can't go to school. They have lessons on the radio. There are thirteen 'flying doctor centres' in Australia. The flying doctors fly in small planes or helicopters to visit sick people.

ABORIGINES

They are the original people of Australia. Some tribes are sixty thousand years old. They play the didgeridoo (a big wooden pipe) and hunt with a boomerang. Their 'holy place' is Ayers Rock. It's in the middle of Australia and it's three kilometres long and three hundred and forty-eight metres high. The Aborigine word for it is 'Uluru'. There are caves in the Rock with Aboriginal paintings.

SURFING

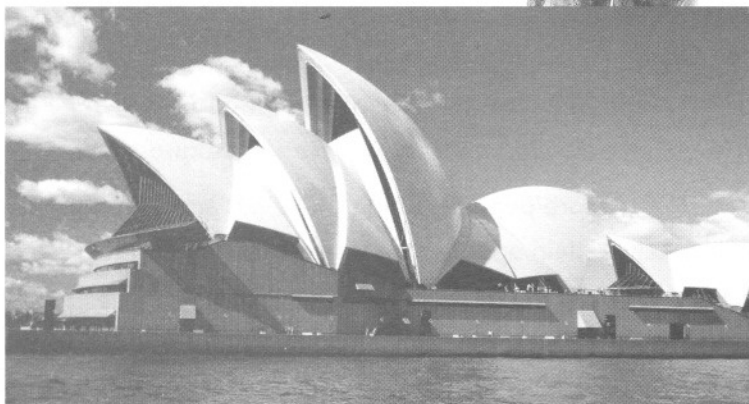
Australia is famous for its big waves. The waves are big but they are dangerous and there are sharks in the water too. People mustn't surf when they see a red flag on the beach.

SYDNEY

Eighty-seven percent of Australian people think that Sydney is the best city in the world. It's twice as big as New York but only three million people live there. Sydney is the sunniest city in Australia. There are usually only twenty-three days a year without sun. It's an international city and people from Europe, the Middle East and South East Asia like living in Sydney. The three most famous places in Sydney are the Opera House, Sydney Harbour Bridge and Bondi Beach.



Find out more about Australia on the Internet on www.australia.com



WORD CHECK

What is it in your language?
Find out!

percent =	<input type="text"/>
to get lost =	<input type="text"/>
building =	<input type="text"/>
plane =	<input type="text"/>
original =	<input type="text"/>
tribe =	<input type="text"/>
wooden =	<input type="text"/>
pipe =	<input type="text"/>
cave =	<input type="text"/>
painting =	<input type="text"/>
wave =	<input type="text"/>
dangerous =	<input type="text"/>
shark =	<input type="text"/>
sunniest/sunny =	<input type="text"/>

Australia by Numbers

The text about Australia has got lots of numbers in it. Can you remember them all? There is one extra number and that is the post code for Sydney. When you work out which number it is, write it at the bottom of the exercise.

- | | | | |
|---|------------|----|---|
| a | 23 | 1 | the percent of desert land in Australia |
| b | 3 | 2 | the height in metres of Ayers Rock |
| c | 13 | 3 | the position of Australia in a list of large countries of the world |
| d | 348 | 4 | the population of Sydney |
| e | 6th | 5 | the number of times Australia is bigger than Great Britain |
| f | 31 | 6 | the number of centres where flying doctors have their bases |
| g | 2 | 7 | the population of Great Britain |
| h | 60,000 | 8 | the number of times Sydney is bigger than New York |
| i | 70 | 9 | the percent of Australians who think Sydney is the best city in the world |
| j | 2000 | 10 | the length in kilometres of Ayers Rock |
| k | 57,000,000 | 11 | the age of some of the Aborigine tribes |
| l | 3,000,000 | 12 | the population of Australia |
| m | 17,000,000 | 12 | the number of days a year without rain in Sydney |
| n | 87 | | |

The post code for Sydney is _____

The Outback

The advantages (good things) about life in the Outback are:

- You don't have to go to school.
- You have lots of space to play games.
- There is no pollution (dirty fumes) from cars and factories.
- It's quiet.
- You can see lots of wonderful animals, birds and insects.

What are the bad things? Complete these with the words from the box below.

- 1 There are _____ dangerous spiders.
- 2 There aren't _____ shops.
- 3 There's _____ to do.
- 4 You don't have _____ friends.
- 5 There's _____ to go.
- 6 It's _____ hot.
- 7 There's not _____ rain to make things grow.

Complete one of these sentences:

I want to live in the Outback because

I don't want to live in the Outback because

nothing nowhere lots of
enough any many too

Scary Animals: Fact or Fantasy?

There is one false fact for each animal. Which is it? Write 'F' next to it.

BATS

- 1 Bats live in caves. ____
- 2 Vampire bats have two sharp teeth which they use to bite the feet of horses, cows and pigs. ____
- 3 Vampite bats kill people and drink their blood. ____
- 4 Bats are not blind; some of them can see quite well. ____
- 5 Bats eat about 3,000 insects every night. ____



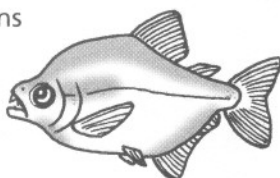
TARANTULA SPIDERS

- 1 Tarantulas are the biggest spiders in the world; they can be 25 cms long. ____
- 2 You can die from a tarantula bite. ____
- 3 Tarantulas live for about 25 years. ____
- 4 The Black Widow spider is smaller and more dangerous than a tarantula. ____
- 5 Tarantulas eat birds and frogs. ____



PIRANHAS

- 1 The word 'piranha' means 'scissors'; piranha teeth can cut like scissors. ____
- 2 Piranhas live in the sea. ____
- 3 Piranhas love eating insects, small fish, fruit and plants. ____
- 4 A black piranha can bite through a man's wrist. ____
- 5 Piranhas get very hungry in summer when the rivers are dry. ____



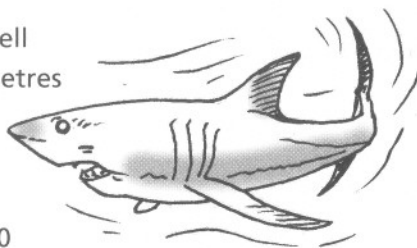
RATS

- 1 One pair of rats have about 2,000 babies a year. ____
- 2 Rats weigh about 450g and are about 30cm long but they can squeeze through a hole the same size as a man's thumb. ____
- 3 In most big cities there are more rats than people. ____
- 4 Some 'super rats' are bigger than large cats. ____
- 5 A rat has sharp teeth and can bite through aluminium or copper. ____



GREAT WHITE SHARKS

- 1 A Great White shark can smell your blood when it is 350 metres away. ____
- 2 A Great White shark never sleeps. ____
- 3 Sharks have more than 1,000 sharp triangular teeth. ____
- 4 A Great White shark always attacks from below or behind you. ____
- 5 The Great White's favourite food is people. ____



WORD CHECK

What is it in your language? Find out!

blood =	<input type="text"/>
scissors =	<input type="text"/>
insect =	<input type="text"/>
wrist =	<input type="text"/>
teeth =	<input type="text"/>
to attack =	<input type="text"/>
dangerous =	<input type="text"/>
frog =	<input type="text"/>
to squeeze =	<input type="text"/>
thumb =	<input type="text"/>
aluminium =	<input type="text"/>
copper =	<input type="text"/>

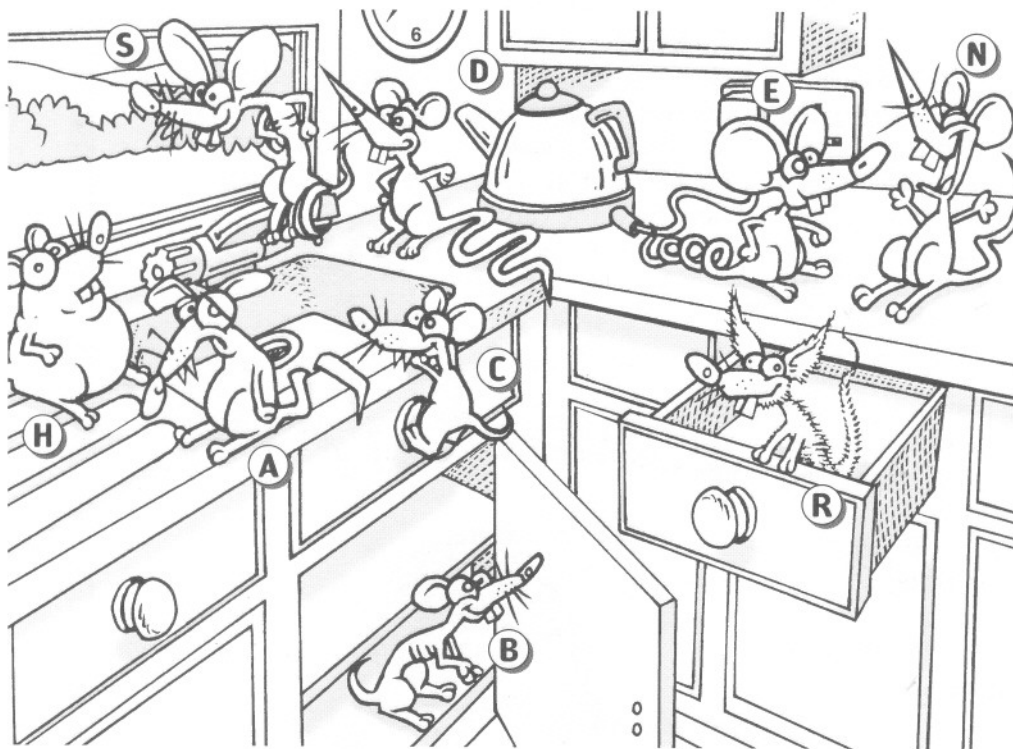


Find out more about Great White sharks on the Internet on

www.nationalgeographic.com/kids/creature_feature/0206/
and rats: www.the-piedpiper.co.uk/th1b.htm

Rats in the Kitchen

The rats have come into the kitchen and eaten all the food. What did they eat? Match a description of each rat and then write the correct letter to find out what they had for supper.



- ◆ He's the one with a pointed nose and a long tail.
- ☆ She's the one with big ears and a curly tail.
- ✱ He's the one with sharp teeth and a short tail.
- ⊙ She's the hairy one with pointed ears.
- ⌘ He's the fat one.
- ❖ She's the thin one with a short tail.
- ♥ He's the thin one with big ears.
- ✧ He's the happy one with a pointed nose.
- ♣ She's the sad one with sharp teeth.

☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐
 ❖ ⊙ ☆ ♣ ◆

☐ ☐ ☐
 ♣ ✧ ◆

☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐
 ✱ ⌘ ☆ ☆ ♥ ☆

Piranha River

You want to cross the river but there are piranhas. Look at the sentences. Choose the correct word from one of the stones.

If you choose the correct 'stones' you can cross the river. If you choose the wrong words, the piranhas eat you.

- 1 Piranhas live in _____
- 2 The colour of a dangerous piranha is _____
- 3 The word 'piranha' means _____
- 4 Piranhas are very aggressive when it's hot in the _____
- 5 Piranhas have got very sharp _____



David Beckham

David Beckham is a brilliant footballer. He plays for Manchester United and he's the captain of the England team. What's life like for David Beckham?

FAMILY

Everyone knows that David is married to Victoria ('Posh Spice' from the Spice Girls). He's got two sons – one called Brooklyn and another one called Romeo. Brooklyn is older than Romeo. David's family is very important to him. He has got a tattoo of Brooklyn's name on his back. He has also got a tattoo on his arm that says 'Victoria' in the Indian language, Hindi.

HOBBIES

In his free time, David likes to play golf. He also enjoys watching videos. His favourite films are *Notting Hill* and *The Game*. His perfect evening is a night at a restaurant with Victoria, but it doesn't have to be an expensive meal. His favourite meal is meat pie and mashed potatoes.

What's the name of Shakespeare's play about a boy called Romeo?

Read the facts about David Beckham. Are they true?

I think so. I don't think so.

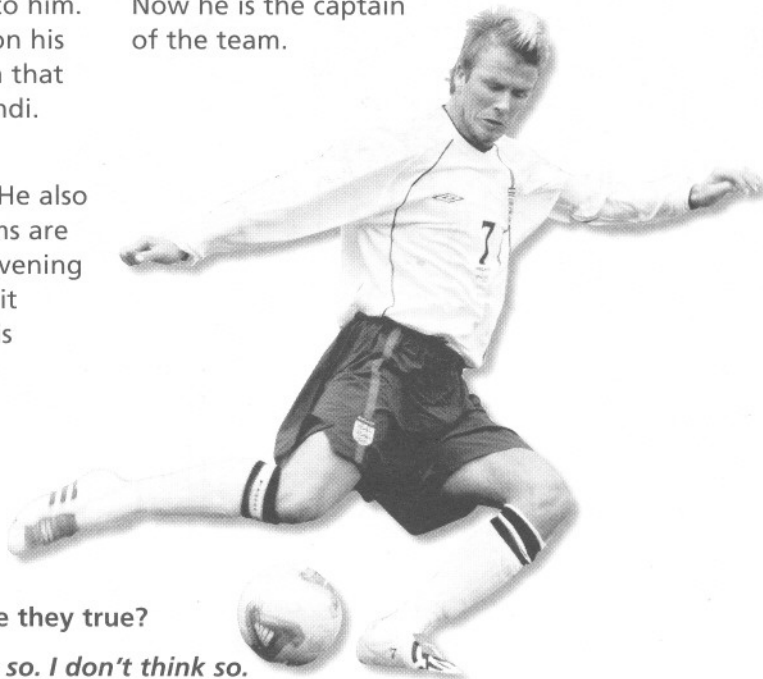
- David wears a new pair of football boots in every game he plays. ☐ ☐
- He enjoys writing poetry. You can buy a book of his poems. ☐ ☐
- David runs more than 14km in every game of football. ☐ ☐
- He won his first football competition when he was only 11 and spent two weeks training with the England team. ☐ ☐
- Victoria cuts David's hair. ☐ ☐



Find out more about David Beckham on the Internet on www.beckham-magazine.com/

CAREER

Even when he was a child, David Beckham was good at football. Everyone noticed David's talent and he was soon famous. In 1996, when he was 21, David joined the England team. Now he is the captain of the team.



WORD CHECK

What is it in your language? Find out

- brilliant =
- captain =
- married =
- tattoo =
- perfect =
- expensive =
- pie =
- mashed =
- potatoe =
- to notice =
- boots =
- poetry =
- competition =
- to cut =

What's David Beckham Like?

- 1 Match the sentences in the football to the correct questions. There are three footballs for each question.

- A What's he like?
B What does he look like?
C What does he like doing?

1

He enjoys watching films.



2

He's a confident person.



3

He's got very short hair.



4

He's tall and slim.



5

He's very talented..



6

He plays golf in his free time.



7

He doesn't wear glasses.



8

He's very proud of his family.



9

He likes going to restaurants.



Where's the Ball?

- 2 Read the sentences and choose the correct words, then use the sentences to find the ball.

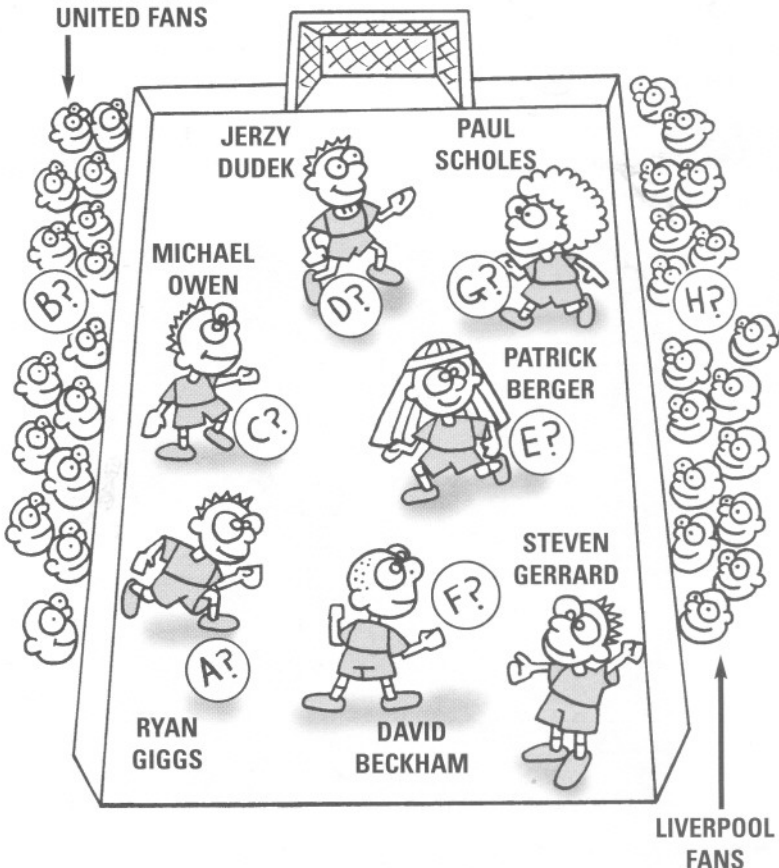
- The ball is **somewhere/anywhere** on the pitch.
- It isn't **nowhere/anywhere** in the crowd.
- There are players **everywhere/somewhere**, but only one of them is near the ball.
- The ball is **anywhere/nowhere** near the goal.
- The ball isn't **anywhere/nowhere** near the player with curly hair or the one with long hair.
- The ball is **anywhere/somewhere** in front of David Beckham.

Where's the ball?

Write the letter



MANCHESTER UNITED FANS



LIVERPOOL FANS

Dangerous Sports

Very dangerous sports are called 'extreme sports'. People also call them 'x-sports'.
Are you an x-sports person? Which adjective describes you?

1 adventurous ☐2 careful ☐3 clever ☐4 anxious ☐5 cool ☐6 lazy ☐7 crazy ☐8 nervous ☐9 fit ☐10 slow ☐11 brave ☐

If you answer 'yes' to 1, 3, 5, 7, 9 and 11, x-sports are for you. If you answer 'yes' to 2, 4, 6, 8 and 10, stay home and watch them on TV.

SNOWBOARDING

This was an x-sport, but now everyone is doing it, even parents! 15% of all snowboarders are over 40 and there are 12 million snowboarders all over the world. In many ski resorts there are more snowboarders than skiers.



Find out more about x-sports on the Internet on
www.snowboarding.com or www.speedski.com or
www.expn.go.com/xg/



SPEED SKIING

This is a very dangerous sport because speed skiers must never go slowly. They go to the tops of mountains and find a very steep vertical slope (for example, a frozen waterfall) and they ski down for about 3km at a speed of 250km/h! They have to wear long, thin skis, a very special helmet, and a rubber suit. Why the rubber suit? Skiers go fast and sometimes break an arm or a leg, but speed skiers go even faster, and if they fall, their bodies can burn(!) when they rub along the snow, rocks and ice! Ouch!

SKY SURFING

Speed skiers go to the tops of mountains, but sky surfers go even higher! Sky surfers must like surfing, flying, speed and heights. They have to jump out of a plane and do tricks on a surf board. Another person jumps with them and films them on video. This is the only sport where the judges are not with the people doing the sport. They watch the videos and decide which sky surfer does the best tricks.

WORD CHECK

What is it in your language?
Find out!

- adventurous =
- careful =
- anxious =
- fit =
- even =
- resort =
- steep =
- frozen =
- waterfall =
- speed =
- rubber =
- to burn =
- to rub =
- trick =

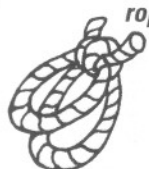
Sports Mountain

All sports have special clothes and equipment. Find the five mountain sports and the seven pieces of sports equipment.

mountain-biking



rope



climbing



snowboarding



goggles



boots



tobogganing



water bottle



skiing



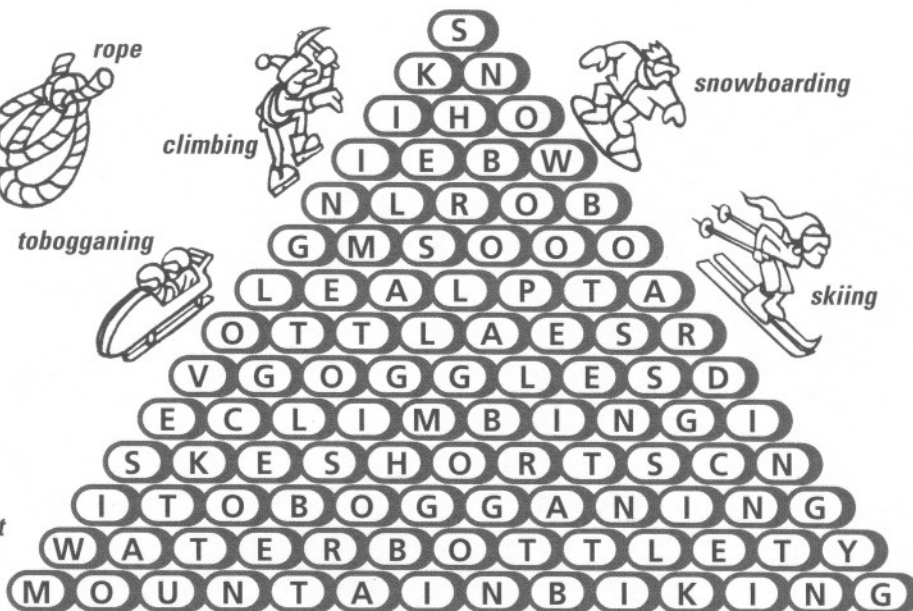
shorts



helmet



gloves



Snowboarding for Beginners

A snowboarder is talking to a beginner. Look at the sentences. Choose the snowboard with the correct sentence and draw a line to it.

1 Never wear jeans.

2 Never wear sunglasses.

3 Never have a lesson.

3 Have a lesson.

5 Don't buy a board if it's your first time.

4 Never fall on your hands.

5 Buy a board if it's your first time.

6 Always look behind you before you start to go down.

6 Never look behind you before you start to go down.

7 Never go on a black run if you are a beginner

7 Stay on a black run if you are a beginner.

START

1 Always wear jeans.

2 Always wear sunglasses.

4 Always fall on your hands

What's your favourite winter sport?

skiing

snowboarding

tobogganing

ice hockey

ice skating

sitting in front of the fire

☐
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How Do You See the Future?

Do you ever imagine your life in the future? Some New York teenagers talk about their hopes and fears.



JUSTIN

I'm going to go to Florida and become an accountant.
I'm going to make lots of money.

COLLEEN

When I grow up I'm going to get married and have three or four kids. I'd like to have three girls and a boy and I've already decided on the names! If I'm lucky, I'll be a famous writer. I'm going to write lots of plays. I'd like to act, too.

LOIDA

I'm going to write a book about my life. I'm going to get married and have one child and I'm going to have my own house. I'm going to help poor people and I'm going to work for a charity.

BLANCA

I'm sure I'll get a good job. I'd like to work for a big company and have my own office. I think I'll work for a couple of years then travel the world. I want to see lots of different countries and meet lots of different people. I'm going to get married some time in the future and have two kids.

ALLEN

My plan for the future is to keep playing video games and then, when I've finished playing games, I'm going to be a train driver.

BELEN

I think I'm going to be a kindergarten teacher and also I'd like to own an art gallery and show my art at the weekend. Sometimes I think I may be a dancer and star in movies like *Grease* or *Fame*.



Find out more about American teenagers and what they think on the Internet on
www.dir.yahoo.com/Society_and_Culture/Cultures_and_

WORD CHECK

What is it in your language?
Find out!

- to imagine =
- hope =
- fear =
- accountant =
- lucky =
- to act =
- own =
- charity =
- company =
- different =
- driver =
- art gallery =
- to show =

Life in the Future

The New York kids are talking about their own personal hopes and fears.
What about you? What are your ambitions?

Tick the boxes

- ☐ I'm going to be famous.
- ☐ I'm going to be a doctor.
- ☐ I'm going to get married.
- ☐ I'm going to have children.
- ☐ I'm going to be rich.
- ☐ I'm going to help other people.
- ☐ I'm going to have parties for all my friends.
- ☐ I'm going to live in a big city.
- ☐ I'm going to live in the countryside.
- ☐ I'm going to pass all my exams.
- ☐ I'm going to speak English brilliantly.



What do you think about the world in the future?
This is what the New York kids think. Do you agree or disagree?

		Agree	Disagree
1	I think that in about 50 years some people will live on the moon. (Justin)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2	In 100 years everyone in the world will use email to communicate. (Allen)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3	Many people won't go out to work. They'll stay at home and use their computers. (Belen)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4	I think someone will find a cure for dangerous diseases like AIDS and cancer. (Blanca)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
5	One day children won't go to school. They'll learn through their computers. (Colleen)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
6	People will try and look after the planet more. (Loida)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
7	Scientists will discover life on other planets. (Allen)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
8	We'll all have robots to clean our houses. (Colleen)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
9	There'll be buildings in New York taller than the Empire State Building. (Justin)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
10	People will live until they are one hundred and fifty years old. (Blanca)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
11	New York will be the capital of the USA. (Belen)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
12	The USA will win the most medals at the next Olympic Games. (Loida)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Horizons Community High School

Would you like to go to a school where you can do what you want? At Horizons Community High School, in Michigan, the students make the rules.

THE TEACHERS

The students at Horizons call their teachers by their first names. They say that their teachers are like their friends. Everyone works hard because the lessons are always interesting. The students respect their teachers.

THE STUDENTS

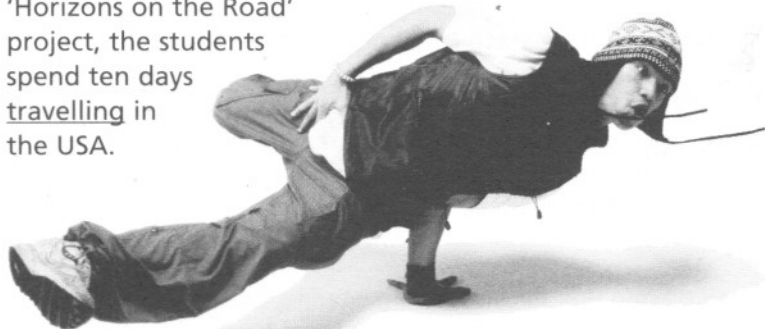
Horizons Community High isn't a big school. It's got about 200 students. It's a friendly school and the students often work together in groups on projects.

SCHOOL RULES

The students have rules about things that are important to them. They don't want violence, vandalism, swearing or drugs in the school. The students choose the punishments when people break these rules. When the school needs a new teacher, the students help to decide who gets the job.

SCHOOL WORK

When students are very good at something, the teachers sometimes say that they can teach a lesson. Students teach their friends about music, dance or art. But lessons don't always have to be in the classroom. For their 'Horizons on the Road' project, the students spend ten days travelling in the USA.



Write five of your school rules here. In the second column write the punishment if you break this rule.

Rules	Punishment
1 We mustn't _____ _____	If someone breaks this rule, they _____
2 We mustn't _____ _____	If someone breaks this rule, they _____
3 We mustn't _____ _____	If someone breaks this rule, they _____
4 We mustn't _____ _____	If someone breaks this rule, they _____
5 We mustn't _____ _____	If someone breaks this rule, they _____



Find out more about Horizons Community High School on the Internet on www.horizons.k12.mi.us/

WORD CHECK

What is it in your language?
Find out!

rule =	<input type="text"/>
hard =	<input type="text"/>
to respect =	<input type="text"/>
project =	<input type="text"/>
violence =	<input type="text"/>
vandalism =	<input type="text"/>
swearing =	<input type="text"/>
drugs =	<input type="text"/>
punishment =	<input type="text"/>
to break (a rule) =	<input type="text"/>
to decide =	<input type="text"/>
to travel =	<input type="text"/>

What Kind of Student Are You?

Would you like to go to Horizons? Answer the questions to see if you are the right kind of student for the school.

- 1** It's your English lesson and you haven't done your homework. What do you do?

- ☐ a) I tell my teacher there were more important things to do. **1**
- ☐ b) I tell my teacher my book is at home. **2**
- ☐ c) I say "I'm sorry", and I accept my punishment. **3**

- 2** You are making some new rules in your school.

- ☐ a) Teachers must respect students and
- ☐ b) All students can leave school early on Friday afternoons. **1**
- ☐ c) You can stay home from school on your birthday.

You are very good at drama. Your teacher says, "Teach the next lesson." What do you do?

- 3** a) Ask the students what they want to do a few days before the lesson. **3**
- ☐ b) Put a film on the classroom video and go home early. **1**
- ☐ c) Tell the students to write their own plays and practise them. **2**

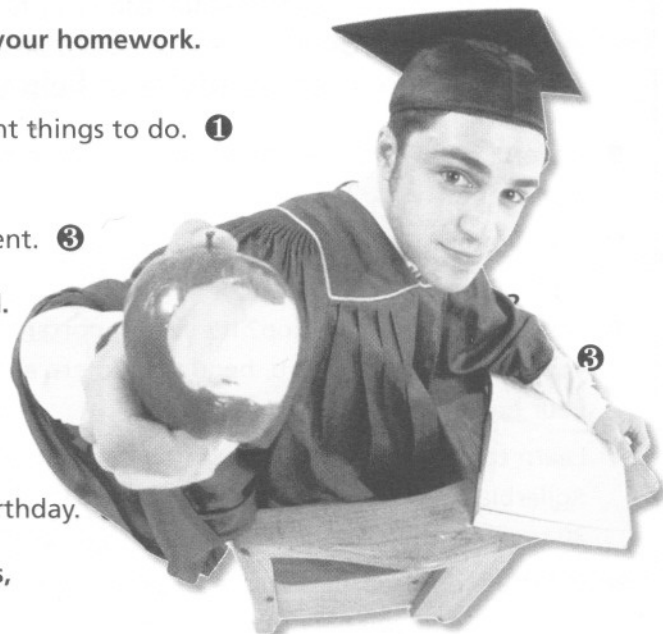
You and your friends are helping the principal (head teacher) choose a new teacher for the school. Who do you want to get the job?

- 4** a) The friendly one. It's always good to have nice teachers. **2**
- ☐ b) The one who is the most interesting and who has the best ideas. **3**
- ☐ c) The shy one. A shy teacher doesn't like to be angry with us. **1**

Your teacher asks you to think of a punishment for students who arrive late for school. What is the best idea?

- 5** a) They must do extra homework. **3**
- ☐ b) They must say "I'm sorry" to the class and explain why they are late. **2**
- ☐ c) It's OK to be late sometimes. Why do we need punishment? **1**

Now add up your score and read the analysis below.



5 - 7: You are a terrible student! You don't like going to school and you don't respect your teachers. The students and teachers at Horizons Community High don't want people like you!

8 - 11: You are a friendly student and you want to enjoy school, but maybe you like your freedom a bit too much. You must work harder if you want to succeed.

12 - 15: Well done! You are mature and responsible - the perfect student for Horizons Community High School.

ANALYSIS

Rollerblading

It's great to skate! Rollerblading is cool; it's a good way to travel and you can play rollerhockey or rollerbasket and you can go rollerdancing too. Here is some advice to help you to be a cool Rollerblader.

- Rollerblade on grass or carpet before you go on the pavement.
- Take lessons. You can learn the best techniques. If you can't find a teacher, buy a video or a book.
- Do you know how to stop? It's very important. Put your arms in front of you, bend your knees and put your heel down.
- Learn to balance. Can you stand on one foot in your Rollerblades? Practise 10 seconds on one leg, then 30 seconds, then one minute. It helps you go faster.
- Wear the right clothes. You must protect your head with a helmet, and you need special protection for your wrists, elbows and knees.



Oliver is twelve years old. He lives in London and he plays rollerhockey.

WHY DO YOU LIKE IT?

It's fast, tough and dangerous.

WHY IS IT DANGEROUS?

Skaters go very fast and bump into one another.

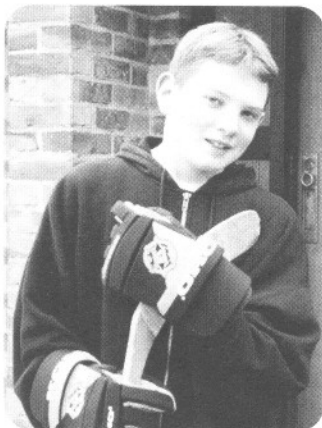
They hurt their shoulders and their knees.

DOES YOUR MOTHER LIKE YOU PLAYING A DANGEROUS SPORT?

She's happier now I'm in a rollerhockey team. She doesn't like me skating around the streets alone.

WHO IS YOUR HERO?

The ice hockey player, Wayne Gretzky. He's a legend! He's unique; he's fast and he's got style.



WORD CHECK

What is it in your language?
Find out!

to skate =

advice =

grass =

carpet =

pavement =

technique =

important =

heel =

balance =

protect =

helmet =

to bump into something =

to hurt =

shoulder =



Find out more about

Rollerblading/Rollerhockey on the Internet on

www.rollerblading.com.au/about.htm

is Rollerblading Perfect for You?

1 Where do you live?

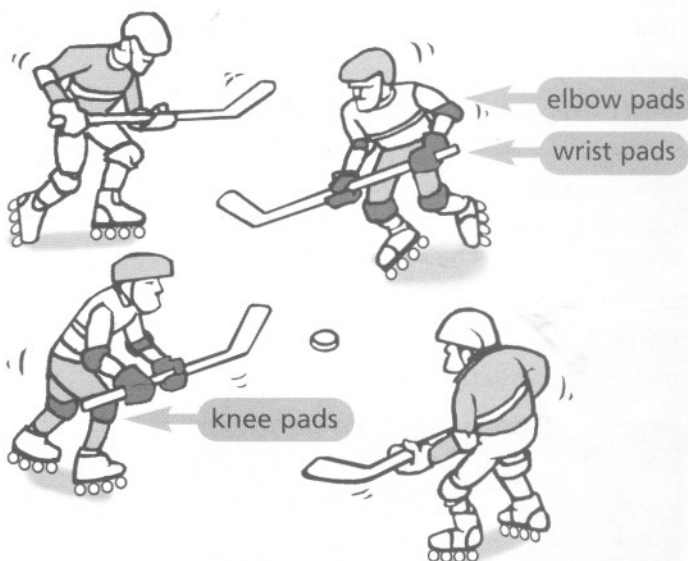
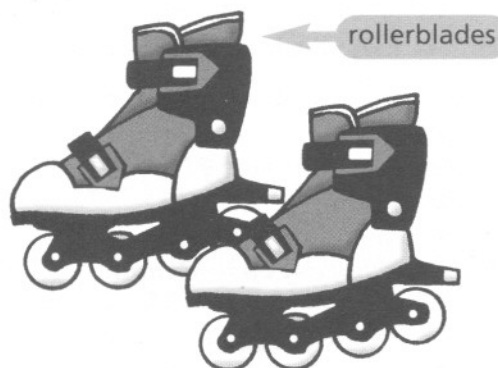
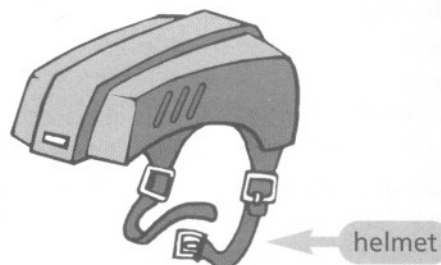
- ☐ a In a flat country
- ☐ b In a country with a few hills
- ☐ c In a country with mountains

2 What's the weather like where you live?

- ☐ a It snows a lot and it's cold.
- ☐ b It's usually sunny and warm.
- ☐ c It's cloudy and it rains a lot.

3 What type of sport do you like best?

- ☐ a Sports which you do alone (for example, running or cycling)
- ☐ b Sports for two people (for example, tennis)
- ☐ c Team sports (for example, football or hockey)



4 Which of these sports can you do?

- ☐ a Ice-skating
- ☐ b Skateboarding
- ☐ c Surfing

5 What do you think when you hurt yourself playing sport?

- ☐ a Ouch! This is too dangerous. I can't do this again!
- ☐ b No problem! That's sport!
- ☐ c Ouch! Where are my wrist pads?

Ask your teacher for the analysis of your answers.

Ireland

Ireland is also called the Emerald Isle because it's so green. It's a unique country with interesting customs, music, dances and sport.

MUSIC

Irish people love music. You can hear pipes, flutes and violins everywhere playing traditional Irish music. There are lots of famous modern Irish pop stars too: The Corrs, Westlife, Ronan Keating, U2 and Samantha Mumba.

DANCE

Ireland has lots of traditional folk dances. The fastest dance is the Irish jig. It's 600 years old. Traditional Irish dancing is like traditional Scottish dancing but there is one big difference: Irish dancers don't move or bend their arms. They let them hang straight at their sides. You can see this in *Riverdance*.

SPORT

The Irish national sport is hurling. It's a very old sport and it's like hockey. The players hit the ball with a stick called a 'hurley'. There were no rules until 1884.

TRADITIONS AND CUSTOMS

The national symbol of Ireland is the shamrock, a plant with three green leaves. Irish people believe it's lucky. They also believe in little green men called Leprechauns. They are like little green fairies. Green is the Irish lucky colour.

DRINK

Irish people love Guinness. It's a thick, black beer.

FESTIVALS

On March 17th, Irish people celebrate St Patrick's Day. There are big parades in Dublin, the capital city, and all the other towns. People wear green clothes, and some people paint their face and hair green! There are parties and fireworks. Many years ago lots of Irish people went to live in America, Canada, Australia and England. There are St Patrick's Day parties in these countries too.

ANIMALS

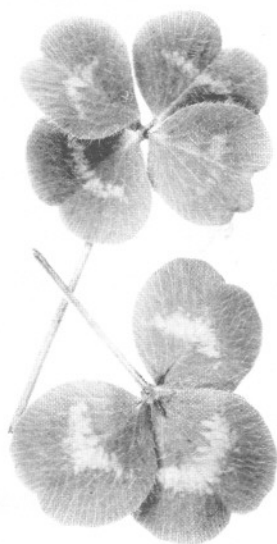
Irish people love horses. A lot of poor children in Dublin own a horse. Their horses are their 'bicycles'. These young boys are called 'city cowboys'. They ride their horses bareback (without a saddle) in the fields outside the city and sometimes they ride into the city, too.



Find out more about Ireland on the Internet on

www.geocities.com/Heartland/7134/Green/fgrireland.htm

and there's information on St Patrick on www.wilstar.com/holidays/patrick.htm



WORD CHECK

What is it in your language? Find out!

isle =	<input type="text"/>
custom =	<input type="text"/>
pipe =	<input type="text"/>
flute =	<input type="text"/>
to bend =	<input type="text"/>
straight =	<input type="text"/>
symbol =	<input type="text"/>
to believe =	<input type="text"/>
fairy =	<input type="text"/>
beer =	<input type="text"/>
parade =	<input type="text"/>
to paint =	<input type="text"/>
firework =	<input type="text"/>
saddle =	<input type="text"/>

The Story of St Patrick

St Patrick is the patron saint of Ireland. Read these sentences about him and write the correct adjectives in the spaces. Write the alphabet letters after each adjective in the correct spaces in the grid underneath. You can see the name of the city which has the biggest St Patrick's Day celebrations in the world.

- 1 St Patrick was born in the 4th century. People think he was Irish but in fact he was _____.
- 2 Some people kidnapped him and took him to Ireland when he was very _____.
- 3 He had a _____ time in Ireland. He had to work as a slave.
- 4 He escaped and moved to France. He read the Bible and prayed all the time. He was very _____.
- 5 St Patrick chose the shamrock as a symbol of his religion. Now the shamrock is the _____ symbol of Ireland.
- 6 There are lots of myths and legends about the shamrock. Irish people say that it's very lucky and bad people are _____ of it.
- 7 They say that all the _____ animals ran away when they saw St Patrick with the shamrock in his hand. Maybe this is true because there are no snakes in Ireland!

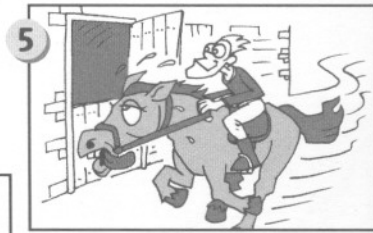
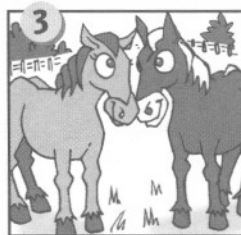
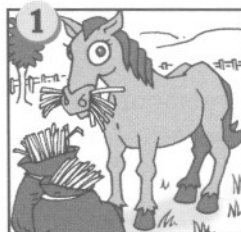
young (E) dangerous (K) religious (Y) Welsh (N) terrible (W) national (O) afraid (R)

1 2 3 4 5 6 7

City Cowboys

The city cowboys don't always look after their horses well. Here are some important bits of advice. Look at the city cowboys and their horses. Put a tick (✓) if the cowboy is following the advice; put a cross (X) if they aren't following the advice.

- 1 You must give your horse two bags of hay (dry grass) every day. ☐
- 2 You mustn't brush your horse in winter because the oil in the horse's coat helps to keep the animal warm and dry. ☐
- 3 You must find a friend for your horse; horses get lonely. ☐
- 4 A horse must always have plenty of water. ☐
- 5 A horse must walk and 'cool down' for 30 minutes at the end of a ride. ☐
- 6 You mustn't ride your horse when it has a cold. ☐
- 7 A vet must check the horse's teeth every six months. ☐



Canada

Canada is the second biggest country in the world. It has six time zones!
29 million people live in Canada.

CITIES

Ottawa is the capital city of Canada, but the biggest city is Toronto. It's got the famous CN Tower. It's 553 metres high. At the top you can look at the city through a glass floor.

INUITS

Inuits are the original people of Canada. They live in the cold Arctic region in the north of the country. Inuits hunt whales, seals and fish. They use them for food and to make clothes, houses and boats. Inuit houses are called 'igloos'. They make summer igloos from animal skins and they make winter igloos from wood or stone. When they travel on long journeys they make igloos from ice and snow.

LANGUAGES

Canada has got two main languages - English and French. Most of the French-speaking people live in Quebec. The Inuits have got their own language too.

NIAGARA FALLS

Niagara Falls are on the border between the USA and Canada, but the highest waterfalls are in Canada. The falls are 49 metres high and 5.5 million litres of water pour over the waterfall each second.

ANIMALS

The moose is the biggest Canadian animal. It's over two metres tall and its antlers (horns) are 1.5 metres long. You can see moose in the mountains. There are polar bears in Canada too. In the north of Canada polar bears sometimes walk into the cities near Hudson Bay.

MAPLE SYRUP

The maple leaf is the symbol of Canada; it's on the flag. In February farmers collect the sap (juice) from the maple trees. It's like water. They heat 40 litres of sap and it makes 1 litre of maple syrup. 60% of all the maple syrup in the world comes from Quebec. It's delicious with pancakes.



Find out more about Canada on the Internet on
www.craigmarlatt.com/craig/canada/



WORD CHECK

What is it in your language?
Find out!

time zone =	<input type="text"/>
capital =	<input type="text"/>
glass =	<input type="text"/>
floor =	<input type="text"/>
original =	<input type="text"/>
to hunt =	<input type="text"/>
whale =	<input type="text"/>
seal =	<input type="text"/>
border =	<input type="text"/>
waterfall =	<input type="text"/>
antler =	<input type="text"/>
polar bear =	<input type="text"/>
flag =	<input type="text"/>
farmer =	<input type="text"/>
sap =	<input type="text"/>
to heat =	<input type="text"/>

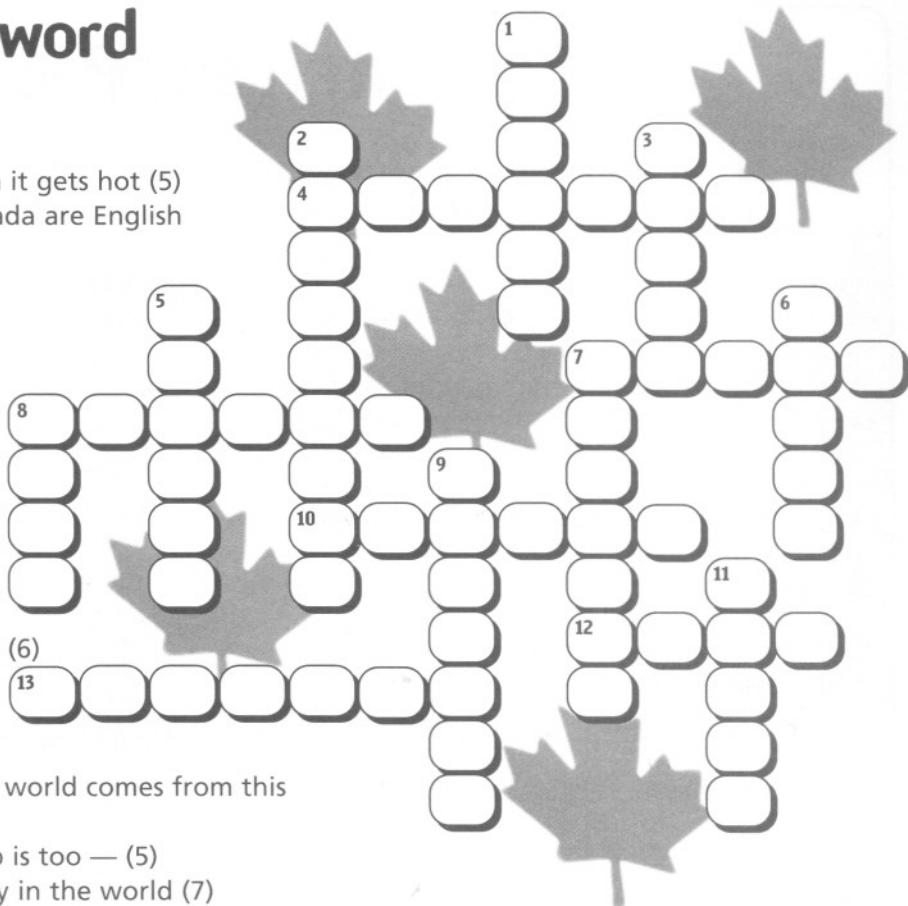
Canadian Crossword

ACROSS

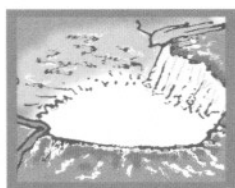
- 4 Ottawa is the — of Canada (7)
- 7 Maple syrup is this colour when it gets hot (5)
- 8 The national languages of Canada are English and — (6)
- 10 If you've only got 20 litres of maple sap, it's not — to make 1 litre of syrup (6)
- 12 Inuit make houses out of ice and — (4)
- 13 The best way to eat maple syrup is on a — (7)

DOWN

- 1 Farmers collect the maple sap at the end of winter and the beginning of — (6)
- 2 This is Canada's national sport; they play in winter (3,6)
- 3 The maple sap looks like — (5)
- 5 Most of the maple syrup in the world comes from this Canadian province (6)
- 6 Some people think maple syrup is too — (5)
- 7 Canada is the second — country in the world (7)
- 8 In the autumn all the coloured leaves fall from the trees; that's why this season is called — in North America (4)
- 9 In winter, northern Canada is the — place in all of North America (7)
- 11 Polar bears live in the — of Canada (5)



Write the names under the pictures then match the letters to the places on the map where you can find them.



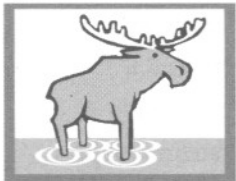
a _____



b _____



c _____



d _____



e _____

Inuit
polar bear
moose
Niagara Falls
CN Tower



Buckingham Palace

Would you like to live in a house with 600 rooms, 78 bathrooms, a cinema and a post office? This is the Queen's London home, Buckingham Palace.

From October to July the Queen lives in Buckingham Palace during the week. At the weekend she usually goes to Windsor Castle. She has four other enormous palaces or castles and she visits them for the summer holiday, for Christmas and for Easter. When the Queen is in London, you can see her flag on Buckingham Palace. You can visit Buckingham Palace when the Queen is not there in August and September.

IS YOUR HOUSE BETTER THAN THE QUEEN'S HOUSE?

Buckingham Palace	My House
600 rooms	
78 bathrooms	
300 clocks	
a swimming pool	
a cinema	
a 100-hectare garden	
a lake	



You can find out more about Buckingham Palace on the Internet on www.olsonsoft.com/bptour and The Royal Family on www.royal.gov.uk/output/Page1.asp

THE QUEEN

- The Queen spends a lot of time meeting important people from all over the world, but she also visits ordinary people in their homes.
- The Queen sends a birthday card to everyone in Britain who has a 100th birthday.
- Some people think the Queen is too formal. Most people, including her friends must call her 'Your Majesty' or 'Ma'am'.

PRINCE CHARLES

- Prince Charles is very interested in the environment. He loves gardening and painting. Many people were sad when he divorced Princess Diana. He helps a lot of people with his charity called 'The Prince's Trust'. He's very kind.

PRINCE WILLIAM

- He's a modern prince. He's fashionable and popular.
- He likes music, football and computers.
- He's shy and handsome. One day he is going to be King of England.

WORD CHECK

What is it in your language? Find out!

palace =	<input type="text"/>
flag =	<input type="text"/>
to meet =	<input type="text"/>
ordinary =	<input type="text"/>
birthday =	<input type="text"/>
formal =	<input type="text"/>
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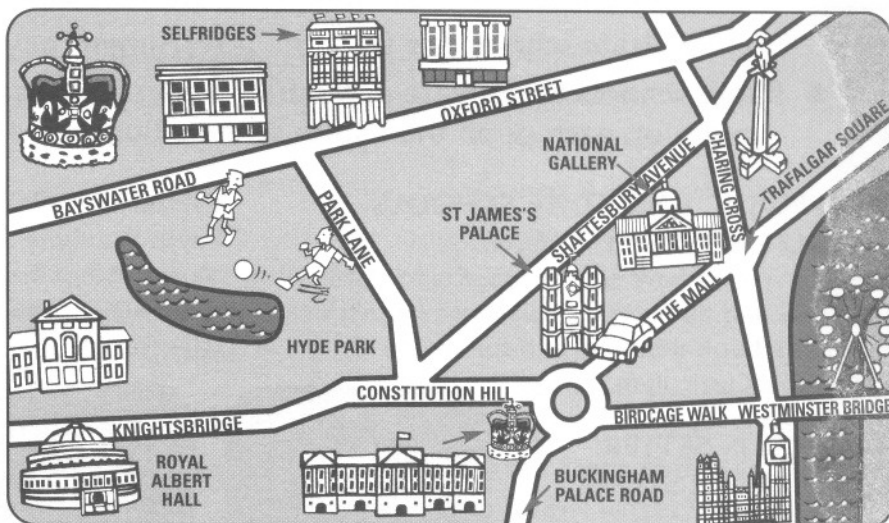


Royal London

Prince William is going to take you around London in his car. Put the correct words into the sentences then write the places where you stop in the box under the map.

START IN THE MALL

- Go along the Mall to the roundabout. Take the first road off the roundabout – it's Birdcage Walk. Go past the Houses of Parliament and go to Trafalgar Square. I'm going to take you _____ to see a painting of my family.
- Go along Charing Cross Road. Go past Shaftesbury Avenue, then turn left. There are clothes shops _____ on Oxford Street. Let's go to the biggest one.
- Go straight on and stop at the end of Oxford Street. Is there _____ near here where we can play football?
- Go along Park Lane and turn right and go along Knightsbridge. There's _____ we can see a concert. Let's stop.
- Turn right to go back along Knightsbridge, and continue along Constitution Hill. Our last stop is at the end of this road. My grandmother lives here. It's a very famous building. There's _____ more famous in London.



WHERE DID YOU STOP?

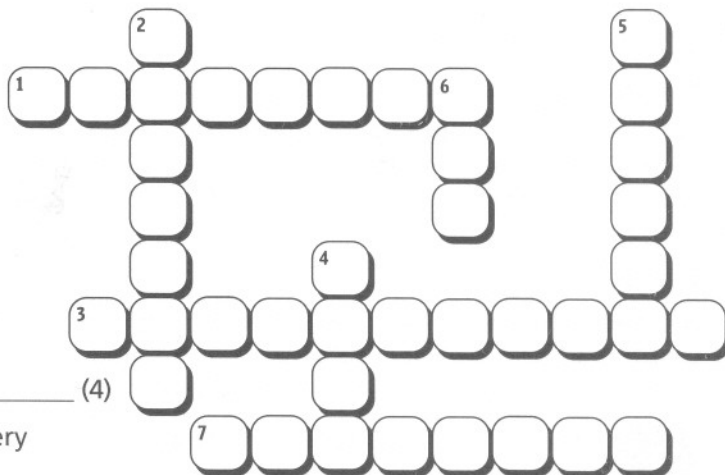
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nowhere anywhere somewhere everywhere somewhere

Royal Adjectives

Complete the sentences and put the words in the grid.

- Buckingham Palace is very big; it's e_____ (8)
- Lots of people like Prince William. He's p_____ (7)
- Prince William likes buying clothes. He's f_____ (11)
- Prince Charles helps a lot of charities. He's k_____ (4)
- You can't call the Queen 'Elizabeth'. She's very f_____ (6)
- Prince William doesn't like people taking photos of him. He's s_____ (3)
- The Queen meets many famous people, but she also visits o_____ people (8)



Schools in Britain

Every parent wants to send their child to the best school.
But which schools are best - private schools or state schools?

- State schools are free; the government pays for everyone.
- Public schools are private and parents pay; public schools spend four times more on each pupil than state schools but they are very expensive.

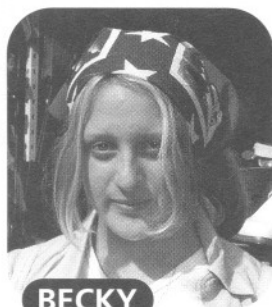
DO PUBLIC AND STATE SCHOOLS TEACH THE SAME THING?

Public schools have similar subjects to state schools and pupils take the same exams. Public schools don't have to follow the National Curriculum.

WHICH IS BETTER: PRIVATE OR STATE?

BECKY

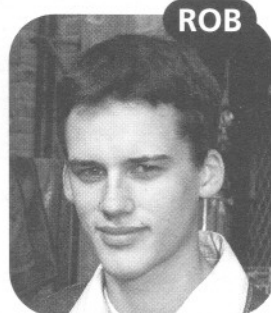
I go to a state school but I'll send my kids to a boarding school because I plan to have a career. They can have a social life and do school work in the same place.



BECKY

WHAT IS A BOARDING SCHOOL?

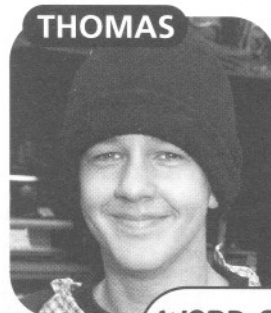
Pupils live there and go home in the holidays. Most public schools are boarding schools but there are private day schools too.



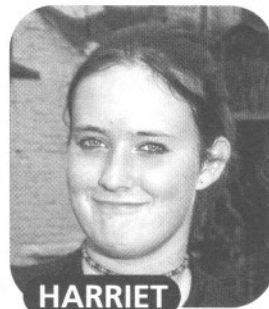
ROB



HELENA



THOMAS



HARRIET

ROB

Private schools are better because there are so many activities. In my school there is a cadet force (a junior military training group), film studies and drama classes. Students are more likely to go to a good university.

HELENA

You get more attention at a private school but state schools are better because you learn to mix with different people. Also most state schools are mixed (boys and girls) and it's good to be with boys and girls.

THOMAS

Public schools get better exam results. The people who go there are not just from rich families. My friend's parents work hard to pay for him to go to public school to give him better chances in life.

HARRIET

Just because public schools have more money doesn't mean that the pupils are more intelligent. There are drug problems in public schools as well as in state schools.



You can find out more about English schools on the Internet on

www.britishcouncil.org/education/system/index.htm

WORD CHECK

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Find out!

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to mix =	<input type="text"/>
result =	<input type="text"/>
hard =	<input type="text"/>
drug =	<input type="text"/>

Public Versus Private

Read what the five teenagers say about public and state schools and match the descriptions to the names. If you think they prefer public schools, put a 'P' in the box. If they prefer state schools, put an 'S' in the box.

A ...thinks that public schools are good because the pupils work much harder. Some poor people work hard to earn enough money to send their children to public schools. ☐

B ...thinks public schools are good for parents who have busy jobs. Pupils in public schools have a good time with lots of friends and also do a lot of school work too. ☐

C ...believes that both kinds of school have similar problems. It is wrong to say that money and intelligence go together. Pupils in public schools have a lot of privileges and advantages. ☐

D ...prefers mixed schools with boys and girls and schools where people come from different backgrounds and families. This is more like the real world. ☐

E ...is a great fan of public schools because there are so many activities and the academic results are better and pupils have a better chance when they want to go to one of the good universities. He doesn't have a problem with money! ☐

Becky is someone who... ☐

Rob is someone who... ☐

Helena is someone who... ☐

Thomas is someone who... ☐

Harriet is someone who... ☐

Now finish these statements about public schools and state schools with phrases from the list below (just write the alphabet letter).

State schools are schools that _____

Public schools are schools that _____

A have many extra activities.

B have to follow the National Curriculum.

C usually have mixed classes of boys and girls.

D are free.

E cost a lot of money.

F get good results because they have small classes.

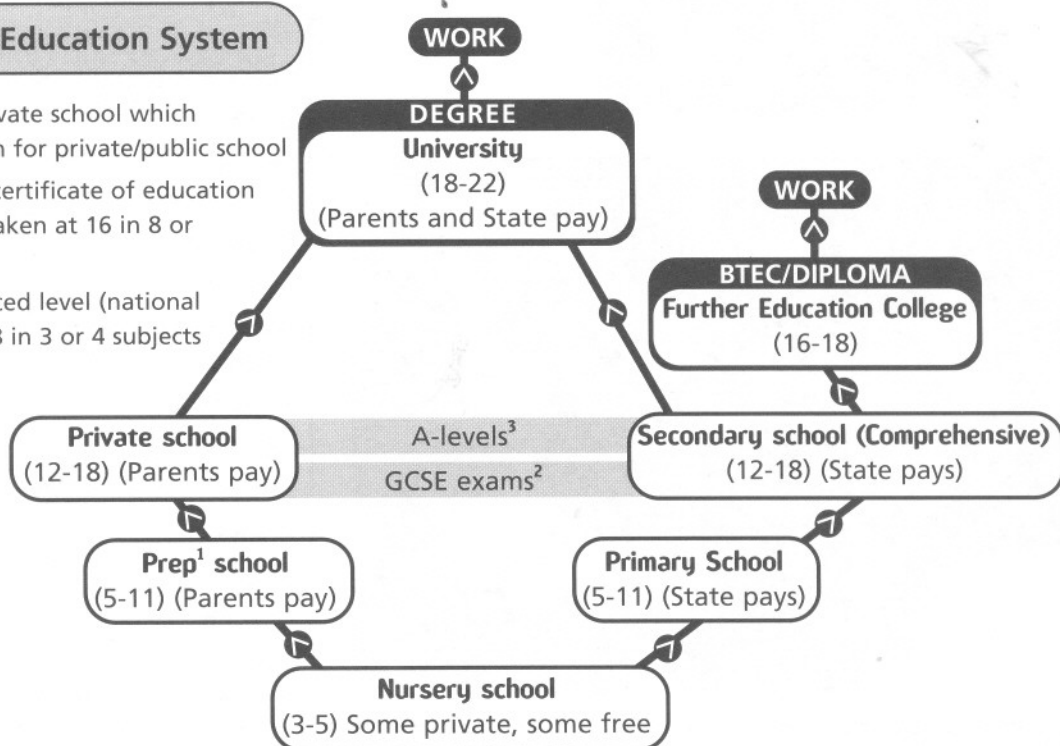
G give pupils military training.

The British Education System

¹ **Prep school** - private school which 'prepares' children for private/public school

² **GCSE** - General certificate of education (national exams taken at 16 in 8 or 9 subjects)

³ **A Level** - Advanced level (national exams taken at 18 in 3 or 4 subjects)



New Zealand

You can swim in the sea, ski down mountains, climb glaciers or sit in hot water springs – all at the same time of the year in miraculous New Zealand.

PEOPLE

There are only about 3,400,000 people in New Zealand. There are more sheep than people there! Most people live on North Island in the capital, Wellington, or in Auckland. Most people in New Zealand are from European families who came to the country over 200 years ago but Maoris are the original people of New Zealand.

CULTURE

Maoris perform traditional songs and dances at meeting places called Maraes; they have a special dance called the Haka when they stick their tongues out to frighten their enemies.

SPORT

New Zealanders are very proud of their rugby team, the All Blacks. They are very successful.

New Zealand is the home of extreme sports; bungee jumping began here.



ANIMALS

The national symbol of New Zealand is the kiwi – a bird which has no wings and can't fly. Kiwis can't see very well and they sleep for 20 hours a day. 'Kiwi' is the nickname for a person from New Zealand. There are also strange lizards called tuataras. They have been in New Zealand for 200 million years!

GEOGRAPHY

New Zealand has volcanoes and hot springs and bubbling mud pools. On North Island there is a place called Hot Water Beach. Steam rises from the sand and you can dig a hole in the sand which fills with hot water and then you can sit in it and relax! You can see the Southern Alps in the *Lord of the Rings* films. They are on South Island. The highest mountain is called Mt Cook. There's a 27km glacier in the Southern Alps called the Tasman Glacier.



You can find out more about New Zealand on the Internet on www.purenz.com/index.cfm/purenz_page/1

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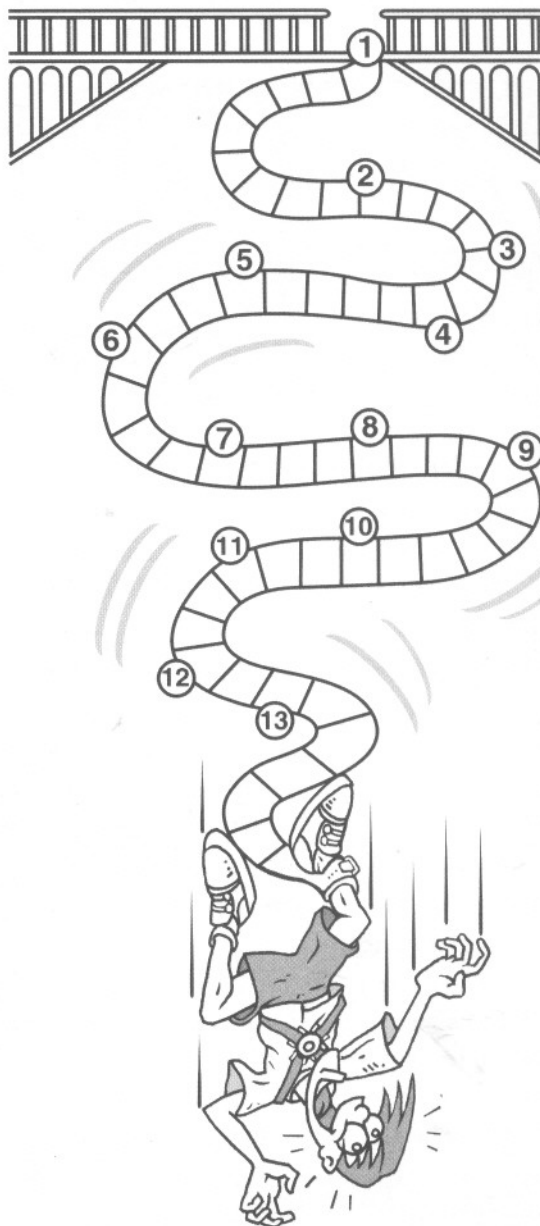
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to bubble =	<input type="text"/>
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Bungee Jumping in New Zealand

Write the answers to these questions in the spaces on the bungee rope.

The last letter of each answer begins the next answer.

- 1 What is the capital of New Zealand?
- 2 Which island do most people in New Zealand live on?
- 3 You can sit in a pool full of hot water on _____ Water Beach.
- 4 What is the name of the largest glacier in New Zealand?
- 5 New Zealand is very _____ to Australia.
- 6 What is the name of the All Blacks' sport?
- 7 Europeans colonised New Zealand three hundred _____ ago.
- 8 There are thousands of these animals on farms in New Zealand.
- 9 Which ocean is New Zealand in?
- 10 The highest mountain in New Zealand is called Mt _____.
- 11 What's the nickname for someone who comes from New Zealand?
- 12 What are glaciers made of?
- 13 What language do people speak in New Zealand?



The Maoris

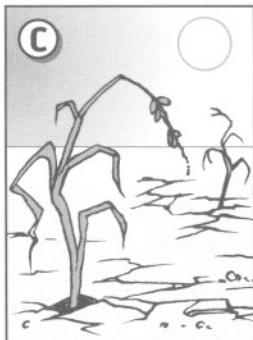
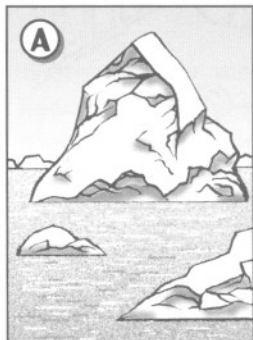
Choose the correct verb form (*past simple* or *present perfect*).

The Maoris are the original people of New Zealand. They **1** *lived / have lived* in New Zealand for over 600 years. They **2** *travelled / have travelled* to New Zealand in canoes from the Polynesian islands in 1350. For a long time they **3** *were / have been* the only people in New Zealand. They **4** *drew / have drawn* pictures on rocks that told stories about their lives. Stories **5** *were always / have always been* important. European travellers **6** *came / have come* to New Zealand in the 19th century. Life **7** *changed / has changed* for the Maoris when the travellers **8** *took / have taken* a lot of Maori land. Now Maoris and European New Zealanders **9** *lived / have lived* together for over 200 years and the government **10** *returned / has returned* the Maori land. Although most Maoris speak English, they **11** *didn't forget / haven't forgotten* their traditions, customs, songs, dances and language.

Global Warming

Why is the world getting hotter and what problems will it cause?

Match the text with the pictures.



1 What causes global warming?

☐ Global warming is happening because we are putting too much carbon dioxide into the air. Most of the carbon dioxide comes from cars, factories and homes.

2 How does carbon dioxide make the earth warmer?

☐ The sun heats the earth. Carbon dioxide traps the heat so it can't leave the atmosphere. When there is a lot of carbon dioxide it traps more heat, so the earth is getting hotter.

3 Why does it matter that the earth is getting hotter?

☐ The earth is already warmer than it was 100 years ago. The icecaps in the North Pole are starting to melt because of the higher temperatures and the sea levels are rising. This means that there will be floods in a lot of towns and cities.

4 What other problems are there?

☐ Some areas will become drier, like North America, Brazil and Russia. These places grow a lot of the world's food. If the temperature rises by only one or two degrees, it will be too hot to grow crops in these countries.

5 What can we do?

☐ We all need to save energy so that we make less carbon dioxide. Don't do anything that wastes energy. Remember to turn off lights when you leave a room. If you can, walk to school or use your bike. Don't ask your parents to take you in the car.

GLOBAL WARMING FACTS

- The sea level will rise by one metre before the end of this century.
- Experts think that by 2080, 25% of coastal towns around the world will be flooded.
- Food will be more expensive and there will be less food for people in poor countries.
- Global warming doesn't mean that we will have nicer weather. Europe will have more rain.



You can find out more about global warming on the Internet on www.epa.gov/globalwarming/kids/global_warming_version2.html

WORD CHECK

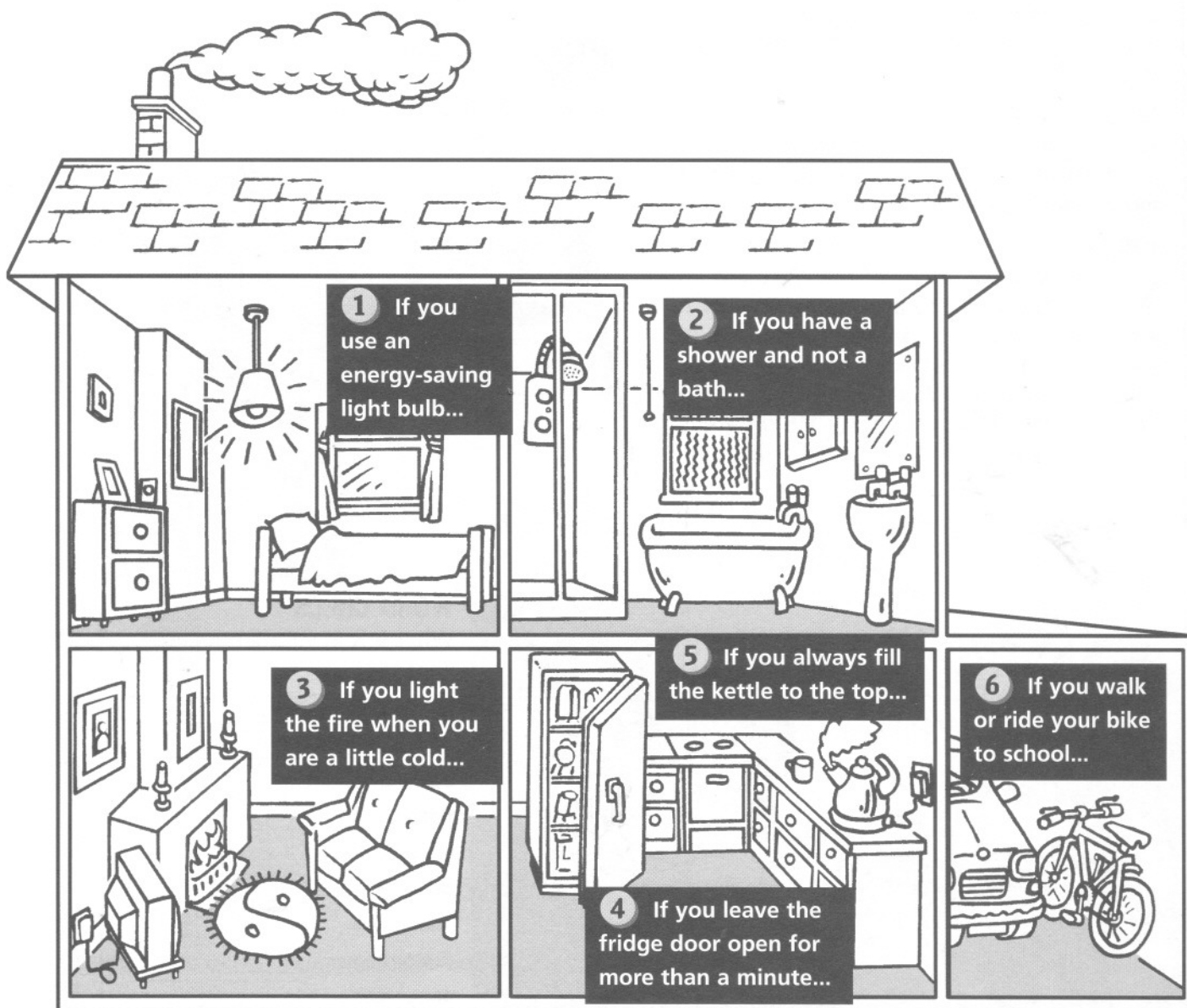
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Saving Energy

Look at the picture below. There are six suggestions for how we can save energy. Match the sentence halves in the house (1 - 6) with the ones below (A - F).

- A** ...you will waste energy by boiling too much water. Only boil the water you need. ☐
- B** ...you will use 75% less energy. And remember - always turn off the light when you leave a room. ☐
- C** ...your parents won't have to take you in the car. Cars make a lot of carbon dioxide. ☐
- D** ...you will save energy because you won't have to heat as much water. ☐
- E** ...your fridge will take at least three minutes to cool down again. This uses a lot of energy. ☐
- F** ...you will make too much carbon dioxide. Wear more clothes to keep warm. ☐



South Africa

Nelson Mandela called South Africa "a rainbow nation at peace with itself and the world". 75% of the people in South Africa are black. The country was very poor but now every year millions of tourists go to South Africa on safari.

POPULATION AND LANGUAGE

There are 43 million people in South Africa and there are 10 official languages. Zulu is one of them. There are more Zulu people in South Africa than any other.

ZULUS

Zulus were very brave fighters, but they are also very generous. If a Zulu has something and you say you like it, it's normal for them to give it to you.

NELSON MANDELA

He is a national hero who fought for equality and freedom for everyone. He was in prison for more than 25 years.

WILDLIFE

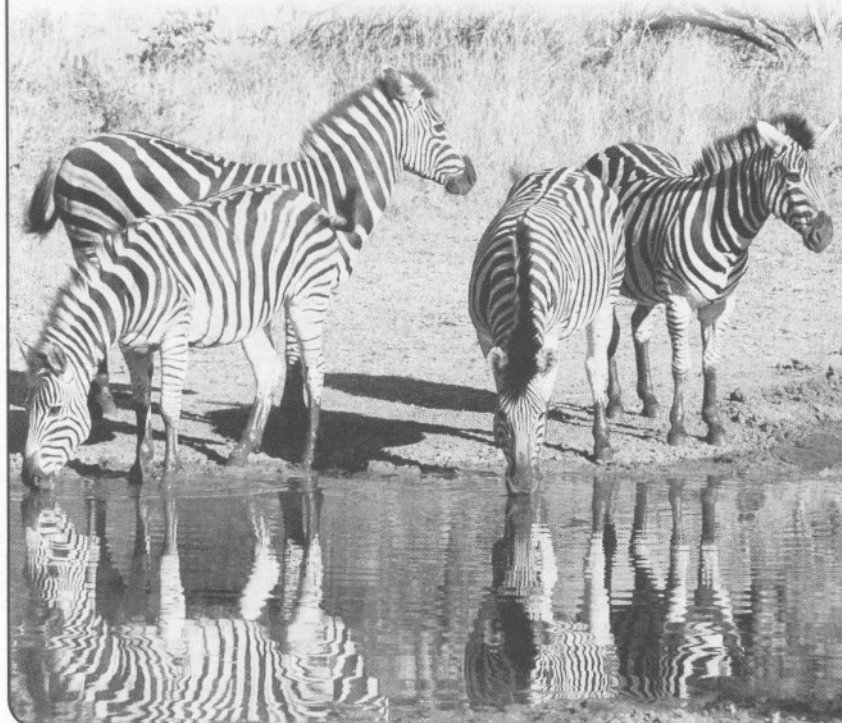
Everyone on safari in one of the 130 game parks wants to see 'The Big Five': a lion, an elephant, a rhino, a buffalo and a leopard. It's easy to see elephants but very difficult to see leopards. There are 870 different kinds of bird; 160 different kinds of mammal; 115 different kinds of snake and 5000 different kinds of

spider! The best times to see animals on safari are early morning or early evening. During the day the animals are asleep and their camouflage makes it difficult to see them. You must always go by car or truck and never, never get out because it's dangerous. You must be very quiet and you mustn't wear brightly coloured clothes.



Find out more about South Africa on the Internet on

www.southafrica.net/index.cfm



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What is it in your language?
Find out!

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camouflage =	<input type="text"/>
dangerous =	<input type="text"/>
truck =	<input type="text"/>
brightly =	<input type="text"/>

South Africa Quiz

Choose the correct answers.

1 What's the capital of South Africa?

- a Johannesburg ☐
b Pretoria ☐
c Durban ☐

2 What is the very expensive jewel you can find in South Africa?

- a Sapphire ☐
b Amethyst ☐
c Diamond ☐

3 What is the name of the famous rugby team?

- a The Springboks ☐
b The All Blacks ☐
c The Lions ☐

4 What is the money used in South Africa?

- a The dollar ☐
b The rand ☐
c The franc ☐



FIND EIGHT ANIMALS THAT YOU CAN SEE ON SAFARI

(Look for the short versions of rhinoceros and hippopotamus.)

- 1 _____
2 _____
3 _____
4 _____
5 _____
6 _____
7 _____
8 _____

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V	E	L	I	G	R	E	T	C	D

Game Parks

What's your opinion?

South Africa spends a lot of money on game parks because so many tourists go there. There is always enough water for the animals and they are safe, but outside the game parks many villages don't have enough water. Is this fair? What do you think?

I think game parks are a good idea because...

- the animals are safe ☐
● you can see the animals ☐
● it's fun to go on safari ☐

I don't think game parks are a good idea because...

- it isn't natural for wild animals to be in game parks ☐
● sometimes the animals have a better life than people ☐

Chat Rooms

**Internet chat rooms offer a new and exciting way of meeting people.
How do they work and what are the dangers?**

You can get into chat rooms through the main portals such as Yahoo or MSN. Major sites have chat rooms so people can discuss different subjects, for example, a pop group, a sport or a TV programme. You give yourself a nickname (for example, *angel501* or *sillycarebear5*) so that people do not know who you are. You hide behind your nickname and you can tell jokes, meet new people and escape into another world. It sounds wonderful, but is it safe? Meeting people offline is not a good idea. In America, the FBI (Federal Bureau of Investigation) sends special agents into chat rooms to catch people who pretend to be teenagers. The British government spends a lot of money telling parents and teenagers about chat room safety.



Find out more about chat rooms on:
www.coolteenchat.com/



SAFETY

Chat rooms are fine as long as you

- don't give anyone your name, telephone number or address
- don't meet up with anyone without telling your parents or guardians
- don't accept emails off strangers because they may contain viruses or nasty messages
- remember that people online may not be telling the truth about their identity

Good chat rooms usually have clear rules, clear age groups, a moderator who bans abusive people, and software to block vulgar language.

SCHOOL CHAT ROOMS

Many teachers are starting to use chat rooms in an educational way. Audio is also possible for some computers, but you need a microphone and speakers. Schools can exchange information with other schools around the world.

ARE CHAT ROOMS GOOD FOR YOUR ENGLISH?

Yes and no. English is used a lot in chat rooms so it's always good to practise. People want to chat quickly though, so spellings are not always correct. A special 'chat room' language has developed using abbreviations (e.g. BRB = *be right back!*; TY = *thank you*; WB = *welcome back!*).

WORD CHECK

What is it in your language?
Find out!

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Online Conversation

Look at this online conversation between a boy and a girl.

Hi Joe90!

I'm really looking forward to finally meeting up with you on Thursday. Although I feel I really know you, I won't know how to recognise you! Can you give me a description of what you look like so I can find you easily at the station? Bye!

Spaceangel87 x x x

Hi Spaceangel87!

Can't wait 2CU. You asked me to give you a description of myself before we meet. Here goes:

- I'm tall and thin.
- I don't like shaving. I've got stubble!
- I've got short hair and I sometimes wear a diamond earring.
- I love designer clothes and I wear Gucci and Moschino.
- I'll be wearing my Gucci suit when I see you.
- I drive a BMW convertible.

CU soon Joe90 x x x



You are Spaceangel87. You are telling your friend about Thursday night. Write the reported speech. Look at the picture of Joe90. Was his description true or did he lie? Tick the things that were true and cross the statements that were false.

Example; In the e-mail *he said he was tall.*

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| 4 | He said he | _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 5 | He said he | _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 6 | He said he | _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> |

What's your opinion?

What do you think? 1 means that you disagree strongly. 5 means that you agree strongly.

Chat rooms are:

- a waste of time as you can't really trust anyone
- a great way of meeting people
- a good way of improving your English
- exciting; you never know what's going to happen
- boring; conversation is never deep
- annoying because everyone talks at once
- distracting because people don't have time for hobbies
- a waste of time because you don't see your real friends

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Liverpool

A hundred years ago, Liverpool was a famous ship-building city. The *Titanic* sailed from Liverpool in 1912. Now Liverpool is famous for music and football.

THE SIGHTS

Liverpool is the most exciting city in the north of England. It has lots of cafes, trendy record shops and lively people. Liverpool is on the River Mersey. You can cross the river by ferry. It's very famous. There's a song called *Ferry Across the Mersey*.

THE SOUNDS

The most famous band from Liverpool was The Beatles. Forty years ago, John Lennon, Paul McCartney, George Harrison and Ringo Starr played at the Cavern Club in Liverpool. Screaming fans followed them everywhere. Newspapers called this 'Beatlemania'.

TODAY'S BEATLES FANS

Today, shops sell more Beatles records than they did in the 1960s! Their music is popular with people of all ages. Some of the songs are about places in Liverpool, like Penny Lane and Strawberry Fields. These places are still there and you can visit them. Now Sir Paul McCartney owns a famous school in Liverpool for talented young actors and musicians.

MERSEY SPICE

Lots of pop stars are from Liverpool. Melanie Chisholm (Mel C) from the Spice Girls is proud to come from Liverpool. When she first started singing in the Spice Girls, she dressed in a Liverpool football shirt at concerts. Mel often talks about how much she loves the north of England. She called her first solo album *Northern Star*.

SPORT

Liverpool Football Club has got fans all over the world. They are one of the most successful teams in England, with eighteen championship victories.



Find out more on the Internet about Liverpool on www.visitbritain.com/uk/destinations/dmos/03/03ab0899.htm or take a virtual tour on www.merseyviews.pwp.blueyonder.co.uk



WORD CHECK

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Find out!

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The Story of the Beatles

Match the pictures with each part of the story, then fill the gaps with the correct verbs in the simple past tense.

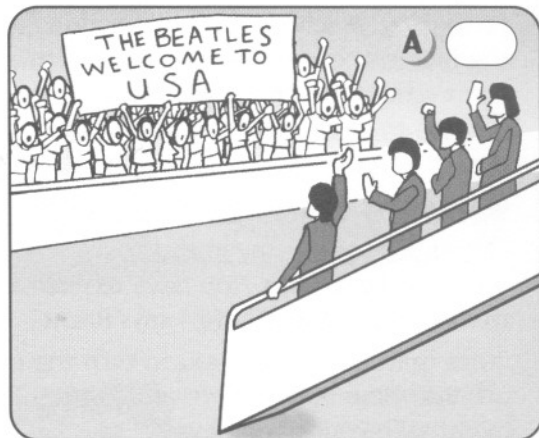
to stay to change to tour to start to kill to be
to join to call to love to be to stop to play

- 1 John Lennon, Paul McCartney and George Harrison were at school when they _____ their band. They _____ it *The Quarrymen*.

- 2 Ringo Starr _____ the band and they _____ the name to *The Beatles*. They _____ in the Cavern Club every week and they were soon the most popular band in England. They _____ America. American teenagers _____ them. Suddenly, they _____ famous all over the world.

- 3 The Beatles _____ together for ten years. In 1970, they _____ making records and started solo careers. John Lennon's solo albums were very successful. The world _____ shocked in 1980 when Mark Chapman _____ him in New York.

- 4 Now John Lennon's sons, Julian and Sean, are both singers. Paul McCartney's daughter, Stella, is a famous fashion designer. Sadly, George Harrison died of cancer in 2001.



Text Messaging : -) or : - (?

Text-messaging is essential for most teens in Britain. But is it all : -)?
Read these points of view.

WHAT DO SCHOOLS SAY?

For many schools, mobile phones are a pain. They cause problems in lessons and are a target for thieves. A school near Cambridge reported the first case of text-bullying earlier this year. Some schools ban mobile phones, whilst others fine the owners of phones that ring or bleep during lessons.

WHAT DO TEENS SAY?

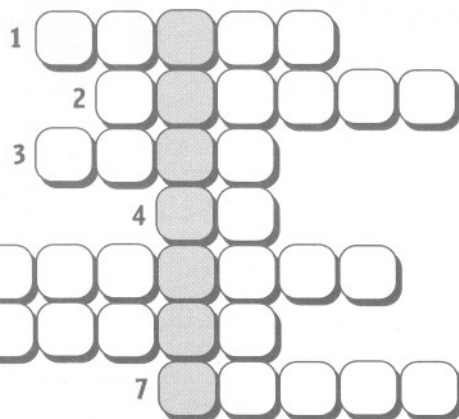
"My friends and I stay in touch and make all our plans by texting. You have to have a phone to have a good social life," says Rachel, 15.

"Nice teachers just ask you to turn the phone off. But some teachers are really strict. They might take your phone away," says Luke, 16.

CAN YOU READ ENGLISH TEXT MESSAGES?

Text messages use short forms of words. For example, 'U R L8' means 'You are late!' Write the correct spelling for each of these text 'words' and find the hidden word in the grey circles.

- 1 L8R 2 B4
3 TXT 4 2 5 2NITE
6 XLNT 7 GR8



The hidden word is _____

WHAT DO PARENTS SAY?

"My kids spend a lot of time and money sending texts. But I think they are safer if they have a mobile. I do not want schools to ban mobiles," said one parent.

FACTS AND FIGURES

- People in Britain send more than 24 million text messages every day.
- People who are under 25 years old send most of those messages.
- 90% of British pupils under 16 have mobile phones.
- 96% of them use their phones to send text messages.
- Text-messaging, or 'texting' is cheaper and more private than making calls.



Find out more abbreviations and text, message words on the Internet on www.attws.com/personal/txt_msg/messaging/text/thumbFun/dict.jhtml

WORD CHECK

What is it in your language?
Find out!

- essential =
point of view =
pain =
target =
thief/thieves =
to report =
bullying =
to fine =
owner =
to bleep =
in touch =
social life =
strict =
to ban =
spelling =



WAN2TLK?

Match the text symbols with the meanings.

- | | |
|--------|-------------------|
| 1 B4 | A love |
| 2 C | B please call me |
| 3 L8 | C anyone |
| 4 LUV | D can't wait |
| 5 NE1 | E before |
| 6 PCM | F Bye bye for now |
| 7 CW | G see |
| 8 BBFN | H today |
| 9 2DAY | I thanks |
| 10 THX | J late |

Now translate this text conversation into spoken language.

Wan2go 2da cinema l8R 2nite?

Do you want to go to the cinema later tonight?

: (cant go 2nite. hav a d8! ls w/end ok 4 u??

Yes, Sat ok. wot do u wan2c?

No, but iwan2! I luvjonEdepp! CU@ 7?

Not a cartoon. I h8 cartoons! hav u cn Pir8s of the CariBN?

OK CW2CU! BBFN!

Now make up your own conversation using text abbreviations.

The Schumacher Brothers

Michael and Ralf Schumacher are two brothers who love driving.

MICHAEL:

Team: Ferrari
Date of birth: January 3 1969
Nationality: German
Parents: Rolf and Elizabeth
Marital status: Married with two children
Present home: Switzerland
Hobbies: soccer, tennis, swimming, skiing



RALF:

Team: Williams
Date of birth: June 30 1975
Nationality: German
Parents: Rolf and Elizabeth
Marital status: Married with one child
Present home: Monte Carlo
Hobbies: Karting, tennis, cycling, playing Backgammon



MICHAEL

Michael is the five-times World Champion and the best driver in the world today. He started Formula One racing with Jordan in 1991. After just one race, the Benetton team said they wanted him. In 1994 he won his first Drivers' Championship title. He joined Ferrari in 1996. Michael is famous for being very self-confident but the media call him arrogant. He lives in Switzerland. He loves winning but he has a fiery temper and has been in fights with other drivers. What does Michael think of Ralf driving in the same race? He says: "He's always my brother, even in a race. He's just great!"

WHO SAYS IT?

Put *M* for Michael and *R* for Ralf.

- My brother is not as old as I am. ☐
- I didn't like driving for Jordan as much as I like driving for Williams. ☐
- I don't earn as much as my brother. ☐
- My brother is not as confident as I am on the race track. ☐
- I don't win as many races as my brother. ☐
- I'm not as calm as my brother. ☐
- I love tennis and cycling. ☐
- My home is in Monaco. ☐



Find out more about Formula One and the Schumachers on the internet on: www.formula1.com and www.mschumacher.com and www.rschumacher.com

RALF

Ralf started Formula 1 in 1997. He drove for Jordan but became unhappy. Michael helped him join the Williams team in 1999. This was not easy and Ralf had to sue Jordan to end his contract with them. Ralf now lives in Monte Carlo with his wife. He has shown the world he is as talented as his brother. When he crosses the finish line, he is usually one of the first five drivers in the race. Ralf says: "Michael is my big brother and I really admire him. We get on really well."

WORD CHECK

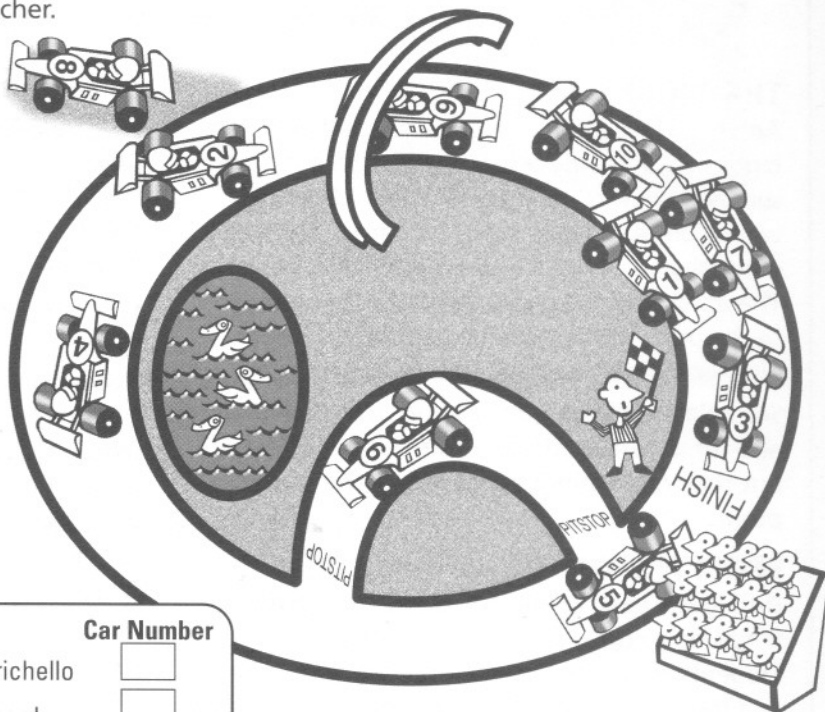
What is it in your language?
Find out!

karting =	<input type="text"/>
Backgammon =	<input type="text"/>
racing =	<input type="text"/>
championship =	<input type="text"/>
title =	<input type="text"/>
self-confident =	<input type="text"/>
arrogant =	<input type="text"/>
fiery =	<input type="text"/>
temper =	<input type="text"/>
fight =	<input type="text"/>
to sue =	<input type="text"/>
talented =	<input type="text"/>
to admire =	<input type="text"/>
to get on =	<input type="text"/>

Grand Prix

Read the clues to find out the car numbers of the Formula 1 drivers.

- David Coulthard is behind Ralf Schumacher.
- Rubens Barrichello is by the lake.
- Eddie Irvine is next to Mika Hakkinen.
- Michael Schumacher is in front of all the other drivers.
- Heinz Harald Frentzen is near the crowd.
- Jenson Button is behind Mika Hakkinen.
- Jarno Trulli is in the pit stop.
- Johnny Herbert is on the grass.
- Ralf Schumacher is under the bridge.

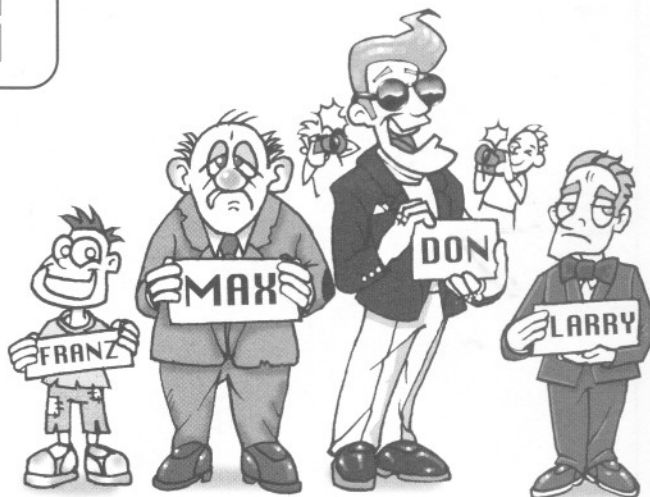


Driver	Car Number	Driver	Car Number
Michael Schumacher	<input type="text"/>	Rubens Barrichello	<input type="text"/>
Ralf Schumacher	<input type="text"/>	David Coulthard	<input type="text"/>
Jenson Button	<input type="text"/>	Heinz Harald Frentzen	<input type="text"/>
Mika Hakkinen	<input type="text"/>	Jarno Trulli	<input type="text"/>
Eddie Irvine	<input type="text"/>	Johnny Herbert	<input type="text"/>

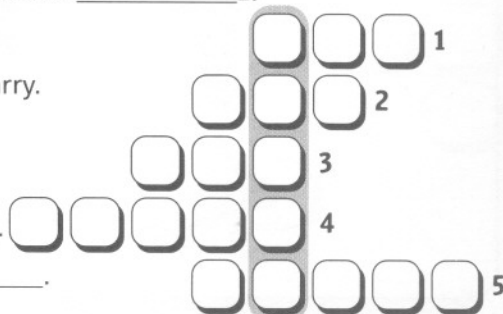
The Brothers

Ralf Schumacher is not as old or as famous as his brother Michael, but he is almost as rich as him and he is certainly as lucky as him.

Look at the men in the pictures and choose the correct names to complete the sentences. Then, where you see a number, put the word next to it into the grid at the bottom of the page. You can find the name of a famous Grand Prix race.



- A Larry is happier than _____ but he is not as happy as _____ or _____.
- B _____ 1 is taller than _____ and _____ but he is not as tall as _____.
- C _____, _____ and _____ are not as famous as _____ 2.
- D Max is not as rich as _____ or _____.
- E Franz and _____ 3 are not as old as _____ or Larry.
- F Larry is not as short as _____.
- G Don is not as old as _____ or _____.
- H _____ 4 is smiling but he is not as rich as _____.
- I _____ 5 is miserable, but not as miserable as _____.



School Traditions in the USA

(The American words and spellings are *italic*)

THE PROM

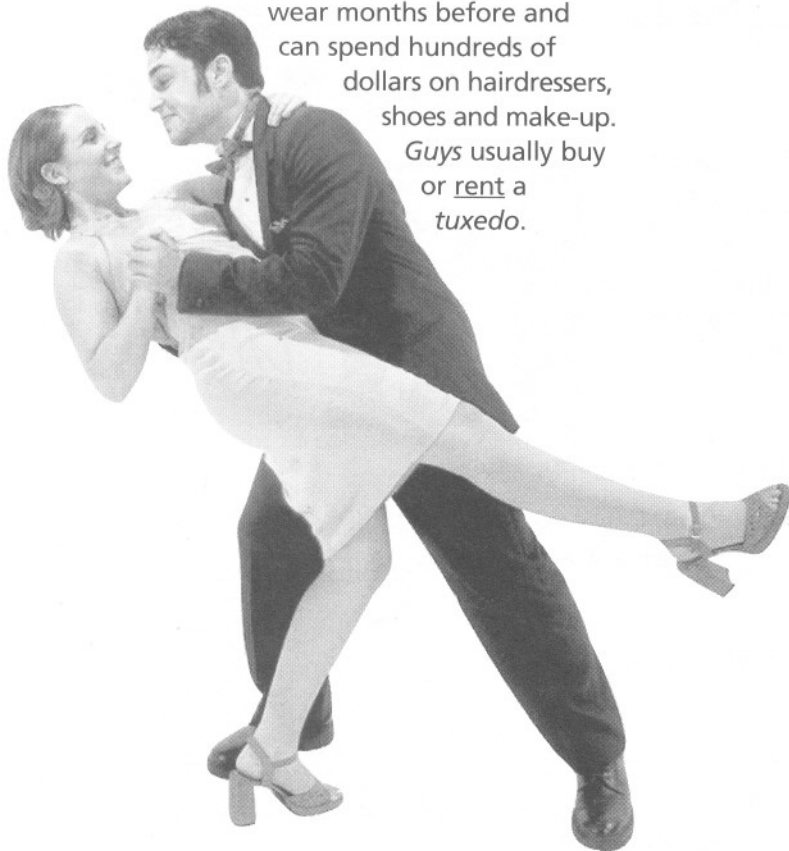
American schools have all sorts of traditions. The biggest event is the senior *prom*, which is a huge summer party in the final year of high school when you're 17-19. It's the last party before university and takes place after all your exams. There's also all the excitement of who you'll go to the prom with. It can be your boyfriend or girlfriend or someone you really like.

Sometimes friends go together, too. There are also junior proms that happen when you're 16, but they're nothing compared to the senior prom!

PROM PREPARATIONS

During the year, an elected prom committee meets up to discuss what the prom will be like. Students discuss the theme, the venue, the music and the DJs, and security. Some committees raise money for the prom by having auctions or talent shows. Tickets cost around \$100 per couple if you want dinner. It can easily cost \$500 per student.

Girls plan what they're going to wear months before and can spend hundreds of dollars on hairdressers, shoes and make-up. Guys usually buy or rent a *tuxedo*.



Couples arrive by limousine and are met by a photographer. Many families prepare for the prom by hanging large graduation signs outside their home. The banners show the name of the person going to the prom. More importantly, it also shows they have graduated!

HOMECOMING

Another important high school party is Homecoming. This takes place in the fall semester in September or October. The whole school is involved in this party and it's all about school pride. There is often a game of football with a rival school and a big dance too. Students vote for a Homecoming King and Queen and the runners-up are the King and Queen's 'court'. The King and Queen are usually the most popular students in the school. Often they are good at sport, or have a nice personality.



Find out more about proms and homecomings on the Internet on www.promdress.net

WORD CHECK

What is it in your language?
Find out!

event =	<input type="text"/>
excitement =	<input type="text"/>
compared to =	<input type="text"/>
elected =	<input type="text"/>
committee =	<input type="text"/>
to discuss =	<input type="text"/>
venue =	<input type="text"/>
security =	<input type="text"/>
auction =	<input type="text"/>
talent show =	<input type="text"/>
to rent =	<input type="text"/>
to graduate =	<input type="text"/>
fall =	<input type="text"/>
semester =	<input type="text"/>
pride =	<input type="text"/>
runner-up =	<input type="text"/>

Prom and Homecoming Crossword

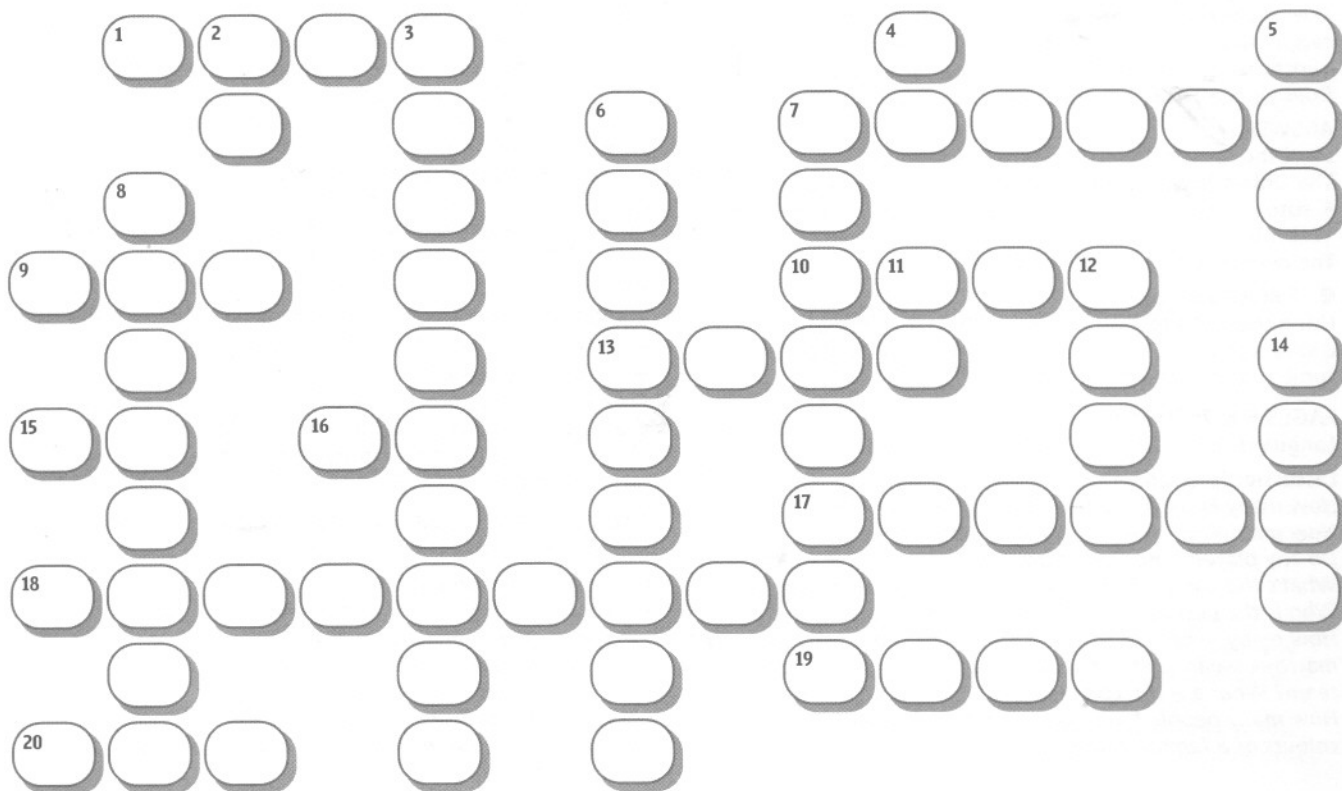
ACROSS

- 1 'Who are you going to the prom _____?'
'I don't know yet.' (4)
- 7 The American word for European football (6)
- 9 Informal American word for a young male (3)
- 10 Students _____ not drink alcohol at the prom (4)
- 13 'How much _____ it cost to go to the prom?'
'\$100 per couple.'
- 15 Prom kings and queens are often good _____ sport or are very popular with their
classmates (2)
- 16 Schools often organise a lot of activities _____ raise money for the prom (2)
- 17 A guy wears this to the prom (6)
- 18 During the year, an elected prom _____ meets up to discuss what the prom will be like (9)
- 19 You don't have to buy a tuxedo or a prom dress; you can always _____ one (4)
- 20 'I want to invite Greg to the prom but I'm too shy to _____ him if he'd like to come with me' (3)



DOWN

- 2 The senior prom takes place _____ the final year of school
- 3 This important party is about school pride; all the past pupils return to the school a few weeks after
the beginning of the school year (10)
- 4 'How are you getting _____ the prom?'
'By limousine of course!'
- 5 Most students _____ keen to go to the prom as it is such a big event (3)
- 6 If you have finished school and passed the high school diploma, you can say you have _____ (9)
- 7 American word for 'term' (8)
- 8 Places where things are sold to the person who will pay the most money for them (8)
- 11 You and me (2)
- 12 A lot of people _____ a long time to prepare for the prom (4)
- 14 Huge summer party at the end of the senior school year (4)



Teaching Suggestions and Answers

General tactics to be used with each reading passage

USING THE WORD CHECK LISTS

1. Before you begin a topic, photocopy the *Word Check* list, or copy it onto the board and see if students can predict what they think the topic of the reading lesson is going to be. Take a vote to see what the majority of students think it is; if there are several different suggestions, see if the students representing one opinion can persuade others from a different group by giving reasons for certain words being in the list. At this stage they don't need to be able to translate all the words. The meanings of some of the words will be deduced from their context in the reading passage.
2. Alternatively, you can let students have a copy of the reading passage and allocate one word to each student to research (or more than one if it is a big class). They then return to the class and explain what their word means and also how it is pronounced. This way, the *Word Check* list is

compiled by the class as a whole. They can also underline other words in the text that they do not know and then find out if other people in class can help with explanations.

DISCUSSION/PRE-READING

Once the students know what the topic is going to be (i.e. if they have done the prediction exercise explained above using the *Word Check* list), introduce the topic by asking the pre-reading questions. They will not always know the answers to some of these questions but they can be encouraged to speculate or guess. If wild guesses are invited, keep a record of them all and see who is closest to the truth when you come to discover the actual facts contained in the reading passage.

FOLLOW-UP PROJECTS

Apart from follow-up research on the recommended websites, you may like to get your students to do suggested projects.

PAGES 4 & 5: THE TOWER OF LONDON

Language: present simple; modal: have got; numbers; opposites

Discussion/pre-reading

*How many old buildings have we got in our town?
What are they called?
What is the most famous old building in the capital of our country?
Are there any places in or near our town with ghosts?
How many people are afraid of ghosts?
How many of these are you afraid of: bees, birds, blood, cats, crowds, the dark, dogs, fish, aeroplanes, fog, fire, ghosts, school, snakes, spiders, thunderstorms, water?
Does Queen Elizabeth live in the Tower of London?*

ANSWERS

Steal the Crown Jewels: Do you like beef?

The Oldest Tower: 1. night, 2. hello, 3. left, 4. new, 5. right, 6. sister, 7. mother, 8. close, 9. wet, 10. no, 11. new, 11. yes, 12. brother.

The answer is 'The White Tower'.

● Follow-up project

Using the website illustrations and other information, create a poster in English persuading visitors to London to come to the Tower of London.

PAGES 6 & 7: ENGLISH FOOTBALL

Language: introductions; feelings; going to future

Discussion/pre-reading

*How many English football teams do you know?
How many English football players do you know?
Do any players from our country play for English teams?
What's the name of the best football team in our country?
Who is the best football player in our country?
How many people in this class support a team (go to lots of matches, wear the team colours)? What's the name of the team? What are the colours?
How many people have got a football shirt with the colours of a famous team?*

ANSWERS

Help Michael Owen Score a Goal: is, I'm, got, from, like
The fans: 1 - E - 8; 2 - C - 9; 3 - A - 10; 4 - B - 7; 5 - D - 6

● Follow-up project

Design two new football strips for your own football team (shirts, socks, shorts); one for home games and one for away games.

PAGES 8 & 9: THANKSGIVING

Language: following directions; prepositions; food vocabulary

Discussion/pre-reading

*What is the biggest festival in our country?
Why is it a festival? What are people celebrating?
How many days does it last?
What do people eat during this festival?
How old is the festival?
What do people do during the festival?
Is there special music for this festival?
Do you know what Americans eat at Thanksgiving?
What are they giving thanks for?*

ANSWERS

Shopping for Thanksgiving: 1. pumpkins; 2. corn-on-the-cob; 3. turkeys; 4. cream; 5. loaves; 6. potatoes

● Follow-up project

Create a 16-page mini-book (by folding down two A4-size sheets into 4 quarters each) as a guide for foreign children to some of the main elements of one of your country's most important festivals.

PAGES 10 & 11: PANDAS AND WHALES

Language: numbers

Discussion/pre-reading

*Do you know the names of any animals in danger?
Why are some animals in danger?
How can we save animals in danger?
Is it good to put animals in zoos?
Make as long a list as you can of all the names of wild animals, birds, reptiles, fish and insects in English.*

ANSWERS

Animals in Danger

- | | |
|--------------------|---|
| a. 5,000 – 7,500 | 4 |
| b. 600,000 | 9 |
| c. 11,000 | 5 |
| d. 700 | 3 |
| e. 500 | 1 |
| f. 650 | 2 |
| g. 20,000 – 25,000 | 6 |
| h. 20,000 – 40,000 | 7 |
| i. 40,000 – 80,000 | 8 |

How High Can the Panda Climb?

1. China; 2. eat; 3. black and white; 4. money

● **Follow-up project**

Using the Internet and other resources, write a profile and include illustrations about one of the other animals (not the panda or the Blue Whale) included in the list on page 11.

PAGES 12 & 13: HAWAII

Language: weather vocabulary

Discussion/pre-reading

Where is Hawaii?

Why do people like to go to Hawaii?

Do you know the names of the other Hawaiian islands?

Do you know any Hawaiian words?

What does the island look like? Is it flat or are there mountains?

Guess how many beaches there are in Hawaii.

What do people like to eat on Hawaii?

ANSWERS

Hawaiian Island Hop

The correct sequence of answers spells the word RAINBOW.

Surf the Waves

1. sky; 2. potato; 3. rock; 4. sleeping; 5. tomorrow; 6. kangaroo

● **Follow-up project**

Design a brochure in English advertising Hawaii.

PAGES 14 & 15: HARRY POTTER

Language: colours, animals, adjectives, favourite things

Pre-reading/discussion

Who is Harry Potter?

Has he got a pet?

What is its name?

Who are Harry's friends?

Who does he live with?

Where does he go to school?

Is it old or modern?

● **Follow-up project**

Harry and his friends use owls to take messages to their friends. The messages are called 'owls' too. Imagine you are able to send an 'owl' to either Harry, Ron or Hermione. Write and illustrate your 'owl'.

PAGES 16 & 17: VENUS AND SERENA WILLIAMS

Language: comparatives

Discussion/pre-reading

Who (in this class) has got an older brother or sister?

Is your brother/sister cleverer than you?

Is your brother/sister taller than you?

Is your brother/sister braver than you?

How many famous tennis players can you name?

Which country in the world has got the best tennis players?

All the Williams sisters have all got strange names. Which of these names do you like best?

What's the most unusual Christian name you know?

What's your favourite boy's name?

What's your favourite girl's name?

ANSWERS

Interview With the Sisters

1. Venus is richer...; 2. They were born in Los Angeles but...; 3. Serena is fifteen months younger...; 4. They are both very sporty...; 5. Venus is taller than...; 6. Both the girls love fashion...; 7. Venus has got a faster serve...; 8. They want to be number one and number two...; 9. Their father, Richard...; 10. Venus is very brave; she...; 11. They've got three sisters called...; 12. Serena is clever too...; 13. Venus has got enormous feet...; 14. Venus weighs 76kg...

Venus and Serena's Tennis Things

1. tennis rackets: Serena - a; Venus - b; 2. t-shirts: Serena - a; Venus - b; 3. trainers: Serena - a; Venus - b; 4. bags: Venus - a; Serena - b; 5. socks: Serena - a; Venus - b; 6. sunglasses: Venus - a; Serena - b

Write the Adjective

long, big, small, dirty, smelly, expensive

● **Follow-up project**

Imagine you are able to interview a famous tennis player. Make a list of twenty questions, then look on the Internet and try to find the answers to your questions amidst all the information available. Then make up your own answers to the other questions. Act out the interview with a friend and see if the people in your class can guess which are the true facts and which are the answers which you yourself have made up.

PAGES 18 & 19: GREYHOUND RACING

Language: telling the time; present simple; daily routine

Discussion/pre-reading

Are dogs better pets than cats? Why? Why not?

Is it good to use animals in sport? Why? Why not?

Which sports use animals?

How many people in class have got a dog?

What's the easiest kind of dog to have?

What's a difficult dog to have? Why?

What does a dog need to be happy?

ANSWERS

Top Dog

1. six o'clock; 2. half past six; 3. quarter to eight; 4. quarter past nine; 5. midday; 6. half past seven
Dog number 3 is the winner.

What Are Your Favourite Dogs?

- 1-d, 2-e, 3-c, 4-g, 5-a, 6-b, 7-f, 8-h.

● **Follow-up project**

Imagine that you are a dog. Write an imaginary diary of how you spent the last three days.

PAGES 20 & 21: BRITNEY SPEARS

Language: has got; likes; parts of the body; clothes

Discussion/pre-reading

How many people like Britney Spears in this class?

Who is the best American singer at the moment? Why?

Who is the best singer in our country? Why?

Why is it good to be Britney?

Why is it bad to be Britney?

Is Britney better than Christina Aguilera? Why?

ANSWERS

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Britney's favourite food is pizza; her favourite drink is lemonade or coffee; her favourite animal is her dog called "Baby"; her favourite sport is basketball; her favourite actor is Brad Pitt; her favourite smell is "Angel" perfume.

● **Follow-up project**

Choose your favourite pop star or group and write a short piece called 'My Favourite Track' where you explain why you like a particular song by that artist more than all their other songs. Maybe it has special memories and associations for you. Describe why it is important. If you enjoy the exercise, do the same for another artist or group.

Share your favourite tracks with the rest of the class. Find out if some people have chosen the same songs.

PAGES 22 & 23: NEW YORK

Language: comparatives; superlatives; can

Discussion/pre-reading

- How many famous places in New York do you know?*
- What colour are New York taxis?*
- What's the weather like in New York in winter?*
- What's the weather like in our country in winter?*
- What's the tallest building in our town?*
- Are there any Chinese people in our town?*
- Can you guess how many Chinese people live in New York?*

ANSWERS

Exploring New York

The correct answer choices spell out BIG APPLE

● Follow-up project

Use the internet to help you write an essay or design a poster called 'Ten Good Reasons to Go to New York'. Choose all the things that seem to make it special and attractive for you.

PAGES 24 & 25: INDEPENDENCE DAY

Language: can; 1st conditional

Discussion/pre-reading

- What are the colours of the American flag?*
- What are the colours of our flag?*
- What are the colours of the British flag?*
- When do we have fireworks in our country?*
- Do we have eating competitions in this country?*

ANSWERS

Facts and Plans

- 1. states; 2. stars; 3. summer; 4. beach; 5. picnic; 6. apple;
- 7. parade; 8. anthem; 9. family

The Warner Family

- 1. when; 2. if; 3. when; 4. if; 5. when; 6. if; 7. when; 8. if

● Follow-up project

Imagine that you live in the USA and you are hoping to persuade a foreign pen pal to come over and stay with you for the days before, during and after Independence Day. Write a letter outlining all the things your family is planning for the holiday in the hope that they will come for a visit.

PAGES 26 & 27: ANIMALS DOWN UNDER

Language: *who / what / when / where / why* questions; ordinal numbers

Discussion/pre-reading

- Which Australian animals do you know?*
- What facts do you know about kangaroos?*
- What facts do you know about koala bears?*
- How big are kangaroos when they are born?*
- How fast can kangaroos run?*
- What's a kea? Can you guess? What kind of noise does it make?*

ANSWERS

The Koala Puzzle

The correct answers spell the words MARSUPIAL

Two More New Zealand Birds

- 1. tui; 2. kiwi

● Follow-up project

Use the following website to do a project on kangaroos:
www.ozramp.net.au/~senani/kangaroo.htm

PAGES 28 & 29: ENGLAND AND THE ENGLISH

Language: adverbs

Discussion/pre-reading

- What's an 'English breakfast'?*
- What's black pudding?*
- What's the most popular food in England now?*
- What is Big Ben?*
- Do you know the names of any Shakespeare plays in English?*

Which famous place in London was a zoo but is not a zoo now?
What is the most popular superstition in our country?

ANSWERS

- 1. healthily; 2. regularly; 3. horribly; 4. loudly; 5. luckily;
- 6. sadly

● Follow-up project

Make a list of ten things you want to do or see in London, then get into a group with four other people and share your lists. Imagine that you are going on a trip with those four people. Try to persuade the others why they should do all the things on your list. What are the final ten things that the group agree on doing?

PAGES 30 & 31: WHAT ARE YOUR HOBBIES?

Language: likes/dislikes; agreeing/disagreeing

Discussion/pre-reading

- How many hobbies can you name in English?*
- What's your favourite hobby?*
- Do you think it's expensive to have a hobby?*
- Do you have lessons to help you with your hobby?*
- Are people without hobbies boring?*
- Is it wrong to have too many hobbies?*
- Do you have a 'dream hobby' – something you don't do but wish to do?*

ANSWERS

Talking About Hobbies

Dave: hobbies - going to concerts, football; doesn't like - shopping, watching videos, computers

Andy: hobbies - going to concerts, watching videos, computers, football; doesn't like - shopping, reading

Natasha: hobbies - shopping, going to concerts, watching videos; doesn't like football, reading

Jane: hobbies - shopping, going to concerts, reading, watching videos; doesn't like computers, football

Complete the Conversations

- 1. Jane: So do I; Andy: So do I
- 2. Andy: I don't; Natasha: I don't
- 3. Natasha: I do; Andy: I do
- 4. Dave: Neither do I; Andy: I do
- 5. Andy: I don't; Dave: I don't
- 6. Dave: So do I; Jane: I don't

● Follow-up project

Devise a questionnaire to use with the whole class to find out which hobbies everyone in class has; how much time they spend doing them each week; what they cost, etc.

PAGES 32 & 33: SCOTLAND

Language: determiners: *enough, very, many, too, a lot; who / that* relative clauses

Discussion/pre-reading

- Do you know the names of any Scottish towns?*
- Why is Loch Ness famous?*
- What does the word 'loch' mean?*
- What is a kilt?*
- What is the famous Scottish musical instrument called?*
- What's haggis?*
- Who are the most famous poets in our country?*
- What do people in our country do on New Year's Eve?*

ANSWERS

Are You a Scottish Expert?

- 1. very; 2. a lot; 3. many; 4. enough; 5. too
- a. everyone; b. no one; c. someone; d. anyone

Famous Scottish People and Things

The correct choices of answer spell out the word BRAVEHEART

● Follow-up project

The Loch Ness monster is just one of many legendary monsters which are supposed to exist in the world. Work in groups to research some of the others (one monster per

group) and share what you discover with the rest of the class. Possible monsters are: Bigfoot (North America); the yeti (the Himalayas); Ogopogo (Canada); the Storsjö lake monster in Sweden; the Lagarfljotsormur in Iceland.

PAGES 34 & 35: CLOTHES

Language: clothes vocabulary; irregular simple past

Discussion/pre-reading

Imagine you can only keep one fashionable item of clothing and you must throw all your other things away. Which thing do you want to keep and why?

What's the most fashionable colour in this country at the moment?

Which colour suits you best?

Is it necessary to suffer to be fashionable?

What's the most expensive clothing item you have ever bought?

Do you regret it?

How many clothes words do you know in English? Make a list in five minutes. Who has the longest list?

ANSWERS

My Favourite Clothes

Ryan is second from the left; Adam is on the far left; Lindsay is on the far right; Stefanie is second from the right

The History of Jeans

1. came (picture C); 2. found (picture D); 3. left, 4. sold (picture A); 5. made, 6. wore (picture F); 7. became (picture B)

● Follow-up project

Collect the following items (x 2) for a big dressing-up box in class: 1. sun hat, sunglasses, 2. umbrella, wellingtons, 3. gloves, coat, 4. torch, woolly hat, 5. scarf, anorak. Make a cardboard spinner divided into five sections with the following weather words: 1. It's hot, 2. It's raining, 3. It's snowing, 4. It's foggy, 5. It's windy. Divide the class into two teams and have the class ask: "What's the weather like today?" One person then spins the spinner and calls out the answer, e.g., "It's foggy". A member from each team has to run to the pile of clothes and put on the two relevant clothes items as fast as possible. The first person in the correct items wins a point for his/her team.

PAGES 36 & 37: AUSTRALIA

Language: numbers, simple past: *nothing* and *nowhere*

Discussion/pre-reading

Name three facts you already know about Australia.

What is 'the outback'?

What is the name of the original people of Australia?

What is the most important place in Australia for them?

How many days of bad weather (rain) do they have in Sydney? Guess.

How many people live in Australia? Guess.

Dictation

Do the following dictation to teach your students some more about the Aborigines.

People came to Australia from Europe and the Aborigines welcomed them. The Europeans brought lots of diseases and many of the Aborigines died. The Europeans took the land from the Aborigines and made them move, but recently the Australian government said sorry to the Aborigines and gave them their land back.

ANSWERS

Australia by Numbers

1 - i; 2 - d; 3 - e; 4 - l; 5 - f; 6 - c; 7 - k; 8 - g; 9 - n; 10 - b; 11 - h; 12 - m; 13 - a

The Outback

1. lots of; 2. many; 3. nothing; 4. any; 5. nowhere; 6. too; 7. enough.

● Follow-up project

Make a list of famous Australians, past and present, and work in groups to create a collaborative book about these people, each member of the group choosing a person to research,

e.g. Nicole Kidman, Mel Gibson (film), Michael Hutchence, Kylie Minogue, (pop), Ned Kelly (historic character), Lleyton Hewitt, Ian Thorpe (sport), James Clavell (writing), Barry Humphries (comedy), Crocodile Dundee (fictitious character).

PAGES 38 & 39: SCARY ANIMALS

Language: *one* (pronoun)

Discussion/pre-reading

Which do you think are the scariest animals? Why?

Are bats more dangerous than piranha fish?

Where do bats like to live?

What do piranha fish eat?

How many teeth have sharks got?

How long do spiders live?

How many babies do rats have every year? Guess.

ANSWERS

Page 38: False Facts

bats – 3, piranhas – 2, great white sharks – 5, tarantulas – 2, rats – 4

Page 39: Rats in the Kitchen

The correct answers spell the words BREAD AND CHEESE

Piranha River

1. rivers; 2. black; 3. scissors; 4. summer; 5. teeth

● Follow-up project

In pairs or groups research information about other scary animals, and create sets of true facts but include one false one following the pattern shown on page 38. Challenge the rest of the class to see if they can guess what the false fact is. Possible scary animals to choose include: pythons, lizards, toads, sea snakes, crocodiles, vultures.

PAGES 40 & 41: DAVID BECKHAM

Language: adjectives; *anywhere*, *somewhere*, *everywhere*, *nowhere*

Discussion/pre-reading

Are tattoos beautiful? Imagine you can have one.

What will it look like?

Who is David Beckham married to?

How many kilometres do footballers like Beckham run during one football match?

What are David Beckham's children called?

Why is Beckham so popular?

ANSWERS

Page 40 True/False

Numbers 1, 3 and 4 are true

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What's David Beckham Like?

A. He's a confident person; he's very talented; he's proud of his family; B. He's got very short hair; he's tall and slim; he doesn't wear glasses; C. He enjoys watching films; he plays golf; he likes going to restaurants

Where's the Ball?

1. somewhere; 2. anywhere; 3. everywhere; 4. nowhere;

5. anywhere; 6. somewhere

The ball is marked 'F'.

● Follow-up project

Use the Internet to find out more about Victoria and David Beckham and then complete the following two lists:

A: *Ten reasons why I envy the Beckhams and want to be like them.* B: *Ten reasons why I never want to change places with the Beckhams.*

PAGES 42 & 43: DANGEROUS SPORTS

Language: warnings; *always*, *never*, *don't*

Discussion/pre-reading

How many dangerous sports can you name?

What adjectives describe people who like doing dangerous sports?

Speed skiers wear rubber suits. Can you imagine why?

What is the scariest dangerous sport?

Name three dangerous sports you want to try.
Name three dangerous sports which (even for \$1 million) you know you never want to try.

ANSWERS

Sports Mountain

skiing, snowboarding, climbing, tobogganning, mountain biking, boots, water bottle, shorts, rope, goggles, helmet, gloves

Snowboarding for Beginners

1. Never wear jeans
2. Always wear sunglasses
3. Have a lesson
4. Never fall on your hands
5. Don't buy a board if it's your first time
6. Always look behind you before you start to go down
7. Never go on a black run if you are a beginner

● **Follow-up project**

Find out from the Internet about these extreme sports and rate them on a scale of 1 to 5 in order of danger and 'extreme'ness (1 = moderately safe; 5 = extremely dangerous), then finish the following sentence each time: *I'd love to / I'd never do this because ...*

1. skateboarding, 2. surfing, 3. snowboarding, 4. free climbing (without ropes, etc), 6. cave diving, 7. bungee jumping, 8. sky surfing, 9. street luge, 10. moto-cross, 11. BMX, 12. white water rafting, 13. extreme skiing.

PAGES 44 & 45: HOW DO YOU SEE THE FUTURE?

Language: intentions vs predictions: *going to* future vs simple future

Discussion/pre-reading

Name three things you know will definitely happen to you later today.

Name three things which will perhaps happen to you later today.

Name three things that will perhaps happen to you one year from now.

Name two things which you hope will happen to you in the future, using the words: "I'm going to"

Make one prediction about the world in the future, using the words: "I think that in 20 years from now,"

● **Follow-up project**

Imagine that you are a fortune teller. Write one name of someone in your class in the gaps in each of these predictions: 1. - will be a doctor; 2. - will have five children; 3. - will marry a famous person; 4. - will visit many countries; 5. - will sing on TV; 6. - will make a lot of money. Write the names of two pupils in your class in the gaps in each of these predictions: 1. - and - will be actors; 2. - and - will live in England; 3. - and - will write a lot of books; 4. - and - will live for 100 years; 5. - and - will play for a famous football team; 6. - and - will go to the moon.

Compare your choices with the other 'fortune-tellers' in your class and see if you agree on the predictions. If not, why not?

PAGES 46 & 47: HORIZONS COMMUNITY HIGH SCHOOL

Language: present simple

Discussion/pre-reading

What are three things that make a good teacher?

Complete the sentence: "I love it when a teacher..."

Complete the sentence: "I hate it when a teacher..."

What are the most important rules a school can have?

What is the worst punishment in our school?

Which of these are the worst things for people to do in a school: violence, vandalism, swearing or drugs?

Imagine that some of your lessons don't have to be inside the classroom. Select a project and describe where you must go to do the project.

● **Follow-up project**

Write a short essay called 'My Ideal School'.

PAGES 48 & 49: ROLLERBLADING

Language: which, what, where

Discussion/pre-reading

How many team sports can you name?

How many sports for two players can you name?

How many sports for one person can you name?

How many sports need a good sense of balance?

Do your parents approve of all your hobbies and sports?

Do you ever do anything that your parents think is dangerous?

Have you ever broken a bone? Which one? How?

ANSWERS

Is Rollerblading Perfect for You?

Analysis:

1. A = 10, B = 5, C = 1;

2. A = 1, B = 10, C = 5;

3. A = 10, B = 1, C = 5

4. 5 points for each tick.

5. A = 1, B = 10, C = 5

1 - 10 points: Give your Rollerblades to your friend because it's not the sport for you. Try football or basketball.

11 - 30 points: You're not a natural Rollerblader, but keep practising and see how it goes.

31 - 55 points: It's the perfect sport for you! Don't wait; skate!

● **Follow-up project**

Explain the rules of your favourite game or sport to a foreign penfriend who doesn't know how to play.

PAGES 50 & 51: IRELAND

Language: past simple; adjectives; *must*

Discussion/pre-reading

Who is the patron saint of our country?

What myths or facts do we know about our patron saint?

Who is the patron saint of Ireland?

Which colour do you think of when you think of Ireland?

Which famous Irish pop stars do you know?

Which instruments do people use to play traditional Irish music?

What's the symbol of Ireland?

What's our national symbol?

What happens in our country on our national day?

What do Irish people do on their national day?

ANSWERS

St Patrick

The correct choices spell out the name: NEW YORK

City Cowboys

The pictures which follow the correct advice are: 1, 3, 6 and 7

● **Follow-up project**

Make a 16-page minibook (from two A4 sheets folded down into quarters) about the patron saint of your country and some of the main traditions and customs.

PAGES 52 & 53: CANADA

Language: present simple

Discussion/pre-reading

How many famous Canadian cities do you know?

Describe the Canadian flag.

What comes from the maple tree? (something to eat)

What's the name of the people who live in the north of Canada where it is very cold?

What do they eat?

What languages do people speak in Canada?

Which wild animals live in Canada?

What do Canadians like to eat on their pancakes?

ANSWERS

Canadian Crossword

Across: 4 capital, 7 brown, 8 French, 10 enough, 12 snow, 13 pancake

Down: 1 spring, 2 ice hockey, 3 water, 5 Quebec, 6 sweet, 7 biggest, 8 fall, 9 coldest, 11 north

Canadian Map

a – Niagara Falls – 2, b – CN Tower – 1, c – polar bear – 3, d – moose – 5, e – Inuit – 4.

● Follow-up project

Do you know how to make a pancake? Describe the things you need and what you must do. Research it and then, with a partner, imagine you are on a TV cookery programme. One of you gives the commentary and the other mimes what to do.

PAGES 54 & 55: BUCKINGHAM PALACE

Language: giving directions, adverbs of place, adjectives

Discussion/pre-reading

Where does the Queen live when she is in London?

Guess how many rooms there are in Buckingham Palace.

Can you name any other houses which Queen Elizabeth owns?

How do you know when the Queen is at home in Buckingham Palace?

Describe your perfect home. How many rooms does it have?

What is the furniture like?

Describe the garden.

Describe the view from the windows.

Is it good for a country to have a monarchy? Why? Why not?

What are the advantages if you are a member of a royal family?

What are the disadvantages?

ANSWERS**Royal London**

1. somewhere; 2. everywhere; 3. anywhere; 4. somewhere; 5. nowhere

1. The National Gallery; 2. Selfridges; 3. Hyde Park; 4. Royal Albert Hall; 5. Buckingham Palace

Royal Adjectives

1. enormous; 2. popular; 3. fashionable; 4. kind; 5. formal 6. shy; 7. ordinary

● Follow-up project

Use the internet to help you, and make a large family tree of the English royal family, and, if you have a royal family in your country, show how they are related (if at all) to the English royal family.

PAGES 56 & 57: SCHOOLS IN BRITAIN

Language: expressing opinions, *believe / think that*; relative clauses

Discussion/pre-reading

Is it good to have private schools? Why? Why not?

What are the good things about private schools?

What are the good things about state schools?

Is it better for boys and girls to be separate at school?

Describe the school system in your country from 4 – 21 years.

What are the advantages and disadvantages of school uniform?

ANSWERS**Public vs Private**

Becky – B (P); Rob – E (P); Helena – D (S); Thomas – A (P); Harriet – C (S)

State schools: B, C, D

Public schools: A, E, F, G, H

● Follow-up project

Design a perfect school uniform (one for winter and one for summer).

PAGES 58 & 59: NEW ZEALAND

Language: past simple vs present perfect

Discussion/pre-reading

Where is New Zealand?

Describe the country.

How many people live in New Zealand? Guess.

What's the capital of New Zealand?

What's the name of the traditional people who live in New Zealand?

What's the name of the New Zealand national rugby team?

Which famous films about magic did they make in New Zealand?

ANSWERS**Bungee Jumping in New Zealand**

1. Wellington, 2. North, 3. Hot, 4. Tasman, 5. near, 6. rugby, 7. years, 8. sheep, 9. Pacific, 10. Cook, 11. Kiwi, 12. ice, 13. English

Maoris

1. have lived, 2. travelled, 3. were, 4. drew, 5. have always been, 6. came, 7. changed, 8. took, 9. have lived, 10. has returned, 11. haven't forgotten

● Follow-up project

Use the Internet to find twenty facts about New Zealand.

PAGES 60 & 61: GLOBAL WARMING

Language: 1st conditionals

Discussion/pre-reading

What is global warming?

Which things make the atmosphere dirty and fill it with carbon dioxide?

Why are people worrying about global warming?

What difference will it make to our lives?

What will happen to hot places?

What will happen to places near the sea?

ANSWERS**Page 60:**

1 – B, 2 – E, 3 – A, 4 – C, 5 – B

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A – 5, B – 1, C – 6, D – 2, E – 4, F – 3

● Follow-up project

What simple things can we do in our houses to stop global warming? Design a poster to show people what to do.

PAGES 62 & 63: SOUTH AFRICA

Language: giving opinions; animal vocabulary

Discussion/pre-reading

Why do you think South Africa is called 'a rainbow nation'?

Who are the Zulus?

How many African wild animals can you name?

People go on safari in Africa to see 'The Big Five'; which five are they?

When are the best times of day to see wild animals?

What advice can you give someone going on safari (things to do and things not to do)?

Are game parks (where you can see a lot of wild animals) a good idea? Why? Why not?

ANSWERS**South Africa Quiz**

1. b; 2. c; 3. a; 4. b

Find Eight Animals

buffalo, rhino, lion, hippo, giraffe, crocodile, elephant, leopard

● Follow-up project

Make a collaborative class book about South Africa.

Allocate different topics to different groups of pupils:

geography, climate, languages, animals, people, Nelson Mandela, food, music.

PAGES 64 & 65: CHAT ROOMS

Language: reported speech

Discussion/pre-reading

Have you ever entered a chat room?

Was it a good experience or was it disappointing? Why?

Have you ever made a new friend by talking in a chat room?

Do you think people tell lies more often than the truth in chat rooms?

Do most people try to hide their real personality in a chat room?

Are chat rooms a good way to practise English?

Are chat rooms a waste of time? Why? Why not?

ANSWERS

Online Conversations

1. He said he was thin. (true) 2. He said he had stubble. (true) 3. He said he had short hair. (false) 4. He said he wore a diamond earring. (true) 5. He said he would be wearing his Gucci suit. (false) 6. He said he drove a BMW. (false – he's got a bike)

● Follow-up project

Set up a new 'chat room' and talk to various members of class using an 'alias' (nickname). See how quickly people's identities are revealed.

PAGES 66 & 67: LIVERPOOL

Language: simple past tense

Discussion/pre-reading

Where is Liverpool?

What's the name of the river in Liverpool?

Why is Liverpool famous?

What do you know about the Beatles?

How many titles of Beatles songs do you know in English?

ANSWERS

The Story of the Beatles

1. started, called (picture C); 2. joined, changed, played, toured, loved, were (picture A); 3. stayed, stopped, was, killed (picture D); 4. (picture B)

● Follow-up project

- Prepare a ten-minute talk entitled 'The Beatles'. Find out everything you can and use text, music, illustrations and photos. Present your project to the class.
- Write about your favourite Beatles song. Why do you like it? What memories does it have for you?

PAGES 68 & 69: TEXT MESSAGING

Language: text-messaging symbols and abbreviations

Discussion/pre-reading

Do you use text messages to talk to your friends?

How often do you send messages each day?

Is it a good idea to stop pupils bringing mobile phones into the classroom?

Do you need a mobile phone to have a good social life?

How much do you spend on your mobile phone?

ANSWERS

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Can You Read English Text Messages?

1. later; 2. before; 3. text; 4. to; 5. tonight; 6. excellent; 7. great

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Wan 2 tlk?

Do you want to go to the cinema later tonight?

Sorry, I can't go tonight. I have a date! Is the weekend OK for you?

Yes, Saturday is OK. What do you want to see?

Not a cartoon. I hate cartoons! Have you seen 'Pirates of the Caribbean'?

No, but I want to! I love Johnny Depp. See you at seven?

OK. Can't wait to see you. Bye bye for now!

● Follow-up project

Prepare a 25-word text message to send to someone else in class.

PAGES 70 & 71: THE SCHUMACHER BROTHERS

Language: prepositions + as...as; comparisons

Discussion/pre-reading

What do you know about Formula One racing?

What do you know about Michael Schumacher?

Imagine you can interview him. Think of five questions to ask him.

What do you know about Ralf Schumacher?

Imagine you can interview him. Think of five questions to ask him.

Is it normal for brothers and sisters to argue or to be good friends?

ANSWERS

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Who Says It?

1. M, 2. R, 3. R, 4. M, 5. R, 6. M, 7. R, 8. R

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Grand Prix

Michael Schumacher – 3; Ralf Schumacher – 9; Jenson Button – 10; Mika Hakkinen – 7; Eddie Irvine – 1; Rubens Barichello – 4; David Coulthard – 2; Heinz Harald Frentzen – 5; Jarno Trulli – 6; Johnny Herbert – 8

The Brothers

a. Max, Franz, Don; b. Max, Franz, Larry, Don; c. Franz, Max, Larry, Don; d. Larry, Don; e. Don, Max; f. Franz; g. Larry, Max; h. Franz, Don; i. Larry, Max

The names in the grid are: 1. Max, 2. Don, 3. Don, 4. Franz, 5. Larry

The shaded letters spell MONZA. It is the home of the Italian Grand Prix

● Follow-up project

Organise a class debate entitled: *It is better to be an only child than to have brothers and sisters*. Two pupils can be the main speakers for and against on each side, and then other pupils can add comments. In the end have a vote to see which speakers have been most convincing in their argument.

PAGES 72 & 73: SCHOOL TRADITIONS IN THE USA

Language: American vocabulary

Discussion/pre-reading

What happens in our country when students leave school?

Is there a party or a ceremony?

Do you need special clothes for it?

Is it expensive to dress for this occasion?

Describe the special things that happen.

Are there any other important days in the school year?

Do old pupils come back to the school at special times?

What social events happen at our school? Who organises them?

What do you know about American school traditions and customs?

What's a 'prom'? Have you ever seen an American film about a prom?

What's 'homecoming'? Have you ever seen an American film about 'homecoming'?

ANSWERS

Prom Homecoming Crossword

Across: 1. with, 7. soccer, 9. guy, 10. must, 13. does, 15. at, 16. to, 17. tuxedo, 18. committee, 19. rent, 20. ask

Down: 2. in, 3. homecoming, 4. to, 5. are, 6. graduated, 7. semester, 8. auctions, 11. us, 12. take, 14. prom

● Follow-up project

Imagine you are having a school prom and that you are on the committee. Work in groups to organise the event and also decide on what you will each wear, what the music will be, how the school hall will be decorated, what you will eat, etc.