Bats

Write all these words in the right places to complete this puzzle, which tells some things you learned about bats. You can reread the article before you begin, but don’t look back at it while you are working. After you’ve completed the puzzle, read it to someone.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>claws</th>
<th>flying</th>
<th>fur</th>
<th>hear</th>
<th>milk</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>people</td>
<td>vampire</td>
<td>wings</td>
<td>worms</td>
<td>1,000</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

There are more than ____________________________ different kinds of bats. There are many similarities between bats and birds. Bats and birds both have ____________________________ and can fly. They both have ____________________________ that let them grab onto trees.

There are lots of differences between bats and birds, too. Birds’ bodies are covered with feathers, but bats’ bodies are covered with ____________________________.

Baby birds eat ____________________________ or seeds, but baby bats drink ____________________________ from their mothers. Most birds can walk, but the only bat that can walk is the ____________________________ bat.

Bats cannot see well, but they can ____________________________ well. They can hear very high sounds that ____________________________ cannot hear. These sound waves bounce off walls and trees and keep the bats from ____________________________ into things.

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Fractured Fairy Tales

Write all these words in the right places to complete this puzzle, which tells some things you learned about fractured fairy tales. You can reread the article before you begin, but don’t look back at it while you are working. After you’ve completed the puzzle, read it to someone.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>brick</th>
<th>built</th>
<th>fairy</th>
<th>game</th>
<th>houses</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>lessons</td>
<td>pigs</td>
<td>teach</td>
<td>wolf</td>
<td>world</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

When you read the words “once upon a time,” you know you are probably reading a __________________________ tale. Most cultures in the __________________________ have fairy tales.

Perhaps you know the fairy tale about the three little __________________________.

The three pigs all __________________________ places to live, but two of their __________________________ were not very strong. The __________________________ blew down the stick house and the straw house, but he could not blow down the __________________________ house.

Fractured fairy tales have different __________________________. In a fractured fairy tale, the pigs might __________________________ the wolf to build a house. The pigs might also play a __________________________ with the wolf and help the wolf learn to get along with others.
Totem Poles

Were you surprised by what you learned about totem poles? Write some of the facts that surprised you, then read these facts to a friend or family member. Here are some words you might use.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>carve</th>
<th>Native Americans</th>
<th>animals</th>
<th>heroes</th>
<th>birds</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>tall</td>
<td>reservations</td>
<td>celebrate</td>
<td>weigh</td>
<td>sing</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>dance</td>
<td>40 to 50 feet</td>
<td>thousands</td>
<td>pounds</td>
<td>wood</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Write your facts here:

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Nesting Dolls

Write all these words in the right places to complete this puzzle, which tells some things you learned about nesting dolls. You can reread the article before you begin, but don’t look back at it while you are working. After you’ve completed the puzzle, read it to someone.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>artists</th>
<th>biggest</th>
<th>boxes</th>
<th>different</th>
<th>dolls</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>inside</td>
<td>Japan</td>
<td>movie stars</td>
<td>people</td>
<td>rugs</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

There are many ______________________ kinds of art. Folk art is made by ordinary ____________________, not by great ____________________.

Folk artists often make useful things, such as dinner plates or _______________ for floors. Nesting ______________________ are another kind of folk art. These dolls vary in size, so that they can fit ______________________ one another. Once all of the dolls are fitted together, you can only see the ______________________ doll.

About 1,000 years ago, artists in China made both nesting ______________________ and nesting dolls. Folk artists in ______________________ learned to make nesting dolls from the folk artists in China. The dolls in the picture were made in Russia. Today, nesting dolls are made in many different shapes including animals and ______________________.
**Posters That Pop**

Do you have a favorite sport or athlete? Imagine that you are going to make a poster to promote that sport or athlete. Write about who and what you would draw. Describe what you would put on your poster and what pictures you would use. When you’re finished planning, make the poster and hang it somewhere to show everyone which sport or athlete you like.
Life in a Medieval Castle

Were you surprised by what you learned about castles? Write some of the facts that surprised you, then read your work to a friend or family member. Here are some words you might use.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>high walls</th>
<th>moat</th>
<th>bridge</th>
<th>heat</th>
<th>fireplaces</th>
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</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>tapestries</td>
<td>animal skins</td>
<td>rugs</td>
<td>Great Hall</td>
<td>feasts</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>king</td>
<td>queen</td>
<td>cooks</td>
<td>maids</td>
<td>gardeners</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Name ____________________

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Horns: The Sounds of the Wind

Do you have a favorite musical instrument? Do you play an instrument? Which one is it? Write about the instrument you play or would like to play. Tell about the sounds the instrument makes and why this instrument interests you.

Name ___________________
Flip-Flops

What kind of shoes do you like? Do you like flip-flops or other kinds of sandals? Do you have sneakers or other kinds of special shoes for sports? Write about your shoes, including where you wear them and why you like them.
Noodles Around the World

People around the world eat noodles, but they call them different things, including mein, pasta, spaghetti, and macaroni. People cook different meals with noodles and put different sauces and cheeses on them. What are your favorite kinds of noodles? What do you like to put on them? What other foods do you eat with your noodles?
Changing Lives, One Cow at a Time

Write all these words in the right places to complete this puzzle, which tells some things you learned about how kids can make a difference in the world. You can reread the article before you begin, but don’t look back at it while you are working. After you’ve completed the puzzle, read it to someone.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>animals</th>
<th>buffalo</th>
<th>cans</th>
<th>cow</th>
<th>goats</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>grow</td>
<td>help</td>
<td>milk</td>
<td>need</td>
<td>poor</td>
</tr>
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</table>

Millions of people in the world don’t have enough food. A group called Heifer International wants to help these ________________ people.

Heifer International gives farm ________________ to people who need them. Some of the animals they give are heifers. A heifer is a young ________________.

When people have a cow, they can drink the ________________ it produces. They can also trade the milk for other things they ________________.

Heifer International gives other kinds of animals to poor people, too. One of these is the water _________________. Water buffaloes can plow land, which helps the people _________________ more food to eat and sell. Some needy families are given _________________, sheep, camels, or even bees.

When some second graders in Missouri heard about Heifer International, they wanted to _________________, too. These students raised money by recycling _________________ and making jewelry. They sent this money to Heifer International to buy more cows and other animals for poor people.
Power to the People

Write all these words in the right places to complete this puzzle, which tells some things you learned about government. You can reread the article before you begin, but don't look back at it while you are working. After you've completed the puzzle, read it to someone.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>congress</th>
<th>country</th>
<th>events</th>
<th>Great Britain</th>
<th>kings</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>need</td>
<td>parliament</td>
<td>people</td>
<td>power</td>
<td>rules</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

In the United States, people vote for a president and for members of __________________________. The U.S. congress and the president make the laws that everyone in the __________________________ must follow. Other countries have monarchs that make their laws. Monarchs are __________________________ and queens who lead the people in their country.

Long ago, monarchs in some countries had absolute __________________________. The king or queen made the __________________________, and everyone had to follow them. Today, most countries that have monarchs also have a congress or another type of ruling body, such as a __________________________. In addition, the __________________________ today often vote for the members of the parliament.

Elizabeth II is the queen of __________________________. She signs the bills that parliament passes, and she attends important __________________________. Unlike rulers from long ago, she asks people what they think and tries to have all her citizens get what they __________________________.
Get Involved in Your Community

Write all these words in the right places to complete this puzzle, which tells some ways you can be a good citizen. You can reread the article before you begin, but don’t look back at it while you are working. After you’ve completed the puzzle, read it to someone.

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<tr>
<th>age</th>
<th>citizen</th>
<th>community</th>
<th>difference</th>
<th>habitats</th>
</tr>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>help</td>
<td>pollution</td>
<td>time</td>
<td>volunteer</td>
<td>voting</td>
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</tbody>
</table>

What does it mean to be a good ____________________________ in your ____________________________? If you are 18 years of ____________________________ or older, you can show you are a responsible citizen by ____________________________.

Even though kids can’t vote, they can still ____________________________ others.

One way to be a good citizen is to be a ____________________________, donating your ____________________________ to help others. Kids your age can help animals by volunteering to protect animals’ ____________________________. Kids also help by recycling things to reduce ____________________________. When you volunteer to make something in your community better, you can make a ____________________________ in the world!
Keeping Your Feet on the Ground

Write all these words in the right places to complete this puzzle, which tells how sports equipment can help keep athletes safe. You can reread the article before you begin, but don’t look back at it while you are working. After you’ve completed the puzzle, read it to someone.

<table>
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<tr>
<th>athletes</th>
<th>blades</th>
<th>cleats</th>
<th>cool</th>
<th>equipment</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>helmets</td>
<td>shoes</td>
<td>skates</td>
<td>slipping</td>
<td>sports</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Many people think that the reason _________________ wear special _________________ is so they will look _________________.

But this equipment is really worn to keep athletes safe. For example, football players wear _________________, shoulder pads, and gloves so they won’t get hurt when they crash into each other.

Most _________________ require athletes to wear special shoes. If the sport is played on grass, the athletes may need shoes with _________________. These cleats grab the grass and keep players from _________________ and falling. Track runners wear _________________ that have spikes to grip the track’s surface.

Ice _________________ are another type of sports shoe. Ice skates have sharp _________________ on the bottom that help players move smoothly across the ice.

The next time you watch a sporting event, notice the special equipment the athletes are wearing and think about how this equipment helps them stay safe—and win!

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Bigger Than an Elephant

Were you surprised by what you learned about big animals and plants? Write some of the facts that surprised you, then read these facts to a friend or family member. Here are some words you might use.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>African elephant</th>
<th>blue whale</th>
<th>tons</th>
<th>pounds</th>
<th>honey mushroom</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Oregon</td>
<td>underground</td>
<td>miles</td>
<td>Pando</td>
<td>tree</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>plant</td>
<td>root</td>
<td>connected</td>
<td>clone</td>
<td>Utah</td>
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Young Inventor: Jack Andraka

Write all these words in the right places to complete this puzzle, which tells how one young person’s invention is helping save lives. You can reread the article before you begin, but don’t look back at it while you are working. After you’ve completed the puzzle, read it to someone.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>appears</th>
<th>cents</th>
<th>disease</th>
<th>drop</th>
<th>hospitals</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>life</td>
<td>money</td>
<td>test</td>
<td>16</td>
<td>100,000</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Many people think inventors have to be adults, but Jack Andraka was only ____________________________ years old when he invented something important.

Cancer is a terrible ____________________________ that kills many people every year. If cancer is diagnosed when it first ____________________________ , though, people can often be cured. Pancreatic cancer is a type of cancer that is deadly because there is not a good ____________________________ to tell when people have it.

Tests for cancer often cost a lot of ____________________________, but Jack invented a test that uses only one ____________________________ of blood and only costs three ____________________________.

Jack’s discovery is changing the lives of many people and has changed his ____________________________, too. His invention won more that ____________________________ dollars in prize money! Jack hopes that his invention will soon be used in ____________________________ all over the country and will save many lives.
Why Do Things Move?

Were you surprised by what you learned about why things move? Write some of the facts that surprised you and read these facts to a friend or family member. Here are some words you might use.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>inertia</th>
<th>force</th>
<th>kick</th>
<th>soccer ball</th>
<th>move</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>stop</td>
<td>tennis ball</td>
<td>bowling ball</td>
<td>push</td>
<td>mass</td>
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</tbody>
</table>

Write your responses here:

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**Surprises Inside a Rock**

Write all these words in the right places to complete this puzzle, which tells what you learned about geodes. You can reread the article before you begin, but don’t look back at it while you are working. After you’ve completed the puzzle, read it to someone.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>bubble</th>
<th>California</th>
<th>crystals</th>
<th>found</th>
<th>gas</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>green</td>
<td>geodes</td>
<td>outside</td>
<td>rock</td>
<td>sparkles</td>
</tr>
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</table>

The inside of most rocks looks just like the _________________.

However, some rocks have something on the inside that ________________ brightly. The sparkling inside is made of _________________. These crystals can have many different colors, including pink, purple, blue, and _________________.

Rocks with crystals on the inside are called _________________.

Geodes form when air, in the form of a _________________ of _________________, gets trapped inside the rock. Water and steam seep through this gas and leave behind the minerals they carried. After many, many years, these minerals sometimes turn into geodes.

Geodes can be ________________ all over the world. In the United States, Iowa, Utah, and _________________ have many geode beds. Geodes are the state _________________ of Oregon and Iowa.