

Bird Nests

Most people know about how birds use leaves and twigs to build nests in trees. But not many people know about the other ways birds build nests, and that some birds don't build any kind of nest. Choose two of the birds from this article and write what you would tell a friend about these birds and their eggs. You can look back at the article before you start writing to pick your birds and review the information but do not look at the article while you are writing. When you finish writing, you can look back at the article and see if you included all the facts you want to share and add facts if you want to. Here is a word bank to get you started and help with spelling.



barn swallows	mud	roof	tailorbirds	other birds
sew	thread	leaves	beaks	eagles
auks	cliff	circle	pointed	platforms
king penguins	lower belly	feet	cuckoos	years

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Going With the Flow

Most people know about air pollution, but now many people understand that water pollution is also a huge problem. Write what you would tell a friend about how water gets polluted and what we can do to stop water pollution. You can look back at the article before you start writing but do not look at the article while you are writing. Use some of these words to tell how to solve this problem.



pollution	streams	rivers	ocean
chemicals	garbage	drinking	swimming
people	plants	animals	drain

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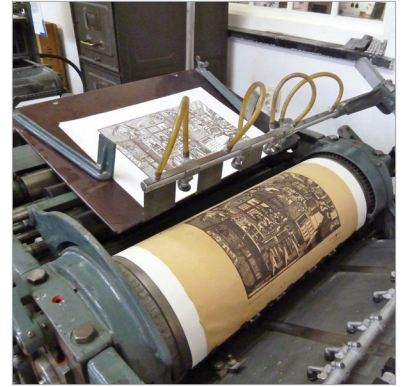
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Posters Over Time

Put all these words in the right places and complete this puzzle, which tells some things you learned about posters. You can reread the article if you want to before completing the puzzle, but don't look back at the article while you are doing the puzzle. When you complete the puzzle, read your summary to someone.



bands	billboards	buy	events	walls
movie	people	products	TV show	ways

Posters are used to advertise _____ that
 _____ can buy. Posters are also used to advertise
 _____ people can attend. _____
 use posters to make people want to come to their concerts. Posters can also make
 people want to go to see a new _____ or tune
 in to a new _____. Advertisers make money in two
 _____ when they make a poster. They make
 money when people _____ the poster. They also
 make money if their poster is shown on _____ that people
 can see when they are walking or driving past them. Many kids hang smaller posters on
 their bedroom _____.

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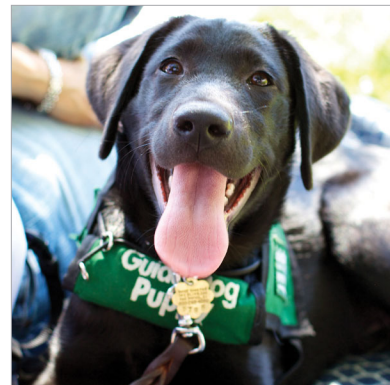
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Working Dogs

Most people know that Seeing Eye dogs can help blind people, but they don't know exactly how. Write what you would tell a friend about how Seeing Eye dogs help blind people. You can look back at the article before you start writing but do not look at the article while you are writing. Here are some words you might use.



harness	lead	stop	curb	safe	bumping
obey	command	body	travel	job	independent

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Cool Hats

Do you like hats? Most kids do, and many kids have lots of hats. Write about how hats can make you look cool and stay cool. Use some of these words.



baseball	cap	fashion	visor
sun	rays	shade	eyes
sunburn	protect	earn	summer

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Drums

Most people know that drums make different kinds of sounds, but they don't know why. Write what you would tell someone about how different drums make different sounds. Use some of these words.

vibrate	high	low	small
large	stretch	shell	covering
strings	snare	tight	loose

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Quilts

Put all these words in the right places and complete this puzzle, which tells some things you learned about quilts. You can reread the article if you want to before completing the puzzle, but don't look back at the article while you are doing the puzzle. When you complete the puzzle, read your summary to someone.



art	blankets	bees	escape	freedom
knight	other	stores	thousands	used

People have been making quilts for _____
 of years. Long ago, quilts were _____ for
 clothing. _____ wore quilted clothing under their
 armor to keep warm. When the earliest immigrants came to the United States,
 there were very few _____ where they could
 buy things. Women cut up old clothes and used them to make new clothes and
 _____. Women often got together and helped
 each _____ finish quilts. These parties were called quilting
 _____. African American slaves also made quilts. Some
 of these quilts may have helped slaves _____ by
 showing them the way to _____. Today we can
 easily buy clothes and blankets in stores. But people still enjoy quilts and see quilts as a
 form of _____.

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The Wide World of Bread

What kinds of bread do you eat? Do you have toast or muffins for breakfast? What kinds of sandwiches do you like? Do you like sandwiches that come on buns? Pita and pizza are flatbreads. Do you like them? What do you like on your pita or pizza? Here are some words you might use to write about your favorite ways to eat bread.



toast	roll	bun	sandwich
pita	pizza	cheese	jelly
butter	hamburger	hot dog	pepperoni

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The Hidden Meanings of Names

Put all these words in the right places and complete this puzzle, which tells some things you learned about state names. You can reread the article if you want to before completing the puzzle, but don't look back at the article while you are doing the puzzle. When you complete the puzzle, read your summary to someone.



canoes	Charles	George	history	queens
Louisiana	Maryland	meadow	New York	West Virginia

Many state names tell you something important about that state's

_____. Because Native Americans often traveled in boats,

Missouri may mean “people of the big _____.” Also, because

Kentucky had large fields, its name may mean _____ in Native

American languages. Many states were named after kings and _____.

Georgia was named for King _____. North and South

Carolina were named after King _____.

_____ was named after King Charles' wife, Queen

Henrietta Marie. Virginia and _____ were named

after Queen Elizabeth I, who was called the virgin queen because she never

married. _____ was named for a French king

named Louis. Some states are named for places in other countries. New Jersey and

_____ are named for places in England: Jersey and York.

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Voting Makes a Difference

Put all these words in the right places and complete this puzzle, which tells some things you learned about voting. You can reread the article if you want to before completing the puzzle, but don't look back at the article while you are doing the puzzle. When you complete the puzzle, read your summary to someone.



1860	can	citizen	democracy	people
difference	don't	eighteen	James Madison	vote

The United States government is a _____. This is a Greek word that means "rule by the _____." The people _____ for their leaders. To vote, you have to be at least _____ years old and a United States _____. Some people _____ vote because they think their vote won't make a _____. But sometimes that one vote _____ make a difference. _____ lost the presidential election by one vote in _____.

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Video Games for Work and Play

A photograph showing two individuals inside a flight simulator cockpit. One person, wearing a headset, is seated in the left seat, and another person is in the right seat. They are both looking forward at the instrument panel and the large window displaying a simulated sky and horizon. The cockpit interior is visible, including the seats, control panels, and the large front window.

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Adding Up Pennies

Put all these words in the right places and complete this puzzle, which tells some things you learned about pennies. You can reread the article if you want to before completing the puzzle, but don't look back at the article while you are doing the puzzle. When you complete the puzzle, read your summary to someone.



banks	coins	countries	make	metal
minting	more	pay	pennies	stop

Did you ever wonder where money comes from? _____

are made in a mint, so the process of making them is called _____.

Coins are made by melting _____. Once the metal is

cooled, it is cut into round pieces. Trucks take the coins to _____.

Pennies cost more to _____ than they are worth. Some countries

are not making any _____ small coins like pennies. Canada

is one of those _____. In Canada, if you were paying with

cash and you owed \$10.62, you would _____ only \$10.60. The

United States is still making _____. Do you think we should

_____ making them?

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What Makes a Wall Great?

Put all these words in the right places to complete this puzzle, which tells some things you learned about the Great Wall of China. You can reread the article if you want to before completing the puzzle, but don't look back at the article while you are doing the puzzle. When you complete the puzzle, read your summary to someone.



Beijing	brick	died	dirt	hundreds
miles	people	skeletons	stone	thirty

The Great Wall of China is twelve thousand _____ long. Some parts of it are _____ feet high. The wall took many _____ of years to build. People used local materials to build the wall including _____, _____, and _____. Many workers _____ while building it. Some people say the _____ of those who died are buried in the wall. Every year thousands of _____ visit the Great Wall. Most of these people visit the part of the wall that is near _____, the capital of China.

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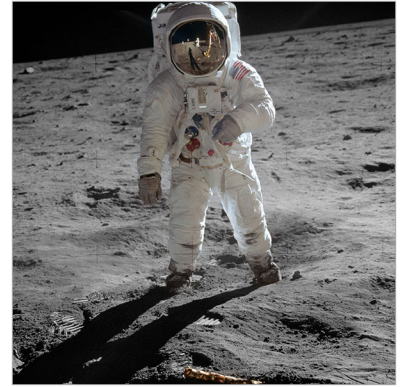
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Can People Live on the Moon?

Put all these words in the right places and complete this puzzle, which tells some things you learned about the moon. You can reread the article if you want to before completing the puzzle, but don't look back at the article while you are doing the puzzle. When you complete the puzzle, read your summary to someone.



able	air	cold	dust	Earth
experiments	move	Neil Armstrong	people	survive

The moon is very different from _____. There is no _____ on the moon. The moon's ground is covered with many feet of _____. Temperatures are both extremely hot and extremely _____. In 1969, _____ was the first man to walk on the moon. Scientists want to figure out if _____ could live on the moon some day. Because people need plants to _____, scientists are doing _____ to see if plants can live on the moon. If the plants can grow and live there, scientists think that one day people will be _____ to live there, too. How about you? Would you _____ to the moon?

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A Hero Who Gives Things Away

Cameron Payne started giving books away when a family lost everything in a house fire. He couldn't replace everything they had lost, but he could do something. What can you do to make your community—and the world—a better place? Can you organize some of your friends and clean up some part of your neighborhood? Can you be a “big buddy” and read to or spend time with a younger child? Can you help older people in your neighborhood by walking a dog or doing some chores the people cannot do? Imagine what you would like to do, and then write the article that might appear in the newspaper about what you did to be a hero.

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Taking Out the Trash—By the Ton

Put all these words in the right places and complete this puzzle, which tells some things you learned about one teen's attempt to clean the ocean. You can reread the article if you want to before completing the puzzle, but don't look back at the article while you are doing the puzzle. When you complete the puzzle, read your summary to someone.



animals	decided	trash	diving	floating
inventor	money	problems	recycled	seventeen

Boyan Slat was _____ years old. While he was _____ in the ocean in Greece, he saw lots of plastic bags. Someone has to clean this up, he thought. He _____ that cleaning up the ocean would be his job. Boylan designed a huge _____ barrier that would stay on the surface of the ocean. Fish and other _____ could swim under or around this barrier, but _____ would be trapped. Once it was trapped, people could pick it up. The plastic could be _____. The _____ earned from recycling the plastic could be used to build more floating barriers. Boyan is an _____. Inventors like Boyan can help us solve some of our biggest _____.

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