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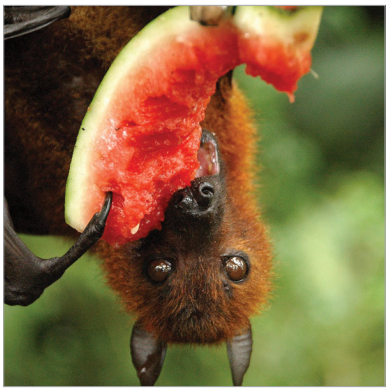
Bats



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.

claws	flying	fur	hear	milk
people	vampire	wings	worms	1,000

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.

brick	built	fairy	game	houses
lessons	pigs	teach	wolf	world

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.

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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.

carve	Native Americans	animals	heroes	birds
tall	reservations	celebrate	weigh	sing
dance	40 to 50 feet	thousands	pounds	wood

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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.

artists	biggest	boxes	different	dolls
inside	Japan	movie stars	people	rugs

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 _____.

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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.

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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.

high walls	moat	bridge	heat	fireplaces
tapestries	animal skins	rugs	Great Hall	feasts
king	queen	cooks	maids	gardeners

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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.

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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.

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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 like to put on them? What other foods do you eat with your noodles?

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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.

animals	buffalo	cans	cow	goats
grow	help	milk	need	poor

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.

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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.

congress	country	events	Great Britain	kings
need	parliament	people	power	rules

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 _____.

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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.

age	citizen	community	difference	habitats
help	pollution	time	volunteer	voting

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!

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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.

athletes	blades	cleats	cool	equipment
helmets	shoes	skates	slipping	sports

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.

African elephant	blue whale	tons	pounds	honey mushroom
Oregon	underground	miles	Pando	tree
plant	root	connected	clone	Utah

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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.

appears	cents	disease	drop	hospitals
life	money	test	16	100,000

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.

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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.

inertia	force	kick	soccer ball	move
stop	tennis ball	bowling ball	push	mass

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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.

bubble	California	crystals	found	gas
green	geodes	outside	rock	sparkles

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.

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