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Greek Mythology

Before scientists could explain why things happened in the natural world, the ancient Greeks believed that their gods had special powers. Write what you would tell a friend or family member about the special powers of the Greek gods. Here are some words you might use.



Greek myths	god	goddess	powers	Zeus	The state of the s
lightning bolts		knowledge	Apollo	sun	
Poseidon	sea	dangerous	safe	angry	
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Putting Two Words Together

The words containing the word ball described in this article are just a few of the "ball" words you might know. Here are some more words that contain ball. Pick five of these words and write how their meanings relate to the word ball.

kickball	knuckleball	beachball	sourball	gumball
paintball	dodgeball	curveball	spitball	snowball
balloon	ballgame	ballpark	basketball	softball







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Bats in Sports

This article described how bats are used in sports, including cricket, baseball, and table tennis, which is also called ping pong. Another common meaning for the word bat is an animal that has wings and flies.

Here are some words that contain the word bat. Think about the meanings of these words and decide if you think they are related to sports or the animal. If you don't think they are related to either meaning, write them in the "Not Related to



Sports or Animals" column in the chart below. When you finish, check your guesses in a dictionary.

	Sports-Related	Animal-Related	Not Related to Sports or Animals
acrobat			
batboy			
batfish			
batgirl			
bath			
Batman			
baton			
batter			
battle			
battlefield			
battleship			
batty			
batwing			
combat			
wombat			

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Moles

You are now a mole expert! Write some facts about these little underground animals that you would like to share with a friend or family member. Here are some words you might use.

mound	dirt	fur	6 inches	6 ounces
nests	underground	burrow	feet	claws
shovel	forwards	backwards	tunnels	earthworms









season in the Arctic, the sun does not

Midnight Sun and Northern Lights

In the

Write all these words in the right places to complete this puzzle, which tells some things you learned about the Arctic and the North Pole. 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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black	midnight	people	polar bears	skin
summer	warm	winter	zero	32

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set. It is light outside even at	Summer temperatures
get up to	_ degrees. This would be very cold in the res
of the world, but in the Arctic, people think	it's quite!
In contrast, the sun does not shine in	n the Arctic during the
months. The temperature stays below	degrees. Most
people don't like these freezing temperatur	res, but
love them. Polar bears' fur is white, but the	9
underneath their fur is	Their black skin absorbs
the sun's light and keeps polar bears warn	n. The extreme cold is one reason few
live in the	he Arctic.



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Young Inventors: Chester Greenwood

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Write all these words in the right places to complete this puzzle, which tells some things you learned about Chester Greenwood. 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.



protectors? Far protectors can protect your

cold	ear	fur	hurt	itch
invented	loud	Maine	scarf	150

protoctoro: Ear protoctoro dan protoct your
ears from noises. The first ear protectors, though,
were designed to help protect people's ears from the
Chester Greenwood lived in the state of
where winters are very cold. Chester liked to ice skate, but the cold made his ears
First, he tried to keep his ears warm by wrapping a
around his head. That didn't work because the woo
in the scarf made his ears
Next, he took two loops of wire and asked his grandmother to sew cloth and
over the loops. In this way, he
the first ear warmers. The ear warmers we use today are based on the ones Chester
invented more than years ago!



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Red Alert! The British are Coming

Write all these words in the right places to complete this puzzle, which tells some things you learned about the British army and their uniforms. 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.

British	coats	guns	independence	red
shot	smoke	soldiers	surroundings	uniforms



Many years ago, America was	ruled by Great Britain. Then America fought a
war with Great Britain to gain its	Because it was a
new army, many American	did not have uniforms.
The British soldiers, however, wore _	that were bright
.	
In those days, soldiers used	called muskets,
which made black	when they were fired. This smoke
made it hard for the soldiers to see o	ne another. Their bright red coats, though, helped
keep the British soldiers from being _	accidentally.
When rifles were invented, gun	s no longer made black smoke, so red coats made
the	_ soldiers easier for the enemy to see. Today, the
British army wears tan	Their tan color helps the
British soldiers blend into their	



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On Guard! Junior Lifeguards

Imagine that you have the chance to be a junior lifeguard. Write a letter to your mom or dad that will persuade them to let you join the program. Tell them all the valuable things you would learn. Here are some words you might use to persuade them.

water	safety	swimming	rip currents	ocean
pool	lake	seaweed	life-saving	first aid
CPR	kayaking	sailing	surfing	lifeguard job









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The Colors of English

Most people have a favorite color. What is your favorite color? Write about that color. Which shade of that color do you like best? Is the color related to a sports team you like? What clothes do you wear that are your favorite color? Do you eat any foods that are that color? Share your favorite color with a friends or family members and ask them what their favorite colors are and why they like that color.









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Beavers and the Environment

Write all these words in the right places to complete this puzzle, which tells some things you learned about beavers and dams. 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.



behind	dams	growing	live	removed
riverbanks	slowly	teeth	trees	trouble

Most people know that beav	ers use	to build
	But were you surpris	sed to learn that beavers actually
cut down trees with their		, and that these teeth keep
	as long as they live?	
Pools of water form		the dams the beavers
build. Baby salmon and other fish	can live and grow in t	hese pools because the water
in there moves	The	slow-moving water also protects
	from erosion.	
Beaver dams can be helpful	to the environment ar	nd to animals, but they can also
cause	when the wate	er behind a dam creates floods.
In cases like these, the dams can	be	Then both
animals and people can be safe a	nd have places to	
and grow.		



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Stained Glass: Painting with Sunlight

Write all these words in the right places to complete this puzzle, which tells some things you learned about stained glass. 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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church	colors	cut	light	objects
sand	shape	stories	temperature	together

Stained class is an art form that uses the sun's

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to make pictures. Stained glass can often be seen	in the windows of
, where people g	go to pray. Sometimes, the pictures in
these windows tell	about that church's religion.
The glass in stained glass is made from	The sand
which is heated to a very high	, turns into a liquid.
Minerals, oxides, and other ingredients are then ac	lded to the liquid to create many
different	
To make stained glass, artists first draw a pic	cture to show the
and color of each piece. Next, they	the glass into
different shapes. Finally, they put these pieces into	a frame that holds them
Today, stained	glass can be made more easily and
safely, so many people have stained glass	in their
homes.	



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Stringing Along

Do you have a favorite instrument? Do you play an instrument? If you could play any instrument, what would it be? Write about the instrument you play or would like to play. Tell why you think this is the best instrument.



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Write a Letter to Congress

What problems are you most concerned about? Are there things at your school that you don't think are fair or that need to be changed? Are there problems in your neighborhood? Perhaps you are concerned about something that is happening in your state or in the country.



Write a letter to a person who can change or fix the problem. It could be the principal of your school, the mayor of your city or town, the governor of your state, the United States

why it is a serious problem. Include any ideas you have for how the problem could be solved. Ask the person to write back to you. Who knows? You might get a letter back and people might start working to solve the problem!



Staying Safe in Sports

Do you play or watch a sport? Pick a sport that interests you, then write how the players stay safe in that sport. What kind of protective gear do they wear? What are the rules that help them stay safe? You can pick one of the sports described in this article or another one that you enjoy.









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Kites: Dancers in the Wind

Write all these words in the right places to complete this puzzle, which tells some things you learned about kites. 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.



cloth	invented	kite	lift	run
silk	sticks	string	trees	windy

wer	e invented in China more than 2,000 years
ago. The first kites were made of	, a light, soft fabric.
After paper was	, people used it to make their kites.
Today, most kites are made of paper o	r
are used to hold	their shape, and
help people hold onto them.	
It is best to fly a kite in a large, open ar	rea. Stay away from
and power lines, which a kite can get caught	on. Hold the kite's string and
fast. The	kite will
up when it catches the wind. A	day is a great day to
fly a kite!	



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Grip and Glide with Friction

Write all these words in the right places to complete this puzzle, which tells some things you learned about friction. 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.



brakes	cause	faster	friction	less
move	slow	stop	swimming	wind

Friction is caused when two ob	ojects	against one
another. If you roll a ball on a basket	ball court, for example,	it rolls
than it would if you rolled it on grass.	. That's because the gr	ass has a rough texture that
creates	with the ball. The ba	asketball court is smooth, so
it creates	friction.	
Friction helps you to		_ your bike. When you put
on the	, they rub against	the wheel and create friction
which slows your bike down.		
Too much friction, though, can		problems. If you
ride your bike on sand, for example,	the sand's rough edge:	s will
you down.		
Air and water also cause friction	on. If you throw a ball in	to the,
it can slow the ball down by blowing	against it. Water can p	ush against you and slow
you down when you are		



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From Grease to Gold

Write all these words in the right places to complete this puzzle, which tells some things you learned about how Cassandra Lin and her friends became young heroes. 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.



clog	cold	fuel	heat	needed
problem	recycled	restaurants	Rhode Island	solve

Cassandra Lin lives in the state of	Winters
in Rhode Island are very	Some people who live
there do not have enough money to buy fuel to	
their homes. When Cassandra learned about this,	she looked for a way to solve this
She went to the Rhode Island Green Expo a	nd learned that cooking oil could
be into a clean l	ourning fuel. Then Cassandra and
her friends asked	_, which use a lot of oil to cook, to
give their used oil to a "Turn Grease into Fuel" proje	ect. The used oil was then recycled
and turned into	The fuel was given to people who
it to heat their he	omes.
Recycling cooking oil also helped	
another problem. Because less oil was being throw	n away, there was less oil to
up the city sewe	er pipes.







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Origami: Get Into the Fold

People in Japan have been folding paper to make objects for thousands of years. Why not try it yourself? Here are the directions for making a sailboat. If you liked creating this boat, have an adult help you look in books or search the Internet for lots more things you can make.



- 1. Fold a piece of square paper in half to make a triangle. Cut the paper in half along this crease.
- 2. With one of the triangles, fold it in half to form a smaller triangle.
- 3. Unfold so that you get the larger triangle again.
- With the long side of the triangle closest to you, fold the top corner downwards to meet the bottom edge of the triangle.
- 5. Take the corners on the right and left. Fold them upwards so that the two bottom corners meet together in the middle. You should have a diamond now.
- 6. Fold the bottom corner of the diamond up to the center.
- 7. Turn it over. Now you have a sailboat.



