

Grammar in Writing

A **compound sentence** is made up of two shorter sentences joined by a comma and **and**, **but**, or **or**.

Underline each compound sentence.

1. For his birthday, Tommy got a new puppy!
2. My little sister loved the movie, but I didn't like it at all.
3. The Math test is today, but I forgot my calculator!

Write a compound sentence by combining the two shorter sentences.

4. Eat breakfast. Do not eat sugary cereal.

_____ but _____

5. Olivia bought a doll. It is very pretty.

_____ and _____

Sentences with Different Lengths

Make long sentences by joining two short sentences with an **and**.

1. Mark bought a new basketball. He shot hoops all afternoon.
2. Greg found a dollar bill. He bought an ice cream.
3. Michelle went to camp. She made a new friend.
4. Mom made dinner. I washed the dishes.
5. Dad and I played cards. I won!
6. Livy went to the beach. She got a sunburn!
7. Roses are red. Violets are blue.
8. The mountains are tall. They are covered with snow.
9. Go to bed early. Get up early.
10. Sushi is yucky. So are Brussels sprouts.
11. Pancakes are delicious. Bacon is tasty, too!
12. Today I went to school. I took a test.

Sentences with Different Lengths

Make long sentences by joining two short sentences with an **or**.

1. You can have a bike. You can have a dog.
2. Mom could go to the store. She could send dad.
3. Mr. Brown may retire. He may teach another year.
4. You can stay up late. You can go to the beach tomorrow.
5. Humans are alone. Aliens live on other planets.
6. The sun is rising. The sun is setting.
7. Samantha is sick today. She is on vacation.
8. Pete will eat a hamburger. He will eat a steak.
9. The moon is getting bigger. It is shrinking.
10. Dad is at work. He is taking a nap.
11. Candy is sweet. It is sour.
12. Cut the grass. Rake the leaves.

Sentences with Different Lengths

Make long sentences by joining two short sentences with a **but**.

1. Ben wanted to go to the movies. He did not have enough money.
2. Paul studied for the test. He still made a bad grade.
3. Brianna learned to swim. She was afraid of the ocean.
4. Carsen loved to paint. She did not have a brush.
5. Mom eats broccoli. She does not like it.
6. A tomato is a fruit. It tastes like a vegetable!
7. I want to go to France. I do not speak French.
8. John wanted to ride a train. There were not any in his town.
9. Sleep is important. Staying up late is fun!
10. Cake is tasty. You might get sick if you eat too much.
11. Mina broke the jar. She fixed it with glue.
12. Dad rented a movie. We did not like the movie.

Sentences with Different Lengths

Make long sentences by joining two short sentences with an **and**.

1. Carrots are orange. So are oranges.
2. Ireland is a small country. Jamaica is, too.
3. This book has great pictures. It has an awesome story.
4. The house was warm. The bed was comfy.
5. The morning was warm. The sunrise was beautiful.
6. My cat loves to play. He eats a lot!
7. The sky is blue. The clouds are white.
8. My teacher is pretty. She cares about me.
9. We went to the movies. We ate hamburgers.
10. The birds fly south in the winter. They fly north in the summer.
11. Bugs are gross. They bite me!
12. The flowers bloom. I start to sneeze.

Sentences with Different Lengths

Make long sentences by joining two short sentences with an **or**.

1. I will go out to eat. I will make dinner at home.
2. Sally did her homework. She watched television.
3. A chair is comfortable. It is too hard.
4. Wendy slept in today. She already left home.
5. Plane rides are fun. They are a little scary.
6. Apples are sweet. They are sour.
7. Stay home. Go to school.
8. Are you coming over? Should I come to your house?
9. Did you read the book? Should I tell you about it?
10. You will study. You will not do well on the test.
11. You will know the answer. You will get the question wrong.
12. To go camp. Get a job.

Kinds of Sentences

Combine the two shorter sentences to write a compound sentence.

1. Did I miss the show? Did you record it? **(or)**
2. Jack loves peanuts. He is allergic to them. **(but)**
3. Planes are big. They fly very fast. **(and)**
4. Jim forgot his glasses. He is wearing contact lenses. **(or)**
5. Julie got a dollhouse. She does not have any dolls. **(but)**
6. Mom made dinner. I helped! **(and)**
7. Go watch TV. Read a book. **(or)**
8. School is fun. Sometimes it is tough. **(but)**
9. I got a summer job. I can not wait to start! **(and)**
10. Should I go to the beach? Should I clean my room? **(or)**
11. Carla loves apples. She hates oranges. **(but)**
12. It is hot today. It is humid, too. **(and)**

Kinds of Sentences

Combine the two shorter sentences to write a compound sentence.

1. Molly could buy a candy bar. She could buy an ice cream cone. **(or)**
2. Holly wanted to play in the snow. It was too cold outside. **(but)**
3. We got a pizza last night. It was delicious! **(and)**
4. We can watch a TV show. You can select a movie. **(or)**
5. Sally bought hot dogs. She forgot the buns! **(but)**
6. I studied really hard. I made an A on the test! **(and)**
7. Devin forgot his backpack. He wanted to leave it here. **(or)**
8. Some vegetables taste good. Others taste bad. **(but)**
9. I saw a shooting star. It made me smile. **(and)**
10. My uncle is a doctor. Maybe he is a lawyer. **(or)**
11. I want to jump rope. I do not have a jump rope. **(but)**
12. Video games are fun. I play them all day Saturday. **(and)**

Keywords

A COMPOUND WORD is a word that's make up of two words stuck together, like *treehouse* or *skateboard* or *dogsled*.

Read the paragraph. The words in **bold** are your keywords.

Today was moving day. Even before we left the old house, I felt **homesick**. Dad said the new house was better. After driving many hours, we arrived at our new house. I was **spellbound** because the house was so beautiful. I didn't touch anything inside because my dirty **fingerprints** would ruin everything. It was fun exploring all the new **hallways**. My new **bedroom** is huge, and I get my own **bathtub**, too! In the back yard there is a **flowerbed** for Mom, and a new **lawnmower** for dad. Dad got a **backache** carrying boxes, but he still had time to put together my bed. All he needed was a **screwdriver**. At **sunset** I got a key to my new house. Right away I put it on my **keychain** so I would never lose it.

FILL IN the blanks with the **bold** words in alphabetical order.

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| 1. _____ | 7. _____ |
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Add It Up

ADD UP the smaller words to make compound words. SPLIT the new words into syllables. FILL IN the blanks, using to dots to mark the breaks.

1. Home + Sick = _____
2. Spell + Bound = _____
3. Finger + Prints = _____
4. Hall + Way = _____
5. Bed + Room = _____
6. Bath + Tub = _____
7. Flower + Bed = _____
8. Lawn + Mower = _____
9. Back + Ache = _____
10. Screw + Driver = _____
11. Sun + Set = _____
12. Key+ Chain = _____

Blank Out!

FILL IN the blanks with the keywords.

1. You are _____ when you feel *sick*, or *sad*, because you miss your *home*.
2. A _____ person who likes something so much it is as if they were *bound*, or *trapped*, by a magical *spell*.
3. When you press your *finger* against something, it makes a small *print* called a _____.
4. Every house has a _____, a *hall* that leads the way into different rooms.
5. You sleep in a _____, the *room* in your house that has a *bed*.
6. A _____ is a big *tub* of water where you take a *bath*.
7. When you buy a pretty *flower*, you can plant it in a _____, a *bed* of dirt where flowers live.
8. A *mower* that cuts your *lawn* is called a _____.
9. You have a _____ when you feel an *ache* in your *back*.
10. A _____ is a type of *driver* that only works with a *screw*.
11. At night, _____ is when the *sun* will sink, or *set*, in the west.
12. A _____ is where you keep your house *key*. It is usually a metal *chain* or ring.

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Last **weekend** I went to a fancy restaurant for the first time. It was my mom's **birthday**, so I had to wear a nice dress. Dad wore a suit. We drove **downtown**, and a nice man parked Dad's car for him. Inside it was beautiful! The candles on every table sparkled like **gemstones**. The waiter brought me water and **breadsticks** to snack on before dinner. Though a little window I could see all the chefs cooking. There was a huge **dishwasher** behind them. In the bathroom they had a real **washcloth** instead of paper towels. Dinner was so good! Dad had to send back his steak because it was **undercooked**. For dessert I got a special ice cream dish that looked like a **rainbow**. **Jellybeans** and **popcorn** stuck out of the ice cream. Mom looked a little sick when we left, but she said it was just **heartburn**.

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1. Week + End = _____
2. Birth + Day = _____
3. Down + Town = _____
4. Gem + Stones = _____
5. Bread + Sticks = _____
6. Dish + Washer = _____
7. Wash + Cloth = _____
8. Under + Cooked = _____
9. Rain + Bow = _____
10. Jelly + Beans = _____
11. Pop + Corn = _____
12. Heart + Burn = _____

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Blank Out!

FILL IN the blanks with the keywords.

1. The _____ is Saturday and Sunday, the *end* of the week.
2. The *day* of your *birth* is your _____.
3. _____ is a part of *town* that is *down*, or close, to the town's center.
4. _____ are *stones* that are made from a sparkling *gem*.
5. _____ are long *sticks* made out of *bread*.
6. Your dirty *dish* goes in the _____, a special kind of *washer*.
7. In the bathroom, use a _____ in your shower to *wash* your body. You can also use the *cloth* to dry your hands.
8. Check that your meat is not _____ after you have cooked it. That's when the temperature of the meat is *under* what it should be.
9. After the *rain*, a *bow* of light appears in the sky. That's a _____!
10. _____ are a sweet *jelly* that's in the shape of *beans*.
11. You make _____ by heating up *corn* kernels. You know it is working when the kernels go 'pop!'
12. When you eat spicy food, it sometimes feels like your *heart* hurts like a bad *burn*. That's _____.



Writing Compound Sentences

Write a compound sentence by combining each pair of shorter sentences.

1. Practice is today. Maybe it is tomorrow. **(or)**
2. I made my bed. I washed the car. **(and)**
3. I am sick. My mom feels fine. **(but)**
4. Bill has brown hair. He has black hair. **(or)**
5. The fair is tomorrow. I have a ticket! **(and)**
6. I like the ocean. I am scared of sharks **(but)**
7. Do you like apples? Do you like oranges? **(or)**
8. I walked five miles. My feet hurt. **(and)**
9. This ring is beautiful. It is not expensive. **(but)**
10. Find a movie. Let me choose one. **(or)**
11. The car is blue. It has a big engine. **(and)**
12. Maxine went the park. She forgot her bike.
(but)

Writing Compound Sentences

Write a compound sentence by combining each pair of shorter sentences.

1. Are you coming? Can I start eating? **(or)**
2. Wash your clothes. Clean your bedroom. **(and)**
3. Go to the store. Do not buy candy. **(but)**
4. Eat bacon. Eat eggs. **(or)**
5. Go somewhere beautiful. Take a picture. **(and)**
6. Enjoy sunny days. Do not look at the sun. **(but)**
7. Read a story. Write a story. **(or)**
8. The ocean is blue. It is beautiful. **(and)**
9. It is a nice day. I forgot my sunglasses. **(but)**
10. This is chicken. It is pork. **(or)**
11. Here is your mail. Have a nice day. **(and)**
12. Go have fun. Be careful. **(but)**

Writing Compound Sentences

Write a compound sentence by combining each pair of shorter sentences.

1. Have a hamburger. Have a hotdog. **(or)**
2. I went to the arcade. I had fun. **(and)**
3. The vegetable looked weird. It was tasty. **(but)**
4. Open the window. Turn on a fan. **(or)**
5. The Moon is white. It looks small. **(and)**
6. I feel sick. I don't have a fever. **(but)**
7. Put on your glasses. Sit at the front. **(or)**
8. The sun rose. I took a picture. **(and)**
9. It is a nice day. You need a jacket. **(but)**
10. Smile for the camera. I will not take a picture.
(or)
11. The car is red. It goes so fast! **(and)**
12. The dog is small. It barks loudly. **(but)**

Writing Compound Sentences

Write a compound sentence by combining each pair of shorter sentences.

1. Help me make a sign. Make your own. **(or)**
2. The computer is new. It is shiny. **(and)**
3. Dinner is good. Do not eat too much. **(but)**
4. Write a note. Send an E-mail. **(or)**
5. Whales are big. They are gray. **(and)**
6. Dolphins swim. They are mammals. **(but)**
7. Find the missing piece. Buy a new puzzle. **(or)**
8. Go to the mall. Buy new pants. **(and)**
9. Sally is small. She is smart. **(but)**
10. Play with family. Play with friends. **(or)**
11. I swam in the ocean. I saw a fish. **(and)**
12. I rode in a car. I did not drive. **(but)**

Compound Sentences

Draw a line under the correct compound sentence in each pair.

1. Sam rode his bicycle, and we drove. Sam rode his bicycle and we drove.
2. Can you read it, or should I read it to you? Can you read it, or should I read it to you.
3. Work quickly but do your best. Work quickly, but do your best.
4. I had my textbook, but I lost it. I had my textbook, but I lost it?
5. The pond is pretty, but the water is cold. The pond is pretty but the water is cold?
6. I cleaned my garage, and I found a guitar. I cleaned my garage and I found a guitar.

Write the correct end mark to finish each compound sentence.

7. Stay here, and wait for Mom to get back_____
8. Is your dad here, or should I call him_____
9. I read the instructions, but what do I do_____
10. I want to start my homework, but where is my workbook_____
11. The sun rose on Saturday, and I took a hike____
12. Choose a partner, or I will give you one_____

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Spiral Review

Draw a line under each command.

1. Look out!
2. I looked over there.
3. Go see if dinner is ready.
4. I could not go to the zoo.
5. Find my hat, please.
6. I couldn't find your hat.

Add words to each command to make a compound sentence.

7. Be nice.
8. Go to school.
9. Study every night.
10. Love your parents.
11. Have fun!
12. Don't stay up too late.



Mind Maps

Read this article, and then MAP it!

The Hawaiian Islands

Hawaii is much more than surfing and hula dancing. Learn about what it's like to live on Hawaii's three largest islands!

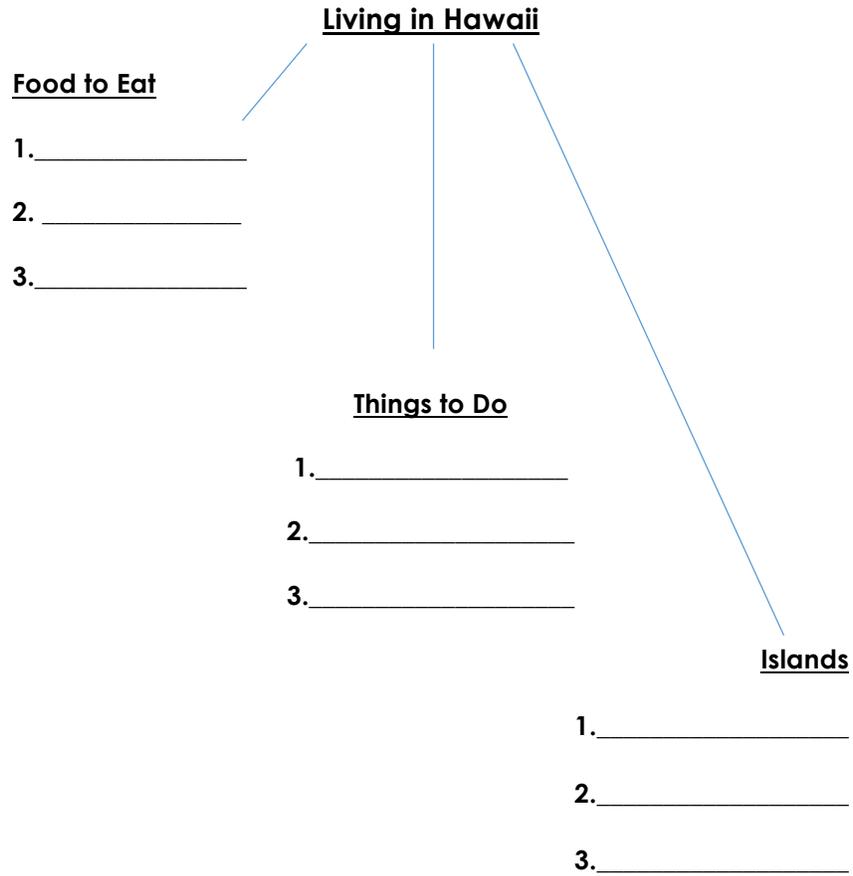
Hawai'i is the largest island in Hawaii, and the largest island in the United States. On Hawai'i there are three active volcanoes. Though dangerous, the volcanoes' lava makes the island a little bigger each day. Farmers on Hawai'i grow very delicious coffee and sugar. Fresh fish is for sale every day, too.

Maui is just north of Hawai'i. Maui has volcanoes, too, but they no longer erupt. It rains every day on Maui. Some showers last for hours, while others are just a few seconds long. Maui is famous for its pineapples and sugar. Snorkeling and surfing are very popular in Maui.

Oahu is the island where most people in Hawaii live. Like Maui, its volcanoes no longer erupt. Honolulu is the island's largest city. In Oahu is Waimea Valley, one of the most beautiful places in the Hawaiian Islands. Waimea Valley has many important historical sites and beautiful waterfalls.

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Now, fill in the blanks for the article you just read.



Mind Maps

Read this article, and then MAP it!

What Is in Space?

Besides Earth, what other stuff is floating in space? It turns out a lot!

First there is the Solar System. Earth is one of eight planets orbiting the Sun. Earth is the third closest planet to the Sun. The closest planet to the sun is Mercury, while the farthest away is Neptune. The largest planet is Jupiter. It is so big 1,000 Earths could fit inside. Scientists believe there is a 9th planet very far away.

The Sun is the most important part of the Solar System. Besides keeping the planets in orbit, the Sun makes light. Without the Sun's light nothing could live on Earth. Though the Sun is small in the sky, it's the largest thing in the Solar System. 1,000,000 Earths could fit inside the Sun.

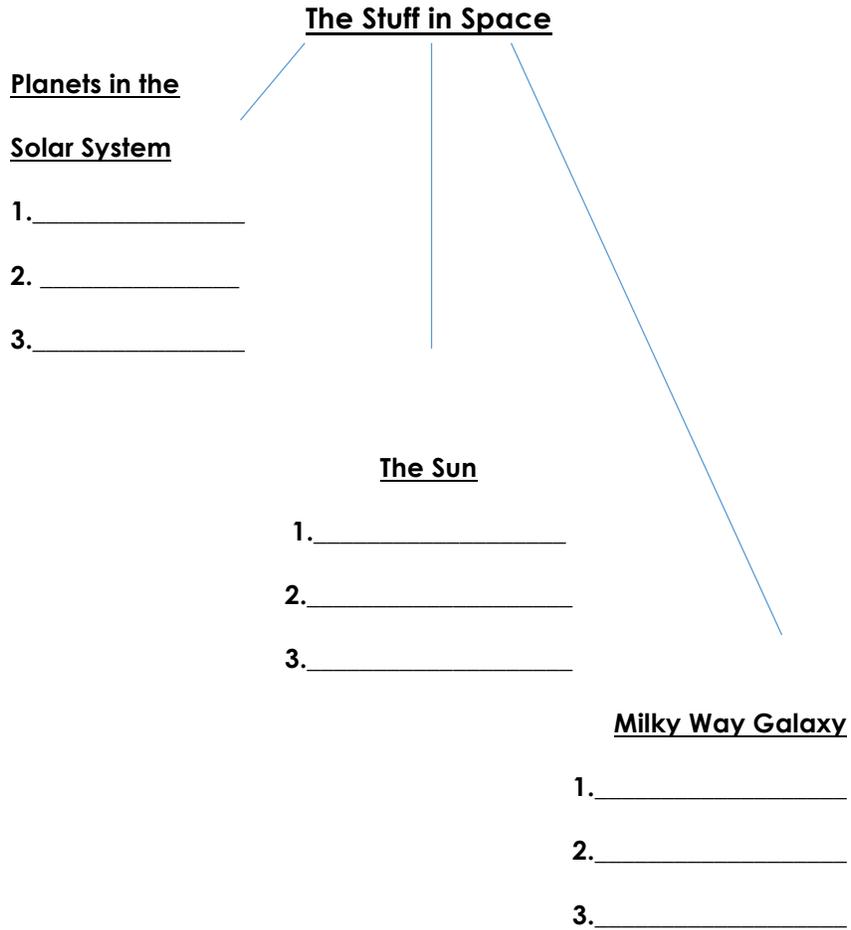
Beyond our Solar System are other stars like our Sun. Some stars are much bigger than our Sun, while a few are smaller. All of these stars and our Sun are part of the Milky Way galaxy. The Milky way is shaped like a Frisbee. It would take 100,000 years for light to travel from one side of our galaxy to the other, and light goes faster than anything else!

There are many other galaxies besides the Milky Way. There are so many galaxies that scientists haven't found them all. They believe that the number of galaxies is the same as the number of people who have ever lived. Can you imagine that?

What comes after all the galaxies? We don't know. Maybe you will be the person who finds out.



Now, fill in the blanks for the article you just read.



Mind Maps

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Japan

What's it like to grow up in Japan? Could you do it? Let's find out.

Just like American children, Japanese children go to school five days a week. Most elementary school children walk to school. Because Japan is a very safe country, children as young as six ride the train to school all by themselves. At lunch most students eat rice. At Japanese schools there are no janitors, so the students clean up their school at the end of each day.

Japanese food is very different from American food. For example, sushi is Japan's most famous food. Sushi is made with raw fish and rice. There are many different types of sushi. A good chef can make sushi look very beautiful.

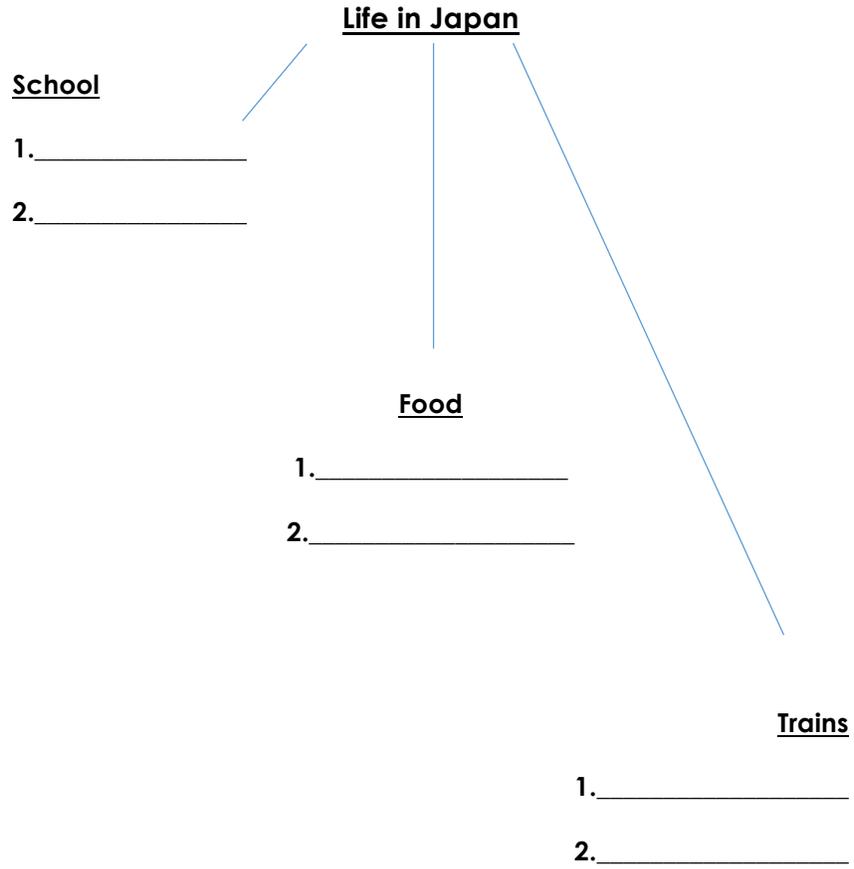
For fun Japanese people do many of the same things Americans do. Japan has movie theatres and video game arcades. Young people go shopping on the weekends. One special thing Japanese people do in the spring is cherry blossom viewing. When the cherry blossoms bloom all over the country, families picnic under the beautiful trees.

Another special Japanese tradition is Golden Week. In May each year, three holidays happen in the same week. Most people go on vacation with their families during Golden Week. Many Japanese travel to see their grandparents who live in the countryside. To make this journey they take trains. In Japan, the bullet train is the fastest way to get around. It can go twice as fast as a car on the freeway!



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Abraham Lincoln, The 16th President

Abraham Lincoln was America's 16th president. He was president from 1861 to 1865. Come learn about the life of this inspiring man!

Lincoln was born in Kentucky in 1809. As a young man he lived in Indiana and Illinois. He chopped wood to make a living. At the age of 21 Lincoln worked on a steamboat traveling on the Mississippi River. In New Orleans, Louisiana, Lincoln saw slavery for the first time. He did not like it.

In 1840 Lincoln married Mary Todd, who would be his wife for the rest of his life. Together they had four children, all boys. To support his family Lincoln became a lawyer and then politician.

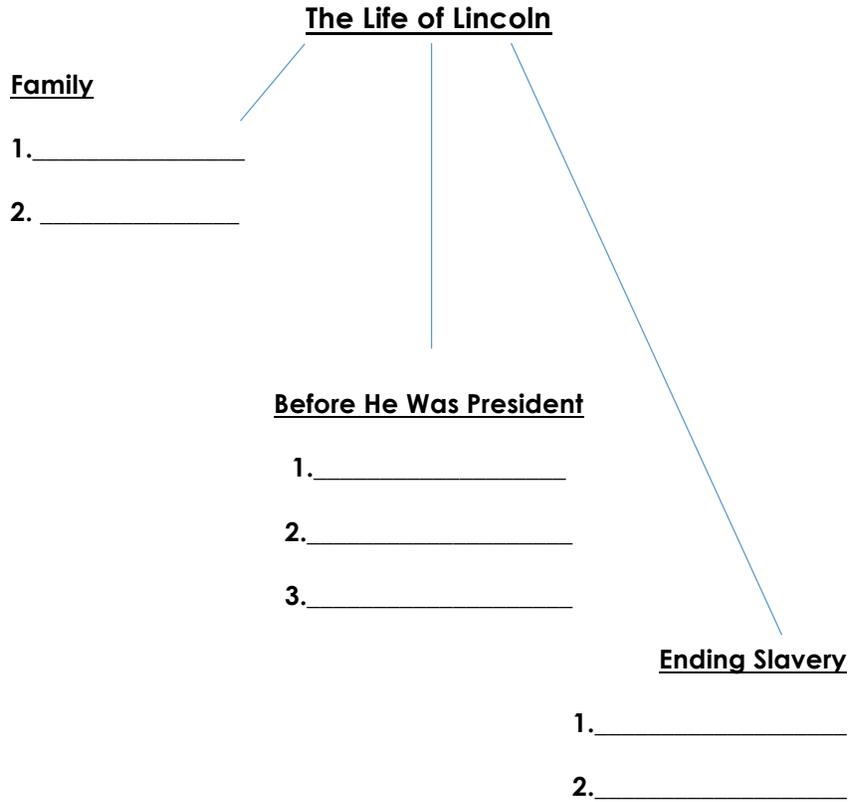
In 1860 Lincoln won the election to become the 16th American president. In 1861 the Civil War began when states that had slaves wanted to make their own country, the Confederacy. Over the next four years Lincoln led the U.S. to victory.

One of Lincoln's most important actions as president was the Emancipation Proclamation. This document freed the slaves in the Confederacy. Later on, in 1865, Lincoln helped pass the 13th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution. The 13th Amendment stopped slavery in all states forever. One other important thing Lincoln did was pass a law to create the first railroad across the entire country.



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Farm to Grocery Store

Do you ever wonder how all the food at the grocery store gets there? It takes a lot of people and a lot of work.

Just about every kind of food at the grocery store starts on a farm. In the United States, every state has farms to grow food. Florida grows lot of oranges because oranges do not like the cold. California grows more lettuce than any other state.

Even the meat you eat comes from a farm. Pigs, cows, and chicken eat lots of grain and wheat so they can taste good for you!

Even bags of potato chips couldn't exist without farms! Most potatoes are grown in Idaho. Because potatoes grow underground, special machines pick out the potatoes at harvest time.

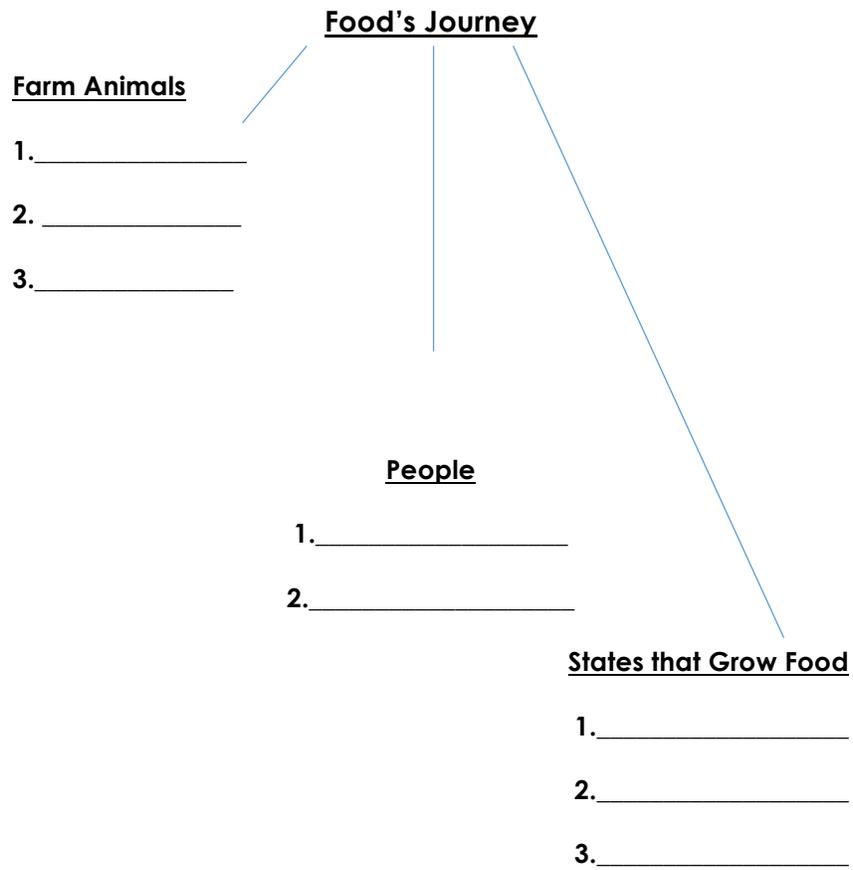
When farmers harvest food, a lot of people help out. Some food, like grapes, are picked by hand. After harvest, all the food is washed, and any rotten food is fed to farm animals.

Many fruits and vegetables you see in the grocery store come right from the farm. Other foods, though, are made into a lot of different things. For example, every can of soup is made at factories where big machines cook all the vegetables and meat. At these factories have machines that put the soup into cans.

When food arrives at the grocery store, the people who work there put it all on the shelves. This happens at night, so you might have never seen it.

Now, fill in the blanks for the article you just read.





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Read this article, and then MAP it!

Where Are You From?

If I asked you where you were from, I bet you could tell me where you live. Maybe you know where your grandparents live, too. But do you know where your family started, or why you have your last name? The answer to these questions is an amazing story.

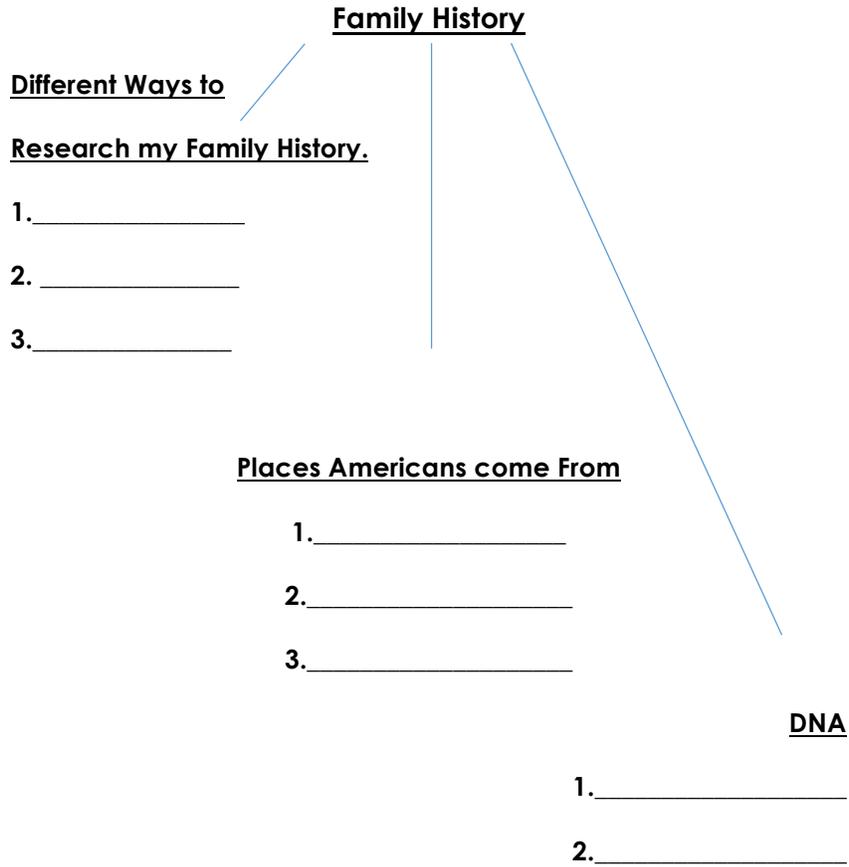
Your last name says a lot about where your family lived a long time ago. Most last names in America come from Europe because that's where people's grand parents and great-grand parents lived. Besides Europe, many family names come from Central America and South America. Ask your mom and dad about your family name to learn more about it.

Another way to know where your family is from is through the food your family eats. Does your mom, dad, or grandparents make a special kind of food that they learned when they were a child? If the answer is yes, that recipe probably came from where your family lived a long time ago. Cookbooks have information about where recipes come from, so check them out.

It's never fun to cut your finger, but the blood that comes out can tell you everything about your family history. In everyone's blood is a special code called DNA. If a scientist read your DNA, he or she could tell you a great story about your family's past. Also, you would know forever exactly where you came from!

EG 16s

Now, fill in the blanks for the article you just read.



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Read this article, and then MAP it!

The Truth About Coffee

Adults all around the world drink coffee. Your parents probably use a coffee pot each morning to make their own. There are coffee shops on every corner. Why is coffee so popular? Let's find out.

The coffee bean is actually a seed grown from a tree. Besides Hawaii, coffee is not grown in the United States. Most coffee trees grow in the rainforest where it is always hot and wet. Workers pick the beans and dry them. The beans your parents use were roasted in an oven. That's why they have a dark color.

There are all sorts of ways people enjoy coffee! The most popular is normal coffee. Because some people don't like the taste, they put cream and sugar in their coffee. Other coffee drinks have whipped cream. People even eat coffee beans dipped in chocolate!

Besides a coffee pot, there are other ways to make coffee. In Europe, many people use a French Press, a special machine, to make tasty coffee at home.

But why do people drink coffee, even if they do not like the taste? The answer is that there is something in coffee called caffeine. Caffeine helps people wake up in the morning. If they are doing work and feel tired, a cup of coffee will make them feel better.

Though you might have already tried coffee, it is best to wait until you are older until you start to drink it. Too much coffee can make people feel bad. Also children have a lot of energy, so you do not need any coffee right now.

Now, fill in the blanks for the article you just read.

All About Coffee

Growing Coffee

1. _____

2. _____

Where Coffee Comes From

1. _____

2. _____

Why Coffee Is Popular

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

Mind Maps

Read this article, and then MAP it!

Summer Vacation

Every child looks forward to summer vacation. No matter what your plans for summer are, here are a few tips to have a great time!

Worried about missing out on summer fun? Don't be! If you make a list of all the fun things you want to do this summer, you won't forget a thing. When you do something, check it off on the list. At the end of summer, you will be able to see all the fun you had.

Being stuck inside on a rainy day during summer vacation is no fun, but even at home you can have lots of cool stuff. See if your family has any board games or dominos. Even a deck of cards can bring hours of fun. Learn a few card games to make the rainy days fly by.

A family vacation is great for having an adventure. No matter where you are going, read a little about the place before you leave. Knowing a lot about your destination will make your vacation even better. Also, you will already know about the cool activities you and your family can do. You will be like a tour guide for your mom and dad. Don't forget to buy souvenirs for your friends back home!

Make sure to not let your brain turn off during summer vacation. Was Math or another subject really hard last year? If so, make sure to study the week or two before school starts. This will help your new school year start great!

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Now, fill in the blanks for the article you just read.

Staying Active During Summer

Things to Learn

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

Things to Do

1. _____

2. _____

Games to Play

1. _____

2. _____



Mind Maps

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America

America is a big country. Only Russia and China are bigger than America. America has fifty states. Forty-eight states touch each other. Alaska is by itself way up north, while Hawaii is in the middle of the Pacific Ocean. Though they are far away, these states are part of America, too.

Alaska is the largest state. Alaska also has America's tallest mountain, Denali. Alaska is home to wild bears and moose. These animals are dangerous, so young people in Alaska are taught to respect them. Seafood is very popular in Alaska because most of the state touches the ocean. Also, many people in Alaska are Native Americans. Though they speak English, their first language is Inuit.

Rhode Island is the smallest state. It takes only an hour to drive across it! Rhode Island has no mountains. The Rhode Island Red Chicken and Hard Clam are two animals that represent the state.

America is known for its many large cities. New York City is the largest. Over ten million people live there! In New York City you can buy a delicious slice of pizza. Charleston, South Carolina, is known for having delicious barbeque pork.

Many Americans speak Spanish. This is because many Americans are immigrants or the children of immigrants. Though they live in America, speaking Spanish connects these people to their families in Mexico or South America.

Now, fill in the blanks for the article you just read.

What's It's Like In America

Countries Bigger

Than America

1. _____

2. _____

Famous American Foods

1. _____

2. _____

Languages spoken in America

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

Mind Maps

Read this article, and then MAP it!

The Ground Shakes!

Have you ever felt an earthquake? I bet it was a little scary. Yet why do earthquakes happen, and how can we stay safe during one? Let us find out together!

The ground you stand on may seem solid, but it is actually made up of big pieces of rock! These pieces are called tectonic plates. There are twelve of them covering the Earth, and they are always rubbing up against one another.

Sometimes a plate will move a lot at once against another plate. That movement causes an earthquake where two of the two plates touch.

A lot of places around the world have earthquakes. Alaska has the most earthquakes in America, while Florida has the fewest. The most powerful earthquake ever happened in Chile, which is a country in South America.

If you went to a country that has a lot of earthquakes, you may never feel one. Yet buildings in these countries are built extra strong in case one happens. For example, houses in Japan are made to sway back and forth rather than fall down. These special houses have saved many lives. Even in Japan, people hide under tables and doorways when an earthquake happens.

There are a lot of ways to protect your home from earthquakes. First, keep your prized possessions close to the ground. If an earthquake happens, they won't fall down and break. To protect big items like bookcases and dressers, make sure they are connected to the wall. Doing this will make sure that even the strongest earthquake won't tip them over.



Now, fill in the blanks for the article you just read.

Staying Safe in Earthquakes

Where Earthquakes

Happen

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

Protecting Yourself

1. _____

2. _____

Protecting Your Home

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____



Ice Cream

- 1 ice cream maker
- 2 cups cream
- 1/3 cup sugar
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract

Turn on your ice cream maker. Wait 10 minutes for it to get cold. Pour in your cream and sugar. Wait 5 minutes for the cream and sugar to mix. Add the vanilla extract. Turn off the machine while the ice cream is still soft. Put ice cream in a container before putting it in the freezer. Wait at least 1 hour for ice cream to harden.

1. Underline the different times you need to wait.
2. Underline the last ingredient you add to the ice cream.
3. Underline the ingredient that makes ice cream sweet.

Pool Safety

To have a fun and safe time at the pool, everyone must follow these rules. Do not run around the pool. The area around the pool is wet, and you could fall and get hurt. No glass bottles are allowed near the pool. After eating, wait 30 minutes before swimming. All children under 13 must have a parent or guardian with them.

1. Underline how long you have to wait after eating.
2. Underline what you can not bring to the pool.
3. Underline the reason you can not run around the pool.

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Your First Puppy

There is a lot to know when you bring home a puppy. Entering your home for the first time, your puppy will be nervous. Make sure to pet your puppy and let her explore your home. Have a bed and toys ready for your puppy so she feels welcome. If your puppy pees on the floor, do not get mad. Your puppy does not know that she did something wrong. After a few days you should take your puppy to the veterinarian. Even if the puppy is healthy, the doctor will need to give your puppy shots to make sure she does not get sick later. The doctor will also teach you how to keep your puppy healthy and happy.

1. Underline why taking your puppy to the veterinarian is important.
2. Underline the two things you need to buy your puppy.
3. Underline how your puppy will feel when you bring him or her home.

Falling Asleep

Some people have trouble falling asleep at night. One cause is food. Spicy food can make people stay up. Another reason is that the bed is uncomfortable. To fall asleep, these people do a lot of different things. Some people drink warm milk before going to bed. Other people count sheep in their head. If you cannot fall asleep some night, you can try these things, too!

1. Underline the problem some people have.
2. Underline two reasons why some people cannot fall asleep.
3. Underline two things people can do to fall asleep.



School Supplies

- 1 wide ruled notebook
- 1 box of crayons
- 1 glue stick
- 1 backpack
- 1 roll of paper towels
- 1 ruler
- 1 highlighter

Welcome to Ms. Smith's 3rd grade class! Please bring have these school supplies on the first day of school. Give your roll of paper towels to Ms. Smith. Everything else should stay in your backpack until we need it in class. On the first day of school I will show you where to put your backpacks during class. I will give you pencils and pens. Please do not take them out of the room. Leave pencils and pens in the metal cups on every desk.

1. Underline the item you will give the teacher on the first day of school.
2. Underline the name of the teacher.
3. Underline where your school supplies will stay until the teacher asks you to use them.
4. Underline where the teacher's pens and pencils should stay.
5. Underline what kind of notebook you need for class.

California

California is a big state that is home to over 38 million people. The two largest cities in California are Los Angeles and San Diego. Both of these cities are on the coast next to the Pacific Ocean. The farms Central Valley grow food for people all over America and the world. The animal on the California flag is a grizzly bear. A famous thing that happened in California was the Gold Rush. In 1849, thousands of people moved to California so they could find gold. Only a few people became rich, but many stayed in California.

1. Underline when the Gold Rush happened.
2. Underline the animal that is on the California flag.
3. Underline what ocean is next to Los Angeles and San Diego.
4. Underline where you can find California's farms.

Keeping Food Fresh

Every day millions of people go to the grocery store. The food they bring home goes into cabinets and the refrigerator. But how do people know where food goes once they bring it home? The answer is at the grocery store. Cold or frozen food should stay that way until you want to cook it. Food you pick up off the shelf at a grocery store can stay in your cabinets. Some other foods, like peanut butter, must go in the refrigerator after opening it.

1. Underline a food you have to put in the refrigerator after opening it.
2. Underline what kind of food you have to put in your refrigerator right away.

Traveling on Airplanes

Airplanes are amazing machines. Some are as small as a car, and others are bigger than your school! Big airplanes are also called jets because they use jet engines to fly. Smaller planes use a propeller. A propeller is a spinning wood or metal blade.

Most planes that you might travel on fly very fast, about ten times faster than a car driving down the highway. That is why flying across the country takes a few hours instead of a few days.

If you fly to another country, you need something called a passport. A passport is a little book with your picture. A passport tells people in other countries who you are and where you are from.

1. Underline what an airplane propeller is made from.
2. Underline what you need to have if you are flying to another country.
3. Underline how long it takes to fly across the country.

All About Lobsters

Most people think of a fancy dinner when they think about lobsters, but lobsters are an amazing animal. All over the world, lobsters hatch from tiny eggs on their mother's body. As lobsters get older, they grow two large claws. One claw is for grabbing onto food. This claw is called a pincher. The other claw is called a crusher. The crusher is the biggest claw. It helps lobsters protect themselves against other animals.

1. Underline where in the world lobsters live.
2. Underline the names of a lobster's claws.
3. Underline how a lobster uses its crusher claw.



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Italy

Italy is famous for many things. A long time ago the Romans ruled Italy. At that time Rome was a large city with beautiful stone buildings. The roads the Romans built in Italy were so good that people still use them today, 2,000 years later. Today people from all over the world go to Italy to see old Roman buildings and roads.

Italy is also known for delicious pasta and gelato. Gelato is special ice cream. Because a lot of Italy touches the ocean, the weather is very nice most of the year. In parts of Italy farmers can grow food and grapes for wine all year.

1. Underline an example of Italian food.
2. Underline something the Romans built that people still use today.
3. Underline who works all year because of Italy's nice weather.

Sleep

Sleep is an important part of everybody's day. Children and teenagers should sleep 9 hours every night. Adults can sleep 7 hours a night and still get a good rest. Dreaming is a normal part of sleep. Some dreams are happy, while others are scary. Some doctors think that dreams exist to let us try out scary things before we do them in real life. For example, a person getting ready to climb a mountain may dream about climbing.

1. Underline how many hours adults should sleep each night.
2. Underline why some doctors think we dream.



Building a Model Racecar

- One model racecar kit
- Glue
- Silver Paint
- Red Paint
- Green Paint
- Small Paintbrush
- Old Newspaper

After bringing your model home, you need to prepare your workspace. Put newspaper over your table. The newspaper will protect your table from glue and paint. Then lay out your glue, paints, and paintbrush. Open your model kit, and before doing anything else, read the directions. When putting the racecar together, use very little glue. You don't want it to stick to your hands or newspaper. Wait two hours for the glue to dry. Then, using your paintbrush, paint your racecar anyway you want! After you are done painting, wait another two hours to let the paint dry before touching the racecar.

1. Underline the times you need to wait.
2. Underline why you put newspaper over your table.
3. Underline how much glue you need to use.
4. Underline the first thing you do after opening the model kit.

Skyscrapers

Skyscrapers are amazing buildings. Called skyscrapers because they 'scrape the sky,' just about every big city in the world has one.

Skyscrapers would not be possible if it were not for the invention of a man named Mr. Otis (oh-tis). About 150 years ago, Mt. Otis invented the first elevator. With the elevator, people no longer had to climb stairs. Even today, many elevators in tall buildings are called Otis because of him.

New metals like steel also made it possible to build taller buildings. With elevators and steel, the first skyscraper was built in 1884 in Chicago. Later on New York City started building skyscrapers. The two most famous skyscrapers in New York City are the Empire State Building and the Chrysler Building.

Today some of the tallest skyscrapers in the world are in China. There are a lot of people in China, so building tall skyscrapers helps them save land. Also, skyscrapers help people live closer to their jobs.

The tallest skyscraper is in a city called Dubai (doo-buy). It has 163 floors, and its top is half a mile above the ground.

1. Underline what year the first skyscraper was built.
2. Underline where the tallest skyscraper is.
3. Underline the two inventions that make skyscrapers possible.
4. Underline where you can find the Empire State Building.

Getting a Checkup

Going to the doctor is never any fun, but it is very important thing to do. Getting a checkup every year is important because the doctor needs to know if you are growing up healthy. While at the doctor's office the doctor will take your temperature. She will look in your mouth, ears, and nose. She will also tap your knee with a little rubber hammer to make sure your body reacts the right way. Finally, the doctor might give you a shot. Though shots are a little scary, they help you stay healthy when other people get sick.

1. Underline what the doctor uses to tap your knee.
2. Underline why shots are important.
3. Underline what places on your body the doctor will look.

Where did the Dinosaurs Go?

A long time ago dinosaurs lived all over the world. Then, about 65 million years ago, all the dinosaurs disappeared. Where did they go? Scientists who dig up dinosaur bones have different ideas. Some scientists believe that the dinosaurs died because of an asteroid that hit Mexico. The asteroid covered the Earth in dust, and there was no more food for dinosaurs to eat. Other scientists think that dinosaurs slowly changed into the birds we see today. They believe this because dinosaur bones and bird bones are similar.

1. Underline the two ideas scientists have about where the dinosaurs went.
2. Underline where the asteroid hit 65 million years ago.
3. Underline why some scientists think dinosaurs became birds.



How Cars Work

For over 100 years, cars have changed the way people get around. The car you ride in today looks a lot different than the first cars, but they work in the same way. The car's engine sucks in gas from the gas tank. The engine burns the gas to move the wheels. Pushing harder on the gas pedal makes the engine burn the gas faster. That's why the car speeds up!

1. Underline what cars burn.
2. Underline what part of the car you press to make it go faster.
3. Underline the time cars have been around.

Eye Color

Eyes come in all kinds of colors: blue, green, hazel, brown, and even red. Some people's eyes are two different colors, but they see fine. Your eyes' color came from your mom and dad. A fun fact is that most people are born with blue eyes. After about three months, their eyes change color.

1. Underline what color eyes most people have when they are born.
2. Underline where your eye color came from.



Making a Hamburger

- 1 beef patty
- salt and pepper
- a bun
- lettuce
- Pickles
- mustard
- ketchup
- mayo
- purple onion.

Sprinkle your hamburger patty with salt and pepper. To cook the patty, grill it 4 minutes on each side. Let the patty rest on a plate as you gather the other ingredients.

To make your burger, put the patty on the bottom half of the bun. Then add the ketchup, mayo, and mustard. Finally, add the lettuce, tomato, and purple onion. Top the burger with the top half of the bun. Enjoy!

1. Underline how long to cook the patty on each side.
2. Underline the first step to make a hamburger.
3. Underline the vegetables you put on a hamburger.



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The Oceans

There are five oceans covering the Earth: Atlantic, Pacific, Indian, Arctic, and Southern. Water in the oceans has a lot of salt, so you can't drink it. Many of the fish that we eat live in the ocean. Fish use gills to breathe. Whales and dolphins live in the ocean, too. They are mammals, meaning they use a blowhole to breathe air.

1. Underline why you cannot drink ocean water.
2. Underline the ocean that comes last in the alphabet.
3. Underline how fish breathe.

The American Revolution

Until 1776, Britain ruled over what is today the United States. There were no states, but different British colonies. The people who lived in these colonies didn't want to be British anymore, so they signed the Declaration of Independence on July 4th, 1776. The Americans and British fought a war that lasted until 1783. The United States got a lot of help from France, who sent ships and other supplies. George Washington led the United States to victory. He was later the first president of the United States.

1. Underline who led the United States to victory.
2. Underline which country helped out the United States.
3. Underline when the Declaration of Independence was signed.



Monarch Butterflies

Monarch butterflies are some of the most famous butterflies in the world. Their wings are orange and black with white spots. You can find monarch butterflies all over the United States, and even as far away as Australia! Each year millions of these butterflies migrate south for the winter. One of the best places to see monarch butterflies in the winter is Mexico. They like Mexico for the warm weather, and because there are many plants to pollinate. Any vegetables or fruit from Mexico that you eat was probably pollinated by a monarch butterfly.

1. Underline the color of a monarch butterfly's spots.
2. Underline where you can find a lot of monarch butterflies in the winter.
3. Underline something monarch butterflies do to help grow food for us.

Soap Suds

You use soap to wash your hands. You use soap to wash your dishes. You use soap to wash your clothes. Why so much soap? Well, no matter what soap you use, all soap has one thing in common. Any soap, when added to water, has the power to remove dirt and germs. Germs make us sick, so getting rid of them is important.

1. Underline what you wash with soap.
2. Underline why getting rid of germs is important.
3. Underline what you add to soap to make it work.

The History of Soda

No matter if you call it soda, coke, or pop, soda has an interesting history. Though people have been drinking water with bubbles for a long time, the first real soda was invented over 100 years ago. Soda was originally used as a medicine. Because soda tasted so good, they changed the recipe so everyone, even people who weren't sick, could enjoy it. Today there are lots of different sodas. Some sodas have no sugar. They are called 'diet' sodas. No matter what soda you drink, make sure it is cold!

1. Underline the first use of soda.
2. Underline what a 'diet' soda is.
3. Underline what temperature soda needs to be when you drink it.

The First Computer

You probably use a computer every single day. But in 1946, there was just one computer, ENIAC (ee-nee-ack). ENIAC was built by scientists at the University of Pennsylvania. ENIAC was as big as an entire room! ENIAC had no screen or keyboard, either. People asked ENIAC questions by turning special knobs and pushing buttons. The computer responded by printing the answers on paper.

1. Underline when ENIAC was built.
2. Underline how ENIAC gave responses to questions.
3. Underline where ENIAC was built.



Camping Trip

- Tent
- Sleeping bags
- Cooler with food and drinks
- Firewood
- Old newspaper.
- Marshmallows
- Matches
- Bug spray

When you arrive at your campsite, pitch your tent and put the sleeping bags inside. Spray the area around your tent with bug spray. If you do this, the bugs will stay away from your tent when you sleep. Because fire is dangerous, choose a spot for your campfire at least ten feet away from your tent. Crumple old newspaper underneath the firewood. Light the paper with the matches. The burning paper will catch the wood on fire. When the fire is big, cook your food over the fire. Before going to bed, use water to put out your fire.

1. Underline what you lite to start a campfire.
2. Underline how far away the fire should be from your tent.
3. Underline why bug spray is important.



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Breakfast

People say that breakfast is the most important meal of the day, but what are the best things to eat? If you are going to school after breakfast, you need to eat something that will give you enough energy until lunchtime. Sugary cereal tastes good, but when the sugar wears off, you will feel really sleepy in class. Try oatmeal and fruit instead. It is just as sweet, and will not make you sleepy before lunch. You will be more energetic in class, and probably do better in school!

1. Underline why sugar cereal is not a good idea.
2. Underline why eating breakfast is important if you are going to school.
3. Underline two reasons that oatmeal and fruit is a good breakfast.

The Mall

Believe it or not, at one point the mall was just as important as the grocery store. Families and friends would spend time together at the mall, exploring new things to buy at all the different stores. The internet changed the mall forever. Since people could buy things online, there was less need to go to the mall. A lot of malls have closed in the last few years. If you have children someday, they might never know what a mall is.

1. Underline what has happened to malls in the last few years.
2. Underline why malls were important in people's lives.



The Seasons

There are four seasons: spring, summer, fall, and winter. As the Earth goes around the sun, it tilts back and forth just a little. When the Earth tilts forward, it is summer where you live. When the Earth tilts backward, it becomes winter. Yet some people experience only one season. People who live near the equator feel the same weather year round. For them, every day is summer.

1. Underline the type of weather people who live near the equator feel.
2. Underline why we experience the seasons.
3. Underline what part of the Earth has summer weather every day of the year.

Tornadoes

Tornadoes can be big and dangerous, but it is easy to understand why they happen. During some thunderstorms, hot and cold air hit mix together. The mixing causes the air to start spinning. The more cold and hot air in a storm, the bigger the tornado becomes. The largest tornado ever was in 1925. It lasted over three hours and traveled through Missouri, Illinois, and Indiana.

1. Underline the year of the largest tornado ever.
2. Underline what makes air start to spin in a tornado.
3. Underline the kind of weather that makes tornadoes.



Thomas Edison and the Light Bulb

Thomas Edison did not invent the light bulb, but he was the first person who invented the first light bulb that worked. Edison experimented for years to invent a bulb that was bright and could last many hours without burning out. He tried over ten thousand times to make his invention work. After he succeeded, someone asked Edison why he didn't give up after failing so many times. "I did not fail," Edison said. "I just found ten thousand ways that won't work." If you do not give up, you can do great things, too.

1. Underline why Edison's words are important.
2. Underline how many times Edison tried to create a good light bulb.
3. Underline what Thomas Edison invented.

A Solar Eclipse

A very special thing happens about once a year. Somewhere on Earth, it looks like the Sun is hiding behind the Moon. This is called a solar eclipse. During an eclipse, the Moon blocks the Sun's light. If you saw an eclipse, it would seem like someone turned off all the lights. The temperature would fall a lot, too. After a few minutes the Sun would come back out, and the temperature would go back to normal.

1. Underline how long an eclipse lasts.
2. Underline why an eclipse happens.



At the Airport

Traveling by airplane is not as easy as it seems. There is a lot to know about the airport, the place where planes take off and land. When you arrive, you stand in line with other travelers. Men and women in blue uniforms look at your ticket. Though they may not smile at you, do not be afraid of them. Their job is to make sure you have a safe trip. After that a lot of things happen at once. You put your bags, coats, and even shoes on a conveyer belt and you walk through a metal detector. If it beeps, do not worry. You probably just have some metal coins in your pockets. You have to take it out of your pockets and go through the metal detector again. When you are done, you collect your bags, put your shoes back on, and go to your gate.

1. Underline what you have to take off before going through a metal detector.
2. Underline the color of uniform people who work at the airport wear.
3. Underline what piece of paper you need before going through the metal detector.
4. Underline what happens at an airport.
5. Underline why you shouldn't be afraid of the men and women in uniforms.

Volunteer Time

Welcome to the San Francisco Food Bank. We are so happy that you are here helping hungry people in our city. So you can stay safe and have a good time volunteering, please follow these rules.

- Wash hands with soap and warm water.
- Dry hands with paper towels.
- Put on gloves before touching food.
- Fruit with soft spots or bruises go in the trash.
- Good fruit goes into bags.
- Each bag should have 3 pounds of fruit.

Please ask our volunteer leader if you have any questions. Thank you so much for being here today!

1. Underline what you should put on before touching any food.
2. Underline who to ask if you have any questions.
3. Underline why the Food Bank exists.
4. Underline what city the Food Bank is located in.
5. Underline where bad fruit goes.



Similes

A **simile** is a figure of speech that compares two unlike things using the words *like* or *as*. Using similes in your stories or poems can make your writing stronger and more interesting to read. They allow the reader to form a vivid picture of what you are describing.

Tommy washed the dishes until they were clean.

Tommy washed the dishes until they sparkled

like the stars.

Brenda's stomach grumbled because she was hungry.

*Brenda stomach grumbled **like a dump truck***

because she was hungry.

Identify It

Read the paragraphs below. Find and underline the four similes.

The morning was so cold it felt like the North Pole outside. It had snowed the night before, making the yard look like a winter wonderland. All that was missing was Santa's workshop!

Timmy and I built a snowman as big as Dad. We went put a hat and scarf on it. I hope he does not melt right away. Afterwards we felt like freezing ice cubes, so we went inside for hot chocolate. It was yummy!



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Identify It

Read the paragraphs below. Find and underline the three similes.

Today school was as hard as finding a needle in a haystack. First, we had a test in Math. I felt as dumb as a rock. Afterwards we learned so much new stuff in history. I don't think I'll ever be able to remember all those names and dates.

Lunch was okay. I sat with Becky. She is always happy as a clam no matter what. We had a good talk, and she helped me with my English homework.

Identify It

Read the paragraphs below. Find and underline the three similes.

Today I started my new job at the ice cream store. I was as nervous as a chicken, but my boss is a nice man named Jim. Jim talks like a cartoon character, but no one laughs at him because he is such a big guy.

I learned all the ice cream flavors today. There are over fifty of them, so it is a lot to learn. I felt like a fish out of water. I know it will be easier tomorrow.



Identify It

Read the paragraphs below. Find and underline the three similes.

Going to the beach was great! Because the sand was really hot, I had to walk like a crab to the cool water. I had a good long swim. I even saw a few fish as colorful as a box of crayons. I wish I had brought a camera to take a picture of them.

Our hotel room was on the 20th floor. The view of the ocean was amazing. Standing on the balcony, I felt like I was flying like Superman! I hope I get to go back next summer.

Identify It

Read the paragraphs below. Find and underline the three similes.

When you clean your room, there are a few things you need to remember. First, dust hides like ninjas. You have to check all the corners and underneath your bed and desk. No matter where the dust is, the vacuum will suck it up as fast as a speeding bullet.

Cleaning up the floor is important, too. If your room looks like a disaster area, put your stuff into different piles before putting anything away. Toys goes with toys, clothes with clothes, and schoolwork with schoolwork. After that, you can put things away.

Identify It

Read the paragraphs below. Find and underline the three similes.

What do you want to do this weekend? You could sleep like a log. After waking up, there are so many things you can do! You could see that new horror movie that will make you as scared as a mouse. Are there any new books you want to read? There's a new one where a man shrinks so much that he is as small as a marble.

No matter what you do this weekend, make sure it is fun! You are only a kid for a little while, so use this time like a gift!

Identify It

Read the paragraphs below. Find and underline the three similes.

Fall is my favorite season. Every day the temperature is as comfortable as a warm sweater. The air is crisp like an apple. The changing leaves are beautiful, and watching them fall is always fun.

The food during fall is so good, too. Every year after Thanksgiving dinner, I feel as stuffed as the turkey. Even when fall ends, winter is fun too. I love playing in the snow!

Complete It

Complete each sentence below with a simile.

1. Because I ate too much last night, today I feel as sick _____.
2. Without any friends to play with, Sally felt as lonely as _____.
3. Because of the heat wave, today was hot as _____.
4. When I went up to the scary attic, my heart beat like _____.
5. When the Sun rises, it shines like _____.
6. The cactus' spines are as sharp as _____.
7. This pillow is as soft as _____.
8. My friend's dark eyes are as black as _____.
9. The ocean is beautiful, but it is as cold as _____.
10. The squishy grass felt like _____ on my bare feet.
11. The round pebble I found on the beach was as smooth as _____.
12. The old radio sounded like _____ because the speaker did not work very well.

Complete It

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Complete each sentence below with a simile.

1. Because Billy practiced a lot, he now swims like _____.
2. Jasmine was so hungry that she ate like _____.
3. Cookies become hard as _____ if you leave them out too long.
4. The shot did not hurt too much. It felt like _____.
5. To win the race he ran as fast as a _____.
6. Waving a flag on the 4th of July is as American as _____.
7. Because the teacher had a cold, his voice sounded like _____ when he talked.
8. The Sun is really big, but it looks as small as a _____.
9. Planes do not flap their wings, but they do fly like _____ do.
10. When someone turns out the lights, I am as blind as _____.
11. I love my best friend as much as _____.
12. Finishing this problem is as easy as _____.

Complete It

Complete each sentence below with a simile.

1. The cave was as dark as _____.
2. After taking a long bath, my body felt like _____.
3. The teacher was as pretty as _____.
4. When my dog wants to go outside, he starts dancing like _____.
5. On a summer day, the swimming pool is as packed as _____.
6. My mom's cake is as delicious as _____.
7. Our school bus is as slow as _____.
8. The trip lasted so long, it felt like _____.
9. Because my mom uses special soap, my clothes always smell like _____.
10. My hands feel like _____ after a hard day of work.
11. From far away an airplane sounds like _____.
12. Today the sky was as blue as _____.

Complete It

Complete each sentence below with a simile.

1. Life is like a _____ because you never know what is going to happen next.
2. I was so cold that I was shaking like a _____ just to stay warm.
3. When my mom cooks dinner, she is as busy as _____.
4. My friends say I laugh like a _____.
5. The stone skipped across the water like _____.
6. Crawling through the tunnel, I felt like _____.
7. This new coin is as shiny as _____.
8. In the mornings my hair is tangled like _____.
9. The song was as good as _____.
10. Because she could jump eight feet, people said that Jenny jumped like _____.
11. This shirt, because it is on sale is as cheap as _____.
12. When I play in the snow, my skin gets cold as _____.

Complete It

Complete each sentence below with a simile.

1. When school ended I felt free as _____.
2. My dog is so small that he looks like _____.
3. I don't understand French, so to me it sounds like _____.
4. The ground is as dry as _____.
5. The movie was really exciting, like _____.
6. When the leaves fall off the trees, it looks like _____.
7. The hot chocolate was so hot that it felt like _____.
8. The flowers need the rain like you need _____.
9. Hold the baby carefully, like _____.
10. The frightening wind blew like _____.
11. The pie looks as delicious as _____.
12. Standing on top of the building, I felt like _____.

Complete It

Complete each sentence below with a simile.

1. The thunder sounded like _____.
2. Dad's new car is as shiny as _____.
3. Greg's new toy makes noises like _____.
4. My cat, Rex, is as small as _____.
5. The rollercoaster was really fun, like _____.
6. If you do not get enough sleep, you will feel like _____.
7. The Queen's crown has jewels as big as _____.
8. When Brandon stubbed his toe, it became as red as _____.
9. My cat tries to hunt like _____, but she is too small!
10. The yolk in an egg looks like _____.
11. During summer vacation I never want to get out of bed, like _____.
12. On Monday morning, my alarm sounds like _____.

Complete It

Complete each sentence below with a simile.

1. My dad says that big muscles make people as strong as _____.
2. The baby panda was as cute as _____.
3. The French fries were crunchy like _____.
4. The police officer tackled the criminal like _____.
5. Mom's cup of tea was green like _____.
6. My new cell phone is as cool as _____.
7. If you don't cut the lawn, it will start to look like _____.
8. The old newspaper was as fragile as _____.
9. The cartoon was as funny as _____.
10. The cars stuck in a traffic jam moved like _____.
11. The fog was as thick as _____.
12. The paintings in the museum were as old as _____.

Complete It

Complete each sentence below with a simile.

1. When my baby sister came home for the first time, I was as excited as _____.
2. The fresh flowers smelled just like _____.
3. The football player looked as big as _____.
4. The baseball pitcher threw the ball as fast as _____.
5. Today's class was boring, like _____.
6. My brother's room is a mess, like _____.
7. After he saw the scary movie, Tim's face was as pale as _____.
8. The boy's hair was so long that it looked like _____ was on his head.
9. At the store the popular new doll was as scarce as _____.
10. The mud on my feet was as sticky as _____.
11. When my bird chirps, it sounds just like _____.
12. My sister's long fingernails are as sharp as _____.

Complete It

Complete each sentence below with a simile.

1. After eating the whole pizza, I felt sick as _____.
2. The rainbow was as beautiful as _____.
3. The new vacuum was as quiet as _____.
4. A butterfly's wings are fragile, like _____.
5. The big city has so many lights that it looks like _____.
6. The store was so cramped that I felt like _____.
7. After I mopped, the floors shined like _____.
8. The cloudy day was as dark as _____.
9. Baby tigers look just like _____.
10. The fresh strawberries were as sweet as _____.
11. The birthday cake was so pretty that it looked like _____.
12. When sheep have a lot of fur, they look just like _____.

Complete It

Complete each sentence below with a simile.

1. When the movie starts, you need to be as silent as _____.
2. The soapy dish was as slippery as _____.
3. Tucked in, Molly felt as snug as _____.
4. The candy was as sour as _____.
5. My dad is as strong as _____.
6. My little brother can be as stubborn as _____.
7. Mike's new bicycle is as fast as _____.
8. Riding on a road full of pot holes is like _____.
9. When dad cracks his knuckles, it sounds like _____.
10. After a hard day, going to sleep feels like _____.
11. Amanda's hair is so red that it looks like _____.
12. When the lights are off in the garage, it is as scary as _____.

Complete It

Complete each sentence below with a simile.

1. The old treehouse is as sturdy as _____.
2. The fresh apple was as sweet as _____.
3. My big house is as tall as _____.
4. My grandmother is as wise as _____.
5. The old woman had hair as white as _____.
6. The new computer weighed almost nothing, like _____.
7. When he threw the basketball, it flew through the air like _____.
8. The hotel was beautiful, like _____.
9. After weeks of practicing, Sam could sing like _____.
10. My little brother, Dale still acts _____ at the dinner table. He eats everything with his hands!
11. My older brother had a pimple as big as _____!
12. The mother bear roared as loud as a _____ when a hunter came near.

Complete It

Complete each sentence below with a simile.

1. Though the two sisters love each other, sometimes they fight like _____.
2. Tim had to work like _____ to get the project done on time.
3. The little girl's dress was as cute as _____.
4. Jasmine's hair is orange, like _____.
5. The old banana was as mushy as _____.
6. My birthday was so great it felt like _____.
7. From the 30th floor, the people below look like _____.
8. My sister's new dress is as black as _____.
9. My hair is really curly, like _____.
10. The clown's shoes were as big as _____.
11. The twinkling Christmas lights looked like _____.
12. My new shampoo smells really good, like _____.

Complete It

Complete each sentence below with a simile.

1. My dog's tail is as fluffy as _____.
2. My cousin died her hair as pink as _____.
3. The magician's bowtie spun like _____.
4. The airplane soared into the air like _____.
5. My teacher sees everything I do. She has eyes like _____.
6. When I'm really hungry, I eat like _____.
7. My cat likes to chirp like _____.
8. My dad's snoring is as loud as _____.
9. This summer it was hot as _____.
10. When Ellie smiled, it was as bright as _____.
11. My little sister cries so loudly, like a _____.
12. If you eat really spicy food, it will make your stomach feel like _____.

Complete It

Complete each sentence below with a simile.

1. When Elizabeth squishes her lips together, she looks like _____.
2. Today the wind blew as hard as _____.
3. Because Adam never goes outside, his skin is as white as _____.
4. The two friends were always together, like _____.
5. The newborn baby was as innocent as _____.
6. When we surprised Nick with a birthday party, his eyes became as big as _____.
7. The famous actor was as large as _____.
8. Because we had too much fun, summer vacation felt like _____.
9. This old shirt has a lot of holes, like _____.
10. At the restaurant, the pancakes are as big as _____.
11. Because the baby is learning to walk, he wobbles like _____.
12. Your kitten is so small and white, she looks like _____.

Complete It

Complete each sentence below with a simile.

1. The man stuck in traffic was as mad as _____.
2. Rodney's hair is so spikey, he looks like _____.
3. People say that my house is as cute as _____.
4. My uncle fixed my toy so that it was as good as _____.
5. Riding on the plane, I felt that I was moving as quick as _____.
6. The geyser erupts as regular as _____.
7. I scream as loud as a _____ when I am upset.
8. After going to the dentist, my teeth are as white as _____.
9. The man's fingers were thin like _____.
10. A new, crisp dollar bill feels like _____.
11. A can of soup is as heavy as _____.
12. On a winter day, your breath looks like _____.

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Complete It

Complete each sentence below with a simile.

1. At the swimming pool, the water is as clear as _____.
2. My new shoes were as stiff as _____.
3. Though I could see through it, the glass was as solid as _____.
4. Jane nibbled on her bread like a _____.
5. The rollercoaster was as scary as _____.
6. When she got the new video game for her birthday, Mary was as happy as _____.
7. My painting is strange like a _____.
8. The old house squeaks like a _____.
9. Olivia had to be as smart as _____ to get all the questions right on the test!
10. I sit still as _____ when I read a book.
11. The bread was hard as a _____ when I took it out of the freezer.
12. There are no mountains in Iowa. The state is flat as _____.



Zippy's Solar System

Hi, my name is Zippy. I am a Pangling. Over the last few months I have watched your planet, Earth, from my telescope. I've learned a lot about humans and what you do. I really hope you get this message. I think you should know a little about where I come from. Below is a drawing of my Solar System. Our we call our star Little Red. I live on planet Pang.

Use "Zippy's Solar System" Graphic Here

1. How many planets are in Zippy's solar system?



EG 41s

- a. 2
 - b. 4
 - c. 5
2. Which planet in Zippy's solar system has rings?
- a. Zond
 - b. Pang
 - c. Smoosh
3. What is the name of the star?
- a. Sage
 - b. Smoosh
 - c. Little Red
4. Can Panglings live on any other planet besides Pang?
- a. Yes
 - b. No
5. How has Zippy learned about Earth?
- a. School
 - b. Telescope
 - c. Radio

Pang and Its Moons



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EG 42p

Name: _____

Date: ____/____/____

Pang is about the same size as Earth. Our sky is purple, and our oceans are purple, too! We also have three moons: Jasmine, Lavender, and Sage. No matter what time of day it is you can always see one of the moons in the sky.

Use “Pang and its moon” graphic here



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1. Which of Pang's moons has a lot of craters?
 - a. Jasmine
 - b. Lavender
 - c. Sage
2. Which of Pang's moons is the smallest?
 - a. Jasmine
 - b. Lavendar
 - c. Sage
3. How many continents does Pang have?
 - a. 4
 - b. 5
 - c. 6
4. On what moon do some Panglings live?
 - a. Jasmine
 - b. Lavender
 - c. Sage
5. What color are Pang's sky and oceans?
 - a. Red
 - b. Orange
 - c. Purple



My Town

My town is called Pangville. Lots of people live in Pangville. Like humans, we use cars and bicycles to get around, but they have different names in my language. I drew a map of Pangville for you.

Use “Pangville Map” graphic here.

EG 43s

1. On what road are the grocery store and hotel?
 - a. Short St.
 - b. Spaceway Boulevard
 - c. Garlic Rd.
2. The hospital is at the corner of what two roads?
 - a. Cinnamon Rd. and Nutmeg Rd.
 - b. Nutmeg Rd. and Spaceway Boulevard
 - c. Nutmeg Rd. and Short St.
3. How do you get from Zippy's house to his best friend's house?
 - a. Make a left on Nutmeg Rd. and a right on Spaceway Boulevard.
 - b. Make a right on Nutmeg Rd. and a right on Cinnamon Rd.
 - c. Make a left on Nutmeg Rd. and a left on Spaceway Boulevard.
4. Zippy's house is closest to which of the following?
 - a. Park
 - b. Hospital
 - c. Police Station
5. Which road has no houses?
 - a. Cinnamon Rd.
 - b. Short St.
 - c. Spaceway Boulevard



Panglings

My people are called Panglings. Just like you, we have two arms and legs. Because I am a kid, I have two eyes. When I become an adult I will grow a third eye on my forehead. Our hair colors are all different, too. One day I wrote down all the hair colors I saw.

Use “Panglings Hair Color” graphic here.

EG 44s

1. How do Pangling's tell the difference between adults and children?
 - a. Number of arms
 - b. Number of eyes
 - c. Number of legs

2. How many people did Zippy see when he wrote down hair colors?
 - a. 20
 - b. 36
 - c. 58

3. What is the rarest hair color on Pang?
 - a. Blue
 - b. Orange
 - c. Red

4. What is the most common hair color on Pang?
 - a. Black
 - b. Green
 - c. Red

5. It is possible that Pangling's have more hair colors than the ones that Zippy saw?
 - a. Yes
 - b. No

Food

Panglings eat all kinds of different food. I really like Furry Fish, Scaly Birds, and White Tomatoes. I asked a bunch of people if they liked these foods, too.

Use “Panglings’ Favorite Foods” graphic here.

EG 45s

1. 30 seniors like Scaly Birds. What food do 30 adults like?
 - a. Furry Fish
 - b. Scaly Birds
 - c. White Tomatoes
2. What food do Pangling children like the least?
 - a. Furry Fish
 - b. Scaly Birds
 - c. White Tomatoes
3. How many seniors liked Furry Fish?
 - a. 15
 - b. 20
 - c. 25
4. Furry fish are most popular with which group?
 - a. Kids
 - b. Adults
 - c. Seniors
5. White Tomatoes are most popular with which group?
 - a. Kids
 - b. Adults
 - c. Seniors



School

Just like you, I go to school every day of the week. Instead of a school bus, a hovercraft picks up Pangling children at their homes. I've included my school schedule so you can see what classes I take every day.

| | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday |
|-------------|---------|------------------|-----------|------------------|------------------|
| 9:00-10:00 | Math | Robot Repair | History | Spaceship Flying | Science |
| 10:00-11:00 | History | Math | Math | Language | Spaceship Flying |
| 12:00-1:00 | Lunch | Lunch | Lunch | Lunch | Lunch |
| 1:00 - 2:00 | P.E. | Language | P.E. | Math | History |
| 2:00 - 3:00 | Science | Spaceship Flying | Science | Robot Repair | Math |

EG 46s

1. What class does Zippy have every day?
 - a. Math
 - b. Science
 - c. History
2. What class is Zippy in at 1:30 on Wednesday?
 - a. Spaceship Flying
 - b. Language
 - c. P.E.
3. On what days does Zippy take Robot Repair?
 - a. Tuesday and Thursday
 - b. Monday, Wednesday, and Friday
 - c. Thursday and Friday
4. On what day does Zippy **not** take Robot Repair or Spaceship Flying?
 - a. Tuesday
 - b. Wednesday
 - c. Friday
5. What is the second class that Zippy takes on Wednesday?
 - a. Robot Repair
 - b. History
 - c. Math



Pets

Just about everyone on Pang has a pet. For most Pangling, their first pet is a Hizzle, a little furry ball that loves hugs and cuddling. I had a Hizzle when I was little. Now I have a Swish. A Swish looks like an Earth dog, but it sings me to sleep every night. My best friend, Flippy, has a Ukon. A Ukon is a small bird with shiny silver wings. I asked a bunch of friends about the pets they have.

Use “Pets” graphics here.

EG 47s

1. What pet do each of Zippy's friends have?
 - a. Swish
 - b. Dat
 - c. Hizzle
2. Which pet does Zippy **not** describe?
 - a. Hizzle
 - b. Ukon
 - c. Dat
3. Which of Zippy's friends has two Swishes?
 - a. Flippy
 - b. Steen
 - c. Zazzle
4. Which two of Zippy's friends **does not** have a Swish?
 - a. Steen and Zazzle
 - b. Frazzle and Flippy
 - c. Flippy and Steen
 - d. Steen and Zazzle
5. How many Hizzles does Flippy have?
 - a. 1
 - b. 2
 - c. 3

Fun

Panglings like to have a lot of fun! Our favorite sport is Plumbus. It is kind of like your Soccer. Players kick the plumbus up and down a big field trying to make a goal. Whichever team wins get to keep the plumbus. The best teams have huge trophy rooms full of plumbuses!

Use “Fun” graphic here.

EG 48s

1. Which team won the fewest games both this season and last season?
 - a. Pangville United
 - b. Sageville United
 - c. F. C. Sageville
2. Which team has earned a total of sixteen plumbuses?
 - a. F. C. Sageville
 - b. Sageville United
 - c. Pangville United
3. How many plumbuses did F. C. Sageville win this season?
 - a. 14
 - b. 12
 - c. 6
4. Which team improved the most this season?
 - a. Pangville United
 - b. F.C. Pangville
 - c. F. C. Sageville
5. How many teams improved this season?
 - a. 1
 - b. 2
 - c. 3



Jobs

Pangling adults like my mom and dad go to work every day. My dad fixes the engines on different spaceships and my mom is a cook at a restaurant. They have done a lot of other jobs, too! I asked my mom, dad, grandmother, and grandfather all the job they have ever done.

Use “Jobs” Graphic here.

EG 49s

1. How many different jobs has Zippy's dad done?
 - a. 2
 - b. 3
 - c. 4

2. What job have three people in Zippy's family's done?
 - a. Lawyer
 - b. Dishwasher
 - c. Police officer

3. Which job has **no one** in Zippy's family done?
 - a. Scientist
 - b. Repairman
 - c. Cook

4. What was Zippy's mom's job before she became a cook?
 - a. Teacher
 - b. Secretary
 - c. Dishwasher

5. Who in Zippy's family is a lawyer?
 - a. Grandmother
 - b. Mom
 - c. Grandmother



Vacation

Like you and your family, mine goes on vacation, too. Every summer my Mom, Dad, and I take a space taxi to Sage. On Sage there is plenty of air to breathe and warm water to swim in. The view of Pang is great, and it is always nice to see my home planet up in the sky. I asked a bunch of people what they like to do on vacation.

Use “Vacation” graphic here.

EG 50s

1. What is the most popular vacation activity on Pang?
 - a. Visit Family
 - b. Read Books
 - c. Go to Sage

2. What activity do eight people like to do?
 - a. Read Books
 - b. Stay Home
 - c. Visit Earth in Disguise

3. How many people did Zippy ask what they like to do on vacation?
 - a. 45
 - b. 50
 - c. 55

4. What is an activity can a Pangling do on Sage?
 - a. Mountain Climbing
 - b. Swimming
 - c. Horseback Riding

5. What is the **least popular** vacation activity on Pang?
 - a. Visiting Family
 - b. Read Books
 - c. Stay Home



Another great way to keep track of your facts is to COMPARE and CONTRAST them. This helps you find differences between two similar subjects or similarities between two different subjects. You might even be surprised by what you find out!

FILL IN the blanks with these Dessert facts.

| | | |
|--------------|-------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| Tasty | Has a crust | For after dinner |
| Has frosting | Can have more than one tier (level) | Can have fruit inside |

Pie

Both

Cake

Has a filling

Bake

Need Flour

See? When you compare and contrast these two subjects, you figure out how to tell them apart, and what they have in common.

EG 51s

Another great way to keep track of your facts is to COMPARE and CONTRAST them. This helps you find differences between two similar subjects or similarities between two different subjects. You might even be surprised by what you find out!

FILL IN the blanks with these television facts.

| | | |
|---------------|------------|-----------------|
| Funny | Serious | 30 minutes long |
| Tells a story | Kids enjoy | Adults enjoy |

Cartoons

Made Up

Both

Commercials

The News

Real life

See? When you compare and contrast these two subjects, you figure out how to tell them apart, and what they have in common.



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READ the paragraph, then FILL IN the blanks.

Hint: The facts are highlighted.

The Planets

There's a lot to know about all the planets in our Solar System. The Solar System has eight planets. Four of the planets are rocky: Mercury, Venus, Earth, and Mars. Four of the planets are made of gas: Jupiter, Saturn, Uranus, and Neptune. All the planets orbit the sun. The rocky planets are close to the sun, while the gas planets are far away from the sun. The rocky planets are much warmer than the cold gas planets. All the planets are round. The rocky planets very small, while gas planets are much bigger.

Rocky Planets

Both

Gas Planets

Picture: A graphic of the solar system.



READ the paragraph, then FILL IN the blanks.

Hint: The facts are highlighted.

Under the Sea

What's that big animal swimming in the ocean? It could be a shark, or maybe a whale. Sharks and whales spend their whole lives living in the ocean. Sharks are fish because they use gills to breathe. Whales are mammals because they don't lay eggs, but give birth like people do. The animals that sharks eat are big: other fish and seals. Whales eat krill, some of the smallest animals in the ocean. Sharks have lots of sharp teeth for biting food, while whales have millions of bristles like those on your toothbrush. Every year, whales and sharks migrate across the world's oceans to find food and have babies.

| Sharks | Both | Whales |
|---------------|-------------|---------------|
| _____ | _____ | _____ |
| _____ | _____ | _____ |
| _____ | _____ | _____ |

Picture: A shark swimming alongside a much larger whale.



READ the paragraph, then FILL IN the blanks.

Hint: The facts are highlighted.

Water Water Everywhere...

Lake water and ocean water look the same, but a lot of things make them different. The water in the ocean is really salty. Water in lakes doesn't have salt. Because of the salt, you can't drink ocean water. Most of the water you drink comes from lakes. People go swimming in lakes and the ocean all the time. Surfers go to ocean beaches because there are big waves. Lake beaches don't have waves. Both kinds of beaches have sand for people to enjoy. In the winter, lake water will freeze into ice. Even if it snowing at an ocean beach, you will never see ocean water turn to ice.

| Oceans | Both | Lakes |
|--------|-------|-------|
| _____ | _____ | _____ |
| _____ | _____ | _____ |
| _____ | _____ | _____ |
| _____ | _____ | _____ |

Picture: An ocean wave crashing onto the beach.



READ the paragraph, then FILL IN the blanks.

Hint: The facts are highlighted.

Coffee or Tea?

All over the world, coffee and tea are very popular drinks. Coffee starts as a bean that grows on a tree, while tea starts as a plant leaf. You soak the beans or leaves in hot water. The water becomes the coffee or tea. Lots of people like coffee and tea because they both have caffeine, something that makes people wake up in the morning. Coffee is always brown, but tea can come in a lot of colors. Coffee and tea taste good both hot and cold, and adding a little sugar or milk makes them both taste better. For most people, coffee is a morning drink. Many people enjoy tea all day long. People of all ages drink tea, but mostly adults drink coffee.

| Coffee | Both | Tea |
|--------|-------|-------|
| _____ | _____ | _____ |
| _____ | _____ | _____ |
| _____ | _____ | _____ |
| _____ | _____ | _____ |
| | _____ | |



Picture: A cup of coffee next to a cup of tea. Some coffee beans and tea leaves are next to the cups.

READ the paragraph, then FILL IN the blanks.

Hint: The facts are highlighted.

The World of Noodles

Do you like spaghetti? How about ramen? Though spaghetti comes from Italy, and ramen comes from China, these two noodle dishes are popular all over the world. Spaghetti and ramen noodles are long and thin, and both are made from flour. To cook both kinds of noodles, they are put into boiling water. After cooking, spaghetti is put onto a plate and covered with tomato sauce. Cooked ramen goes into a bowl and is covered with tasty broth. Both spaghetti and ramen are served hot. You use a fork to eat spaghetti, but you need chopsticks to eat ramen.

| Spaghetti | Both | Ramen |
|-----------|-------|-------|
| _____ | _____ | _____ |
| _____ | _____ | _____ |
| _____ | _____ | _____ |
| _____ | _____ | _____ |

Picture: a bowl of spaghetti next to a bowl of ramen.

EG 54s

READ the paragraph, then FILL IN the blanks.

Hint: The facts are highlighted.

Making Music

Do you want to learn how to play an instrument? Let me teach you about the guitar and violin, two instruments that make beautiful music. Guitars are used in many rock and rolls songs. Violins are used in classical music. The violin is small and light, while the guitar is bigger and heavier. To play the violin, you run a bow over the strings to make sound. A guitar also has strings, but you pluck them with your fingers to make sound. To play both instruments, you should learn how to read music. No matter which instrument you choose, you will have a fun time!

| Guitar | Both | Violin |
|--------|-------|--------|
| _____ | _____ | _____ |
| _____ | _____ | _____ |
| _____ | _____ | _____ |
| | _____ | |

Picture: A guitarist and violinist playing a duet.

READ the paragraph, then FILL IN the blanks.

The Two Teachers

At Little View Elementary, Ms. Jones and Mr. Henderson are the two 3rd grade teachers. Every morning, both teachers greet students at the front of the school. When class begins, Mr. Henderson takes roll right way, while Ms. Jones waits until the end of class. Mr. Jones uses his chalkboard every day, while Ms. Henderson uses a projector. At recess the two teachers watch their students play outside. In the afternoon Ms. Jones lets her students take a ten-minute nap. Mr. Henderson gives his students an extra five minutes to sleep. At the end of the day, Ms. Jones and Mr. Henderson give their students homework.

Ms. Jones

Both

Mr. Henderson

Picture: Mr. Henderson writing a math problem on the chalkboard.



EG 55s

READ the paragraph, then FILL IN the blanks.

Apples and Oranges

Which fruit do you like more: apples or oranges? Apples and oranges are very tasty. They both grow on trees. In the fall, farmers pick apples and oranges to send to grocery stores all over the country. You can bite right into an apple. Before eating an orange, you have to peel it. Both apples and oranges are sweet fruit. For dessert, you can make apple pie. Oranges are best by themselves.

Apples

Both

Oranges

| | | |
|-------|-------|-------|
| _____ | _____ | _____ |
| _____ | _____ | _____ |
| _____ | _____ | _____ |
| | _____ | |

Picture: A bowl of different oranges and apples.

READ the paragraph, then FILL IN the blanks.

Identical Twins

Sara and Suzie are identical twins. They look exactly like, and have the same birthday. Their hair color is brown. Sara's hair is short, while Suzie's is long. Sara and Suzie like making making pancakes together on Saturday morning. At school Sara's favorite class is history. Suzie likes English. When she grows up, Suzie wants to be a doctor. Suzie doesn't know what she wants to be.

Sara

Both

Suzie

| | | |
|-------|-------|-------|
| _____ | _____ | _____ |
| _____ | _____ | _____ |
| _____ | _____ | _____ |
| | _____ | |

Picture: Sara and Suzie making pancakes together.

EG 56s

READ the paragraph, then FILL IN the blanks.

Getting Around

Your mom or dad probably drives a car every day, but what about flying a plane? Learning how to fly a plane is much harder than learning how to drive a car. Cars and planes have steering wheels. On cars, the pedals make the car go faster or slower. On planes, the pedals make the plane turn right or left. To fly a plane or drive a car, you need to pass a difficult test. On the roads and in the sky there is traffic, so pilots and drivers need to keep an eye out for other planes or cars.

Flying

Both

Driving

READ the paragraph, then FILL IN the blanks.



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How to Cook

If you want to learn how to cook, there's a lot to know about microwaves and ovens. Microwaves and ovens are two important tools to cook all kinds of food. Ovens make heat to cook food. Microwaves make the air inside food vibrate really fast to cook it. Microwaves cook food quickly, while ovens are much slower. You can put aluminum foil in an oven. If you put aluminum foil in a microwave, it'll make dangerous sparks! To learn how use microwaves and ovens, you should practice cooking with an adult.

Microwaves

Both

Ovens

Picture: A chicken cooking in an oven.

READ the paragraph, then FILL IN the blanks.



Vanilla or Chocolate?

Have you ever wondered how to make your own vanilla or chocolate ice cream? It is very easy to remember both recipes. To start, you put cream into an ice cream machine. You add just a little sugar. For vanilla ice cream, have an adult cut open a vanilla bean. You can squeeze the vanilla into the ice cream. For chocolate, add chocolate syrup or melted chocolate into the ice cream. Wait until the ice cream hardens before eating. Enjoy!

| Vanilla Ice Cream | Both | Chocolate Ice Cream |
|--------------------------|-------------|----------------------------|
| _____ | _____ | _____ |
| | _____ | |
| | _____ | |
| | _____ | |

Picture: A bowl with a scoop of vanilla and chocolate ice cream.

READ the paragraph, then FILL IN the blanks.

My Pets

Hello. My name is Mike. I have a cat and dog. They're the same age. My dog is named Chuck. My cat is named Spot. Spot and Chuck play together every day. Sometimes Chuck takes a nap while Spot scratches her scratch post. Chuck always wants to go outside, but Spot is an indoor cat. My pets are both really friendly around strangers. At night Spots meows a lot while Chuck is as quiet as a mouse. I love both my pets so much!

Spot

Both

Chuck

| | | |
|-------|-------|-------|
| _____ | _____ | _____ |
| _____ | _____ | _____ |
| _____ | _____ | _____ |
| _____ | _____ | _____ |

Picture: Chuck napping while Spot scratches the scratch post.

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READ the paragraph, then FILL IN the blanks.

A World of Languages

When you get a little older, you will learn a foreign language in school. But which one is the best? Most schools will let you choose between French and Spanish. French and Spanish both come from Europe. A lot of people in Central and South America speak Spanish, and a lot of people in Africa and Canada speak French. French is easier to read, but Spanish is easier to spell. In Spanish and French, verbs and nouns work the same way as English. No matter which language you choose, you will have lots of fun learning it!

Spanish

Both

French

Picture: The French and Spanish flag.



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READ the paragraph, then FILL IN the blanks.

Snack Time!

I really wanted a snack after I got home from school.. All that was in my house was a cookie and an apple. I knew that both are sweet. Both are crunchy. Apples are healthy, but cookies are not. The apple is a lot bigger than the cookie. If I eat the apple, I'll be too full to eat dinner later. The cookie won't make me too full. Which one should I choose?

Cookie

Both

Apple

Picture: A little girl looking at the apple and cookie. A little question mark is above her head.

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READ the paragraph, then FILL IN the blanks.

Living in a Shell

A turtle may never meet an oyster, but they both have shells as hard as rocks. Their shells protect them from predators. To breathe, turtles breathe air like you or me. Oysters, because they live in the water, use gills to breathe. Turtles eat different kinds of plants. Oysters eat plankton. Turtles and oysters come in all different sizes, from as small as quarters to as large as dinner plates. Though you or someone you know might have a turtle as a pet, no one has ever had a pet oyster. People all around the world eat oysters and turtles.

Oysters

Both

Turtles

Picture: a turtle using its foot to knock on an oyster's shell.

READ the article, then FILL IN the blanks on the next page.

Shooting Stars

Have you ever seen a shooting star, that little streak of light in the night's sky? In fact, shooting stars are not stars at all. Three things make this beautiful sight: comets, meteors, and satellites falling to Earth.

Comets are really big snowballs that have been flying through space for millions of years. When one gets close to the sun, they melt a little and make a beautiful tail in the night's sky. When comets fall to Earth, they melt all the way. A comet has never survived the trip to Earth.

Meteors have also been flying through space for millions of years. They're made of metal like the coins in your pocket. They are much heavier than comets. Meteors do not make tails when they get close to the sun. People find fallen meteors all the time. Even small meteors are valuable.

Satellites are made of metal and sent into space on rockets. The oldest satellite is only sixty years old. They help us do everything from watch TV to make phone calls. When a satellite falls to Earth, the computer inside makes them fall into the ocean so one on Earth gets hurt. You'll never find a satellite on Earth!

Note: When your artist makes the Venn diagram on the next page, 1 is Comets, 2 is Meteors, 3 is Satellites, 4 is Comets/Meteors, 5 is Comets/Satellites, 6 is Meteors/Satellites, and 7 is All Three

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1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____
7. _____



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Metaphors

Like a simile, a **metaphor** is a figure of speech that can be used to make your writing more interesting. Use a metaphor to make a comparison without using the words *like* or *as*.

Mark's short hair was **a small, sleek cap** perched on his head.

Mrs. Smith is **a mother hen** to all the children in the neighborhood.

The students were **busy bees** as they prepared for the guest's arrival.

Identify It

Read each sentence below. If it contains a simile, circle it and write **S** on the line. If it contains a metaphor, circle it and write **M** on the line.

1. _____ It is as cold as the freezer outside.
2. _____ Mark is a superhero to his children.
3. _____ The fireflies shined like Christmas lights.
4. _____ Jasmine's legs were Jello when she gave her speech.
5. _____ The man was stiff as a board after a long day of work.
6. _____ Jim was on fire he played the guitar so well.
7. _____ Olivia's eyes are as green as emeralds.
8. _____ Mary's secret was the elephant in the room.
9. _____ Hank was speaking so fast that his words were Greek to me.

Identify It

Read each sentence below. If it contains a simile, circle it and write **S** on the line. If it contains a metaphor, circle it and write **M** on the line.

1. _____ Mack's favorite teacher was a parent to him.
2. _____ Mary is the light of Greg's life.
3. _____ The lightening sounded like an explosion.
4. _____ My dad was boiling mad when I broke his fishing pole.
5. _____ Sam eats like a pig!
6. _____ The Earth is round like a marble.
7. _____ Larry was at the point of no return when he told Jasmine he liked her.
8. _____ With the air conditioning turned on, Willy felt as cool as a cucumber.
9. _____ Ms. Smith was my Rosetta Stone when it came to learning Math.
10. _____ My mom has a heart of gold because she loves me so much.

Identify It

Read each sentence below. If it contains a simile, circle it and write **S** on the line. If it contains a metaphor, circle it and write **M** on the line.

1. ____ A blanket of snow fell overnight!
2. ____ In the baby's bedroom you have to be as quiet as a mouse.
3. ____ Without my glasses I am as blind as a bat.
4. ____ When Nick plays football he needs to be as strong as an ox!
5. ____ Quentin's mind was a fog when he woke up from his nap.
6. ____ Because Lilly never cries, people say she has a heart of stone.
7. ____ Grandma's hair is bone white.
8. ____ Your voice is music to my ears.
9. ____ The two siblings were as alike as two peas in a pod.
10. ____ The boulder was as big as a bus!

Identify It

Read each sentence below. If it contains a simile, circle it and write **S** on the line. If it contains a metaphor, circle it and write **M** on the line.

1. _____ The night was as black as coal.
2. _____ My best friend, Alice, is as brave as a lion!
3. _____ Don't worry that everyone else is taller than you. You're just a late bloomer.
4. _____ My mom was as busy as a beaver getting ready for the birthday party.
5. _____ I won't be able to get on the internet because my computer kicked the bucket last night.
6. _____ After hours of work, my room was as clean as a whistle.
7. _____ Getting the high score on the video game was Frank's Holy Grail.
8. _____ The movie was as dull as dishwater.
9. _____ New York City is a melting pot because people from all over the world live there.
10. _____ Francine is the shining star of our school because she gets the best grades.

Complete It

Read each metaphor below. Then, fill in the lines to show which two things are being compared.

Example: To Eli, the shrieking sirens were fingernails on a chalkboard.

Shrieking sirens compared to **fingernails on a chalkboard**

1. The baby was the apple of her mother's eye.
_____ compared to _____
2. A blanket of clouds covered the morning sky.
_____ compared to _____
3. I got boiling mad when I stubbed my toe.
_____ compared to _____
4. I had a broken heart because I was sad.
_____ compared to _____
5. I had a cloudy memory this morning. I couldn't remember a thing!
_____ compared to _____
6. Feeling nervous is having cold feet.
_____ compared to _____
7. On the first day of school, the teacher was excited to meet the new crop of students.
_____ compared to _____
8. My mom says that my room is a disaster area.
_____ compared to _____
9. You have to be an early bird to get a good seat at the movie theater.
_____ compared to _____
10. Sally's eyes were saucers after seeing her birthday cake.
_____ compared to _____
11. The Math lesson was good food for thought.
_____ compared to _____
12. Victoria's face gets all steamed up when she is mad.
_____ compared to _____

Complete It

Read each metaphor below. Then, fill in the lines to show which two things are being compared.

1. The two paths made a fork in the road.
_____ compared to _____
2. The general was a lion on the battlefield.
_____ compared to _____
3. Doing my homework was a breeze.
_____ compared to _____
4. Ideas are wings we use to make our dreams come true.
_____ compared to _____
5. Life is a journey we all take.
_____ compared to _____
6. On my parents' wedding day, my mom said that my dad was the light of her life.
_____ compared to _____
7. The teacher said that Greg is a loose cannon because he does not think before he acts.
_____ compared to _____
8. My older sister is a night owl because she stays up so late.
_____ compared to _____
9. My mouth is a home for ice cream.
_____ compared to _____
10. It is raining cats and dogs outside!
_____ compared to _____
11. I felt a roller-coaster of emotions when I got my first puppy.
_____ compared to _____
12. I'm rolling in dough every week when I get my allowance.
_____ compared to _____



Complete It

Read each metaphor below. Then, fill in the lines to show which two things are being compared.

1. The top of Mount Everest is the roof of the world.

_____ compared to _____

2. Around every beehive is a sea of bees.

_____ compared to _____

3. Shake a leg by doing your best at school today.

_____ compared to _____

4. My mom stays home because he work has dried up.

_____ compared to _____

5. The world is a stage where we all play a part.

_____ compared to _____

6. In the movie, the two fighting knights dueled in a storm of swords.

_____ compared to _____

7. A wave of food donations came in after the big earthquake.

_____ compared to _____

8. I am an animal when I get hungry.

_____ compared to _____

9. For some people, their religion is a compass that helps them make decisions.

_____ compared to _____

10. The whale's fin was a knife that cut through water.

_____ compared to _____

11. Every choice we make is a crossroads.

_____ compared to _____

12. My mom said that my dad is her better half.

_____ compared to _____

Complete It

Read each metaphor below. Then, fill in the lines to show which two things are being compared.

1. Art is a fruit that grows inside you.
_____ compared to _____
2. The winter sky was the color of cotton.
_____ compared to _____
3. School is a mountain that every student climbs.
_____ compared to _____
4. Now is the springtime of your life.
_____ compared to _____
5. You are what you eat.
_____ compared to _____
6. The good to come out of a bad situation is the silver lining.
_____ compared to _____
7. Her voice was music to his ears.
_____ compared to _____
8. The snake was a hunter as it hid in the grass.
_____ compared to _____
9. The sea is a hungry lion that can swallow up ships.
_____ compared to _____
10. Truth is the food that your brain eats.
_____ compared to _____
11. The end of summer is always bittersweet.
_____ compared to _____
12. The classroom was a zoo when the substitute teacher tried to teach.
_____ compared to _____



Complete It

Read each metaphor below. Then, fill in the lines to show which two things are being compared.

1. The hotel room was a refrigerator.

_____ compared to _____

2. Home became a prison when Timmy got a time out.

_____ compared to _____

3. Talia is a peacock when she shows off her new clothes.

_____ compared to _____

4. My teacher became a dragon when someone stole his lunch.

_____ compared to _____

5. Tom's eyes were blue ice.

_____ compared to _____

6. The police officer's face was stone as he kept a lookout for crime.

_____ compared to _____

7. Alice's long hair is a flowing red river.

_____ compared to _____

8. My school's computers are old dinosaurs.

_____ compared to _____

9. Maria is so chicken when she is around spiders!

_____ compared to _____

10. Falling snowflakes are dancers in the sky.

_____ compared to _____

11. The freeway was a parking lot during rush hour.

_____ compared to _____

12. Your brain is the most powerful computer in the world.

_____ compared to _____

Complete It

Read each metaphor below. Then, fill in the lines to show which two things are being compared.

1. The still lake was a mirror.
_____ compared to _____
2. The pan is an instrument when the baby bangs it.
_____ compared to _____
3. You are such an angel for volunteering at the food bank.
_____ compared to _____
4. The coach is such an ogre when his team loses.
_____ compared to _____
5. The stars are twinkling Christmas lights.
_____ compared to _____
6. The clouds were cotton balls floating through the sky.
_____ compared to _____
7. The field was a lake after the rainstorm.
_____ compared to _____
8. The lightning bolts were fireworks in the sky.
_____ compared to _____
9. The beautiful lawn is a soft green carpet.
_____ compared to _____
10. Willy got an A on the spelling test; he must be a walking dictionary.
_____ compared to _____
11. You should not be a couch potato on a beautiful afternoon.
_____ compared to _____
12. The grocery store was an oasis of food.
_____ compared to _____



Complete It

Read each metaphor below. Then, fill in the lines to show which two things are being compared.

1. When I am hungry, my stomach is a bottomless pit.

_____ compared to _____

2. Livy's tears were a rushing river falling down her cheeks.

_____ compared to _____

3. Time is a thief that will steal your weekend away.

_____ compared to _____

4. Tom's emotions were blue after seeing a C on his report card.

_____ compared to _____

5. The newborn baby was a feather in my arms.

_____ compared to _____

6. Danielle's hair was a fierce lion's main.

_____ compared to _____

7. In the sunlight his eyes were sparkly fireflies.

_____ compared to _____

8. I can't find my parents in the sea of faces that make up the crowd.

_____ compared to _____

9. Time is money when you have bills to pay.

_____ compared to _____

10. Her mean words were sharp knives.

_____ compared to _____

11. Teenagers' stomachs are black holes that eat everything.

_____ compared to _____

12. The performer was a swan, gliding across the stage.

_____ compared to _____

Complete It

Read each metaphor below. Then, fill in the lines to show which two things are being compared.

1. In the grocery store the mother was followed by an army of children.

_____ compared to _____

2. The promise between us was a delicate flower.

_____ compared to _____

3. Laughter is the music of the soul.

_____ compared to _____

4. The teacher's lesson was the seed of wisdom.

_____ compared to _____

5. Nancy's life was one long sunny day.

_____ compared to _____

6. The football was a rocket when thrown by the quarterback.

_____ compared to _____

7. A sea of tears fell from her eyes.

_____ compared to _____

8. After not eating all day, the small snack was a feast!

_____ compared to _____

9. When Beverly lied, she tried to pull the wool over my eyes.

_____ compared to _____

10. I had the weight of the world on my shoulders I was so nervous.

_____ compared to _____

11. Jack has butter fingers because can't catch the football.

_____ compared to _____

12. I'm drowning because of all the work I have to do.

_____ compared to _____



Complete It

Read each metaphor below. Then, fill in the lines to show which two things are being compared.

1. Peter's idea was half-baked because it would not work.

_____ compared to _____

2. If you work hard, you will discover the sweet smell of success.

_____ compared to _____

3. Waiting for the mail to arrive is watching a pot that never boils.

_____ compared to _____

4. Rich is such a big baby when he does not get what he wants.

_____ compared to _____

5. Wajih is the brains in my class. He always earns As!

_____ compared to _____

6. My best friend is my guardian angel.

_____ compared to _____

7. Nick is not funny at all, but he thinks he is the class clown.

_____ compared to _____

8. Since Adam got braces, his mouth is one big metal factory!

_____ compared to _____

9. To Kassi, her dad was her knight in shining armor.

_____ compared to _____

10. The room was a dark cave when the lights were off.

_____ compared to _____

11. The tree became an umbrella during the rain.

_____ compared to _____

12. The loaf of bread was a rock after sitting out all day.

_____ compared to _____

Complete It

Read each metaphor below. Then, fill in the lines to show which two things are being compared.

1. Vincent's eyes were a deep, blue ocean.
_____ compared to _____
2. An ocean of sand covered the desert.
_____ compared to _____
3. My uncle is a big teddy bear when I visit him.
_____ compared to _____
4. Chloe is a dazzling firework when she dances.
_____ compared to _____
5. Percy's voice is a lion's roar.
_____ compared to _____
6. Billy is a mouse when he tiptoes across the kitchen floor.
_____ compared to _____
7. Daniel is a giant in his 3rd grade class.
_____ compared to _____
8. Because there are so many fun things to do as an adult,
when you grow up the world is your oyster.
_____ compared to _____
9. I am no angel, but I am not rude to other people.
_____ compared to _____
10. The paintbrush was a magic wand in her hand.
_____ compared to _____
11. My little sister is such a wet blanket when we play
together!
_____ compared to _____
12. Ian is a gem around other children. Everyone looks up to
him!
_____ compared to _____

Complete It

Read each metaphor below. Then, fill in the lines to show which two things are being compared.

1. Life is a game that we all play.

_____ compared to _____

2. My mom is a mama grizzly when other kids pick on me.

_____ compared to _____

3. The bully's words were snake venom.

_____ compared to _____

4. Ralph was a turtle as he slowly walked to the classroom.

_____ compared to _____

5. Justine's goal to get an A in Math was her brass ring.

_____ compared to _____

6. The Stanley Cup is the Holy Grail of hockey.

_____ compared to _____

7. The flu shot is a silver bullet against getting sick.

_____ compared to _____

8. The skydiver's bravery was iron as he made the jump.

_____ compared to _____

9. Mike's piggybank was his personal vault.

_____ compared to _____

10. The refrigerator door was an art museum for the child's drawings.

_____ compared to _____

11. The frozen lake became a gigantic mirror.

_____ compared to _____

12. Fear is a monster that eats attention.

_____ compared to _____

Complete It

Read each metaphor below. Then, fill in the lines to show which two things are being compared.

1. My mom is my light in a sea of darkness.
_____ compared to _____
2. Her voice was a tweeting bird..
_____ compared to _____
3. The sun is a large fire in the sky.
_____ compared to _____
4. School is the gateway to adulthood.
_____ compared to _____
5. Hank spilled the beans by telling Jim about the surprise party.
_____ compared to _____
6. I have an ocean of homework tonight.
_____ compared to _____
7. My mom was an angry tiger when I showed her my poor report card.
_____ compared to _____
8. His feet are boats they are so big.
_____ compared to _____
9. The ocean is a restaurant for sharks.
_____ compared to _____
10. Luke is such a weasel because he lies all the time!
_____ compared to _____
11. There is an ice box where my heart used to be.
_____ compared to _____
12. The bowling ball hitting the pins made the sound of thunder..
_____ compared to _____



Complete It

Read each metaphor below. Then, fill in the lines to show which two things are being compared.

1. Her washed hair was silk running down her back.

_____ compared to _____

2. The shark's teeth are rows of daggers.

_____ compared to _____

3. The ice cream was a mountain inside the bowl.

_____ compared to _____

4. I am a duck out of water when people talk about science.

_____ compared to _____

5. His thick fingers were sausages.

_____ compared to _____

6. The honey made an amber stream on her chin.

_____ compared to _____

7. The old painting was a window into the past.

_____ compared to _____

8. My cousin is a slug because he moves so slow.

_____ compared to _____

9. Mary's body is rubber when she stretches.

_____ compared to _____

10. The old coffee was tar in dad's mouth.

_____ compared to _____

11. The sound of an explosion happened each time the baby hit the pans together.

_____ compared to _____

12. The lizard was a thief as it stole the chicken's egg.

_____ compared to _____

Complete It

Read each metaphor below. Then, fill in the lines to show which two things are being compared.

1. The headphones were soft cushions on my ears.
_____ compared to _____
2. My new high-tech phone is a miracle.
_____ compared to _____
3. The rocket was a spear as it flew into space.
_____ compared to _____
4. The blank page is a canvas for your words.
_____ compared to _____
5. In the kitchen, my dad's apron is his armor.
_____ compared to _____
6. George is such a sheep because he never makes his own decisions.
_____ compared to _____
7. My teacher's voice is nails on a chalkboard.
_____ compared to _____
8. My bedroom is a cage when I have homework.
_____ compared to _____
9. Playing in the snow, Willy's cheeks were shiny red apples.
_____ compared to _____
10. Anger is a powerful volcano.
_____ compared to _____
11. The stars are diamonds that fill the sky.
_____ compared to _____
12. The action movie was a fun thrill ride for the audience.
_____ compared to _____



Complete It

Read each metaphor below. Then, fill in the lines to show which two things are being compared.

1. In my bedroom, my desk chair is my throne.

_____ compared to _____

2. The bay was a large mouth that led into the harbor.

_____ compared to _____

3. A forest of tall students tried to squeeze into the picture.

_____ compared to _____

4. Football and soccer are two branches of the same tree.

_____ compared to _____

5. The people who make you happy are gardeners who make your heart bloom.

_____ compared to _____

6. Every person is a beautiful poem.

_____ compared to _____

7. The melted butter was a yellow river in my hands.

_____ compared to _____

8. The tight shirt was a harness on Frank.

_____ compared to _____

9. Danny's Halloween bucket was a treasure chest of candy.

_____ compared to _____

10. Dad's screwdriver is his doctor's scalpel.

_____ compared to _____

11. The washing machine was a whirlpool as it cleaned the clothes.

_____ compared to _____

12. Jimmy is always the rotten apple in class. He makes fun of everyone!

_____ compared to _____

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Complete It

Read each metaphor below. Then, fill in the lines to show which two things are being compared.

1. My new sunglasses are little mirrors.

_____ compared to _____

2. The superhero's cape was feathers that fluttered behind her.

_____ compared to _____

3. The hot summer afternoon was a sauna.

_____ compared to _____

4. The restaurant's freezer was a winter wonderland of food.

_____ compared to _____

5. The car was a stubborn mule when anyone tried to start it.

_____ compared to _____

6. My brother calls his bike his sick patient because it breaks so much.

_____ compared to _____

7. The new pencil tips are sharp needles, so be careful when you write with one.

_____ compared to _____

8. The loose pants were a tent on my sister.

_____ compared to _____

9. The waves were angry tigers during the storm.

_____ compared to _____

10. My aunt is a little girl when she sees a kitten.

_____ compared to _____

11. The box of crayons was a buffet of colors.

_____ compared to _____

12. To Winston, taking the Math test was climbing Mount Everest.

_____ compared to _____



Welcome to Booville!

Hi! My name is Jack. I live in Booville. Booville is a city where people live next door to all kinds of monsters. My two best friends are Charlie and Tim. Tim is a vampire and Charlie is a zombie. Last weekend we had such a great adventure at Booville's haunted house. Before I tell you the story, I want to show you a map of Booville I made.

Use "Map of Booville" graphic here

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1. Who lives on Pumpkin Street?
 - a. Charlie
 - b. Jack
 - c. Tim
2. What is at the corner of Haunted Way and Frightening Road?
 - a. Booville Airport
 - b. Grocery store
 - c. School
3. Which friend's trip to the haunted house has three right turns and a left turn?
 - a. Charlie
 - b. Jack
 - c. Tim
4. Which road has no houses?
 - a. Scary Street
 - b. Pumpkin Street
 - c. Frightening Road
5. Who lives closest to Ghoul Park?
 - a. Charlie
 - b. Jack
 - c. Tim

Scary Sounds at the Haunted House

We arrived at the haunted house just before 7PM. I stayed in the living room. Tim went into the basement, and Charlie went into the bedroom on the 2nd floor. All night we wrote down what scary noises we heard.

Use “scary sounds” graphic here

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1. What sound did Charlie hear once between 7pm and 12am?
 - a. Screams
 - b. Moaning
 - c. Rattling chains
2. What sound happened once in the 2nd floor bedroom between 12am and 5am?
 - a. Moaning
 - b. Door slamming
 - c. Screams
3. What two sounds did Tim hear three times throughout the night?
 - a. Howling and rattling chains
 - b. Rattling chains and door slamming
 - c. Creaking and Screams
4. Which sound did **none** of the boys hear between 12am and 5am?
 - a. Screams
 - b. Creaking
 - c. Howling
5. How many moans happened in the living room from 7pm to 12am?
 - a. 1
 - b. 2
 - c. 3

Scary Sights at the Haunted House

The ghosts did a lot more than make noise. They tried to scare us off with scary sights, too! Nothing scares Booville kids, not even ghosts. We wrote down all the scary things we saw throughout the night.

Use 'scary sights' graphic here

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1. How many dancing skeletons did Tim see?
 - a. 1
 - b. 2
 - c. 3
2. What scary sight appeared to Jack and Tim the same number of times?
 - a. Dancing skeletons
 - b. Floating furniture
 - c. Flashing lights
3. How many times did dancing skeletons happen in the haunted house?
 - a. 6
 - b. 8
 - c. 10
4. What scary sight happened the most in the haunted house?
 - a. Dancing skeletons
 - b. Floating furniture
 - c. Flashing lights
5. Who saw the largest number of scary sights?
 - a. Jack
 - b. Tim
 - c. Charlie

Meeting the Ghosts

In the mornings the ghosts gave up trying to scare us. They floated out of the walls and apologized. They just don't like strangers that much. Charlie, Tim, and I talked to the ghosts for a long time about what they do when they're not scaring kids like me.

| | Mon. | Tues. | Wed. | Thurs. | Fri. | Weekend |
|------------------|---------------------|------------------------|---------------------|--------------------|------------------------|---------------------|
| Morning | Dust cobwebs | Read people's thoughts | Scaring Class | Visit other ghosts | Read people's thoughts | Sleep in |
| Afternoon | Play pranks | Scaring Class | Dust cobwebs | Visit other ghosts | Play pranks | Watch a movie |
| Night | Scare the neighbors | Read people's thoughts | Scare the neighbors | Visit other ghosts | Dust cobwebs | Scare the neighbors |

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1. What do the ghosts do on Saturday mornings?
 - a. Scaring class
 - b. Sleep in
 - c. Play pranks
2. On what day are there no ghosts at the haunted house?
 - a. Monday
 - b. Wednesday
 - c. Thursday
3. What activity do the ghosts only do at night?
 - a. Scaring class
 - b. Read people's thoughts
 - c. Scare the neighbors
4. What times of day do the ghosts dust cobwebs?
 - a. Morning and afternoon
 - b. Afternoon and night
 - c. Morning, afternoon, and night
5. How many times each week do the ghosts go to scaring class?
 - a. Once
 - b. Twice
 - c. Three times

Complete It

Complete each sentence below with a simile.

1. The morning breeze was as comfortable as _____.
2. The washing machine was as loud as _____.
3. The fireworks looked like _____.
4. My teacher got as angry as _____.
5. The dentist's office was as scary as _____.
6. My sister's beautiful singing sounds like _____.
7. The summer day was as hot as _____.
8. The French fries were as crunchy as _____.
9. The hotel room was as clean as _____.
10. The apple was green like _____.
11. My dreams were as weird as _____.
12. The car's new paint shined like _____.
13. The movie was as amazing as _____.
14. Mom's hair is as red as _____.

Complete It

Complete each sentence below with a simile.

1. The ocean was as blue as _____.
2. Mike won the medal because he swims as fast as _____.
3. Outer space is as black as _____.
4. Learning Spanish is as easy as _____.
5. The new student was as nervous as _____.
6. When my cat meows, it sounds like _____.
7. My dog's fur feels just like _____.
8. The giraffe was as tall as _____.
9. The fresh snow was as fluffy as _____.
10. My white car is the same color as _____.
11. Rebecca's hair is curly like _____.
12. With his new sneakers, Carl runs as fast as _____.
13. When my dad burps, it is as loud as _____.
14. The painting was as beautiful as _____.

Complete It

Complete each sentence below with a simile.

1. The soap bubbles were as big as _____
2. The salsa was as spicy as _____
3. The sponge was as squishy as _____
4. The honking horn sounded like _____
5. My dad's arms are as thick as _____
6. That pointy building is shaped like _____
7. The water sprayed out of the hose like _____
8. Carly's cat is as mean as _____
9. Timmy's bed is as squeaky like _____
10. The bowling ball is as heavy as _____
11. Greg found a strawberry as big as _____
12. The cat hunted the mice like _____
13. The computer game was as fun as _____
14. That dog's nose looks just like _____

Complete It

Complete each sentence below with a simile.

1. Willy's turtle has a shell hard as _____
2. Greg eyes shined like _____
3. The blowing wind made the trees dance like _____
4. After Jasmine bumped head, the lump was as big as _____
5. The soda was as sweet as _____
6. Mom's coat is so soft that it feels like _____
7. The marbles were as round as _____
8. My dog rolls around the ground like _____
9. When Charlie stubbed his toe, he screamed like _____
10. The Christmas tree smelled as nice as a _____
11. The bird's feathers were as colorful as _____
12. The steaming kettle makes a sound like _____ when the water boils.
13. Nancy was as cold as _____ when she went outside without a coat.
14. Maxine's camera is as old as _____.

READ the paragraph, then FILL IN the blanks.

Hint: The facts are highlighted.

Best Buddies

Sam and David have been friends ever since they were little. Though Sam goes to Littleview Elementary, and David goes to Blackwell Elementary, they spend every weekend together. Last month Sam and David build their first model plane. It flew 100 feet! Lately Sam has started to learn the clarinet. David likes music, too, but he plays the guitar.

Sam

Both

David

Picture: Sam and David flying their model plane.



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READ the paragraph, then FILL IN the blanks.

Hint: The facts are highlighted.

Types of Movies

Comedies and action movies are some of the most popular movies at the theater. In both kinds of movies, famous actors play characters. In actions movies, you will see a lot of special effects. It is rare to see special effects in a comedy movie. Comedy movies make people laugh. Action movies make people excited. No matter what kind of movie you want to see, you will have a great time watching it!

Comedies

Both

Action

Picture: A kid in a movie theater chowing down on popcorn, his eyes glued to the screen.

READ the paragraph, then FILL IN the blanks.

Hint: The facts are highlighted.

The World of Reading

Books have been around for hundreds of years. Starting a few years ago, electronic tablets gave people a new way to read books. Which is better? In a book and tablet, the book's story is the same. Some people like tablets more because tablets can carry hundreds of books. Tablets are also easier to hold, and can be lighter than a book. Some people prefer books for a lot of reasons. They enjoy the ways books feel, and even their unique smell. Books also cost less than tablets. Reading a story in a book or tablet is a great way to spend an afternoon.

Books

Both

Tablets

Picture: Two people sitting next to each other. One is reading a book, the other a tablet.



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READ the paragraph, then FILL IN the blanks.

Hint: The facts are highlighted.

Chicken or Beef?

Americans love chicken and beef. There is a lot to know about these two kinds of meat. Chickens are birds that don't fly. About the size of a cat, a chicken makes lots of different kinds of meat that people eat. Beef comes from cows. Cows are mammals the size of a horse. They also make a lot of different kinds of meat that people eat. There is less fat in chicken, making it healthier than beef. You can make a lot of different meals from chicken and beef. All of them are tasty.

Chicken

Both

Beef

Picture: A chicken standing next to a cow.



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READ the paragraph, then FILL IN the blanks.

Hint: The facts are highlighted.

Mornings with Mom and Dad

Every morning my Mom and Dad get up at the same time.
Dad drinks a cup of coffee. Mom drinks tea. Mom and Dad make breakfast together. Mom likes eggs, but dad likes bacon. We all eat together at the breakfast table.
After breakfast, Mom and Dad brush their teeth and get dressed. As I get on the school bus, Mom rides another bus to her job at the grocery store. Dad takes his car to his job at the bank.

Mom

Both

Dad

Picture: The family eating breakfast together.



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READ the paragraph, then FILL IN the blanks.

Hint: The facts are highlighted.

Which lunch?

Every day kids all over the country eat their lunch in their school's cafeteria. Some kids bring their lunch, while others buy theirs. What's the difference? If you bring your lunch, you can choose what to eat. If you buy a cafeteria lunch, you do not have a choice in what to eat. Cafeteria lunches are hot. If you bring your lunch, the food might be cold by the time you eat it. Cafeteria lunches cost money, but lunches from home take time to make. Both kinds of lunches will give you the energy you need to have a good afternoon at school.

Home Lunch

Both

Cafeteria Lunch

Picture: A group of kids eating lunch together in the cafeteria.



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READ the paragraph, then FILL IN the blanks.

Hint: The facts are highlighted.

Snow and Sand

Playing in the snow or sand are fun experiences. You play in the snow on winter days. Playing in the sand is most fun on summer days. With snow, you can make a snowman. Sand is best for making sand castles. Sand at lakes and beaches sometimes hides pretty shells, too. Snowball fights are really fun. It is too bad you can't make a sand ball. Snow will melt, but sand is always there for you to play with.

Sand

Both

Snow

Picture: A group of children building a snowman

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READ the paragraph, then FILL IN the blanks.

Hint: The facts are highlighted.

Exercise

No matter what kind of exercise you do, exercising will make you healthier and happier. Two popular ways to exercise are running and riding a bike. Running is free, and it's really easy to get started. You need to save money to buy a bike and a helmet. You also need to learn how to ride a bike. When running or riding your bike outside, you must keep a look out for cars and other people. Doing that will make sure that you stay safe when you exercise.

Running

Both

Riding a Bike

Picture: A kid running next to one who is riding her bike.

Check, Please! READ this story: **Silly String War!**

Everyone gathered around Kassi as she started to open her presents. Kassi got a movie from Tommy, and a diary from her Jenny. The last gift was a big, heavy box from her parents. Kassi was excited as she tore off the 'Happy Birthday' wrapping paper. Kassi didn't say anything when she looked inside.

"What is it?" Her friend, Debbie, asked.

Kassi smiled, and handed everyone a can from the box. In less than five minutes, the whole back yard and all the guests were covered in silly string. It was a great day.

Now, check the right answers, and FILL IN the blanks.

1. What kind of party is it?

Slumber party Halloween party Birthday party

2. What kinds of cans are in Kassi's present?

Soup cans Dog food cans Silly string cans

3. Who gave Kassi the big, heavy box?

Debbie Tommy Her Parents

4. Which gift did Kassi **not** receive?

Diary Movie Pony

5. How long did everyone play with the silly string?

Five minutes Ten Minutes An Hour

6. Where did Kassi open her presents?

The Living Room Her Bedroom The Backyard

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Check, Please! READ this story: **The Deep Dark Ocean**

Hank was a shark. Every year he traveled the oceans to hunt other fish. One day Hank met another shark named Hilde. "Don't go any deeper," Hilde said. "A HUGE shark lives down there, and he'll eat you!"

"What do I do?" Hank asked.

"Go bring me a lot of fish to eat," Hilde said. "When you get back, I'll chase the big shark away."

Hank caught a bunch of fish for Hilde. When he returned, Hilde wasn't there. Hank swam into the deep dark ocean. There, he didn't find the big shark. Only Hilde was there, eating a lot of little fish. She had tricked him! Hank all the little fish he had he had brought for Hilde.

Now, check the right answers, and FILL IN the blanks.

1. What does Hank the shark eat?

Fish Other sharks Snails

2. What does Hilde say is in the deep dark ocean?

Treasure Chest A huge shark Lots of food

3. What will Hilde do for a lot of fish?

Eat them marry Hank Chase away the huge shark

4. What is actually in the deep dark ocean?

A huge shark lots of food a submarine

5. Why does Hank get mad?

He couldn't find fish for Hilde Hilde lied to him He can't see in the dark

6. Why does Hank eat all the little fish he brought for Hilde?

She wasn't there The little fish tried to escape Hilde already had food



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Check, Please! READ this story: **Time Travel Trouble**

Igor was scared. In the middle of the night, a man in a dark cloak and hat had stolen his plans for a time travel machine. Igor had to get the plans back before everyone found out how to time travel.

Igor disguised himself and went back in time one day. Hiding behind a trash can, he saw himself walking down the alley. Igor hopped out in front of himself and snatched the plans before quickly traveling back to the present.

Igor felt happy that the plans were safe again. He looked at himself in the mirror, and screamed in shock. His disguise was a dark cloak and hat. It had been him all along!

Now, check the right answers, and FILL IN the blanks.

1. What is Igor's job?

Inventor

Janitor

Doctor

2. What is Igor scared at the beginning of the story.

He lost his hat

Someone stole his plans

He lost his job

3. Why does Igor want his plans for a time travel machine back?

They're a secret

They cost a lot of money

They were a gift

4. What is Igor's idea to get his plans back?

Write another copy

Go to the police

Go back in time

5. What happens when Igor goes back in time?

He can't find his plans

He talks to himself

He gets back the plans

6. Why does Igor scream in shock at the end of the story?

He was the thief all along

He couldn't find his plans

He is happy

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Check, Please! READ this story: **Lemonade Stand**

"I'll never make enough money for a bike," Jessie said, counting the \$2 in quarters she made at her lemonade stand. At this rate, it would take years to save enough money.

The next day Jessie sold only two cups of lemonade. The second person, her friend Carla, only took one sip before throwing the lemonade away. Jessi asked Carla what was wrong with the lemonade.

The day after that Jessie sold lots of lemonade. Counting forty quarters at the end of the day, Jessie smiled. Buying that bag of sugar had been a great idea!

Now, check the right answers, and FILL IN the blanks.

1. What is Jessie saving money for?

Computer Bicycle Dog

2. How many quarters does Jessie have at the beginning of the story?

Six Eight Ten

3. Who gives Jessie some important advice?

Her Mom Her Dad Carla

4. What is the important advice?

Stop selling lemonade Use bigger cups Add sugar

5. How much money did Jesse earn on the third day?

\$5 \$7 \$10

6. If each cup of lemonade costs 25 cents, how many cups did Jessie sell over the three days?

Forty Cups Forty-two cups Fifty Cups



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Check, Please! READ this story: **The Missing Apples**

Every morning Travis put out the new apples at the grocery store. He put the best apples on top so customers would see them. One day Travis's boss told him some shocking news: ten apples had gone missing!

"If you don't find what happened to the apples, I can't let you work here any longer," the boss said.

Travis counted all the apples. There were seventy. After lunch he only counted sixty-six. Travis was nervous. He looked on the floor and on the shelves. Nothing!

Travis went behind the store. A stray cat had an apple in its mouth! He followed the cat. He found a litter of kittens surrounded by apple cores.

Now, check the right answers, and FILL IN the blanks.

1. Where does Travis work?

The bank

The grocery store

The mall

2. What will happen to Travis if he can't find the apples?

He will lose his job

He will work at another store

He will pay for the apples.

3. How many apples go missing after lunch?

Two

Four

Six

4. Who is the thief?

A dog

Travis

A cat

5. Why did the thief steal the apples?

To feed the kittens

to eat them

to sell them

6. What will happen to Travis at the end of the story?

He will lose his job

He will keep his job

He will go on vacation



Check, Please! READ this story: **Peace and Happiness**

P&H was the most popular store in town. The store sold peace and happiness, two things all people loved to feel. One day the manager, Kevin, saw that no one had come in the store all day.

"What's going on here?" Kevin asked everyone. "There hasn't been a single customer all day!" The other employees, Danielle and Alex, didn't know the reason.

Kevin looked all around the store. All the bottles were clean. The 'Open' sign was turned on. Kevin scratched his head.

Kevin stepped outside. There it was! Right next door was a new store: H&P, Happiness and Peace. Kevin stamped his foot on the ground.

Now, check the right answers, and FILL IN the blanks.

1. Who is the boss at P&H?

Danielle Alex Kevin

2. What is the problem?

No customers Nothing to sell People don't like P&H

3. What container does peace and happiness come in?

A can A bottle A box

4. How does P&H tell customers that they are open?

The front door is unlocked Open sign TV commercial

5. Why does the problem happen?

H&P Opens next door P&H has a bad boss P&H is closing

6. What emotion does Kevin feel at the end of the story?

Happiness Anger Sadness

Check, Please! READ this story: **A Fishy Story**

Xander was excited. Until today, he never got to go out to eat with his parents. The restaurant was very nice and clean. The menu had a lot of strange words Xander didn't know. His parents ordered for him.

When dinner came, Xander was shocked. The little pieces of fish were raw! He poked a piece with his fork. "It's okay," his dad said. "The sushi is really tasty here."

Xander slowly brought a piece of fish to his mouth. It was cold and squishy. But his dad was right. It was tasty! Xander tried six different fish. There was only one he didn't like.

"You've been a big boy tonight," his mom said. At the end of dinner they let Xander have an ice cream.

Now, check the right answers, and FILL IN the blanks.

1. What is Xander doing with his parents for the first time?

Going to the movies Going to a restaurant Going to a park.

2. Why do Xander's parents order food for him?

He is a child He can't speak He doesn't understand the menu

3. What is the raw fish called?

Icky Fish Sushi Nigiri

4. What does the raw fish **not** feel like in Xander's mouth?

Warm Cold Squishy

5. How many kinds of raw fish does Xander like?

Six Five Four

6. What reward do Xander's parents give him for being a big boy?

A new bicycle More raw fish An ice cream

Check, Please! READ this story: **The Black Hole Bag**

Kat was nine. Every day since her seventh birthday, she carried her favorite bag around with her. During school, it carried her notebooks. During summer, it carried her favorite toys.

One day Kat found one of her dolls lying on the floor. "I just put you in my bag," Kat said to the doll. "How did you get out?" The next day another toy went missing from Kat's bag.

"I didn't take any of your toys," Kat's mom said later that day. "Just keep looking."

Kat found all her toys, but that didn't solve the mystery. She picked up her bag, and a doll fell out. At the bottom of her bag was a big hole! The next day Kat fixed her bag. When she was done, bright red tread was the only thing that showed where the hole had been.

Now, check the right answers, and FILL IN the blanks.

1. How did Kat get her bag?

Birthday gift Christmas gift She saved money to buy it

2. At the beginning of the story, how long has Kat had her bag?

One year Two years Three years

3. What **doesn't** Kat carry in her bag?

Notebooks Toys Food

4. Who does Kat think is taking her toys?

Her dad Her mom Her little brother

5. What was wrong with Kat's bag?

The strap broke It was old There was a hole

6. How does Kat fix her bag?

With glue Sewing thread She buys a new bag

Check, Please! READ this story: **Train Troubles**

Hiroto lived in Tokyo, the biggest city in the world. Every day he rode the 7:15 train to school. One day he was running late, and he arrived at the station at 7:18. Hirota was worried he wouldn't make it to school on time.

"When does the next train come?" Hirota asked a man who worked at the station.

"7:22," the man said.

The train arrived at Hirota's school at 7:35. Hirota barely made it to class on time when it started at 7:40. Hirota felt like the luckiest boy in all of Japan. From now on, he would remember to set his alarm every night.

Now, check the right answers, and FILL IN the blanks.

1. How many minutes after 7:15 does the other train come?

Five minutes

Six minutes

Seven minutes

2. What country does Hirota live in?

China

Korea

Japan

3. How long does the train take to get to Hirota's school?

Ten minutes

Twelve minutes

Thirteen minutes

4. By how many minutes does Hirota miss his regular train?

One minutes

Three minutes

Five minutes

5. What is the problem in the story?

Hirota can't get to school

He is late

He made a bad grade

6. Why does this problem happen?

His mom didn't wake him up His alarm didn't go off The train broke down.

Check, Please! READ this story: **Homework Help**

Harry had a mountain of homework over the weekend: twenty pages to read for History, sixteen Math problems, a Science project, and an English paper were all due on Monday.

"I don't know where to start," Harry told his mom.

"Start with the easiest homework first," his mom said.

Harry read the twenty pages first. 'That's not so bad,' Harry thought. He then wrote his essay. That took a little longer, but he was halfway done!

In the afternoon Harry worked on his Math problems and then his Science project. His dad helped him a little, but Harry did all the important work.

Harry was done! On Sunday, Harry was able to play all day.

Now, check the right answers, and FILL IN the blanks.

1. What day does Harry do all his homework?

Saturday Sunday Monday

2. What class's homework does Harry do first?

Science Math History

3. What class's homework does Harry get his dad to help him?

History English Math

4. For how many classes does Harry have homework?

Three Four Five

5. What is Harry's problem in the story?

Too much homework Doesn't know where to start He is sick

6. Which class's homework does Harry think is the hardest?

Math Science History



Check, Please! READ this story: **A Movie Surprise**

It was a rainy Saturday afternoon, and Amy was bored. "Find a movie to watch," her dad told her.

Amy looked through the DVDs. She tried a comedy. It wasn't funny. She then tried a scary movie. It made her scream, so she stopped watching. Then she tried a cartoon. It was nice, but she had seen it a million times.

Amy then found a DVD without a label. She was curious, so she put it in the player. On the screen was a baby doing all sorts of funny things: throwing food, playing with blocks, and laughing.

After she finished watching it, Amy told her dad all about the funny movie. Her dad smiled. "So you were laughing at yourself this whole time," he told her. Amy smiled, too.

Now, check the right answers, and FILL IN the blanks.

1. Why can't Amy go play outside?

It's too hot

It's too cold

It's raining

2. Which of the first three movies does Amy enjoy?

Comedy

Scary

Cartoon

3. Why does Amy stop watching the scary movie?

Too scary

The DVD broke

She fell asleep

4. Why is Amy curious about one of the DVDs?

No label

Her dad just bought it

It was her mom's favorite

5. Who is the character of the movie that makes Amy laugh?

A man

A woman

A baby

6. Who is the character in the movie?

Amy's dad as a baby

Amy's mom as a baby

Amy as a baby



Check, Please! READ this story: **The Snowball**

Kathy's favorite thing was her snowball. Every since the big snowstorm in January, the snowball had lived in her family's freezer. Every day Kathy took a peek inside to see her little piece of winter.

On the 4th of July a lot of Kathy's family came over. Uncles, aunts, and cousins packed into the house. Everyone brought delicious food and fireworks.

Kathy peeked inside the freezer to see her snowball. It was gone! Kathy looked around. She found the last of her snowball melting in her uncle Elmar's lemonade. Kathy started to cry.

"What's wrong?" Uncle Elmar asked. Kathy told him all about the snowball.

That night Uncle Elmar let Kathy light the biggest firework. It rocketed into the sky, and made a beautiful flower of light.

Now, check the right answers, and FILL IN the blanks.

1. On the 4th of July, how long as Kathy had her snowball?

One month

Four months

Six months

2. Why do a lot of people come to Kathy's house?

A family meeting

A party

To plant a tree

3. What is the problem in the story?

Too hot outside

Kathy is lonely

Kathy's snowball is missing

4. Why did Uncle Elmar take Kathy's snowball?

He doesn't like Kathy

To cool his lemonade

to throw it

5. Why does Kathy cry?

She loves her snowball

Snowballs are expensive

She stubbed her toe

6. How does Uncle Elmar apologize to Kathy?

He makes her a snowball

He lets her set off a firework

He gives her \$10



Check, Please! READ this story: **Juan the Strange Vampire**

Juan didn't like the taste of blood. But as a vampire, he had to drink it every night. He had tried everything to make blood taste better: salt and pepper, hot sauce, melted butter. Nothing worked.

One night Juan made his weekly trip to the blood store. "Anything new?" He asked the man at the store. The man nodded, and went into the back room. He returned with a small box of tea bags. "This is blood tea," the man said. "I think you'll like it."

Juan bought the tea bags and went home. He brewed the tea. It barely smelled like blood at all. He took a sip. It tasted like cinnamon! Juan smiled, and gulped down the rest of the tea. The next week he went back to the store to buy ten more boxes.

Now, check the right answers, and FILL IN the blanks.

1. What would Juan say if you asked him if he likes blood?
 "I love it." "It's okay." "It's icky."

2. What has Juan tried to do to make blood taste better?
 Bake it into a cake Put tasty things in it Pour it over a snow cone

3. Why does Juan gulp down his tea?
 It is hot It doesn't taste like blood It is sweet

4. How often does Juan go to the blood store?
 Once a day Once a week Once a month

5. Why is Juan a "strange vampire?"
 He doesn't have fangs He goes to a blood store He doesn't like blood

6. Why does Juan buy ten boxes of tea bags?
 He's going on vacation He loves the taste The blood store is closing

Check, Please! READ this story: **The Magic Trip**

The morning was hot and humid when Allie got into the car with her parents. Allie looked at the clock in the car: 6:30AM. Allie yawned. She was still really sleepy. But she was excited, too. Her family was taking her on a surprise vacation. They hadn't told her where they were driving. Allie watched as her dad drove out of their driveway and through their neighborhood. "See you in a week," Allie said, waving to everything they passed.

Allie yawned again, and resting her head against the seat, she closed her eyes. When she opened them, the clock said 2:30PM. The car had stopped, and her parents were standing right outside. What had happened? She looked down to see a blanket in her lap. "We're here," her mom said, opening the door for Allie. Allie took a deep breath, and smelled the ocean breeze.

Now, check the right answers, and FILL IN the blanks.

1. In what season do Allie and her parents go on a trip?
Spring Summer Fall

2. How long is the family's vacation?
Three days One week Ten days

3. How long does the trip last?
Five hours Six hours Eight hours

4. Why is Allie so tired at the beginning of the story?
It's early She stayed up all night She is sick

5. Why is the trip 'magic' for Allie?
They time travel Allie sleeps through it Allie is a witch

6. Where does Allie's family go on vacation?
Disneyworld A museum The beach



Check, Please! READ this story: **Pop Quiz!**

Darren received a shock when class began. There was going to be a surprise quiz! It just had to be the day after he forgot to do his homework, too. Darren groaned as the teacher passed out the quizzes. Darren looked at the first problem: $5 \times 2 = \underline{\quad}$. Darren bit his lip. He knew this one! Both of his hands had five fingers. The answer was 10! Some of the other problems were hard, but Darren tried them all.

At the end of the day Darren asked his teacher if she could grade his quiz before he went home. She got out her red pen and marked Darren's wrong answers. He made a 7/10. "I would have done better," Darren said, "but I forgot to do my homework last night."

The teacher nodded and gave Darren a little book. Inside was a calendar. The teacher repeated that night's homework and Darren wrote it down. He wouldn't forget any more homework!

Now, check the right answers, and FILL IN the blanks.

1. Why is Darren nervous about the quiz?

It's is hard He didn't do the homework He doesn't like quizzes

2. What kind of quiz is it?

Science quiz English quiz Math quiz

3. How many questions does Darren miss on the quiz?

Two Three Four

4. What could be the name of Darren's teacher?

Mr. Smith Mr. Harris Ms. Jamison

5. What does the teacher give Darren?

A book on dog A planner The next day's homework

6. How will the little book help Darren?

Remind him about homework Give him homework help Give him he answers to quizzes,



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Check, Please! READ this story: **Food Thieves**

Larry didn't understand humans at all. Every week they took all their delicious smelling food and put in a big metal can outside. Once, Larry got into the food, but his humans punished him for eating it. Larry didn't understand why they were so mad. Every week a big truck came to steal the food. Why didn't his humans get mad at the people in the truck?

One week Larry started to bark when the truck came by. No one paid attention to him. Larry ran through the open gate and bit one of the evil thieves.

After that Larry had to stay in a crate when the bad men came to steal his humans' food.

Now, check the right answers, and FILL IN the blanks.

1. What kind of an animal is Larry?

Dog

Cat

Hamster

2. Why is Larry upset every week?

His humans don't feed him He is sad People steal his humans' food

3. What is the big truck that Larry barks at every week?

Delivery truck

Fire truck

Garbage truck

4. Why does Larry have to stay in his crate at the end of the story?

He barks too much

He bit someone

He got dirty

5. What is all the 'delicious smelling food' in the story?

Garbage

A special meal

A turkey dinner

6. Who are Larry's humans?

The neighbors

His owners

His friends



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Check, Please! READ this story: **The Fun Box**

The Fun Box was the most popular kids' toy. A week before Christmas, Jack went to the toy store to buy a Fun Box for Iris, his daughter. "I'm sorry," the person at the store said. "We just sold our last Fun Box."

Jack went to every toy store in the city, but no store had the Fun Box. How was Iris going to have a good Christmas without a Fun Box?

On Christmas morning Iris tore into her presents. She got a doll, a movie, and a headband. The last gift twice the size of Iris. As Iris tore into the paper, Jack felt really nervous.

The present was a large cardboard box on its side. On the lid, someone had painted the words 'Fun Box'. Iris opened it to find a little playroom with a tea set. There was even a window! Giggling, Iris climbed into the box and started to play.

Now, check the right answers, and FILL IN the blanks.

1. Why can't Jack find a Fun Box for Iris?

People bought them all He can't find a toy store. He doesn't have enough money.

2. When does Jack want to give Iris a Fun Box?

Her birthday Christmas morning Summer vacation

3. Why is Jack nervous on Christmas morning?

He didn't buy Iris a gift He can't sleep He hopes Iris will like her gift

4. How does Jack know that Iris likes her Fun Box?

She giggles She tells him She writes him a letter

5. Who is the 'someone' who made Iris's Fun Box?

The man at the store Jack Iris's mom

6. What can Iris do in her Fun Box?

Tea parties Homework Sleep



Check, Please! READ this story: **The Scary Storm**

Greg was trembling. The cruise ship was swaying back and forth in the storm. He didn't want to sink like that ship in that movie he saw. "Make it stop," he told his mom, holding onto her leg as hard as he could.

"It's okay, baby," she said. "That captain said it'll be over by morning." Greg didn't feel any better. The rocking got worse, too.

Greg's dad held Greg up to the window. Outside the storm raged.

"Arrrggg, matey, how would the pirate Blackbeard do in a storm like this?"

"He'd be brave," Greg said.

"That's right," Greg's dad said. "Tomorrow we will arrive on Blackbeard's island. You and me, we'll find his treasure together!"

"Okay." Greg wiped his eyes, and tried to be brave.

The next day was beautiful. The ship arrived at a beautiful tropical island.

Now, check the right answers, and FILL IN the blanks.

1. Besides the storm, what else is making Greg scared?

A movie he saw He is hurt He is seasick

2. About how old is Greg?

A little kid A teenager An adult

3. How long will the storm last?

A few hours A few days A week

4. Has Greg been crying?

Yes No You can't tell from the story

5. How does Greg's dad make him feel better?

He tells him a story He gives him ice cream He tucks him into bed

6. What is the weather like the next day?

Light rain Fog Sunny



Metaphors

A metaphor is a word or phrase that is used to make a comparison between two people, things, animals, or places. It provides a more visual description of the word or thought.

For each set of questions, match the metaphor with its meaning.

Example: My grandma is wise as an owl. A

a. My grandma is a wise or smart person

1. Mark is a superhero to his children. ____
2. Jasmine's legs were Jello when she gave her speech. ____
3. Jim was on fire he played the guitar so well. ____
4. Mary's secret was the elephant in the room. ____
5. Hank was speaking so fast that his words were Greek to me. ____
6. Mack's favorite teacher was a parent to him. ____
7. Mary is the light of Greg's life. ____
8. My dad was boiling mad when I broke his fishing pole. ____
9. Larry was at the point of no return when he told Jasmine he liked her. ____
10. Ms. Smith was my Rosetta Stone* when it came to learning Math. ____

Meaning

a. Ms. Smith knows a lot about Math. b. Dad got really mad when I broke his fishing pole. c. Mack's favorite teacher cares about him. d. Mary's secret was a problem. e. Jasmine's legs wobbled when she gave her speech f. Larry couldn't take it back when he told Jasmine he liked her. g. Mary is the most important thing in Greg's life. h. I couldn't understand what Hank was saying because he was speaking so fast. i. Jim was really impressive because he plays the guitar so well. j. Mark's children admire him very much.

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For each set of questions, match the metaphor with its meaning.

1. Quentin's mind was a fog when he woke up from his nap. ____
2. Because Lilly never cries, people say she has a heart of stone.

3. Grandma's hair is bone white. ____
4. Your voice is music to my ears. ____
5. Don't worry that everyone else is taller than you. You're just a late bloomer. ____
6. I won't be able to get on the internet because my computer kicked the bucket last night. ____
7. Getting the high score on the video game was Frank's summit.

8. New York City is a melting pot because people from all over the world live there. ____
9. Francine is the shining star of our school because she gets the best grades. ____
10. A teenager's room is a disaster area. ____

Meaning

- a. Quentin was confused when he got up from his nap.
- b. Grandma's hair is all white.
- c. You will grow taller later than everyone else.
- d. Frank's goal was to get the high score on the video game.
- e. We're proud of Francine because she gets the best grades.
- f. People think Lilly doesn't care about anything because she never cries.
- g. I really love the sound of your voice.
- h. I can't get on the internet because my computer stopped working last night.
- i. New York City has so many different things because people from all over the world live there.
- j. A teenager's bedroom is messy.



For each set of questions, match the metaphor with its meaning.

1. My memory was cloudy this morning. ____
2. Jim had cold feet before the big test. ____
3. On the first day of school, the teacher was excited to meet the new crop of students. ____
4. My mom says that a bomb went off in my room. ____
5. You have to be an early bird to get a good seat at the movie theater. ____
6. Sally's eyes were saucers after seeing her birthday cake. ____
7. The Math lesson was good food for thought. ____
8. Victoria's face gets all steamed up when she is mad. ____
9. The two paths made a fork in the road. ____
10. The general was a lion on the battlefield. ____

Meanings

- a. The general was brave on the battlefield.
- b. The two paths split from one path.
- c. The Math lesson was something interesting to think about.
- d. You have to get to the theater early to get a good seat.
- e. My mom says that my room is messy.
- f. Jim was nervous before the big test.
- g. I couldn't remember much this morning.
- h. The teacher was excited to meet the new group of students.
- i. Sally's eyes became very wide when she saw her birthday cake.
- j. Victoria's face gets red when she is mad.

EG 92s

For each set of questions, match the metaphor with its meaning

1. My mom has a heart of gold because she loves me so much. ____
2. A blanket of snow fell overnight! ____
3. I studied for my Math test and it was a breeze. ____
4. The baby was the apple of her mother's eye. ____
5. Ideas are wings we use to make our dreams come true. ____
6. Life is a journey. ____
7. On my parents' wedding day, my mom said that my dad was the light of her life. ____
8. The teacher said that Greg is a loose cannon. ____
9. My older sister is a night owl. ____
10. My mouth is a home for ice cream. ____

Meanings

- a. A lot of snow fell overnight
- b. My mom is a great person because she loves me.
- c. On their wedding day, my mom said that my dad is the most important person in her life.
- d. The baby was the most important thing in her mother' life.
- e. Ice cream goes in my mouth.
- f. My Math test was easy because I studied.
- g. The teacher said that Greg is a brat because he does not think before he acts.
- h. My older sister stays up all night.
- i. Ideas help us make our dreams come true.
- j. In our lives, we do many different things.



For each set of questions, match the metaphor with its meaning

1. It is raining cats and dogs outside! ____
2. The car was a stubborn mule when anyone tried to start it. ____
3. My brother calls his bike his sick patient. ____
4. The top of Mount Everest is the roof of the world. ____
5. The hot summer afternoon was a sauna. ____
6. The restaurant's freezer was a winter wonderland of food. ____
7. My mom stays home because work has dried up. ____
8. In the movie, the two fighting knights dueled in a storm of swords. ____
9. A wave of food donations came in after the big earthquake. ____
10. I am an animal when I get hungry. ____

Meanings

- a. It is a humid summer afternoon.
- b. My mom stays home because she can't find a job.
- c. A lot of donations came in after the earthquake.
- d. It is raining really hard outside.
- e. The top of Mount Everest is the highest place in the world.
- f. The two knights' sword battle was really fast.
- g. My brother's bike breaks all time.
- h. The cold freezer was packed with frozen food.
- i. I am upset when I get hungry.
- j. The car would never start.

For each set of questions, match the metaphor with its meaning

1. For some people, their religion is a compass. ____
2. The whale's fin was a knife in the water. ____
3. Every choice we make is a crossroads. ____
4. My mom said that my dad is her better half. ____
5. Art is a fruit that grows inside you. ____
6. The winter sky was the color of cotton. ____
7. School is a mountain that every student climbs. ____
8. Now is the springtime of your life. ____
9. You are what you eat. ____
10. Though Tim broke his leg, having friends sign his cast was a silver lining. ____

Meanings

- a. For some people, their religion helps them make decisions.
- b. Schools is difficult, but every student does it.
- c. Now is the best time of your life.
- d. Though Tim broke his leg, having his friends sign his cast was a good thing.
- e. My mom said that my dad helps her be a better person.
- f. The winter sky was white.
- g. The whale's fin cut through the water when it swam.
- h. When you create art, you are making something beautiful.
- i. The food you eat makes you healthy or unhealthy.
- j. Every choice we make changes our lives.

For each set of questions, match the metaphor with its meaning.

1. The snake was a hunter as it hid in the grass. ____
2. The sea is a hungry lion that can swallow up ships. ____
3. Truth is the food that your brain eats. ____
4. The end of summer is always bittersweet. ____
5. The classroom was a zoo when the substitute teacher tried to teach. ____
6. The hotel room was a refrigerator. ____
7. Home became a prison when Timmy got a time out. ____
8. Talia is a peacock when she shows off her new clothes. ____
9. My teacher became a dragon when someone stole his lunch. ____
10. Tom's eyes were blue ice. ____

Meanings

- a. My teacher got really mad when someone stole his lunch.
- b. A sea storm can sink ships.
- c. The snake hunted its food.
- d. Tom's eyes were light blue.
- e. Your brain needs to learn the truth.
- f. Talia brags when she shows off her new clothes.
- g. The classroom was out of control when the substitute teacher tried to teach.
- h. The end of summer is always a little sad.
- i. The hotel room was really cold.
- j. Timmy couldn't leave his house when he got a time out.

EG 94s

For each set of questions, match the metaphor with its meaning.

1. The police officer's face was stone as he kept a lookout for crime. ____
2. Alice's long hair is a flowing red river. ____
3. My school's computers are old dinosaurs. ____
4. Maria is so chicken when she is around spiders! ____
5. Falling snowflakes are dancers in the sky. ____
6. The freeway was a parking lot during rush hour. ____
7. Your brain is the most powerful computer in the world.

8. The still lake was a mirror. ____
9. The pan is an instrument when the baby bangs it. ____
10. You are such an angel for volunteering at the food bank.

Meanings

- a. The falling snowflakes twirled in the sky.
- b. The police officer did not smile as he kept a lookout for crime.
- c. Your brain can solve a bunch of difficult problems.
- d. You are such a great person for volunteering at the food bank.
- e. Alice's long red hair flows down her back.
- f. The pan makes noise the baby likes.
- g. Maria is so scared when she is around spiders!
- h. You could see yourself in the still lake.
- i. My school's computers are older than I am.
- j. During rush hour, all the cars on the freeway were stopped.



For each set of questions, match the metaphor with its meaning.

1. The coach is such a monster when his team loses. ____
2. The stars are twinkling Christmas lights. ____
3. The clouds were cotton balls floating through the sky. ____
4. The field was a lake after the rainstorm. ____
5. The lightning bolts were fireworks in the sky. ____
6. The beautiful lawn is a soft green carpet. ____
7. Willy got an A on the spelling test; he must be a walking dictionary. ____
8. The newborn baby was a feather in my arms. ____
9. Danielle's hair was a fierce lion's mane. ____
10. In the sunlight his eyes were sparkly fireflies. ____

Meanings

- a. The newborn baby was very light.
- b. The stars are bright lights in the sky.
- c. The beautiful lawn is very soft.
- d. The field flooded after the rainstorm.
- e. The clouds were white and fluffy.
- f. Danielle's hair was very thick.
- g. The coach gets really mad when his team loses.
- h. The lightning exploded in the sky.
- i. Willy must know how to spell really well.
- j. The sunlight sparkled in his eyes.

EG 95s

For each set of questions, match the metaphor with its meaning.

1. The grocery store was an oasis of food. ____
2. Time is money when you have bills to pay. ____
3. Her mean words were sharp knives. ____
4. You should not be a couch potato on a beautiful afternoon. ____
5. When I am hungry, my stomach is a bottomless pit. ____
6. Livy's tears were a rushing river falling down her cheeks. ____
7. Time is a thief that will steal your weekend away. ____
8. Tom's was blue after seeing a C on his report card. ____
9. I can't find my parents in the sea of faces that make up the crowd. ____
10. The performer was a swan, gliding across the stage. ____

Meanings

- a. The grocery store had a lot of food.
- b. The performer was very graceful.
- c. Her mean words hurt me a lot.
- d. I eat a lot when I am hungry.
- e. Don't waste time during the weekends.
- f. Livy cried a lot.
- g. Tom was sad after seeing the C on his report card.
- h. When you have a job, you have to work hard to make money.
- i. Don't sit on the couch all day when it is nice outside.
- j. I can't find my parents because there are so many people in the crowd.



For each set of questions, match the metaphor with its meaning.

1. In the grocery store the mother was followed by an army of children. ____
2. The promise between us was iron. ____
3. Laughter is the music of the soul. ____
4. The teacher's lesson was the seed of wisdom. ____
5. Nancy's life was one long sunny day. ____
6. The football was a rocket when thrown by the quarterback. ____
7. A sea of tears fell from her eyes. ____
8. After not eating all day, the small snack was a feast! ____
9. When Beverly lied, she tried to pull the wool over my eyes. ____
10. I felt that I had the weight of the world on my shoulders. ____

Meanings

- a. When Beverly lied, she tried to trick me.
- b. She cried a lot.
- c. Nancy had a great life.
- d. Laughter makes you feel good.
- e. In the grocery store the mother was followed by a lot of children.
- f. I felt really nervous because I had a lot of responsibilities.
- g. The football went really fast when the quarterback threw it.
- h. After not eating all day, the snack tasted like the best thing ever.
- i. The teacher's lesson taught the students something very important.
- j. We agreed to keep the promise no matter what.

EG 96s

For each set of questions, match the metaphor with its meaning.

1. The frozen lake became a gigantic mirror. ____
2. Fear is a monster that eats attention. ____
3. Peter's idea was half-baked because it would not work.

4. If you work hard, you will discover the sweet smell of success. ____
5. Waiting for the mail to arrive is watching a pot that never boils. ____
6. The tree became an umbrella during the rain. ____
7. Rich is such a big baby when he does not get what he wants. ____
8. Wajih is the brains in my class. He always earns As! ____
9. My best friend is my guardian angel. ____
10. Nick is not funny at all, but he thinks he is the class clown.

Meanings

- a. My best friend always takes care of me.
- b. Rich complains when he doesn't get what he wants.
- c. The tree protected me from the rain.
- d. If you work hard, you will succeed.
- e. Peter didn't come up with a good idea.
- f. Fear will distract you from more important things.
- g. I could see myself in the frozen lake.
- h. Wajih is the smartest person in my class.
- i. Nick isn't funny, but he thinks he's the funniest person in my class.
- j. Waiting for the mail to arrive is a waste of time.



For each set of questions, match the metaphor with its meaning.

1. Since Adam got braces, his mouth is one big metal factory! ____
2. To Kassi, her dad was her knight in shining armor. ____
3. Vincent's eyes were a deep, blue ocean. ____
4. The superhero's cape was feathers that fluttered behind her. ____
5. My uncle is a big teddy bear when I visit him. ____
6. Chloe is a dazzling firework when she dances. ____
7. Percy's voice is a lion's roar. ____
8. Billy is a mouse when he tiptoes across the kitchen floor. ____
9. The room was a dark cave when the lights were off. ____
10. The loaf of bread was a rock after sitting out all day. ____

Meanings

- a. Percy has a really loud voice.
- b. To Kassi, her dad was a hero.
- c. Chloe is a great dancer.
- d. The room was very dark when the lights were off.
- e. Vincent's eyes were dark blue.
- f. Billy is really quiet as he tiptoes across the kitchen floor.
- g. My uncle is really nice when I visit him.
- h. The loaf of bread was very hard after sitting out all day.
- i. Because Adam has braces, there is a lot of metal in his mouth.
- j. The superhero's cape flew in the breeze.

For each set of questions, match the metaphor with its meaning.



1. Daniel is a giant in his 3rd grade class. ____
2. When you grow up, the world is your oyster. ____
3. I am no angel, but I am not rude to other people. ____
4. The paintbrush was a magic wand in her hand. ____
5. My little sister is such a wet blanket when we play together! ____
6. Ian is a gem around other children. Everyone looks up to him! ____
7. Life is a game that we all play. ____
8. My mom is a mama grizzly when other kids pick on me. ____
9. The bully's words were snake venom. ____
10. Ralph was a turtle as he slowly walked to the classroom. ____

Meanings

- a. Daniel is really tall.
- b. Ralph walked slowly to class.
- c. My little sister ruins everything when we play together!
- d. When you grow up, there are so many things you can do.
- e. My mom defends me when other kids pick on me.
- f. She is a really talented painter.
- g. The bully's words hurt me a lot.
- h. Ian is great around other children.
- i. I'm not perfect, but I am not rude to other people.
- j. Life is something that we all have in common.

For each set of questions, match the metaphor with its meaning.

1. Getting an A in Math was Justine's brass ring. ____
2. The Stanley Cup is the Holy Grail of hockey. ____
3. The flu shot is a silver bullet against getting sick. ____
4. The skydiver's bravery was iron as he made the jump. ____
5. Mike's piggybank was his personal vault. ____
6. The refrigerator door was an art museum for the child's drawings. ____
7. My mom is my light in a sea of darkness. ____
8. Her voice was a tweeting bird. ____
9. The sun is a large fire in the sky. ____
10. School is the gateway to adulthood. ____

Meanings

- a. Every hockey teams wants to win the Stanley Cup.
- b. Her voice was very high.
- c. The skydiver was very brave as he made the jump.
- d. My mom is always there for me when I'm sad.
- e. The flu shot will make sure you don't get sick.
- f. Mike put all his money in his piggybank.
- g. The sun is very bright.
- h. Justine's goal was to get an A in Math.
- i. The parents covered their refrigerator door with their child's drawings.
- j. Everyone goes to school before becoming an adult.

EG 98s

For each set of questions, match the metaphor with its meaning.

1. Hank spilled the beans by telling Jim about the surprise party. ____
2. I have an ocean of homework tonight. ____
3. My mom was an angry tiger when I showed her my poor report card. ____
4. His feet are boats. ____
5. The ocean is a restaurant for sharks. ____
6. Luke is such a weasel because he lies all the time! ____
7. There is an ice box where my heart used to be. ____
8. The bowling ball hitting the pins made the sound of thunder. ____
9. The shark's teeth are rows of daggers. ____
10. The ice cream was a mountain inside the bowl. ____

Meanings

- a. My mom was really angry after I showed her my report card.
- b. The shark's teeth are really sharp.
- c. I have a lot of homework tonight.
- d. There was a lot of ice cream inside the bowl.
- e. The bowling ball hitting the pins made a loud crashing sound.
- f. His feet are really big.
- g. Hank told a secret he wasn't supposed when he told Jim about the surprise party.
- h. The ocean is where sharks hunt their food.
- i. My feelings are really hurt.
- j. Luke is mean because he lies all the time.



For each set of questions, match the metaphor with its meaning.

1. I am a duck out of water when people talk about science. ____
2. His fingers were sausages. ____
3. The honey made an amber stream on her chin. ____
4. The old painting was a window into the past. ____
5. My cousin is a slug because he moves so slow. ____
6. Mary's body is rubber when she stretches. ____
7. The old coffee was tar in dad's mouth. ____
8. The lizard was a thief around the chicken's eggs. ____
9. The headphones were soft cushions on my ears. ____
10. My new high-tech phone is a miracle. ____

Meanings

- a. His fingers were really thick.
- b. The headphones were really comfortable.
- c. My new high-tech phone can do a lot of cool things.
- d. The old painting taught me a lot about the past.
- e. I don't understand anything when people talk about science.
- f. The honey ran down her chin.
- g. My cousin always moves slowly.
- h. The old coffee tasted awful.
- i. The lizard took the chicken's egg.
- j. Mary is really flexible.

EG 99s

For each set of questions, match the metaphor with its meaning.

1. The rocket was a spear as it flew into space. ____
2. The blank page is a canvas for your words. ____
3. In the kitchen, my dad's apron is his armor. ____
4. George is such a sheep. ____
5. My teacher's voice is nails on a chalkboard. ____
6. My bedroom is a cage when I have homework. ____
7. Playing in the snow, Willy's cheeks were shiny red apples.

8. Anger is a powerful volcano. ____
9. The stars are diamonds that fill the sky. ____
10. The action movie was a fun thrill ride for the audience.

Meanings

- a. The stars are very sparkly.
- b. In the kitchen, my dad's apron stops stains from getting on his clothes.
- c. The rocket went really fast as it flew into space.
- d. Anger can sometimes make people do bad things.
- e. My teacher's voice is really annoying.
- f. You can write anything you want on a blank page.
- g. George never makes his own decisions.
- h. I can't leave my room when I have homework.
- i. Willy's cheeks were bright red after playing in the snow.
- j. The action movie made the audience really excited.



For each set of questions, match the metaphor with its meaning.

1. In my bedroom, my desk chair is my throne. ____
2. The bay was a large mouth that led into the harbor. ____
3. A forest of tall students tried to squeeze into the picture.

4. Football and soccer are two branches of the same tree.

5. The people who make you happy are gardeners who make your heart bloom. ____
6. The tight shirt was a harness on Frank. ____
7. Danny's Halloween bucket was a treasure chest of candy. ____
8. Dad's screwdriver is his doctor's scalpel. ____
9. The washing machine was a whirlpool as it cleaned the clothes. ____
10. Jimmy is always the rotten apple in class. He makes fun of everyone! ____

Meanings

- a. Jimmy is the meanest kid in class.
- b. In my bedroom, my desk chair is just for me.
- c. A lot of tall students tried to squeeze into the picture.
- d. Dad can fix anything if he has his screwdriver.
- e. The people who make you happy are very precious people.
- f. Danny had a lot of delicious candy in his Halloween bucket.
- g. The washing machines spun the clothes around as it washed them.
- h. Frank was very uncomfortable when he wore the tight shirt.
- i. Football and soccer are similar sports.
- j. The bay was the entrance to the harbor.

For each set of questions, match the metaphor with its meaning.

1. A blanket of clouds covered the morning sky. ____
2. I was fuming when I stubbed my toe. ____
3. I had a broken heart. ____
4. Jack has butter fingers when someone throws him a football. ____
5. An ocean of sand covered the desert. ____
6. I felt a roller-coaster of emotions when I got my first puppy. ____
7. I'm rolling in dough every week when I get my allowance. ____
8. Around every beehive is a sea of bees. ____
9. I'm drowning in work. ____
10. He asked for her forgiveness, but Janet's heart was cold iron. ____

Meanings

- a. Janet would never forgive him.
- b. I felt really happy when I got my first puppy.
- c. I got really mad when I stubbed my toe.
- d. I get a lot of money every week when I get my allowance.
- e. The desert was covered in sand.
- f. I felt really sad.
- g. The sky was covered in clouds.
- h. Thousands of bees flew around the beehive.
- i. I have a lot of work to do.
- j. Jack has a hard time catching footballs.

Q: Should Booville let vampires move to town?

Today the people of Booville are voting on a very important issue. Should the city let vampires move to town?

"It's only fair," said Mayor McScary. "Vampires are monsters, and Booville is a community for monsters of all shapes and sizes."

Other people are worried, though. "I'm scared that the vampires will suck out my blood when I'm asleep," said Ellie Jennings, one of Booville's few human residents. "I'd never let my children play with vampire children."

Hank Tweed is happy to hear that vampires want to move to Booville, but he is worried, too. "Everyone but the vampires sleep at night. I don't see how they will become part of our community."

One of the vampires wanting to move to Booville, Vlad Vampson, had this to say: "Vampires are peaceful. We plan guard the other residents of Booville when they sleep."

When voting ends tonight, it will take two days to count the votes.

Now, FILL IN the facts.

OPINION

FACTS

YES Vampires are monsters, too

YES _____.

YES _____.

NO Vampires suck people's blood.

NO _____.

NO _____.

So? What do you think?

Should Booville let the vampires move to town? Circle one:

YES/NO



EG 101s

Q: Should you work at the South Pole?

The South Pole is one of the coldest places on Earth? But if you got the chance to work there, would you?

"It's really lonely down here," said Emily Klein, a scientist who lived at the South Pole for a year. "Half the year there's no sun at all!"

"I don't mind it," said Wally Clemson, a doctor who worked with Emily. "Everyone feels like a family. Living down here is nice because there's no traffic or bills to pay."

At the South Pole research base, everyone has a private bedroom. Meals are free, and there are plenty of movies to watch during free time. They have the internet, too!

"It's like being in space," said Mark Harris, the base leader. "But when the weather is nice, we get to go outside."

Now, *FILL IN* the facts.

OPINION

FACTS

YES

No traffic or bills to pay

YES

_____.

YES

_____.

NO

Lonely

NO

_____.

NO

_____.

So? What do you think?

Should you work at the South Pole? Circle one: YES/NO



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Q: Should Jessica return to Earth?

Jessica was born on Earth, but she grew up on Titan, one of Saturn's moons. Because of the low gravity, she grew really tall, even taller than her dad. Now that she's 18, she has to choose to go back to Earth, or stay on Titan forever.

"My dad's my only family," Jessica said. "I think he'd be lonely without me."

"Jessica should go back," Mark, Jessica's dad, said. "I took her from Earth when she was a baby. If she waits any longer, she won't even be able to stand up in Earth gravity. She'll regret it if she stays."

"Every teenager on Titan has to make this choice," Jessica's teacher said. "Jessica would do great living on Titan. Even if her dad wants her to go, Jessica gets to make the decision."

Now, *FILL IN* the facts.

OPINION FACTS

YES Jessica was born on Earth.

YES _____.

NO Jessica grew up on Titan.

NO _____.

So? What do you think?

Should Jessica return to Earth? Circle one: YES/NO

EG 102s

Q: Should you eat eggs for breakfast?

Every day millions of children eat breakfast before going to school. Is it better to eat eggs instead of cereal?

Most cereals have a lot of sugar, meaning you will feel energetic now, but tired later. Eggs have a lot of protein, meaning you feel energetic all day long.

"I don't like cereal," said Jackie Smith, a 2nd grader. "It gets cold and soggy. Eggs are warm and fluffy."

An easy way to make eggs is hard boil them. Put an egg in boiling water for 10 minutes. The egg is cooked, and you can make a lot at once. Then you can eat eggs every day of the week!

"Cereal's easier," said Lenny Dean, a 2nd grader. "I don't have to ask my mom or dad to help me. All cereal tastes great!"

With so many options, will you eat eggs for breakfast?

Now, *FILL IN the facts.*

OPINION

FACTS

YES Can make a lot of eggs at once.

YES _____.

YES _____.

NO Cereal is easier to make.

NO _____.

So? What do you think?

Should you eat eggs for breakfast? Circle one: YES/NO



Q: Should the principal cancel school?

David Fisher, principal of Littleview Elementary, woke up before dawn. Snow covered his front lawn, and more was expected to fall later that day.

"It doesn't look so bad," David said to his wife, Susan. "The buses can still pick up all the kids."

"What if it gets worse later?" Susan asked. "I don't think the buses will be able to take the students home."

David called one of the bus drivers. "It's pretty bad out here," the bus driver said. "It's so cold that my bus won't start, too."

David frowned. If he cancelled school, a lot of parents would be mad at him. But keeping students safe was the most important part of his job.

Now, *FILL IN* the facts.

OPINION

FACTS

YES The buses won't start

YES _____.

YES _____.

NO It doesn't look so bad outside.

NO _____.

So? What do you think?

Should the principal cancel school? Circle one: YES/NO



Q: Should Tim go out to eat?

Tim came home after a hard day of work. "What am I going to eat?" He said as he opened his refrigerator. Inside were the ingredients for spaghetti and baked chicken.

Tim frowned. "My spaghetti never tastes good." The chicken, though easier to make, was still frozen. It would take at least an hour to thaw.

"What if I went out?" Jim asked himself. "I've never had sushi. I might like it."

Jim looked in his wallet. He had only \$10. That would buy only four pieces of sushi.

Now, *FILL IN* the facts.

| OPINION | FACTS |
|----------------|--|
| YES | "My spaghetti never tastes good." |
| YES | _____. |
| YES | _____. |
| NO | Tim can make spaghetti and baked chicken, instead. |
| NO | _____. |

So? What do you think?

Should Tim go out to eat? Circle one: YES/NO

Q: Should Jimmy go to the doctor?

Jimmy loved to play outside during summer vacation. Every day he would run around and play games with his friends. One day, though, he got an itchy rash on his arm.

"That looks pretty red," Jimmy's mom said. She put some medicine on Jimmy's arm. The next morning the rash was still there.

"I think it's smaller," Jimmy said. His mother put on more medicine.

The day after that Jimmy's rash was still there, and redder than before. "It's itchier than a wool sweater," Jimmy said, scratching his arm. "What am I going to do?"

Now, *FILL IN* the facts.

OPINION

FACTS

YES The medicine doesn't help

YES _____.

YES _____.

NO Jimmy thinks the rash is getting better on its own.

NO _____.

So? What do you think?

Should Jimmy go to the doctor? Circle one: YES/NO



Q: Should Nancy find a new best friend?

Nancy and Sally had been best friends for two years. At school and on the weekends, they did everything together. "I couldn't be happy without you," Nancy once told Sally.

One day Nancy saw something she didn't think was possible: Sally was picking on another girl. Nancy was mad, but she didn't want to lose Sally. It would be really hard to find a new best friend, too.

"I don't know what to do, mom." Sally said to her mom later that day.

"Think before you make any big decisions," Nancy's mom told her. Nancy nodded. That night she could hardly sleep.

Now, *FILL IN the facts.*

OPINION

FACTS

YES

Sally picks on another girl.

YES

_____.

NO

Nancy and Sally have been best friends for two years.

NO

_____.

NO

_____.

So? What do you think?

Should Nancy find a new best friend? Circle one: YES/NO



Q: Should Bobby call 911?

Bobby was a good boy. He did his chores, and always cleaned his room when his parents asked him to. One morning Bobby was eating his breakfast when he heard strange noises from the house next door. They were scary noises.

Bobby wanted to get his mom, but she was in the shower. Bobby decided to wait. But the noises got louder. Bobby thought he heard yelling.

Bobby remembered that he was supposed to call 911 if he saw that someone was in trouble. But even looking out the window, he couldn't see anything happening next door.

Bobby looked at the phone, but he didn't know what to do.

Now, *FILL IN* the facts.

OPINION

FACTS

YES Bobby hears scary noises

YES _____.

YES _____.

NO Bobby doesn't know what's really going on.

NO _____.

So? What do you think?

Should Bobby call 911? Circle one: YES/NO



Q: Should Chloe dye her hair blue?

Chloe was 9, and she didn't like her blonde hair anymore.

"Blonde hair is dumb," Chloe told her mom.

After a while Chloe's mom agreed to let Chloe dye her hair over summer break. On the first day of summer, Chloe and her mom went to the store to look at hair dye. There was brown, red, and even orange.

"What about blue?" Chloe asked. "Then my hair would match my eyes!"

"I don't think you would like having blue hair," Chloe's mom said.

Chloe pouted. On the shelf she found a tube of blue hair dye. The girl on the label looked happy. Would Chloe be happy if her hair was blue?

Now, *FILL IN* the facts.

OPINION

FACTS

YES Chloe wants to change her hair.

YES _____.

NO Chloe's mom doesn't think Chloe will like blue hair.

NO _____.

So? What do you think?

Should Chloe dye her hair blue? Circle one: YES/NO

Q: Should the family get a dog?

Molly was nine, and she really wanted a dog. "Dogs are the best!" Molly told her mom.

"But honey," Molly's mom said. "You're allergic to dogs. You remember how much you sneezed when you played with Sally's dog?"

"I won't sneeze if it's my dog," Molly pleaded.

Molly and her mom went to the pet store. Molly's eyes started to feel itchy when they approached the dog section. She didn't tell her mom.

The dogs happily jumped up when they saw Molly and her mom get close. Molly was about to cry her allergies were so bad.

"So," Molly's mom said. "How do you feel, Molly?"

Now, FILL IN the facts.

OPINION

FACTS

YES Molly really likes dogs.

YES _____.

NO Molly is allergic to dogs.

NO _____.

So? What do you think?

Should the family get a dog? Circle one: YES/NO



EG 106s

Q: Should Hank sing at the talent show?

Since he was a little kid, everyone said that Hank could sing really well. He took singing lessons to improve his skill, and enjoyed performing in front of people.

The school talent show was coming up, and Hank thought it would be a great way to show everyone his talent. He signed up right away.

The morning of the talent show, Hank woke up with a sore throat. "You shouldn't sing if you're sick," Hank's dad said.

"I'll be fine," Hank said.

At school that day Hank's sore throat became worse. When he saw the nurse, he didn't have a fever, but his throat was very red. "You sure you don't want to go home?" The nurse asked.

"I don't want to miss the talent show," Hank said.

At the end of the day was the talent show. In five minutes Hank would have to sing in front of the school. His throat hurt worse than ever.

Now, *FILL IN the facts.*

OPINION

FACTS

YES

Hank loves to sing.

YES

_____.

NO

Hank has a sore throat.

NO

_____.

NO

_____.

So? What do you think?

Should Hank sing at the talent show? Circle one: YES/NO



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Q: Should Mei study for the big test?

Mei always did well in school. That started to change in the 4th grade. Math was getting a lot harder.

"I've never had to study before," Mei told her best friend, Alexa.

"No one is perfect," Alexa said. "Everyone has to study sometimes."

"But I never needed to study before," Mei said. "That means I shouldn't have to study now."

That day the teacher announced that a big test would be in two days. It would cover everything the class had learned that week. Mei felt nervous.

That night Mei told her parents about the test. "I'm sure you'll do fine," her Mom told her.

After dinner Mei sat in her room and stared at her Math workbook. What was she going to do?

Now, *FILL IN* the facts.

OPINION FACTS

YES Mei thinks Math is difficult in the 4th grade.
YES _____.

NO Mei has never had to study before.
NO _____.

So? What do you think?

Should Mei study for the big test? Circle one: YES/NO



EG 107s

Q: Should Mike use his superpower?

Mike was an average boy until the day he discovered that he could read other people's mind. All he had to do was look at someone and concentrate.

Mike told his dad about his superpower. "You've got a big responsibility," Mike's dad said. "It would be wrong to read people's thoughts without their permission."

"The power is a good thing," Mike said. "This morning I read my best friend's mind. He was sad about his parents fighting. I cheered him up. It worked!"

"That's good to do," Mike's dad said. "But you don't need to read someone's mind to see that they're sad. You could have still helped Bill."

Mike's dad told Mike that it was his decision on whether or not to use his superpower. Mike went to his room to think about his superpower.

Now, FILL IN the facts.

OPINION

FACTS

YES

Mike can use the power for good

YES

_____.

NO

People's thoughts are private.

NO

_____.

So? What do you think?

Should Mike use his superpower? Circle one: YES/NO



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Q: Should Zippy move?

Zippy was tired of living on Pang, his home planet. "Everything's boring," he told his Mom, Mawi.

"You would be sad without your family," Mawi said.

"No I wouldn't," Zippy said. "I've done everything there is to do on Pang."

That afternoon Zippy looked up all the planets he could move to. Earth looked like a good choice. There was a lot of water to swim in, mountains to climb, and people to meet. A rocket would take him to Earth, but it only left once a year. In fact, Zippy only had a week to decide before the next rocket left.

"If you decide to go," Mawi said to Zippy that night at dinner, "you will will always have family here. We will still love you."

"I love you, too, Mom," Zippy said.

Now, *FILL IN* the facts.

OPINION

FACTS

YES Zippy is bored with pang

YES _____.

YES _____.

NO Zippy might be sad without his family.

NO _____.

So? What do you think?

Should Zippy move? Circle one: YES/NO



EG 108s

Q: Should Sam the salmon return to the river?

Sam was a salmon. For four years, he had lived in the ocean, playing with other salmon and growing big and strong. Soon, though, he and the other salmon would return to the river where they were born. There, they would lay their eggs.

"It won't be fun living in the river," Sam said to Shelly, another salmon. "There's not as much space to swim."

"But that is what we are supposed to do," Shelly said. "You'd miss us when we all left."

"Other salmon come here every year."

"But they will be younger than you," Sally said. "We're adult salmon now. We need to return to the river."

Sam went off by himself to swim for a while. He had to think about what Sally had told him.

Now, *FILL IN the facts.*

OPINION

FACTS

YES That's what adult salmon are supposed to do.

YES _____.

YES _____.

NO Not a lot of space to swim in the river.

NO _____.

NO _____.

So? What do you think?

Should Sam the salmon return to the river? Circle one: YES/NO



Q: Should people live on the Moon?

For over 100 years, people have imagined what it would be like to live on the Moon. Now that we have the technology, should we go live there?

"I think it's a great idea," Gerald Rivers, a scientist, said. "People could discover lots of new things!"

The President doesn't want people living on the Moon. "It would cost a lot of money to build a Moon base. And if something went wrong on the Moon, it would be hard to help the people living there."

"I think it would be fun living on the Moon," said Nancy Rogers, a local Mom. "People have lived on Earth too long, anyway. It would be nice to have a new adventure."

Now, FILL IN the facts.

OPINION

FACTS

YES People on the Moon can discover new things.

YES _____.

YES _____.

NO A Moon base is expensive.

NO _____.

So? What do you think?

Should people live on the Moon? Circle one: YES/NO



EG 109s

Q: Should Littleview build a second elementary school?

Since Littleview became a city in 1943, it has always had one elementary school, Littleview Elementary. Since then the town has grown a lot. Many people want a second elementary school for all the new students.

"Littleview Elementary is too crowded," Quentin Jones, a father, said. "My son is in a class with forty other students!"

"It is hard to teach everyone," said Ms. Smith, a 2nd grade teacher at Littleview Elementary. "I think the kids would learn better if they had smaller classes."

The mayor of Littleview supports building a new school.

"Littleview is the best town in the state. There needs to be a new school."

"I'm worried that it will cost a lot of money," said Mr. Klein, the town baker. "If I have to pay more taxes, my bakery might close."

Now, *FILL IN the facts.*

OPINION

FACTS

YES

"Littleview Elementary is too crowded."

YES

_____.

YES

_____.

NO

Will cost a lot of money.

NO

_____.

NO

_____.

So? What do you think?

Should Littleview build a second elementary school? Circle one: YES/NO



Q: Should Tom tell the principal what he saw?

Tom was a good kid. He had a lot of friends, and did well in school. One day, Tom was playing at recess with his friend, Mike. Running around some trees, they both saw something awful. James, the meanest kid in school, had hit another student. "I'll hit you too if you tattle on me!" James yelled as Tom and Mike ran away.

"We have to tell," Mike said. "James hit another kid!"

"You heard James," Tom said. "He will hit us if we tattle!"

"We don't know that," Mike said. "He's bluffing."

Tom looked over to where the principal was standing. He could do nothing, or do the right thing, and James would hit him.

Now, *FILL IN the facts.*

OPINION

FACTS

YES James hit a student.

YES _____.

NO Tom is scared of James.

NO _____.

So? What do you think?

Should Tom tell the principal what he saw? Circle one: YES/NO



EG 110s

Q: Should Beatrice become a butterfly?

Beatrice was a fat and happy caterpillar. Every day she crawled around plants and nibbled on their leaves. She had been doing this her entire life. One day she looked up at a tree and saw something strange.

"What's that?" Beatrice asked her mom, who was a butterfly.

"That's your friend Jessie," Beatrice's mom, Hillary, said. "She's in her cocoon. In a few weeks she'll come out as a butterfly."

"That's scary."

"It's part of life," Hillary said. "Every caterpillar does it."

"Not me," Hillary said, beginning to crawl away. "I know you and dad can fly, but being a caterpillar is great!"

Over the next few days Hillary watched as her other friends made their cocoons. Hillary was the last one left. She felt lonely. She decided to talk to her mom more about what it was like being a butterfly.

Now, *FILL IN the facts.*

OPINION

FACTS

YES

It's what all caterpillars do.

YES

_____.

NO

Beatrice likes to crawl around eating all day.

NO

_____.

So? What do you think?

Should Beatrice become a butterfly? Circle one: YES/NO



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