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A SPECIAL CHRISTMAS PRESENT



David wants to buy a Christmas present for a very special person, his mother. David's father gives him \$5.00 a week pocket money and David puts \$2.00 a week into his bank account. After three months David takes \$20.00 out of his bank account and goes to the shopping mall. He looks and looks for a perfect gift.

Suddenly he sees a beautiful brooch in the shape of his favourite pet. He says to himself, "My mother loves jewelry, and the brooch costs only \$17.00." He buys the brooch and takes it home. He wraps the present in Christmas paper and places it under the tree. He is very excited and he is looking forward to Christmas morning to see the joy on his mother's face.

But when his mother opens the present she screams with fright because she sees a spider.



QUESTIONS

MULTIPLE CHOICE. CHOOSE THE CORRECT ANSWER:

- a. What does David want to buy his mother?
- a special birthday present
 - a Christmas present
 - a spider ring
- b. Who does David get his money from?
- his pet
 - his mother
 - his father
- c. How much money does David take to the mall?
- \$20.00
 - \$5.00
 - \$17.00
- d. What does David buy to his mother?
- a ring
 - a brooch
 - a spider
- e. Why does David's mother scream when she sees the present?
- Because she loves spiders
 - Because she doesn't mind about spiders
 - Because she thinks the brooch it's a real spider



SOME DELICIOUS SPANISH DISHES



In this text below you will find out about a few examples of some typical Spanish dishes:

Chickpeas stew is very good. It's from Madrid. The ingredients are cabbage, potatoes, black pudding, chicken and chickpeas.



Paella is very tasty. It contains rice, salt, tomatoes, paprika, oil, shellfish, meat and saffron.

Migas is a traditional dish. It contains pepper, meat, black pudding, "chorizo" and bread or flour.



Gazpacho is a very typical pinky orange soup in Andalucía, it contains tomatoes, pepper, bread, garlic, water and onion. People drink it cold and in summer.

Spanish omelette; It is a typical Spanish dish. It contains potatoes and eggs. You can eat it hot or cold.

Anchovies in vinegar; It's a typical dish in Andalucía. People eat them in summer inside and outside bars. It contains oil, anchovies, garlic and parsley.

Vegetable stew; It's a hot dish. It contains potatoes, meat and vegetables.

Rice pudding; It's a special dessert, but mums cook it very often. It contains rice, milk, sugar, lemon and cinnamon. You can eat it cold.

QUESTIONS

1- TRUE OR FALSE? WHICH WORDS IN THE TEXT GAVE YOU THE ANSWER?

- a. The chickpeas stew contains spinach and peas.*
- b. The Spanish omelette is typical in all Spain.*
- c. People drink gazpacho all year round.*
- d. Rice pudding is a cold dessert and people eat it very often.*
- e. The vegetable stew is made only with vegetables.*

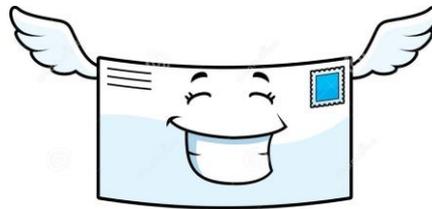
2. WHAT DO THESE WORDS MEAN IN YOUR LANGUAGE? LOOK THEM UP IN YOUR DICTIONARY:

- a. stew*
- b. garlic*
- c. cinammon*
- d. cabbage*
- e. black pudding*





A PENPAL'S MESSAGE



Download from Dreamstime.com

Name: Miguel Díaz
Sex: male
Age: 13
Group: 12-15
E-Mail: miguel1282@yahoo.com
Country: USA
Hobbies: studying, science
Penpal Wishes/Message:

Dear pen-pal,

My name is Miguel and I am from New York City but I was born in the Dominican Republic. I am 13 years old and I go to Sycamore High School in Harlem (New York). I love going to school, sciences and dancing *bachata*. I practise basketball three days a week and my favourite basketball team in the New York Knicks. I want to know how old you are, what you like to do, what is your favourite sport, what it is like where you live and what your family is like. I speak Spanish and English, and I like going to the park and eating fried chicken. I hope to hear from you soon.

Sincerely,

Miguel

QUESTIONS

1. READ THE MESSAGE AND ANSWER THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS ABOUT MIGUEL:

1. Does he live in The Dominican Republic?
2. What languages can he speak?

2. READ THE MESSAGE AGAIN AND MAKE THE QUESTIONS THAT MIGUEL WANTS YOU TO ANSWER.

3. NOW, ANSWER THE QUESTIONS ABOUT YOU.

4. WRITE THE QUESTIONS FOR THE FOLLOWING ANSWERS.

1. _____? He lives in New York City.
2. _____? No, he can't speak French.
3. _____? His favourite food is fried chicken.
4. _____? He likes studying.
5. _____? Yes, he does.

5. WRITE A LETTER TO MIGUEL WITH YOUR PROFILE



LOVE IS



LOVE IS

*Being happy for the other person when they are happy,
Being sad for the other person when they are sad,
Being together in good times,
Being together in bad times,*

LOVE IS

*Being honest with yourself at all times,
Being honest with the other person at all times,
Telling, listening, respecting the truth and never pretending.*

LOVE IS

*An understanding that is so complete that you feel
As if you are a part of the other person,
Accepting the other person just the way they are
And not trying to change them to be something else.*



LOVE IS

*The excitement of planning things together,
The excitement of doing things together.*

LOVE IS

*The fury of the storm,
The calm of the rainbow.
Love is the source of passion.*

LOVE IS

*Giving and taking in a daily situation
Being patient with each other's needs and desires.*

LOVE IS

*Knowing that the other person
Will always be with you regardless of what happens
Missing the other person when they are away,
But remaining near in heart at all times.*

Love is the source of life ...

QUESTIONS

1. IDENTIFY ALL THE ADJECTIVES IN THIS POEM.
2. ACCORDING TO THE AUTHOR, IS LOVE A SELFISH FEELING? JUSTIFY YOUR ANSWER.
3. FIND SYNONYMS FOR THE FOLLOWING WORDS: HONEST, CALM, PATIENT.
4. FIND IN THE TEXT A WORD THAT MATCHES THE FOLLOWING DEFINITION:
A STRONG WISH
5. WHAT IS LOVE FOR YOU? GIVE YOUR OPINION IN ONE SENTENCE



THE UNITED STATES



The United States is a large country. It is the third largest in the whole world! It is located in a continent called North America. Parts of the United States touch three different oceans. The United States has tall mountains, wide plains, deserts, hills, rivers, lakes, volcanoes, and even rainforests! People from all over the world have come to live in the United States.

There are 50 states in the United States. The newest states, Alaska and Hawaii, are not connected to the other states. Alaska is the largest state and Hawaii is a chain of islands in the Pacific Ocean.



QUESTIONS

1. COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING SENTENCES WITH INFORMATION FROM THE TEXT:

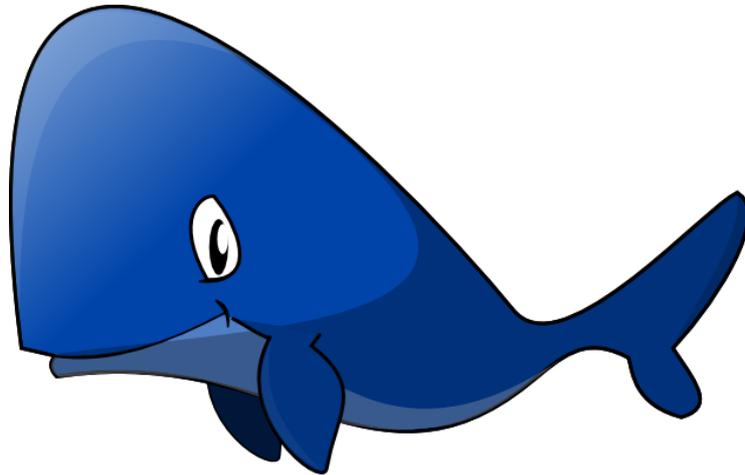
- a. Alaska is _____ and Hawaii is _____
- b. Parts of the United States touch _____ different oceans.
- c. The United States does not have...
a. continents b. states c. fifty states d. volcanoes
- d. The United States is the _____ country in the world.
- e. What continent is the United States in?

2. NAME FIVE CITIES AND FIVE STATES OF THE UNITES STATES:

CITIES	STATES



THE BLUE WHALE



The blue whale is the largest living animal to have ever lived on the planet Earth. Blue Whales are way larger than the largest dinosaur that ever lived. The largest Blue Whales can grow as large as 100 feet long, which is longer than three school buses put together!

Even though blue whales are huge, they eat tiny creatures known as krill. Krill are tiny shrimp-like animals. The whale simply opens its mouth, fills it with krill and salt water, and filters the water out of plates in its mouth called *baleen*. The blue whale may eat over 8,000 pounds of krill in a single day!

QUESTIONS

QUESTIONS

1. ANSWER THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS:

- a. *Are blue whales the largest living animal?*
- b. *How long can blue whales be?*
- c. *What do blue whales eat?*
- d. *How much food does a blue whale eat every day?*

2. WHAT IS NOT TRUE?

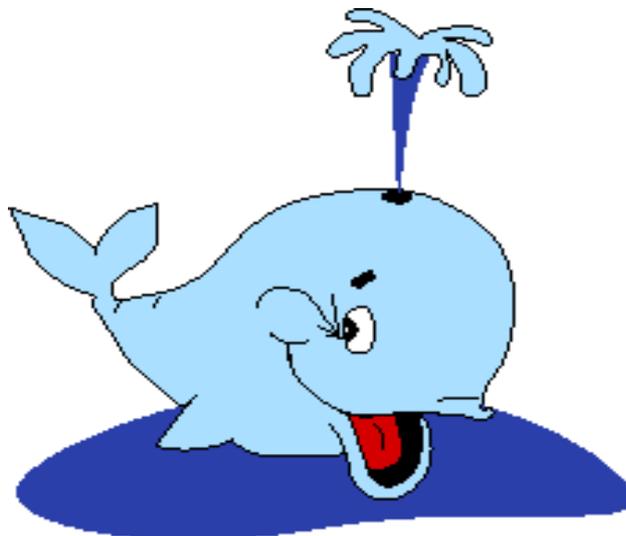
- a. *The blue whale is smaller than some elephants.*
- b. *A blue whale can eat over 8,000 pounds of krill in a day.*
- c. *A blue whale is larger than the largest dinosaurs.*
- d. *Krill are similar to shrimps.*

3. FIND THE ADJECTIVES IN THE TEXT IN THE COMPARATIVE AND SUPERLATIVE FORMS.

4. FIND TWO OPPOSITES ADJECTIVES IN THE TEXT.

5. FIND THE WORDS THAT MATCH THE FOLLOWING PHONETIC TRANSCRIPTIONS.

- /'kri:tʃə/
- /frɪmp/
- /weɪl/
- /la:dʒ/
- /tə'geðə/





ORDERING FAST FOOD



Cashier: Hello. Are you ready to order?

Customer: Yes. I'll have a combo#1, please.

Cashier: Okay. Would you like fries, salad, or onion rings for a side?

Customer: Salad, please.

Cashier: House salad or Caesar?

Customer: House, please.

Cashier: What kind of dressing would you like? We have ranch, Italian, blue cheese, or house dressing.

Customer: Ranch, please. On the side.

Cashier: Sure. What would you like to drink?

Customer: May I have a coffee instead of a soft drink?

Cashier: Sure. How do you take your coffee?

Customer: One creamer and two sugars, please.

Cashier: Okay. Is that everything?

Customer: No. I also need three chocolate sundaes and a small strawberry shake.

Cashier: Okay. Your total comes to \$21.45.

QUESTIONS

1. *WHAT DOES THE CUSTOMER ORDER TO EAT?*
2. *WHAT IS THE MEANING OF THE EXPRESSION ON THE SIDE?*
3. *HOW MANY DRESSINGS DOES THE CASHIER OFFER TO THE CUSTOMER?*
4. *WHAT DOES THE CUSTOMER ORDER AS DESSERT?*
5. *MAKE A SIMILAR DIALOGUE IN PAIRS WITH YOUR FAVOURITE FAST FOOD*



CINDERELLA



Once upon a time there lived an unhappy young girl. Unhappy she was, for her mother was dead, her father had married another woman, a widow with two daughters, and her stepmother didn't like her a little bit. All the nice things, kind thoughts and loving touches were for her own daughters. And not just the kind thoughts and love, but also dresses, shoes, shawls, delicious food, comfy beds, as well as every home comfort.

All this was laid on for her daughters. But, for the poor unhappy girl, there was nothing at all. No dresses, only her stepsisters' hand-me-downs. No lovely dishes, nothing but scraps. No nice rests and comfort. For she had to work hard all day, and only when evening came was she allowed to sit for a while by the fire, near the cinders.

That is how she got her nickname, for everybody called her Cinderella. Cinderella used to spend long hours all alone talking to the cat. The cat said "Miaow", which really meant, "Cheer up! You have something neither of your step sisters have and that is beauty." It was quite true.

Cinderella, even dressed in rags with a dusty grey face from the cinders, was a lovely girl. While her stepsisters, no matter how splendid and elegant their clothes, were still clumsy, lumpy and ugly and always would be.

QUESTIONS

1. **FILL THE TABLE AT THE END WITH ADJECTIVES FROM THE TEXT UNDER TWO CATEGORIES, ACCORDING TO THEIR POSITIVE OR NEGATIVE MEANING.**

<i>POSITIVE ADJECTIVES</i>	<i>NEGATIVE ADJECTIVES</i>

2. **LOOK FOR SYNONYMS OF THE FOLLOWING ADJECTIVES AND SUBSTITUTE THEM IN THE TEXT: KIND, POOR, SPLENDID, ELEGANT, BEAUTY, CLUMSY AND UGLY.**

3. **WHAT IS THE MEANING OF THE WORDS STEPSISTER, STEPMOTHER?**

4. **WHY DID CINDERELLA HAVE THAT NICKNAME?**

5. **FIND THE PAST REGULAR VERBS AND CLASSIFY THEM ACCORDING TO THEIR PRONUNCIATION.**

<i>/t/</i>	<i>/d/</i>	<i>/id/</i>



CHRISTOPHER COLUMBUS



Christopher Columbus was born in Genoa, Italy in 1451. His career in exploration started when he was very young. As a teenager he travelled the seas and eventually made Portugal his base. He appealed to the kings of Portugal, France and England to finance a westward trip to the Indies, but all denied his request. After ten years of monumental efforts but fruitless results, King Ferdinand and Queen Isabella of Spain agreed to finance Columbus in the hopes of acquiring great wealth. On August 3, 1492, Columbus and three ships, the *Nina*, *Pinta*, and *Santa Maria*, left Palos, Spain and headed westward.

After stopping in the Canary Islands off the coast of Africa, Columbus' ships hit the open seas. Covering about 150 miles a day, the trip was long and tough. The crew was afraid of sea monsters and grew more restless every day land was not sighted. Columbus offered a reward for the first person to sight land. On October 12, a crew member aboard the *Pinta* sighted one of the Bahama Islands. Columbus set foot on what he believed was one of the Spice Islands, a group of islands in Asia (now known as Indonesia), where valuable spices and riches came from. He named the land San Salvador. Columbus failed to find the riches he expected, and continued to search for China. He next visited Cuba and Hispaniola (Dominican Republic). He encountered native peoples who he named "Indians" because he believed they were inhabitants of the Indies.

QUESTIONS

1. **FIND THE VERBS IN THE PAST SIMPLE TENSE IN THE TEXT AND CLASSIFY THEM INTO REGULAR AND IRREGULAR.**

REGULAR	IRREGULAR

2. **ANSWER THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS:**

- What year was Christopher Columbus born?
- What country eventually agreed to finance Christopher Columbus' trip?
- Christopher Columbus thought he could find a shortcut to the Indies by sailing.....
a. west b. south c. east d. north
- On October 12, 1492, where did Columbus think he was?
- About how many miles did the ships travel every day?

3. **FIND SYNONYMS FOR THE FOLLOWING WORDS IN THE TEXT: VALUABLE, TOUGH, RESTLESS, MONUMENTAL, FRUITLESS.**

4. **HOW MANY VOYAGES TO THE NEW WORLD DID COLUMBUS MAKE THROUGHOUT HIS LIFETIME? FIND IT OUT.**

5. **WHY IS CHRISTOPHER COLUMBUS SUCH AN IMPORTANT HISTORICAL FIGURE FOR SPANISH PEOPLE? EXPLAIN.**



COMPUTER GAMES



According to some parents, if you play computer games, you will become violent. Other parents say, “If you spend hours in front of the computer monitor, you won’t succeed at school.” They think that computer games can turn clever, hard-working students into lazy, unfriendly people. But some scientists think these parents are wrong and there are many good things about the virtual world on your computer screen.

To begin with, computer games can improve reading and writing skills. If you want to play a game well, you will read its instructions carefully. Many games also require people to read short texts about the characters and plot, and some even require people to write paragraphs. Playing games also teaches people to pay attention. Students with ADHD (Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder) can’t sit quietly in class for a long time. However, they often play computer games for hours. Most computer games are interactive. To win the game, you must click on the mouse or press a key on the keyboard at the correct time. This helps children with ADHD learn to pay attention.

Game players also learn to follow the movement of many objects at the same time, a useful skill in real-life sports and in driving, too. Action games teach people to make decisions quickly. In fact, action game players are 25% faster at making decisions than other people. A study of *Runescape*, one of the most popular virtual worlds for 11-18-year-old British children, showed that virtual reality games help children develop their personality. Shy children can create confident avatars and weak children can become strong leaders in virtual reality. Now, some schools and universities around the world are using virtual reality to help their students in different ways.

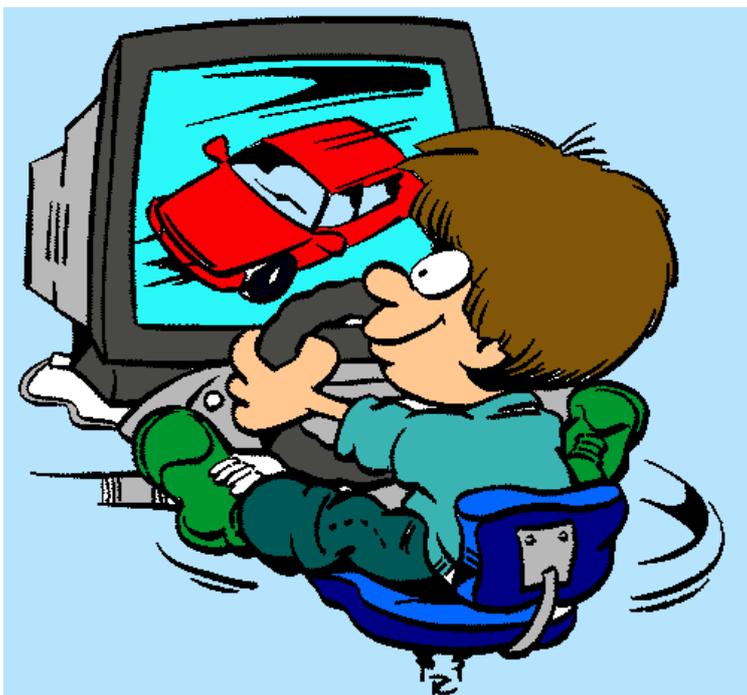
QUESTIONS

1. ANSWER THE QUESTIONS.

1. *According to some parents, how do computer games affect your marks at school?*
2. *What do interactive games require players to do?*
3. *How can computer games help athletes?*
4. *Which games help people decide things quickly?*
5. *Why is Runescape a good game for children?*

2. FIND WORDS AND EXPRESSIONS IN THE TEXT THAT MATCHES THE FOLLOWING DEFINITIONS:

1. *brutal, aggressive*
2. *get better at something*
3. *items*
4. *choose something after thinking about several possibilities*



ANTONIO BANDERAS



Antonio Banderas' first dream wasn't acting. He loved football and wanted to be a professional football player. But at the age of 14, he injured his foot and stopped playing.

Antonio decided to study drama in Malaga. Then he moved to Madrid to find work as an actor, but work was hard to find. At first he worked in a restaurant, and sometimes he was a model. He joined the National Theatre of Spain, and a famous director discovered him.

Antonio's first film in Hollywood was *The Mambo Kings*, but there was a big problem: he didn't speak English!. Antonio learned all his words for the film phonetically.

Soon, Antonio was in films with big Hollywood stars such as Tom Hanks, Tom Cruise, Brad Pitt and Madonna.

In 1998, he was Zorro in *The Mask of Zorro*. Finally Antonio was a big star.

QUESTIONS

1) **IN WHAT YEAR DID ANTONIO BANDERAS APPEAR IN HIS FIRST FILM?**

- 1982
- 1992
- 2002

2) **WHAT DID BANDERAS DO FOR THE FIRST TIME IN 1999?**

- He won an Oscar
- He acted in English
- He directed a film

3) **BANDERAS PLAYED THIS CHARACTER IN A SERIES OF FILMS?**

- Batman
- Zorro
- Spider-man

4) **WHAT IS THE REAL NAME OF BANDERAS CHARACTER IN THE ZORRO FILMS?**

- Diego de la Vega
- Alejandro de la Vega
- Rafael Montero

5) **CHOOSE THE CORRECT ANSWER.**

- Antonio Banderas first love was acting/football/ The Mambo Kings.
- A famous film director discovered Antonio in Malaga/Hollywood/Madrid.
- The Mambo Kings was difficult for Antonio because he was in Hollywood/injured his foot/didn't speak English.
- You can see/hear/speak to Antonio in the Shrek films.



GISELA PULIDO



Many teenage girls want to be Gisele Pulido. She's got it all! She's talented, good looking and famous. She's got an exciting life. Gisela or Gigi for short is a kite boarding world champion.

Gigi was born in Barcelona on the 14th January 1994. She started kite boarding at the age of nine. She jumped and turned with the kite board and people noticed her extraordinary talent. Gigi entered competitions, and by the year 2004 she was already world champion. She's in the Guinness Book of World Records as the first ten year old world champion in sports history! Later Gigi's family moved to Tarifa.

The town is next to the sea and it has got a kite boarding school. There's a strong wind so it's perfect for practicing.

Gigi has got a difficult routine. She practices kite boarding for many hours and studies all the usual subjects at school. She travels around the world for competitions, too. But Gigi enjoys her life. Kite boarding is great fun.

QUESTIONS

1) COMPLETE GISELE PULIDO'S FACT FILE:

- full name:
- nickname:
- date of birth:
- place of birth:
- lives in:
- sport:
- Guinness record:
- routine:

2) FIND OUT THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION IN THE WEB

- a) What is Gisela Pulido's sport?
- b) Who introduced Gisela to the sport?
- c) What does Gisela want to be when she finishes kite boarding?
- d) What have the kites used inside them?
- e) How high in the air can an experience kite boarder go?

3) TRANSLATE THE FOLLOWING SENTENCES:

- she started kite boarding at the age of 9
- she travels around the world for competitions
- Gigi has got a difficult routine

