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### Practice Passage

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## How to Win an Argument

Who doesn't love to win an argument? Being correct feels tremendous! However,

winning an  
in  
of argument takes special ability and the double  
louder  
proper methods.

First, it's important to realize more  
stop  
that you won't win every argument. Sometimes

it  
my  
you will be correct, but you won't aim  
be  
go successful. To win an argument you need  
speak  
write

to know who it is you are  
can  
try arguing against. Arguing with your parents by  
it  
or teachers is

mostly ineffective because the adult  
other  
teen can always just say something like, " Again  
Because  
Until I

say so," or, "That's just for  
how  
who it is." When you hear either by  
in  
of these phrases, it's time to

walk away  
toward  
with. You can't win.

Second, you need at  
in  
to know the difference between facts and opinions  
papers  
stories. Facts

are indisputable pieces of information. Can  
For  
With example, ice cream is cold. That as  
by  
is

Keep going



factual because coldness is its defining color  
feature  
picture . Opinions are personal preferences about

things. For  
On example, you may think that chocolate cow  
With ice cream is best. That is an  
pen

apple  
illness because other people can have a confident  
opinion different favorite flavor. If you plan to  
majestic

ask  
have an argument about opinions, plan to fall  
take lose .  
trip

Third, once you've decided to win her  
their argument with facts, make sure that  
your

my  
our have them all ready in your car  
you mind . Make sure all the facts are boxed  
related and in  
twisted

the proper sequence. It calms  
helps to state your claim upfront and about  
tries then support this claim  
where

with all your colors  
facts , starting with the least important and ending  
songs spinning with the most  
waiting

important.

Fourth, have a  
it plan to counter any objection that mine  
on their opponent makes. This  
your

Keep going



requires specific skills, **better** **most** **some** importantly the skill of anticipating possible

**lightings** **objections** **passages** . But make sure to counter the **direction** **objection** **regulation** rather than insulting the person.

Also, **attack** **point** **stare** exactly what your opponent says. Do **for** **not** **out** first paraphrase your opponent's

argument in **like** **such** **with** a way that it becomes weaker **and** **by** **let** therefore easier to refute.

When you **admit** **confuse** **insult** the person making the argument rather **than** **under** **while** countering

with a reasoned objection, you **commit** **open** **return** the logical fallacy known as arguing **against** **between** **under**

the person. When you paraphrase or **conduct** **restate** **suspend** your opponent's argument in such a **book** **path** **way**

as to make it seem weak **any** **by** **or** ridiculous and then attack that weaker **chapter** **program** **version** rather

than what they are truly **running** **saying** **walking** , you commit the logical fallacy known **as** **for** **it** arguing

against a straw man. These **abstracted** **terrified** **unjustified** ways of arguing are logical fallacies, **and** **next** **with** if

Keep going 

you have some experience engaging in  
on  
up systematic arguments and debates, you will

confuse  
recognize  
sensitize them instantly.

Many other logical fallacies become  
exist  
take, and it is useful to learn anywhere  
besides  
something about

these fallacies so that you are  
do  
see not get taken by surprise when against  
neither  
someone points out that

you are using and  
one  
the of them in an argument. For example  
model  
statement, there is the fallacy of

appealing for  
in  
to an outside authority rather than constructing her  
their  
your own careful argument.

This usually takes come  
the  
while form of saying that because such and  
more  
the such a person says

something must act  
be  
get so, it must in fact be exactly  
quietly  
swiftly that way. Another fallacy is the

circular  
extreme  
thinkable argument, which merely repeats a belief for  
who  
you already hold. This fallacy

might take the  
with  
your form of saying that chocolate ice butter  
cream  
plate is objectively best because

Keep going



you yourself 

believe  
happen  
thought

 to like it best.

Once you 

have  
keep  
take

 gathered your facts and are prepared 

for  
now  
to

 argue, be confident.

When you've won, 

they  
we  
you

 can smile and walk away victorious. 

And  
By  
For

 if you don't win,

that's okay 

and  
the  
too

 . Winning isn't everything.







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## Metal Eating Plants

Everybody knows that plants draw up water from their roots and use the sun to make food through photosynthesis. Some of you may even be **aware known seen** that a few plants, like the Venus Fly Trap, **attract raise throw** and then eat insects for food. **But For One** have you ever heard of a **light plant truck** that eats metal? This is not **machine planet science** fiction. Such plants do actually exist **at in the** nature. They are called “hyper-accumulators.”

The **genes labs plans** for eating metal are found in **even more some** than five hundred plant species **along over toward** the planet earth. These plants absorb **gears metal plants** from the soil, along with water, **behind except through** their roots. The metal is transported **by for the** proteins and gets stored in their **purse store tissue**. Aluminum, iron, and zinc are some **in of up** the metals that plants can absorb. **These With Your** plants can take in levels of **dirt metal wood** that would be toxic to other **floors mugs plants** and to

Keep going



most animals. In fact, **angry cold toxic** metals may actually be helpful to **her it the** plant. Why? Because heavy and toxic **birds metals trees** in a plant's leaves deter animals **around from inside** eating them. This means that the **animals plants zebras** have a better chance to survive **and for than** flourish and to spawn other plants **in of so** the same type. Their consumption of **metals paints rocks** gives them what is called an evolutionary **advantage mineral surface**.

Some examples of plant world "hyper-accumulators" **are end the** barley, durum wheat and sunflowers. Barley **and for too** durum wheat are plants that have **been owned run** cultivated by human beings as a **ride staple wireless** source of food for thousands of **events times years**. Since these grains tend to concentrate **metals plants spoons** taken from the soil, they can **be in try** harmful to human beings in certain **acquaintances circumstances eventualities**. It is known that any prolonged **coincidence exposure situation** to metals like

Keep going



cadmium, copper, lead, **couch**, **nickel**, **oxygen**, and zinc can cause deleterious health **effects**, **lights**, **in** **needles** humans. Scientists are still trying **for**, **of**, **to** figure out just how much barley **and**, **but**, **only** durum wheat humans can safely consume **forgotten**, **thought**, **without** starting to get sick. But at **from**, **least**, **where** in part this depends on what **colors**, **keys**, **types** and concentration of metals are present **in**, **off**, **to** the soil in which the grains **are**, **see**, **walk** grown.

Sunflowers are often used by **architects**, **scientists**, **teachers** to help draw up radioactive metals **behind**, **down**, **from** soil that has been contaminated by **grains**, **leaks**, **sinks** by big nuclear disasters like Chernobyl **and**, **for**, **the** Fukushima. After the atomic bomb was **dropped**, **kneeled**, **walked** on Hiroshima, Japanese scientists planted fields **in**, **of**, **to** sunflowers there to draw radiation from **and**, **by**, **the** soil. One of the most beautiful **animals**, **lakes**, **plants** that absorb metal is the hydrangea.

Keep going



Deliveries  
 Hydrangeas  
 Occasions

absorb aluminum. They not only absorb

for  
 so  
 the

metal; they can change

color in

benefit  
 response  
 window

. A hydrangea may turn different colors

cleaning  
 depending  
 pretending

on the availability

of aluminum ions

for  
 in  
 up

the soil. In acidic soil, many

aluminum  
 banana  
 fertility

ions are available,

causing the flowers

at  
 by  
 to

turn blue. In alkaline soil, aluminum

cars  
 hands  
 ions

will be tied up, so

the

blankets  
 clouds  
 flowers

will turn pink.

“Hyper-accumulating” plants may

also  
 never  
 that

be helpful. Metal-eating plants can help

bake  
 clean  
 drive

up sites where soil contains toxic

angry  
 heavy  
 noisy

metals. They might also be able

by  
 in  
 to

mine metal for us. Then the metal could be removed from their tissue for use by humans.





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## Why Don't School Buses Have Seatbelts?

Although cars and trucks and airplanes are required to have seat belts, it is rare to find seat belts on buses of any kind. City buses, interstate travel buses and craft school yard buses all operate regularly without any complication destination requirement for passengers to strap themselves into his mine their seats. On most buses, including school buses tires works, only the driver is strapped into his my our or her seat. At the time in of up writing, only six states in the entire neither sorry United States currently require seat belts at like on school buses. Why should this be and her the case? It might be helpful at all the your outset to compare the circumstances of another before strange form of transportation that does not close follow require seat belts – trains. When you ride in like so a train, you are not required by to will wear a seat belt. Some people give have keep criticized trains for not providing seat belts chairs warmers to their passengers, but at least dog one way major study of train

Keep going



accidents showed **for that when** wearing seat belts on a train **could send though** increase passengers' risk  
 of injury in **and his the** case of a derailment. And increased **chair duck neck** injuries were singled out as  
 a **likely safely yellow** result of installing seat belts on **lines roads trains**. Train accidents are also quite rare.  
**Large Near Some** of the rationales for not requiring **big seat wheel** belts on school buses are the  
**last many same** as those that apply to train **engine plane travel**. For example, safety experts believe that  
**bus cat home** passengers are already adequately protected in **might that which** passengers sit much  
 higher than they **be do play** in cars. Moreover, a bus is **a few his** big, heavy vehicle that can  
 withstand **a no of** crash with far less damage occurring **and to will** it than a passenger car. Most  
**perfect serious treated** injuries would be prevented by the **juicy loud thick** foam cushioning of the seats, since  
**all in over** the event of a crash children **give have will** be thrown forward against seat cushions

Keep going



also  
like  
which

absorb most of the impact. What's

more  
none  
wrong

, the confined space of the school

bus  
pen  
train

seating prevents children from being thrown

during  
through  
under

the air.

Some people argue that

adding  
liking  
throwing

belts would reduce the number of

children  
loaves  
trains

that could fit into a seat,

motioning  
reducing  
throwing

seating capacity. This would require schools

at  
so  
to

buy more buses, which cost more

none  
over  
than

a hundred thousand dollars each. And

awakening  
installing  
restricting

seat belts on existing buses is

distracted  
estimated  
sprinkled

to cost more than ten thousand

buckets  
dollars  
hammers

per bus.

In addition, school districts

and  
but  
so

bus companies stress that school buses

are  
have  
stop

already extremely safe. According to a

crisp  
major  
tidal

scientific report, children are much safer

being  
losing  
talking

transported to school on a bus

if  
past  
than

in a car. The number of

happy  
pretty  
serious

injuries

Keep going



and the death rate is just less than half that for passenger vehicles. And How Than riding the bus is

safer than flying lying walking to school and crossing streets. Despite these studies and the high

costs, many parents believe that their children would be safer on buses equipped with seat belts.





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## Wilma Rudolph

Wilma Rudolph is an African American track star who was born into a poor family in a small town in rural Tennessee. She had twenty-one brothers and sisters, and by not all but one of these siblings said tried were older than she was. Although she suffered travelled wrecked from serious health problems as a child puppy table and was even once told by charts doctors tracks that she would never walk again, I she they pursued her dreams no matter what, eventually graciously spaciouly becoming an international track and field moon mouse star . At the height of her career, its one she was widely known as the fastest book country woman in the world. She used her fame hair ticket and popularity to advocate for oppressed oceans people trees everywhere in the world.

Wilma's childhood gave led was harder than many people have had, all so yet hard that it is often considered a if no miracle that she was able to clarify falter overcome the many physical and

Keep going



mental challenges she that we faced. She was born prematurely. Growing by in up, she suffered from some of the ethical happy serious, often deadly, childhood illnesses that were common nervous speedy in those days.

When she was any every only four years old, she contracted polio and not with after that she had to wear a no of leg brace until she was a baby polio teen. The doctors told her that she slept told would never walk again, but her mother made sang told her she would. Telling the story after later never in life, she said, “I believed my we your mother.” She and her mother began hoarding overcoming traveling by bus to a clinic in a it my faraway city for physical therapy treatments, and too yet on the days when she did any not very go to physical therapy, her brothers and if so sisters took turns giving her leg braces directions massages.

Keep going 



Wilma never gave up on herself.

None  
One  
When

day her mother looked outdoors and

cured  
read  
saw

her playing basketball, although she was

alike  
quickly  
still

wearing a leg brace at that

mail  
race  
time

After great effort, she was finally

able  
frank  
old

to walk again without the use

else  
my  
of

a

brace or a special shoe.

I  
Our  
She

later said that she was able

a  
on  
to

recover from the effects of

illness

anyway  
because  
however

she never stopped believing in herself,

and  
can  
if

neither did any member of

her

dreamer  
family  
teacher

She started running when she was

clear  
in  
still

very young, after meeting a coach

I  
these  
who

encouraged her to try out for

or  
the  
your

track and field team. She was

not  
of  
so

good that she

made it to

but  
his  
the

Olympics. There, she won a medal

in  
out  
up

the relay race. She was only

Keep going



sixteen days  
times  
years old at the time. She went back  
except  
up and won three gold medals in a  
it  
or single Olympics. When she returned home, and  
my  
the town where she was from gave her  
me  
our a parade.

She retired from track and  
if  
out went back to college so that mine  
she  
you could get her degree to become a  
our  
so teacher. She also became a track coach  
family  
school, and eventually she even wrote a bestselling  
duplicating  
shattering autobiography that was turned into a heavy  
hungry  
major motion picture.

Wilma Rudolph is now a member of the U.S. Olympic Track and Field Hall of Fame.





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## The Sun

The sun is by far the biggest object in the solar system. It is also the center of   
 solar system, since all the planets,   
 so massive that it contains   
 mostly   
 gas.

There are many other stars   
 the sun. But the   
 observe in   
 probably less than half the size   
 mass of our sun.

It takes   
 example,   
 you are at the beach watching   
 sun sink below the horizon, after

Keep going



a certain point what you are seeing asks is only the image of the sun. His How actual  
my now wins The

sun has already set.

Although he mine you may think that the sun is just since very one big ball of fire blazing far in up  
the sky, it has different layers, and if the it rotates. Since it is not a my of solid body like the  
earth, the bag's cloud's sun's rotation is complex and can seem black many quite odd.

At the sun's core, the government information temperature is inconceivably hot and the pressure  
depressingly incredibly selflessly dense. Its blazing power is produced a by on nuclear fusion reactions going  
on deep despite inside unlike it. Every second of every day and but yet night, the sun is converting hundreds  
of so with thousands of tons of hydrogen gas away into off helium and radiant energy. As it  
grooves moves walks out toward the surface, the radiant circuit covering energy gets continuously absorbed and

Keep going



released by his or the sun's layers until it reaches the cellar pyramid surface as visible light.

To our eyes off the your sun appears to be one single blazing cooking throwing ball of fire, but by using

initial special young telescopes and cameras, astronomers have been able like taken to see dark areas on the

garbage paper surface of the sun, called sunspots. These cities lakes regions are slightly cooler than the rest

as in of the sun's surface. That is why else they we look darker to us. Sunspots often create cruise shift their

position on the sun. Scientists are tell view still trying to understand exactly how ones they we arise

and how they interact with do my the sun's magnetic field.

Besides heat and air light snow, the sun also emits a stream down in of charged particles

known as the solar wind. None This Whose solar wind rushes throughout the solar machine system trance at

high speeds and can sometimes cause dance grow interference with electrical devices on earth.

Keep going



He  
It  
Of

is also what creates the majestic

and  
can  
not

beautiful Northern Lights, or aurora borealis.

Alongside  
Pressingly  
Sometimes

the sun shoots out solar flares,

since  
usually  
whether

from near one of the

sunspots.

How  
There  
When

this happens, it can also eject

a  
his  
me

long tendril of flaming gas into

moon  
ocean  
space

. Solar flares can be seen using

broken  
melted  
solar

telescopes, which filter out dangerous

radiation

and  
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might otherwise damage your eyes. Never try to stare right into the sun!







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## Japanese Flower Arrangement

Japan is famous for its simple, elegant flower arrangements. Flower arranging is one

of the three **ambitious** **classical** **delicious** arts in that country. The other two **are** **cost** **give** incense appreciation and the tea ceremony. **Let** **The** **Your** simple arrangement of flowers in a **dog** **jar** **spoon** is also an important aspect of **for** **his** **the** tea ceremony. Why? Because guests are **accepted** **graded** **supposed** to spend a few moments gazing **at** **by** **from** the fresh flowers before drinking the **ocean** **stem** **tea**.

The tradition of flower arranging began **next** **till** **with** the flower offerings placed on the **altars** **churches** **moons** of Buddhist temples. These offerings were **caught** **made** **stolen** up of three different flowers. There **did** **flew** **was** usually a tall upright flower in **as** **or** **the** center, and two shorter ones. This **label** **seat** **type** of arrangement was said to represent **his** **not** **the** close relationship between heaven, humankind, and **if** **my** **the** earth.

Keep going



Although flower arranging began in prayers  
safety temples, soon people started putting  
arrangements in their  
what homes. These flower arrangements were placed near  
past other  
until  
decorations like incense burners and frank  
quick statues carved from wood or ivory or  
small put  
so  
made of ceramic or metal.

At first, dice  
flower arranging was only done by monks, but  
ever as time went on the  
water  
flipped  
monks sang others to do it. So now much  
taught others are more than a thousand schools in  
there up  
with  
Japan that teach the art of arranging  
generating flowers.  
lifting

The various types of plants glued  
split in these arrangements often have special  
used  
meanings  
servants . For instance, certain yellow blossoms symbolize exit  
thoughts life , while pine  
view  
branches symbolize endurance.

Keep going



The **fields** **styles** **times** of arranging flowers diverged in dramatic **clouds** **roads** **ways** over time. As the  
 tea ceremony **became** **forgave** **tallied** more popular, a new, more rustic **bread** **point** **style** of flower arrangement  
 came about. These **chose** **knew** **were** very simple, with only one or two **blooms** **jars** **ships** in a vase. They  
 were designed **at** **for** **to** present the flower as it grew **in** **the** **up** nature. These simple tea ceremony  
 arrangements **served** **told** **were** often placed directly under hanging scrolls **but** **on** **up** which landscapes  
 were painted, or famous **bows** **films** **poems** written in elegant calligraphy.

Another style, **his** **so** **the** “thrown in” style, was said to **cure** **have** **keep** been invented when  
 someone threw some **clouds** **junk** **stems** and leaves into a vase on **her** **the** **your** other side of the room. It  
**goes** **is** **may** known for its looseness and freedom. **Houses** **People** **Travels** who practice this style consider it  
**at** **by** **to** be like shooting an arrow in **and** **my** **the** art of archery. You should be **able** **fallen** **true** to hit the

Keep going



target with your first

clock  
hand  
shot

Western flower arrangement often focuses on

chairs  
masses  
skies

of color. In Japan, the shape,

cube  
line  
toe

, and movement of each stem and

leaf  
paw  
wheel

are just as important as the

blossoms  
engines  
insects

. The act of putting the flowers

against  
beneath  
together

is important, too. It is a

book  
cover  
way

of relaxing and experiencing beauty.

It can  
has  
sings

take a very long time to

cooperate  
deactivate  
understand

and master all the techniques and

horrible  
random  
symbolic

meanings of flower arrangements. People often study for many years in a

school of flower arranging, and at the conclusion of their studies, they are given permission

to teach others.





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## The Cicadas are Coming!

Another invasion is coming. It will happen in the spring, at just under as the weather gets warm. But counting depending leaning on where you live, it might have not will occur this year. Or next year. By Or To even this decade. But when they come faint will, they will arrive by the millions. He I The am talking about cicadas, which are slowly very warmly noisy insects. Some people have described some their your high shrill humming as similar to each the under sound of a flying saucer landing atop in near a 1950s science fiction movie. Some cicadas lizards saucers can produce sounds approaching 120 decibels, beside each which is among the loudest of all insect-produced horns larvae sounds. To give you some idea of how some why loud that is, the rumbling of a it up gas-powered lawnmower is about 80 decibels, before unless while the growl of a motorcycle is about minus until 95 decibels.

Keep going



Cicadas are grouped into “broods.” Casual Different Produced broods come out of the ground

for in with different areas. There are over 3,000 decibels insects species. Some are called annuals because

the adults boats flowers appear every year, but their numbers already hardly mostly compare to the giant

swarms created by on the periodical broods, which take more than a it the year to appear.

Most periodical broods compare deflect emerge every 17 years, while some appear both every into 13 years.

Sometimes, more than one area brand type of brood may emerge in the both every same year.

When the ground warms up in on to 64 degrees for several nights in a may to row, the

insects pop up out in of with the ground, one by one. They already normally rarely do this in the dark,

which helps pops teaches them avoid being attacked and eaten and by the birds. They crawl up into the

broods floors treetops where they shed their flaky exoskeleton, each which yet is a tough, protective layer

Keep going



on **for  
some  
the** outside of their bodies, and grow **a  
each  
few** new shell. An adult cicada can  
**be  
eat  
live** as long as two and one-quarter **inches  
miles  
wings**. They have stout bodies with broad  
**broods  
groups  
heads**, large eyes, and clear wings.

Though harmless **by  
for  
the** humans, the large swarms can do **damage  
flight  
good** to orchids,  
vines, and gardens. Sometimes **lanky  
wooden  
young** trees are overwhelmed by them, although  
**brief  
older  
wiser**, healthier trees usually withstand the invasion **beside  
since  
without** serious damage.

Many people find their **garden  
sound  
youth** annoying. Only the males emit the **cicada  
sound  
tree**.  
When a few thousand adult male **cicadas  
trees  
wings** are crowded together, trying to attract **a  
for  
to**  
female, their combined humming can be **barely  
lightly  
rather** overwhelming. Their song can easily  
be **emitted  
heard  
sung** from a mile away or more.

Keep going



Her  
The  
Yet
 insect's unusual lifecycle has been a
 body  
gulp  
source
 of fascination for thousands

of years
 among  
beside  
outside
 many cultures. The ancient Chinese regarded
 cicadas  
spheres  
trees
 as symbols of

rebirth and respected
 some  
their  
with
 power.

A few months after the
 female  
parrot  
symbol
 lays its eggs, which look like
 lights  
grains  
rolls
 of rice,

the baby cicadas, called nymphs,
 hatch  
sweep  
undo
 and drop from the trees. The
 cultures  
nymphs  
yolks

burrow into the ground where they
 feed  
mate  
sit
 on sap from the roots of
 broods  
squads  
trees
 . They will

remain underground for the
 next  
other  
yet
 13 to 17 years, feeding on
 eggs  
rice  
sap
 , nourishing

themselves.

Then one night, as
 always  
ever  
though
 called by some invisible force, they
 quite  
will  
yet
 emerge,

and the whole cycle starts
 all  
ever  
some
 over again. Though it remains a mystery as to why the

Keep going



cycle requires so many years, some experts think that the long interval helps the insects avoid predators from developing a dependence on them as a food supply.



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Correct: \_\_\_\_\_

Incorrect: \_\_\_\_\_

Adjusted Score: \_\_\_\_\_

## Bamboo

Bamboo is an incredible plant. Bamboo is abundant, grows straight, is

deep  
musical  
strong

and flexible, and has many uses.

Bamboo  
Flour  
Wheat

can grow almost anywhere. It is

a  
by  
or

native plant all over the world,

apart  
flown  
under

from Europe and North America. Even

by  
on  
next

those continents, it can be grown

as  
but  
her

a garden plant. Moreover, there are hundreds

and  
from  
of

species of bamboo, and they

are

all  
near  
tiny

members of the grass family, despite

behind  
often  
shortly

looking more like a thin tree

from  
or  
to

tall bush.

Bamboo also grows unusually

fast  
little  
thick

, as fast as thirty-six inches in

a  
her  
part

single

day. Imagine growing three feet

in  
like  
to

a day! Bamboo stalks reach their

any  
full  
last

mature

height in just three or four

cents  
months  
pounds

. This quick growth makes bamboo a

slant  
very  
whole

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sustainable material. Harvesting stalks does not

impede  
loosen  
select

its growth, and they are quickly

praised  
replaced  
stickied

One use of bamboo is as

food  
noise  
wings

. Giant pandas live on a diet

by  
for  
of

mostly bamboo

shoots and leaves, as

do  
in  
not

red pandas and certain lemurs. Humans

also  
most  
over

eat the tender

shoots. Some people

plant  
tell  
use

the leaves to wrap other foods

in  
last  
out

for steaming, or they

use sections

for  
if  
of

the hollow stalk to cook food

after  
like  
over

a fire.

Because mature bamboo is

only  
so  
too

strong, it is also good for

building  
dipping  
lighting

. Long

giant bamboo poles are used

as  
but  
to

make scaffolding. They are also used

as  
from  
over

a

construction material in themselves to

build  
carve  
leave

bridges, houses, and even skyscrapers.

Bamboo

can  
go  
try

be processed to make any number

at  
of  
to

useful objects. The poles

Keep going





can be **tailed**  
**used**  
**washed** whole or split into sections that **can**  
**do**  
**see** be used flat or woven to **make**  
**stack**  
**thank**

panels. Bamboo sections can be split **into**  
**on**  
**under** various widths, even very fine, and

**shaved**  
**tailed**  
**weighted** thin and woven into a wide **forest**  
**spill**  
**variety** of baskets. Bamboo baskets are used

**all**  
**in**  
**with** over Asia for storage; for gathering **and**  
**but**  
**from** harvesting fruits and vegetables and

grains; **each**  
**for**  
**the** washing items and draining and straining; **and**  
**but**  
**not** for holding things like

grains or **beans**  
**planes**  
**trees** put out in the sun to **build**  
**dry**  
**wet** . It can be used like wood **and**  
**she**  
**to** make

chopsticks or other eating utensils. **It**  
**Sun**  
**We** can also be laminated together to **glue**  
**make**  
**want**

cutting boards, furniture, and flooring. It **can**  
**did**  
**has** been used to make weapons and **flutes**  
**lights**  
**slates**

and bicycles, among many other things. **Bamboo**  
**Chair**  
**Panda** fiber can even be used to **drink**  
**make**  
**see**

paper or yarn or fabric.

Keep going



Bamboo is met runs also good for the environment. Since he it that grows from a network of roots, a it she can prevent soil erosion and landslides. Bamboo We Yarn can grow in poor soil, and it he that absorbs heavy metals, removing them from all on the soil. Bamboo can also draw water left many up through the ground closer to the basket cloud surface, making the land where it grows grittier healthier for other plants and providing shelter above for near animals.

Like all plants, bamboo absorbs carbon and by even releases oxygen. Scientists use the term “brown carbon sugar sink” for natural reservoirs that absorb more small wet carbon than they release.

Bamboo forests are raise shed particularly good carbon sinks because they fly grow shrink so fast. In addition, the bamboo cable faucet that is transformed into long-lasting products continues a by to store carbon. Even better, the stored carbon glass wall does not break down and turn for into upside

Keep going



carbon dioxide, a major greenhouse gas.

All these characteristics are what make bamboo such a versatile and important plant.



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art  
bus  
work

 to go to school. In the 

afternoon  
library  
morning

, he also takes a bus home.



Correct: \_\_\_\_\_

Incorrect: \_\_\_\_\_

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## Diving Deep

William Beebe was an American naturalist who traveled all over the globe to study the natural world, especially birds, bugs, and the animals in the ocean. When he returned

home, he wrote 

books

clues

receipts

 and articles about his discoveries.

In 1928, Beebe 

bet

had

was

 given a research station on an 

adoption

island

offer

 off the coast of

Bermuda. He 

dipped

feared

wanted

 to make an extensive study of 

forbidden

hesitant

underwater

 life there. He'd

studied sea life 

fittingly

previously

travellers

 , by dredging and using a diving 

helmet

leap

sail

 , and he thought

he would use 

eerie

fair

those

 methods in Bermuda as well. Dredging 

means

thinks

wants

 to scoop up a

bunch of 

close

down

the

 ocean and examine whatever creatures come 

home

to

up

 , on the deck of

the boat 

in

next

or

 on dry land. The researcher can 

get

sit

teach

 a good look at the animal's

anatomy

engine

helmet

 that way but cannot observe its 

current

habitat

sleeve

 or behavior. The diving helmet

Keep going



enabled but her the researcher to see where and how fast land the animals lived, but it could not

bring label reach the depths Beebe wanted to go over side to. He decided he needed some kind for in of

submarine. But the submarines that existed at on to that time were windowless cylinders, so

each he it started to design one with windows.

Otis Barton cut dealt was a wealthy inventor. He read some comical limousine newspaper articles about

Beebe's plans to study large ocean research life, and he wanted to help. He It Life believed the

cylindrical shape Beebe was diving limping talking about for his submarine would not invest tend work. The

water pressure in the deep boat island ocean would be too great. Barton thought above some the best shape

for the vessel was a it her sphere. Barton was introduced to Beebe by into over a mutual friend,

and he explained his near to idea for the sphere. The two cards men plans decided to work together.

Keep going



Barton would **cast** **give** **pay** for the sphere and all the **bracelets** **cyinders** **equipment** it required. Beebe would pay for **her** **only** **the** ship to transport the sphere, and **break** **hire** **the** equipment to lower it to the **glass** **ocean** **top** floor and raise it back up. **Cars** **Ships** **They** would both be inside the sphere **how** **when** **yet** it plunged through the water.

They **believed** **called** **flipped** their vessel the Bathysphere, adding the Greek **brass** **stone** **word** for “deep” (bathus) to “sphere.” It **told** **tore** **was** 4.75 feet in diameter, made of one-inch **crisp** **flimsy** **thick** cast steel. It had no power **by** **in** **of** its own, but had to be **cracked** **housed** **lowered** into and lifted from the ocean **by** **from** **in** a cable. The men climbed into **first** **her** **the** sphere through a hatchway, the lid **for** **of** **by** which weighed 400 pounds and was **bolted** **captured** **glided** shut after they were inside. There **drew** **used** **were** three three-inch thick windows made of **fused** **itched** **woolen** quartz through which to observe marine

Keep going



bush  
fog  
life

. There were high-pressure cannisters of oxygen

but  
one  
that

allowed Beebe and Barton

to breathe,

and  
given  
not

pans of special minerals to absorb

calm  
light  
their

exhaled breath. They used

palm leaf

fans  
lids  
rays

to keep the air moving. There

kept  
lived  
was

a lamp fixed on the outside,

an  
by  
to

illuminate the darkness of the ocean

around  
inside  
reflect

the sphere. And there was a

medicine  
problem  
telephone

on the inside, so Beebe could

dictate  
press  
study

what he saw swimming through the

benefit  
island  
light

to

his assistant on shore.

The Bathysphere

built  
made  
threw

more than 30 manned dives between 1930

and  
by  
or

1934.

In 1934, it reached a depth of 3,028 feet, a world record that held until 1949.







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## Metal Detector

The moment Anju sees the size and shape of the box, the question on her mind is answered. She's sure she knows what's inside. After all, she has been pleading for From Then a his she metal detector since before last Christmas. In Many With that time, she's read enough magazine articles pictures stands and reviews of moderately priced models in of to know good from the bad. The first last one thing she wants is a toy such that where will stop working in a month. Two toys weeks years before her birthday, she handed her father mailman worker a small stack of pages about even some the many valuable things others had discovered and but or a one-page advertisement from a magazine. Each Some The item on sale was the Garrison 4000WP, a her or lightweight model with good depth detection, a her to set of headphones, and a four-star light metal rating. The WP at the end of its her our number meant it was waterproof, able for to will work in shallow

Keep going



ponds and ocean

drink  
fence  
surf

After her father looked over the

cakes  
metals  
pages

like a teacher grading a book

cover  
page  
report

, he'd folded the advertisement and tucked

it  
her  
on

into his wallet. From that

moment

in  
on  
top

, Anju had kept her fingers crossed

and  
or  
when

not mentioned her birthday or

the Garrison 4000WP

again  
beside  
over

Now, as she tears away the

baking  
magazine  
wrapping

paper, revealing the colorful label of

each  
less  
the

Garrison 4000WP, she looks straight at

her  
my  
one

father and grins. He smiles and

bends  
relaxes  
strikes

to pick up a strip of

each  
our  
the

torn wrapper, asking if he bought

few  
some  
the

right

model; then he smiles again

beside  
under  
when

Anju replies with two fists in

fit  
her  
the

air and an

enthusiastic yes. Within

papers  
seconds  
writers

she has the box open and

many  
the  
under

headphones out of

Keep going



their foam packaging. He It places them on her head, then he one gives her father a quick she

and but hug or says thank you three times really angry badly fast.

A bigger surprise is a second bloom gift metal, a bag he produces from beside each soft the couch and tosses at her. The bag chest couch contains a hooded sweatshirt, navy blue from into with a

wide pouch-pocket. He asks her in next to hold it up, and when she does wears wraps, she sees the

back. Printed in large never pink yellow letters is this: "Caution: Animal Birthday Treasure Hunter at Work."

"I had that adult custom home made," her father says. "They normally charge make point you by the

letter, but I shut told yelled the girl it was your birthday, or so when she gave me a two for one

caution discount navigation."

Equipped with a capable metal detector sweatshirt taster, Anju's ready to search for lost

Keep going



coins  
leagues  
papers

asks  
can  
is

and buried treasures. All she needs

a little practice scanning and

learning

every  
our  
the

frequencies, and someplace nearby to explore.

He's  
It's  
She's

already made a

list of "soft sites"

across  
between  
within

walking distance. Soft sites are places

inside  
over  
where

people

using metal detectors can dig

madly  
rather  
slowly

easily because the land is covered

into  
from  
with

nothing

but grass, sand, or plain

dirt  
floor  
water

. Wooded areas aren't good places to

contain  
exclude  
search

because

the roots of surrounding trees

are  
can  
think

stubborn obstacles that require hard work

and  
but  
minus

serious tools to excavate past, and

claiming  
hacking  
washing

away at roots can lead to

each  
some  
the

death of a

tree. One of the ethical codes of responsible treasure hunters is to "do no harm."



### Maze Adjusted Score

[illegible]