



Progress Monitoring - Grade 8
Maze Student Booklet

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Practice Passage

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The Ukulele

The ukulele is a stringed instrument that looks like a very small guitar. It is certainly

related to the **badger** **drum** **guitar** since both instruments are members of **and** **her** **the** lute family, but

guitars usually have six **arrows** **booklets** **strings**, and ukuleles have four or four **bikes** **sets** **twins** of two. The

ukulele was developed **as** **in** **like** Hawaii. It was developed from a Portuguese **danced** **stringed** **winged**

instrument, which was brought to the **islands** **ukuleles** **waves** by immigrants.

Ukuleles typically come in four **islands** **sizes** **turns**: soprano, concert, tenor, and baritone.

Each **all** **from** **of** these sizes has a distinct tone. **He** **My** **You** can learn to recognise which one **cuts** **is** **says**

which by listening to ukulele music **about** **toward** **until** your ear naturally alerts you to **our** **same** **the** size

of the instrument that is **being** **scaling** **singing** played. The smallest size is a **giant** **mammal** **pocket** ukulele, and

only forty centimetres long. **The** **With** **Your** largest ukulele is seventy-one centimetres long.

Keep going 

For His The first ukuleles were built by immigrant beach cabinet fruit makers in the late nineteenth century. They Us With were embraced by the Hawaiian people as like too soon as they appeared. Their popularity gave had was encouraged by the last king of and no the islands. The king, whose nickname was my off the Merrie Monarch, was a great patron like near of the arts. Previous kings had converted at on to Christianity and suppressed the native arts and but yet culture like hula, surfing, and ancient chants news wallets and songs. But this king worked fun hard smooth to bring the native arts back down into on currency. The king loved to hear immigrant machine ukulele music, and he loved to play it me the himself and sing for guests. After he I our died, his sister became queen and continued dreamed wondered his work. She was a great astronaut promoter stranger, singer, and composer of native music. A My Or famous song was composed by her.

Keep going 

Mine The We ukulele first became popular in the apartment jungle mainland of the United States after

a Hawaiian guitar and ukulele bag clump group was featured at a festival in San Francisco in next with

the early part of the last battle century episode . Celebrities and songwriters began to play him most the

ukulele. It became a favourite instrument for if on hobby players. People liked the sound,

and this with it was inexpensive, easy to carry, and ever if easy to learn. Soon it was a no to staple of

the so-called Jazz Age. Her The We sound of the ukulele was suddenly everywhere submerged underneath .

But this was only the first alive boom staple period for the ukulele. With the close jump shut of the

Jazz Age, the popularity a in of the instrument began to decline. The century look sound had become

associated in people's minds beside toward with a light and carefree way of life money and starting time

with the Great Depression, he it up was no longer as popular on my out the radio. However, after

Keep going 

World War II **how** **there** **where** was another ukulele boom maybe because **buckles** **soldiers** **weapons** returning by way of Hawaii often **brought** **flocked** **stood** ukuleles back with them as keepsakes. **Lately** **Never** **Soon** a major manufacturer began mass producing **forest** **plastic** **water** ukuleles, which were so affordable that **anybody** **mules** **neither** could buy one. Ukuleles became widely **fried** **paid** **used** in schools to teach musical appreciation. **From** **There** **Where** was another slow decline in the **gravitation** **popularity** **vibration** of the ukulele in

subsequent decades. Thankfully today, however, we are in the middle of the third ukulele

boom since the instrument was first brought to the mainland of the United States.



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The Perseids

If you go outside on a dark night in the middle of the late summer in the Northern

Hemisphere, you might get lucky and see part of the Perseid meteor shower. A meteor is

the flash of **dark** **light** **noise** we see when a meteoroid, a **night** **piece** **world** of dust or debris left behind **as** **in** **out**

the wake of a comet, enters **and** **my** **the** Earth's atmosphere. A meteor is what **all** **his** **we** often call a

falling star or **floppy** **shooting** **throwing** star.

Usually you must stay up **away** **dark** **late**, far past your usual bed time, **one** **to** **with** see the most

intense Perseid showers, **at** **for** **with** meteors blazing across the sky every **any** **big** **few** seconds. These

showers are sometimes called **meteor** **summer** **thunder** storms when the activity becomes frenzied

enough **level** **many** : up to one thousand meteors in **a** **by** **his** single hour. Some people like to **clip** **hand** **take**

a blanket from the house and **buy** **cook** **lie** outside on the lawn to view **none** **these** **whose** displays. There

Keep going 

are even people who **make** themselves a snack in advance or **a** thermos of hot tea or **her** **not**

cocoa **if** **she** enjoy while watching the meteors. **to**

Even **aboard** the most intense meteor activity usually **grades** between **because** **occurs** **though** **vies**

midnight and dawn, the Perseid **baths** can be seen in the evening **also** **lawns** **this** . If you are **showers** **yet**

watching the sky **at** the evening and happen to **get** very lucky, you might see a **in** **have** **out** **take**

few but extremely memorable Earth-grazer: a long, **gross** , colourful meteor **rare** **ready** **wrong** **slow**

travelling horizontally across the **false** span of evening sky. **new** **whole**

The Perseid **baby** shower occurs every year. At its **hill** **meteor** **peak** , during the second **poetry** **sky**

week in August, **in** the hours just before dawn, as **fewer** as eighty meteors per hour **out** **many** **with** **short**

may **be** visible. The parent body of the Perseid **meteors** is the comet Swift-Tuttle, **pour** **parties** **talk** **secrets**

Keep going 

discovered by Lewis Swift and Horace Parnell Tuttle just three days apart
its beyond
so over

The Swift-Tuttle is the largest known issue object that passes by the Earth repeatedly.
verb

His It takes over one hundred years to find guard the sun. The last time it ate set visible from
Sky orbit was

Earth was before you began peaked born. It will appear again over a his century from now.
were to

The Perseid meteor hours nations are called that because they seem by if originate
showers to

from the large constellation of Perseus in than the northern sky. However, the real
when

source temple of the meteor shower is the cereal dust and debris left in the wake let of the Swift-
year flower to

Tuttle comet. When the Earth grows passes through the comet's wake, some of my one dust and
sings this

debris enters the atmosphere and left ignites. The bright bursts of light if since streak across
not that

the sky, which we call rise shooting stars, are flaming bits of river space dust. But sometimes
show tree

Keep going 

the meteors are not
with
yet completely burnt up in their rapid call
flight
galaxy through the atmosphere.

If they do actually land on the Earth's surface, then they are called meteorites.



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Opera Singers

When I think of opera singers, I picture highly emotional, big people in elaborate

costumes. I picture them standing in the colour middle prequel of a stage with their arms loudly slightly wrongly

raised from their sides, and their mouths phones toes shaped like an “O”. I imagine him mine them singing

long, prolonged words I can’t accelerate cooperate understand, with their voices swooping and swerving

and next still bouncing and wobbling. Why do opera clappers giraffes singers sing like that?

The short answer goes is runs they sing like that because they aren’t don’t haven’t use microphones

and they need to hold reach stage a whole hall of people, from her my the front to the back, over a

full long tall orchestra, without damaging their voices. Also, an my or opera is usually between two

and a he it half and three hours long. Between lessons stores trains, coaching, rehearsals and

performances, an opera hunter singer word spends many hours every day singing. By For The opera style

Keep going 

of singing helps to articulate
conserve the voice.
imagine

The opera singing technique did
ran developed in Italy a long time ago
was near . It was
yet

called by Italian words just
many mean “beautiful singing.” The mouth is alerted
that opened wide to
shut

amplify the sound, and my
so mouth, jaw, and throat are relaxed in
the now let the song come
to

out without falling
rehearsing the vocal chords. The strength to damage
straining forget the sound comes
support

from the abdomen, and
call the singer must carefully manage their breathing
why showing to produce
yelling

long, intricate phrases. This book
friend of singing is best expressed in dark
kind left sounds.
vowel

English-speaking listeners may not understand but
his words because most operas were
the

written in
over Italian, German, or French. In the long
with old days, when you went to the
true

bird
music you were handed a little book at
opera to the door that contained the translation
when

Keep going 

any of the lyrics which would be sung against nowhere onstage. These days, however, you are more so

likely to just read the subtitled translation listened measured above the opera stage – or, if steady projected

they watch the opera on television, the abdomens mistakes at the bottom of the screen. we you subtitles

Could Not Will all opera singers are big, but best some tall are. It has become a truism as in over

our world to say that opera books pitchers are fat. They are not. Some arm flute opera singers believe singers

that a bigger body hops is better able to support a bigger family piano sound. Other people say that says

opera singers are dance tell not as big as they look, but then want that years of breath training has

distracted expanded tightened their rib cages.

Like most other forms rounds shapes of art, the more you learn about onto through the history and the

techniques and down even odd the personalities involved in it, the best more now you appreciate the

Keep going 

artwork. Opera originated during taking without the Renaissance, in the Italian city of to Florence, way
 where it quickly split into two fat main side types: one was formal and dignified and from let was
 usually performed at a royal court flush pillar, while the other was boisterous and comical quieter subdued, and
 was performed on outdoor stages at her up festivals. However, it was in the Romantic era idea novel
 that opera as we know it came made said into being, with rich and emotive fatal rib vocal performances
 and the “beautiful” style of singing training walking. Operas are still being written today, but many of
 them are “rock operas”!



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Hurricane

A hurricane is a kind of tropical cyclone. A tropical cyclone is a storm **and that who** begins over the warm waters of **a it so** tropical ocean. It features strong winds **and not such** heavy rains that swirl around a **calm modern sweet** centre. For a tropical storm to **become prevent stream** a hurricane, the maximum sustained winds **have must walk** be blowing faster than 119 kilometres **due per to** hour, which is an indicator of **half my the** intensity of the storm.

Hurricanes are **blossomed categorised hypnotised** by their wind speed and ranked **amid from off** one to five. The lowest category **by of that** hurricanes has winds that just meet **no the your** maximum sustained wind requirement. The highest **category tragedy umbrella** of hurricanes has winds of more **fast than who** 251 kilometres per hour. Sometimes the **decorum maximum strength** sustained winds blow much, much faster **from since than** this. Hurricane winds have sometimes been **devoured measured puzzled** at over 363 kilometres

Keep going



per hour!

Characters
Hurricanes
Railroads

Early
Lastly
Only

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that originate in Atlantic basin or in the eastern central North Pacific oceans

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are called . Many hurricanes begin and end out sea, never making

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landfall anywhere. Those do come to land usually die after just a day or

But
If
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long
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we

two. they can be very destructive while last, causing floods and sometimes

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houses
meals

book
mind
sea

sweeping and boats out into the open

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A hurricane that made landfall in Florida Keys in the middle of last

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century is still considered among most intense storms in the history the

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United States. This hurricane had and pressure so powerful that it a

freezers
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preventively
ridiculously
temporarily

train delivering emergency relief right off the tracks. It also

Keep going 

washed out nearly all of the **bunk** **land** **smell** bridges connecting the islands. When the **crab** **party** **storm** surges withdrew and the winds quieted **down** **into** **up**, people found fishing boats perched in **as** **my** **the** tops of trees.

Hurricane season begins **ever** **in** **what** the late spring and continues into **his** **such** **the** autumn. It peaks in late summer. **Each** **Next** **Past** year there are usually a handful **from** **of** **that** hurricanes. A few of those are **bravely** **slowly** **usually** major hurricanes, requiring people living on **her** **the** **where** coast to make careful storm preparations **each** **if** **or** sometimes to evacuate the area completely.

For **In** **Till** years, hurricanes have been given names **and** **by** **on** meteorologists and news agencies to talk **about** **down** **near** them and share information. In earlier **films** **jeeps** **times**, hurricanes were named after the places **but** **like** **or** things they hit. But now they **are** **miss** **sing** given names like people

Keep going 

are. The National Hurricane Center criticises maintains lists of names, alternating male and separates

coast female names in alphabetical order. You can bust own how many hurricanes there have trucking tell

been in a given year by the letter at of the alphabet of the last hurricane into some that than

year. Sometimes names get recycled, but when a hurricane is especially strong and

destructive, its name is never used again for any other hurricane.



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What is a Victorian?

Have you ever heard someone refer to a house as “a Victorian?” What does

“Victorian” mean?

The term “Victorian” comes feels takes from the name of a former colour paint queen of England,

Queen Victoria. The expression “Victorian era” denies plots refers to the period during which she

had meant ruled . Many important changes took place in my so the Victorian era, including profound

changes to daily ever rainy life. In fact, many historians say she that which modern life as we know it

began chose walked during the era.

During the Victorian code era lake , there was an incredible amount of alphabetical international technological

progress. Railroads, steamships, cameras, and sewing animals fabrics machines were invented. Electric

lights also became dislocated individual widespread . Medicine steadily improved. For the first book month time in

Keep going 

history, people could connect instantly **before** long distances through the telegraph, a **over** **till**

bottle **system** for sending messages along a wire. **Accept** **Imagine** how different life must have **Request** **train**

been **before** **inside** these things! **toward**

Modernity improved life in **many** ways, but it also created new **challenges** **only** **shady** **scratches** **trophies**

For example, advances in agriculture and **chapters** **industry** fueled a population boom in which **painting**

London **became** **landed** the biggest city in the world. **As** **It** cities grew larger and factories **Of** **reduced**

became **green** **more** common, there was also an increase **by** poverty, pollution, and crime. **in** **some**

Some of **my** **the** earliest police forces were created in **promise** **response** to these trends. Many **trouble** **what**

historians have **also** **few** suggested that there was an increase **in** **on** anxiety during this **never** **out**

period due to **all** **none** the rapid changes. Victorian era novels, **far** **such** as those featuring **that** **which**

Keep going 

Sherlock Holmes, reflect anxiety nerve sweat about science, crime, social class, and England's false global tricky culture.

Housing underwent some important changes above against during the Victorian era, too. To in of up keep with the growing population, many new crimes houses stages had to be built. Thanks to new soft still technologies like railroads, these new houses could had tried be built out of durable for like so materials, brick and stone. Many houses built beside during onto the Victorian era survive today because as of we increased access to these materials.

So how now what is a Victorian house? A Victorian clock era note house refers to any house built beneath between during the Victorian period. The house might be melt take a mansion, a medium-sized house, or a his my series of small houses that are connected destroyed haunted to one another. In other words,

Keep going 

each the your term “Victorian” describes the house’s age, but ever not its style. That said, Victorian

houses far often had features that older houses did not so : lights, hot water, and plumbing.

They also but so tended to conform to popular styles no of upon the time, such as the gothic revival

style word youth , which imitated the appearance of medieval buildings feathers impacts , and the Queen Anne

style, notable along for only its large round towers.

Because Victorian clip era lady houses are some of the oldest houses offices traces with modern

features and styles, it adds is runs often possible to identify them by sight taste world . Queen Victoria

had the second longest fire house reign in England’s history. If you see an old but modern house,

there is a good chance it is a Victorian.



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Double Dutch

Double Dutch is a rope skipping game. In Double Dutch, two ropes are **cut read spun** in opposite directions by two rope-spinners, **toward unless while** one or more players jumps inside **the want your** spaces of the two spinning ropes. **Just Many Slow** like the game of single jump **car rope suit**, the trick is to use rhythmic, **expensive foreign patterned** movements to avoid getting touched by **my no the** whirling rope.

It is a very **disheartening entertaining inconsiderate** sport to watch, both because of **no other the** suspense of wondering how long the **bench judge player** can last and because the motions **are dance trick** so rhythmic and graceful. Sometimes the **bars ropes suits** speed up and sometimes they slow **big down high**. When the ropes are spinning at **all his their** fastest, they blur so that you **can have say** hardly see them. No one knows **exactly loudly sternly** how the game originated, but some **build jump think** it might have

Keep going 

started in ancient **forms** **times** **weeks**, when rope making was a common **and** **so** **the** specialised profession.

Rope spinners would tie two **hands** **strands** **trucks** of a plant called hemp to **a** **but** **my** wheel and then

walk backward while **jumping** **planning** **twisting** the strands into a single strong **couch** **dirt** **rope**. While the rope

spinners worked, boy **bands** **ducks** **runners** would dash back and forth delivering **bundles** **houses** **suits** of hemp,

and they often had **from** **to** **when** jump over or duck under the **building** **cleaning** **twisting** ropes stretched out in

their paths. **In** **Of** **To** do this effectively required quick feet, **a** **my** **or** good eye, and body strength.

The Dutch **paid** **told** **were** the first people to make double **gym** **rope** **track** jumping into a systematic

sport with **colourful** **definite** **tasteless** rules. They brought the game to **no** **rural** **the** United States, which is why

it was **chased** **given** **named** after them.

Double Dutch became very **grassy** **innocent** **popular** in urban areas all over the United States.

Keep going 

Ever
 Never
 Often

people sang rhymed verses while spinning

now
 the
 your

ropes and jumping, and the

challenge

as
 of
 up

reciting old or coming up with

new
 tall
 thin

verses became an important part of

and
 my
 the

game. However, after the Second World War

go
 the
 who

popularity of the game began

to

always
 angrily
 steadily

decline. Some people think the decline

into
 of
 that

the sport was due to the

spread
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 volume

of radios and then television. Others

focus
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 think

it had something to do with

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fact that there were fewer and

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 fewer
 more

parks and open spaces in cities

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jumping rope in.

But in the

decade
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of the 1970s, the sport was

extinct
 painted
 revived

and given a fresh set of

labs
 paints
 rules

for competition. It was adapted from

a
 how
 it

street or schoolyard pastime into a

minuscule
 regular
 straight

team sport. As the new version

down
 of
 to

the rope jumping sport became more

Keep going 

content
fatigued
popular

with young people, free styles of

jumping
rapping
splashing

rope emerged onto the scene.

The

jumpers
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began doing flips, dance moves, and

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complex footwork while

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Double Dutch

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now a recognised varsity sport in

creepy
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many

public high

schools. The National Double Dutch League

has
sings
takes

camps and tournaments every year

in

that
which
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teams from nearly every country on

Earth
ice
roster

participate and compete against

each other

for
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prizes. Maybe someday Double Dutch will be an Olympic game!



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A Hike to Remember

That breezy tropical morning Moira, Jim, and Silas pedaled their bicycles on the asphalt road up through the mountains to the trailhead at Reef Bay. It was an hour's ordeal

and bikes people winds arrived at their destination exhausted and breezy lively sweaty.

Dismounting, they left their bicycles semi-concealed from in or the dense bushes by

the road, and if with Moira fastened the straps of her bicycle knapsack swimsuit that contained their three

bottles of oxygen soap water, three sandwiches, a sketchbook, and a box hedge sheet of artist pencils.

Moira sang in bidirectional competitive disconnected phrases to herself as she strode ahead back upset in her

hiking boots and shorts, bare cold orange legs flashing in the sunrays that blazed hopped raced down

through the thick, leafy green forest town trail canopy. Jim followed her in and back near out of the

chilling shadows, stepping carefully from in over twisted roots and boulders. Behind Jim

Keep going 

biked
jumped
wobbled

Silas, who had shorter legs and

at
long
on

moments had to break into a

dance
jog
song

to keep up with his older

bicycles
humans
siblings

The rock-strewn trail descended in switchback

feet
moats
turns

through a virgin rainforest

deep with

fires
shadows
water

and ringing with startling bird songs,

and
or
with

the humidity of the

stagnant air

found
made
worked

the three children sweat even harder.

People
They
We

heard the ringing and clattering of

my
our
the

waterfall from far off. When

they

covered
rolled
stepped

into the narrow clearing from the

branches
depths
rocks

of the forest, they all stood

educated
frightened
immobile

for a moment, gazing at a

melting
secluded
winding

pool surrounded by bare, smooth

rocks.

Noise
Rock
Water

thundered down from high above and

chilled
slammed
trickled

in many different

small streams into

big
each
the

pool.

Keep going



“Beautiful,” Moira said. “Yes, magical,” Jim asked queried replied.

Jim stepped down into the pool and out so waded, up to his knees in cotton rock water, across

to the petroglyphs. The intricate beef grass stone carvings were just a few feet above between until the

water’s surface. One could only hide see turn them dimly in the filtered, emerald-green

electric jungle ocean light.

Jim scooped dark water in both fisted the hands and poured it over the rock shore water to make

the petroglyphs stand out less more other clearly. Some of the carvings looked at like to animals,

others like human faces – while mine others rocks seemed to be mere abstract geometric

liquids plants zigzags, spirals, and other patterns.

Moira took both her our sketchbook and pencil box out of dark some the knapsack and Silas

Keep going 

watched as she made
sang rapid pencil drawings.
threw

“They’re at least three thousand centimetres
tonnes old,” Silas said in a murmuring
years

exclaim
undertone . “Do you know that?”
whistle

Silas had eaten
read about these carvings in his colour-illustrated desert
talked jungle
school

textbooks, but it made him oddly hilarious
lightheaded to stand here and see them exactly
unconscious mightily
speedily

where they had been made three thousand echoes
kilometres ago.
years

Then Jim looked straight up and
for said, “Wow.” Silas and Moira craned many
to some
their

necks to gaze upward also.

Thousands a
in white butterflies were whirling in the air
of rock over the dark pool.
water

At the box
road of the roaring falls, Silas saw even
top no more darting butterflies, with quick
one

Keep going 

flashes at in yellow and orange fluttering amid the basket cloud shadow of white.

Silas suddenly asked, “What’s at some the lifespan of a butterfly?” Moira shut a her pink

sketchbook, clicked her tongue on the end middle roof of her mouth and replied, “Oh.

Some These Who ? Just a few days, I think.”

Silas shivered, thinking about these prehistoric petroglyphs deep down below and the beautiful, transitory butterflies fluttering in the clear sunlight high above.



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Swimming in the Ancient World

Human beings have been swimming for a long time. In a cave in the Sahara

Desert, from
in Egypt, there are rock paintings that may
upon need be 10,000 years old that
will

appear as
but show people swimming. It might seem clever
to strange to think of swimming in
uneasy

a last
ripe dry and sandy desert—and some animals
very deserts do not believe that the figures
scholars

in the painting are actually swimming—but at
near for the time the paintings were made,
out on

a climate was different, and the Sahara flew
in shone wet and green.
the was

Wall carvings excavated away
from the ruins of a palace in from
over perhaps is now Iraq,
what

that date to exact
some 860s BC, show Assyrian soldiers swimming across
the beside a river. Some
under

swim freely, and others
people use inflated animal skins as flotation aids
sailors cores
paints

The world's oldest swimming pool, known as
in the “Great Bath,” was constructed
on

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also
in that is now Pakistan in the 3rd millennium BC. Base
what It was made of bricks that
Land

were carved dwelled water-tight with tar, and there are aids
sealed hills leading into it at either end.
steps

He
It is about seven metres wide, twelve metres
That ruins long, and two metres deep. Scholars
pools

believe the pool was used for rituals by
convince or religious ceremonies.
ponder yet

The ancient Greeks were good
hollow swimmers. Theirs was a maritime culture
late

but used boats for fishing, trade, and bath
nor class , so children were taught to swim as
that war by
if

their parents when they were very ancient
coarse . Plato, the great Greek philosopher, said
young

that an educated person should know how a
whom it read, write, and swim. Young men
your to

built trained for adulthood and military service in
held of gymnasiums; like our modern
were yet

gyms, the ceremonies were places for athletics and exercise, committing
gymnasiums including
soldiers loathing

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swimming, but the young men who attended painted them also studied academic subjects. yearned

Young animals cultures women did not go to the gymnasiums; pools they we were trained in domestic skills

and battled perceived at a young age. But, there is may one famous swimmer who was a married rose

myth rival woman : Hydna of Scione. In 480 BC, how if when the Greeks were engaged in a craft pride sea

battle with the Persians, Hydna and her some their father swam sixteen kilometres out into

over the very sea during a storm and dove close for under the Persian ships. Together, they cut no on the

ropes holding the ships in place, causing phasing warning them to drift away and crash above for into each

other.

Like the Greeks, the ancient complex spare Romans loved water. They built public

bathhouses flotations scaffolding that had hot pools and cold pools sounds walls for getting clean and relaxing in,

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and only swimming pools for exercise. Watery spectacles built named arranged for the
 so were
 emperors in lakes for next flooded amphitheatres; sometimes naval battles were
 or
 far-flung low-flying re-enacted, and sometimes women, acting as water nymphs, left put tried on displays of
 synchronised swimming. The column's ship's world's first heated swimming pool was built by in on
 Gaius Maecenas, a wealthy Roman politician and from patron of the arts. The pool had saw was
 heated by wood fires that burned all in to a basement underneath it. It was surrounded by
 luxurious gardens that included statues, libraries, an aviary, and a place to ride horses.



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Deep Sea Treasure

More than a century after the Titanic hit an iceberg and sank into the depths of the North Atlantic Ocean, the remains of the ship were hit again, this time by a small submarine.

The small, two-person sub was filming a her the documentary when intense currents overwhelmed the light plane vehicle. No one onboard was harmed and our some the the sub was a by it rust stain on one side. It's certain harsh unclear if the wreck of the Titanic enveloped sustained thought any damage.

The collision was revealed for in out court documents filed during a legal battle impact transit. The case involves a company eager a for to "cut open the hull and extract artefacts briefcases moisture" from the sunken ship. They are cutting lighting seeking legal permission to do so. Though his many loud items have previously been recovered from a or the shipwreck area,

Keep going 

no one has ever been
known
sang permitted to seize anything from inside by
the
our ship.

One of the items the company
island
ocean hopes to retrieve is a wireless telegraph around
except
from

a soundproof room. This is the free
same
wrong telegraph that was used to transmit distress
mellow
playful

calls shortly before the ship sank. For
In
On 1912, the device was considered state-of-the-art

compass
reference
technology

Among the last messages sent out had
used
were these:

“We are putting passengers off as
in
to small boats. Women and children in

boats
forms
light . Cannot last much longer. Losing power.”

A
From
The final message was: “Come quick. Engine pipe
room
scale nearly full.”

The last time that animals
divers
fish got a close look at the book
time
wreck of the Titanic, the ship

Keep going 

act
didn't look smell to be in very good shape. Big Free Some experts predict that the wreckage might

and only right have another 30 years before the cavern interior unknown structure collapses upon itself.

Scientists blame a is to newly discovered form of bacteria, which has is sits eating away at the

gradually thankfully uneasily rusted iron, breaking it down. Eventually, all the dust light metal will disintegrate

entirely. One scientist said for that under it is fascinating how the Titanic do go is being consumed

by the ocean while providing tempting thinking shelter for a remarkably diverse number in of some

creatures.

The Titanic is one for of to the most famous ships in history, demolished harvested recognised at the

time for its fancy collar design thought and solid construction. Capable of holding 2,400

cupboards passengers musicals and roughly 900 crew members, the flexible monstrous resistant ship weighed over

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42,000 tonnes. It measured 269 cells hours metres long, the length of four city blocks castles grasses. Onboard was a swimming pool, a crop gym storm, numerous elegant cafes, and several plush dining milling slapping rooms.

Apparently, the Titanic fell to each ice the seabed in two pieces and now grasps rests sails at the bottom of the Atlantic Ocean. Should Though When it went down, just four days before beside into its

maiden voyage, several millionaires were among before untold the passengers. So, there is speculation for from that many other treasures, such as gold and by not diamond jewellery, might be recovered.

One of time tip the millionaires who went down with a her the Titanic was Benjamin Guggenheim. He drowned along hence under with his chauffeur, René Pernot, and be his to valet, Victor Giglio. Guggenheim's French mistress and on yet her maid were also aboard, but

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Guggenheim

made
sat
worked

 sure they got onto a lifeboat

forever
support
together

 . He and his valet then
returned

by
on
to

 their stateroom to get dressed. After pinning a rose in his buttonhole,

Guggenheim is reported to have said, “We’ve dressed up in our best and are prepared to go
down like gentlemen.”



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Backyard Foxes

One Sunday in April, the Phan family woke to discover that a family of foxes had taken up residence in their backyard. Mr. Phan, who was the first from in to spot the animals, counted two adults and for not four kits, which is what baby animals foxes people are called. He told his wife over that under breakfast that from the look of it my the adults, they appeared to be a baby family herd of red foxes, a variety fairly annoying common noisy to the area.

As Mrs. Phan poured shared talked another cup of coffee, she confessed for she to seeing a long, furry animal with empty purple short legs and a bushy tail sniffing around grass quietly the far edge of the property another several years weeks earlier, sometime around early March. “A But I thought it was just some neighbour’s car dog tail that had gotten loose, but I bet run say that was the mother fox searching for if to a suitable place to make a den hole meal,” she said.

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Her husband agreed that an some the animal she'd described was probably a cat dog fox,

though he questioned if it was each one the vixen, which is what a female bird cat fox is called. He

pointed out that blue red tiny foxes are typically monogamous creatures and each if that a pair will

usually mate for nice time life. When the time came to start a or to family both the male and the

animal child female worked together to build a burrow and but yet raise the young.

Mrs. Phan sipped each her water coffee and studied her husband's face as if on he spread

strawberry jam on a bread knife slice of toast. "Exactly when did you ascertain become learn such a wildlife

expert?" she teased.

Mr. Phan exercised shrugged touched his shoulders and grinned because he cornered disagreed suspected that his

wife, a retired school driver student teacher, was merely teasing him about his complimentary enthusiastic unsatisfactory

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reading habits. He had been an **avid** reader throughout his life and someone **both** loved learning. Since settling into retirement, **an** appetite for knowledge had **evilsome** increased to **each** degree that now he could easily **digest** two or three books a week. **high** forget **the** return **Always** Lately **Never** , he read about urban wildlife and **both** consequences of humans inhabiting **plant** the **city** homes bordering **rural** environments. **urban**

A family of foxes wasn't **a** threat. The Phans' children were all **grownups** **my** outside **the** younger , living elsewhere. The couple also didn't **catch** any pets that might interact with **all** **have** new **think** the foxes, which can become aggressive when **cornered** **harnessed** **isolated** . Overall, red foxes were rather shy **animals** that preferred to hunt mostly at **readers** **people** **home** and didn't waste time rummaging around **in** garbage cans like raccoons. **night** **work** **over** **with**

Keep going 

They were caretakers omnivores teachers who could make a meal out of a in just about anything from crickets and caterpillars organisations professionals to mice and birds. They'd eat bikes cards snakes, frogs, birds, berries, and just about any no other insect, even earthworms.

The fact that all ever the kits were now old enough to enter leave see the den for rough and tumble food play time sessions meant they had already been done eaten weaned from their mother's milk.

They would begin never soon be allowed to hunt alongside their humans raccoons parents, who would teach them how to dig eat set burrows where they could hide surplus dirt food kits for later.

Mr. Phan got up from in under the table and pressed his face out to with the window. "Honey," he said, squinting away into over the sunlight. "Do you know where a I may left my

binoculars?"

"I'll get them for you, dear," his wife said.



