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Progress Monitoring - Grade 8
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Maze Student Booklet

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Correct: _____

Incorrect: _____

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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
time
 and starting

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** **to** enjoy while watching the meteors.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Keep going



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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 likely to just read the subtitled translation listened above the opera stage – or, if mighty steady measured projected they we you watch the opera on television, the abdomens mistakes subtitles at the bottom of the screen. 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 singers are fat. They are not. Some arm flute opera singers believe that a bigger body hops is better able to support a bigger family piano sound. Other people say that 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 way Florence,
 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

are one type of tropical cyclone. Early
Lastly
Only

those tropical cyclones

that originate in far
my
the Atlantic basin or in the eastern also
if
or central North Pacific oceans

are called chainsaws
hurricanes
sandwiches . Many hurricanes begin and end out at
from
past sea, never making

landfall anywhere. Those along
that
yet do come to land usually die and
in
out after just a day or

two. But
If
Soon they can be very destructive while long
they
we last, causing floods and sometimes

sweeping dreams
houses
meals and boats out into the open book
mind
sea .

A hurricane that made landfall in again
the
with Florida Keys in the middle of his
the
when last

century is still considered among her
sure
the most intense storms in the history each
of
up the

United States. This hurricane had games
links
winds and pressure so powerful that it knocked
quicken
sizzled a

train delivering emergency relief freezers
supplies
tickets right off the tracks. It also preventively
ridiculously
temporarily

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
trucking own how many hurricanes there have
tell

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

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 from the name of a former colour of England, feels paint queen takes 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 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**
train **Imagine** how different life must have
Request
 been **before** these things!
inside
toward
 Modernity improved life in **many** ways, but it also created new **challenges**
only **scratches**
shady **trophies**.
 For example, advances in agriculture and **chapters** fueled a population boom in which
industry
painting
 London **became** the biggest city in the world. **As** cities grew larger and factories
landed **It**
reduced **Of**
 became **green** common, there was also an increase **a** poverty, pollution, and crime.
more **by**
some **in**
 Some of **my** earliest police forces were created in **promise** to these trends. Many
the **response**
what **trouble**
 historians have **also** suggested that there was an increase **in** anxiety during this
few **on**
never **out**
 period due to **all** the rapid changes. Victorian era novels, **far** as those featuring
none **such**
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 keep in of up 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 materials, for like so 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 ever far often had features that older houses did for 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
trail
volume

of radios and then television. Others

focus
made
think

it had something to do with

false
my
the

fact that there were fewer and

bitter
fewer
more

parks and open spaces in cities

at
for
when

jumping rope in.

But in the

decade
number
tractor

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
singers
vendors

began doing flips, dance moves, and

extra
fuzzy
worse

complex footwork while

jumping.

Double Dutch

has
is
says

now a recognised varsity sport in

creepy
either
many

public high

schools. The National Double Dutch League

has
sings
takes

camp and tournaments every year

in

that
which
your

teams from nearly every country on

Earth
ice
roster

participate and compete against

each other

for
in
win

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 the until 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
threw rapid pencil drawings.

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

exclaim
undertone
whistle . “Do you know that?”

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

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

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

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

necks to gaze upward also.

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

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

Keep going



flashes at
in
of 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
upon Egypt, there are rock paintings that may
need
will be 10,000 years old that

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Keep going



in **also** **that** **what** is now Pakistan in the 3rd millennium BC. **Base** **It** **Land** was made of bricks that
 were **carved** **dwelled** **sealed** water-tight with tar, and there are **aids** **hills** **steps** leading into it at either end.
He **It** **That** is about seven metres wide, twelve **metres** **ruins** **pools** long, and two metres deep. Scholars
believe **convince** **ponder** the pool was used for rituals **by** **or** **yet** religious ceremonies.
 The ancient Greeks were **good** **hollow** **late** swimmers. Theirs was a maritime culture
but **nor** **that** used boats for fishing, trade, and **bath** **class** **war**, so children were taught to swim **as** **by** **if**
 their parents when they were very **ancient** **coarse** **young**. Plato, the great Greek philosopher, said
that **whom** **your** an educated person should know how **a** **it** **to** read, write, and swim. Young men
built **held** **were** trained for adulthood and military service **in** **of** **yet** gymnasiums; like our modern
 gyms, the **ceremonies** **gymnasiums** **soldiers** were places for athletics and exercise, **committing** **including** **loathing**

Keep going



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

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

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

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
so
 swimming pools for exercise. Watery spectacles
 built
named
were
 arranged for the

emperors in lakes
 for
next
or
 flooded amphitheatres; sometimes naval battles were

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
to
 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 only damage to 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



didn't act 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
 rusted iron, gradually thankfully uneasily 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 sea
 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

Keep going



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

Keep going



reading habits. He had been an **avid** **evil** **odd** reader throughout his life and someone **both** **he** **who** loved learning. Since settling into retirement, **an** **his** **some** appetite for knowledge had increased to **each** **high** **the** degree that now he could easily **digest** **forget** **return** two or three books a week.

Always **Lately** **Never**, he read about urban wildlife and **both** **plant** **the** consequences of humans inhabiting homes bordering **city** **rural** **urban** environments.

A family of foxes wasn't **a** **my** **the** threat. The Phans' children were all **grownups** **outside** **younger**, living elsewhere. The couple also didn't **catch** **have** **think** any pets that might interact with **all** **new** **the** foxes, which can become aggressive when **cornered** **harnessed** **isolated**.

Overall, red foxes were rather shy **animals** **readers** **people** that preferred to hunt mostly at **home** **night** **work** and didn't waste time rummaging around **in** **over** **with** garbage cans like raccoons.

Keep going



They were caretakers omnivores teachers who could make a meal out of 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.



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