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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 recognize 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 sixteen inches long. **The** **With** **Your** largest ukulele is thirty-two inches 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 I he 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 ukulele first became popular in the apartment
 We jungle after a Hawaiian guitar
 mainland

and ukulele bag
 clump was featured at a festival in San Francisco in
 group next the early part of
 with

the last battle
 century . Celebrities and songwriters began to play him
 episode most ukulele. It became a
 the

favorite instrument for
 if hobby players. People liked the sound, and
 on this it was inexpensive,
 with

easy to carry, and
 ever easy to learn. Soon it was a
 if no staple of the so-called Jazz Age.
 to

Her
 The sound of the ukulele was suddenly everywhere
 We submerged
 underneath

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

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

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

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



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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** cocoa **read** enjoy while watching the meteors. **sew** **not**

if **she** **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** **showers** **yet**. If you are

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** **rare** **ready**, colorful meteor **wrong** **slow**

traveling horizontally across the **false** **new** span of evening sky. **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** **parties** is the comet Swift-Tuttle, **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 the sun. The last time it ate visible from
Sky guard orbit set was

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

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

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

source of the meteor shower is the cereal dust and debris left in the wake let of the Swift-
temple 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 shooting stars, are flaming bits of river space dust. But sometimes
rise 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 **color** **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 **is** **goes** **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 our world to say that opera books pitchers are fat. They are not. Some arm flute opera singers over singers

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

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** begins **who** over the warm waters of **a** **it** tropical ocean. It features strong winds **and** **not** heavy rains **such** that swirl around a **calm** **modern** center. For a tropical storm to **become** **prevent** a hurricane, the maximum sustained winds **have** **must** be blowing faster than 74 miles **due** **per** hour, which is an indicator of **half** **my** intensity of the storm. **the**

Hurricanes are **blossomed** **categorized** by their wind speed and ranked **amid** **from** one to five. **off**

The lowest category **by** **of** hurricanes has winds that just meet **no** **the** maximum sustained **that** **your** wind requirement. The highest **category** **tragedy** of hurricanes has winds of more **fast** **than** 156 **who** miles per hour. Sometimes the **decorum** **maximum** sustained winds blow much, much faster **strength**

from **since** this. Hurricane winds have sometimes been **devoured** **measured** at over 225 miles per **than** **puzzled**

Keep going



hour!

Characters
Hurricanes
Railroads

are one type of tropical cyclone. Early
Lastly
Only

that originate in far
my Atlantic basin or in the eastern if
the 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 do come to land usually die in
yet after just a day or

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

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

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

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

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

a train delivering emergency relief freezers
supplies right off the tracks. It also preventively
tickets 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** fall. 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 criticizes 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 than 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 feels takes from the name of a former color 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

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** **in** **spun** 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** specialized 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 **colorful** **definite** **tasteless** rules. They brought the game to **no** **rural** **this** country, 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 recognized varsity sport in

creepy
either
many

public high

schools. The National Double Dutch League

has
sings
takes

camps 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 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 **inches**
tons old,” Silas said in a murmuring
years

exclaim
undertone . “Do you know that?”
whistle

Silas had **eaten**
read about these carvings in his color-illustrated **desert**
talked **jungle** textbooks,
school

but it made him oddly **hilarious**
lightheaded to stand here and see them **exactly**
unconscious **mightily** where they
speedily

had been made three thousand **echoes**
miles 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 of white. shadow

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

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

He is about twenty-three feet wide, thirty-nine **feet** **ruins** long, and eight feet deep. **That** **pools**

Scholars **believe** **convince** the pool was used for rituals **by** **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** **class**, so children were taught to swim **as** **by** **that** **war** **if**

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

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

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

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

Keep going 

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

Young **animals** **cultures** **women** did not go to the gymnasiums; **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 ten miles 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,

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

Keep going 

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

far-flung low-flying re-enacted, and sometimes women, acting as water nymphs, left put tried on displays of

synchronized 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 artifacts 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** permitted to seize anything from inside **by** **the** ship.
sang **our**

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

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

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

compass
reference
technology

Among the last messages sent out **had** **used** these:
were

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

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

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

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

Keep going 

act
look
smell

didn't 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.

a
is
to

Scientists blame newly discovered form of bacteria, which

has
is
sits

is eating away at the

gradually
thankfully
uneasily

rusted iron, breaking it down. Eventually, all the

dust
light
metal

will disintegrate

for
that
under

entirely. One scientist said it is fascinating how the Titanic

do
go
is

being consumed

providing
tempting
thinking

by the ocean while shelter for a remarkably diverse number

in
of
some

sea

creatures.

for
of
to

The Titanic is one the most famous ships in history,

demolished
harvested
recognized

at the

collar
design
thought

time for its fancy 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 

46,000-tons. It measured 882 **cells** **feet** long, the length of four city **blocks** **castles**. Onboard **hours** **grasses** 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 jewelry, 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

Keep going 

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 neighbor’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.

Keep going



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

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



Maze Adjusted Score

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