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### Practice Passage

Tom goes to a school far from his house. Every morning, he takes a school 

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bus
work

 to go to school. In the 

afternoon
library
morning

, he also takes a bus home.



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

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

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

## 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 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
 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

favorite 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.



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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** , colorful meteor

traveling 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.

Keep going



But sometimes the meteors are 

not  
with  
yet

 completely burnt up in their rapid 

call  
flight  
galaxy

 through

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 of a stage with their arms  
prequel

loudly  
slightly raised from their sides, and their mouths  
wrongly phones shaped like an “O”. I imagine  
toes

him  
mine singing long, prolonged words I can’t accelerate  
them cooperate, with their voices swooping  
understand

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

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

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

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

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

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

Keep going 

style 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  
yet

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

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

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

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

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

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

were 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 says 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 center. For a tropical storm to become prevent stream a hurricane, the maximum sustained winds have must walk be blowing faster than 74 miles due per to hour, which is an indicator of half my the intensity of the storm.

Hurricanes are blossomed categorized hypnotized 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 156 miles 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 225 miles per

Keep going



hour!

Characters  
Hurricanes  
Railroads

are one type of tropical cyclone.

Early  
Lastly  
Only

those tropical cyclones

far  
my  
the

that originate in Atlantic basin or in the eastern

also  
if  
or

central North Pacific oceans

chainsaws  
hurricanes  
sandwiches

are called . Many hurricanes begin and end out

at  
from  
past

sea, never making

along  
that  
yet

landfall anywhere. Those do come to land usually die

and  
in  
out

after just a day or

But  
If  
Soon

two. they can be very destructive while

long  
they  
we

last, causing floods and sometimes

dreams  
houses  
meals

sweeping 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

her  
sure  
the

century is still considered among most intense storms in the history

each  
of  
up

the

games  
links  
winds

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

knocked  
quicken  
sizzled

a

freezers  
supplies  
tickets

train delivering emergency relief 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** 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  
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  
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 over till long distances through the telegraph, a  
bottle system train for sending messages along a wire. Accept Imagine Request how different life must have  
 been before inside toward these things!  
 Modernity improved life in many only shady ways, but it also created new challenges scratches trophies.  
 For example, advances in agriculture and chapters industry painting fueled a population boom in which  
 London became landed reduced the biggest city in the world. As It Of cities grew larger and factories  
 became green more some common, there was also an increase a by in poverty, pollution, and crime.  
 Some of my the what earliest police forces were created in promise response trouble to these trends. Many  
 historians have also few never suggested that there was an increase in on out anxiety during this  
 period due to all none that the rapid changes. Victorian era novels, far such which as those featuring

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

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

## 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.

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

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

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

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

electric  
jungle light.  
ocean

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

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

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

liquids  
plants , spirals, and other patterns.  
zigzags

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

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watched as she made  
sang  
threw rapid pencil drawings.

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

exclaim  
undertone  
whistle . “Do you know that?”

Silas had eaten  
read  
talked about these carvings in his color-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  
miles  
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 twenty-three feet wide, thirty-nine feet ruins pools long, and eight feet 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 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  
or flooded amphitheaters; sometimes naval battles were

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  
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 recognized 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



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

was a swimming pool, a crop  
gym , numerous elegant cafes, and several plush dining  
storm milling  
slapping

rooms.

Apparently, the Titanic fell to each  
ice seabed in two pieces and now grasps  
the rests at  
sails

the bottom of the Atlantic Ocean. Should  
Though it went down, just four days before  
When beside its  
into

maiden voyage, several millionaires were among  
before the passengers. So, there is speculation  
untold

for many other treasures, such as gold and  
from by diamond jewelry, might be recovered.  
that not

One of the millionaires who went down with a  
time her Titanic was Benjamin  
tip the

Guggenheim. He drowned along  
hence with his chauffeur, René Pernot, and be  
under his valet,  
to

Victor Giglio. Guggenheim's French mistress and  
on her maid were also aboard, but  
yet

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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 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** **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 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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