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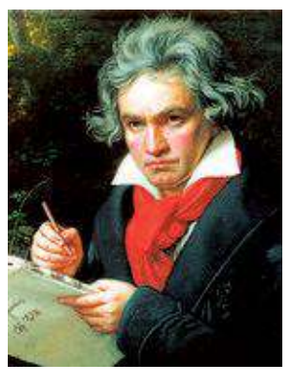
Country hopping

These four images are representative of a country in Europe. Name it.



Hint: 1. Part of the Berlin wall covered with graffiti; 2. Iconic composer and pianist who eventually lost his hearing; 3. The country's national animal; and 4. A traditional dessert that's popular across the world.

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Answer: Federal Republic of Germany

Fun with Math

From the list of words given below, circle the word which stands for a 14-sided polygon.

Hendecagon

Octagon

Tetradecagon

Hexadecagon

Tetragon

Quadrangle

Tridecagon

Answer: Tetradecagon

High five

A quiz on India, its people, culture and lots more

PTI

1. Aurangabad is popular for which two ancient rock-cut caves?
2. Which Union Territory's name means "one lakh islands"?
3. What is M.K. Gandhi's memorial called?
4. On which river bank does the Taj Mahal stand?
5. One of the oldest continuously inhabited cities in the world is in Uttar Pradesh. Can you name it?

a. Raj Ghat.
b. Varanasi.
c. Yamuna.
d. Lakshadweep.
e. Ajanta and Ellora.

Answers: 1. e, 2. d, 3. a, 4. c, 5. b.

Fun facts

1. Unique stripes

Tigers have striped skin, not just striped fur. Like our finger prints, these stripes are unique to each individual tiger. In other words, no two tigers have the same pattern of stripes. Tigers can be identified using their distinct pattern of stripes and facial markings. Their striped coats provide camouflage while hunting prey.

Q: Tiger cubs are born _____ with their eyes firmly closed.

2. Towering presence

The Eiffel Tower in Paris was the world's tallest structure from 1889 to 1930. It was 984 ft tall when completed. The wrought-iron lattice tower, the major attraction of the 1889 Paris Exposition, was built to showcase the industrial prowess of France to the world. Did you know the tower was originally intended to be a temporary exhibit? However, its popular and crucial use as a wireless telegraph station saved it from being torn down.

Q: Which structure is the tallest in the world today?

_____

Answers
1. Blind. The newborn cubs will open their eyes between 6 and 12 days of birth.
2. The Burj Khalifa in Dubai, standing at about 2,716 feet.

Find the write match

Connect the authors with their books

1. Roald Dahl was a British novelist and short-story writer, who blended folklore, fantasy and horror in his books for children. He is famous for his inventive use of language.

2. Dr. Seuss, was a writer and cartoonist who published over 60 books. His works are noted for playful rhymes and unusual creatures.

3. Beatrix Potter is a British author who wrote and illustrated more than 20 children's books. Potter also closely studied the science of fungi, of which she made detailed drawings.

4. Mark Twain was an American novelist and social critic, known for his stories of boyhood adventure.

5. Eric Carle, a German-American illustrator and writer, has worked on more than 70 books, creating brightly coloured pictures, mostly of children, animals, and Nature. His art is instantly recognisable, for they were created using a unique technique called tissue-paper collage.

A. The very Hungry Caterpillar

B. Charlie and the Chocolate Factory

C. Adventures of Tom Sawyer

D. Green Eggs and Ham

E. The Tale of Peter Rabbit

Answers: 1. B, 2. D, 3. E, 4. C and 5. A

Word of the Day

Serendipity

The occurrence of something that happens quite by chance, usually a happy instance.

Origin: The word was coined by English author Horace Walpole, as is evident in a letter he wrote on January 28, 1754. In the letter he refers to the discoveries in a fairytale called "The Three Princes of Serendip". Serendip refers to what is now Sri Lanka, and the tale narrates the unexpected discoveries made during their travels. The author likens a discovery of his to the ones in the tale and calls it Serendipity, and the word is born. Apparently, the word was hardly used till the 20th Century. However, in the early 20th Century, the word also got an adjective – serendipitous.

Example: It was serendipity that brought me to this island.

ACTIVITY

Use the word of the day in a sentence of your own.

_____
_____
_____

Picture story

Come up with a witty caption

AFP

A pair of White Storks tend their nest near Horsham, southern England. **Can you sum up the picture in a few words. Be creative!**

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The W Corner

WHO is she? Her face might have been blurred out, but there are more than enough clues in the image to point you in the right direction.

And if that isn't enough, we are providing some hints too...

She was part of the 2019 and 2015 World Cup winning teams and 2012 Olympic gold medal squad.

Married to former Los Angeles Galaxy midfielder Servando Carrasco, she recently gave birth to her first child Charlie Elena Carrasco.

Answer: U.S. footballer Alex Morgan.

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Journal Writing

Dear Diary

Today, I created my own recipe...

Imagine and write. You may even type a note and mail it to us at **school@thehindu.co.in.** We will select a few for publication when we resume

Today's Diary Pick

Dear Diary,

Guess what! I found my long-lost Friendship Album while cleaning my cupboard this morning. I made this album to preserve all the sweet and memorable photos of me with my friends. I decorated this album's cover with stickers, glitter, ribbons, stars, hearts, a group photo of me and all my friends and with the most important thing: love for my friends. I just smiled as I flipped through the pages of the lovely moments we enjoyed together. I also found a pouch in which I kept all my friendship bands and bracelets I got from my friends on Friendship Day. As soon as the lockdown is lifted, no one can stop me and my friends from doing all those silly and weird things we did. My friends are very special to me and no one can take their place. Ever!

- Filza Shahid,
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