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30-MINUTE ACTIVITY FOR CHILDREN - 40

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Easy search

Spot five nutrition-packed red-hued fruits and write your answer in the space provided.

C	I	J	E	H	E	K	M	B	O
X	Q	F	J	R	R	C	P	U	E
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P	I	W	K	N	C	H	S	M	P
A	I	C	X	O	K	V	O	E	L
C	H	E	R	R	Y	H	I	N	U
A	P	P	L	E	I	E	M	H	M

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Answer: 1. Apple 2. Cherry 3. Strawberry 4. Plum 5. Rambutan

Puzzling Math

Imagine three positive numbers are given to you. When you add or multiply these three numbers you get the same answer. What are the three numbers?

Answer: 1,2 and 3

Earth watch

Match the description with the right word

1. An underground layer of earth with water
2. The place where freshwater (of a river) meets saltwater (of the sea)
3. Tree-dwelling
4. Acute shortage of water in a region
5. A hard, outer shell in tortoises etc.

a. Drought.
b. Aquifer.
c. Estuary.
d. Carapace.
e. Arboreal.

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

Fun facts

1. Snakes that give birth to young ones

Did you know that there are some snakes such as rattlesnakes, Russell's vipers and boas that do not lay eggs? They give birth to baby snakes. In other words, the babies develop in their mother snake before emerging into this world. They may be viviparous (no egg at any stage of development) or ovoviviparous (eggs developed and hatched within the mother's body). The baby snakes are independent from day one.

Q: Egg-laying snakes are known as _____.

2. Super smart crows

Birds of the corvid family are super smart. Crows belong to this family. Though there are different species of crows, the New Calidonian crow is said to be the most intelligent. It is capable of creating tools from twigs and using them to dig out insects from crevices. Crows are generally said to recognise human faces and distinguish between friends and foes. So think twice before shooing a crow away next time!

Q: Can you find out two additional facts about crows?

_____

Answer
1. Oviparous

World tour

This week, we focus on **France.** Here are some facts

- France is situated in Western Europe, sharing borders with Belgium, Germany, Luxembourg, Switzerland and Italy.
- France is a semi-presidential representative democratic republic, a combination of presidential and parliamentary system, with Emmanuel Macron as the President and Edouard Philippe as the Prime Minister.
- Europe's tallest peak, Mont Blanc, is found in the French Alps, standing at a massive 4,810m tall.
- France has long been a global centre of art, science, cuisine, fashion, culture and language.
- France is one of the most popular tourist destinations. Eiffel Tower, Notre Dame, Louvre, Arc de Triomphe and French Alps are some of the attractions here.

Choose the correct answer:

1. Which of the following is a French stewed vegetable dish?
A. Ratatouille
B. Macaron
C Flammkuchen

2. What is Tour de France?
A. A tourism initiative
B. Cycling race held in France
C. Another name for French Revolution

Answers: 1. A and 2. B

A view of the Eiffel Tower. AFP

War of words

Strike up a debate on the given topic

Children stumbling under the weight of their schoolbags is a common sight. But in the age of technology, do students need to carry books to school everyday? Put on your thinking cap and get ready to argue both sides:

Is it necessary for students to carry books to school everyday?

Yes _____ No _____

Word of the day

Anathema

Meaning: Anathema is something or someone vehemently disliked. If something is anathema to you, you strongly hate it.

Origin: The term comes from the Late Latin *anathema*, meaning "anything dedicated to evil" via Greek *anatithenai (ana* meaning "up" + *tithenai* meaning "to place"). The original Greek meaning of the word was simply "an offering".

The term "anathema" is commonly used without "an" or "the". The first-known use of the term in English was in the early 16th Century.

Example sentences

* Crowds are anathema everywhere in these COVID-19 days.

* The noise of the mixer-grinder is anathema to me.

Activity

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

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_____

Journal Writing

Dear Diary

Today, I am going to reimagine a fairy tale.

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,

Today, I created my own recipe for my parents twelfth wedding anniversary. I prepared a scrummy meal for the special occasion. I love to experiment with new ideas. So I made my favourite dishes with ingredients available at home. I made a main course and a dessert. My parents are fond of nourishing food with fruits and vegetables. So the main course was "Veg Crunchy with Cheesy Fries". The dessert was "Fruit Custard in a Fruit Bowl". I made two malabar parathas, then spread Szechwan chutney on both and kept aside. I arranged mushrooms, capsicums, olives, jalapenos, corns and tomatoes on top of one. Then placed French fries. Next, I grated mozzarella cheese over it and placed the other paratha on top. I grilled it until it is crispy and finished! Since it was my parents' twelfth anniversary, I used twelve ingredients in it. I don't know how to bake a cake accurately, so my parents cut this instead of a cake. For dessert, I scooped out chunks of watermelon and made it like a fruit bowl and arranged different fruits like apples, bananas, mangoes and grapes inside it. I topped it with creamy custard milk, and voila! My parents loved the delectable dishes and had a blast!

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The W Corner

WHEN was this picture taken? Take a look closely. The players in the picture will point you to the answer as to when this event took place...

Answer: _____

PHOTO: AFP

Answer: 2006 FIFA World Cup final between Italy and France.

The two players in the picture are Italy's Marco Materazzi and France's Zinedine Zidane. The moment captured shows Materazzi falling to the ground following the infamous head-butt by Zidane. Zidane was sent off following this incident and Italy went on to win the World Cup after penalties (5-3 in the penalties after the match ended 1-1).

This image not only became a telling moment in this edition of the World Cup, but has also become a well-cited incident in the history of FIFA World Cups. Zidane's head-butt became his last action on the pitch with the French national team as this game became his last-ever match for France.

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