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# 30-MINUTE ACTIVITY FOR CHILDREN - 41

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## Space odyssey

Do you know me?

1. I am a large meteor which explodes in the atmosphere.
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2. I am the Milky Way's central black hole.
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3. I am the brightest nebula in the sky and occupy an area twice the diameter of the full Moon. I am visible to the naked eye.
.....
4. I was the first asteroid to be discovered and was initially thought to be a new planet.
.....
5. I am a small natural satellite orbiting a planet and a dwarf planet.
.....

Answers: 1. Bolide, 2. Sagittarius A*, 3. Orion Nebule, 4. Ceres and 5. Moonlet

## Word of the day

**Fanaticism**

An oft-used word these days, fanaticism means extreme beliefs that can lead to someone being unreasonable or exhibiting violent behaviour. Informally, it is used to express extreme interest in something, sometimes to a degree that people find unreasonable.

**Origin**

Fanaticism finds its origin in the Latin word *fanaticus* which originally meant "of or relating to a temple." It was later used to refer to pious individuals inspired by a god or goddess. However, over a period of time "frantic, frenzied, mad" started to be associated with the behaviour of such people because they were thought to be possessed by a deity. That was the first meaning of the word fanatic. In course of time, it came to mean "excessively enthusiastic, especially about religious matters." This was later expanded to simply mean "excessively enthusiastic or unreasonable."

**Example sentence**

Her fanaticism for football knew no bounds as she would religiously sit in front of the television to watch a match the whole night.

**Activity**

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

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## Picture - story

Come up with a caption for this photo

AFP

Elementary school students wear wings to maintain social distancing amid concerns of the COVID-19 coronavirus, while exercising at a playground in China.

**Can you sum up this picture in a few words? Be creative!**

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## Crack the code

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| 1 ABC | 2 DEF | 3 GHI |
| 4 JKL | 5 MNO | 6 PQR |
| 7 STU | 8 VWX | 9 YZ |

Using the reference given below, crack the code and identify the terms:

Example: Computer would be coded as
111, 555, 5, 6, 777, 77, 22, 666

1. 3, 1, 77, 22, 88, 1, 9
2. 33, 555, 5, 22, 6, 1, 3, 22
3. 33, 333, 7, 77, 555, 666, 9
4. 7, 22, 77, 77, 333, 55, 3, 7
5. 11, 555, 555, 44, 5, 1, 666, 44

**Answers**: 1. Gateway, 2. Homepage, 3. History, 4. Settings, 5. Bookmark

## Fun facts

**1. Kiribati in all four hemispheres**

The Republic of Kiribati in the central Pacific Ocean is the only country in the world that is situated within all four hemispheres. It comprises 32 coral atolls and one raised coral island spread across the equator. These extend into the northern and southern hemispheres as well as the western and eastern hemispheres. Did you know the Kiritimati Atoll with a circumference of nearly 150km is the largest island of coral formation in the world?

**Q. Can you find out what a coral atoll is?**

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**2. Largest country, varied time zones**

Russia is the largest country in the world with an enormous land area of about 17million sq km, extending over a vast expanse of eastern Europe and the whole of northern Asia. Russia is so vast that it covers 11 time zones of the 24 the world is divided into. So time difference exists among regions within the country. That means when the eastern part of Russia is in the middle of the day, the western part is experiencing midnight.

**Q. Russia is home to the world's largest freshwater lake. Name it.**

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**Answers**
1. A ring-shaped coral reef enclosing a water body.
2. Lake Baikal

## This or that?

Some words can be confusing due to the similarities in their pronunciation. Choose the right word in the following sentences

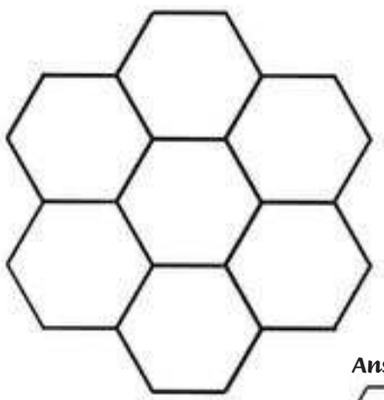
1. They were asked to raze / rays the building.
_____
2. "Who's / whose going with me?" she asked the kids.
_____
3. The pear / pair is a juicy fruit.
_____
4. She put the book inside her bag. She did not want to loose / lose it. _____
5. "Be ready in an our / hour," they were told
_____

Ch.Vijaya Bhaskar

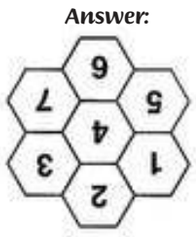
**Answers:** 1. Raze, 2. Who's, 3. Pear, 4. Lose, 5. Hour.

## Magic hexagon

**Write the numbers 1 to 7, one in each hexagon so that all three lines across the middle add up to 12.**



**Answer:**

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## Journal Writing

**Dear Diary**

*I'm getting used to classes online...*

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 am going to reimagine a fairy tale "Alice in Wonderland". It is called "Akila in Candyland". This is a story where Akila walks into her house which turns into Candyland within minutes. She is amazed to see such a thing. Later as she walks, she sees a beautiful castle. She walks into the castle and gets to know that she is ginormous. Soon she notices that everyone is like that. They tell her that they are having a dance party. Akila wants to join the dance party. But they don't allow her. She has to take a test where she has to bring 40,000 chocolates in one bag which they give her. Akila doesn't know what to do and starts thinking of Lord Krishna. Krishna immediately appears and asks what Akila wants. She tells him everything. Krishna makes the bag huge and picks up all the chocolates for her in a jiffy. She is very thankful to Krishna. She gives the chocolates and joins the dance party. Later she remembers that as soon as she had come in there was a voice which said, she is allowed to stay there for only 2 hours. She looks at her watch and realises that in 2 minutes it is going to become 2 hours. So she tries to run out but the castle doors are tightly closed. She calls Krishna again and he helps her to go out. Akila thanks Krishna and her house is back to normal.

Yours Sincerely,
**R.Srishti,**
**VI, GRD Public School, Coimbatore.**

## The W Corner

**WHICH** is the original ball? While one of these balls is the actual ball that was in play in the men's singles final between Greece's Stefanos Tsitsipas and Austria's Dominic Thiem at the 2019 ATP World Tour Finals, the others have been introduced by us. Can you spot the right one?

Answer: E is the original ball.

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