## 30-MINUTE ACTIVITY FOR CHILDREN - 42

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### Hello there...

• I am a bumblebee. I am a large, fuzzy insect with short, stubby wings.

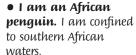
• I do not produce as much honey as the honeybee. But I am an important pollinator.

• I engage in what is called buzz pollination. I beat my wings 130 times or more per second. The resulting vibration causes flowers to



release pollen. I scent-mark the flowers - leaving behind a message to my fellow bees that the nectar is gone.

• I am a social insect living in colonies. The queen bee, drones and worker bees all have specific tasks to help support the



- We have black backs, a white face and a black band across the breast. I am easily identifiable by the distinctive pink patches of skin above my eyes • I make donkey-like
- braying sounds to communicate. • I feed on small fish, squid and crustaceans. I
- nest in burrows that I dig out of my own excrement, called guano.



**Find out:** What are arboreal animals?

Answer: Creatures who spend the majority of their lives in trees

## Unscramble...

...to discover reptiles

- 1. TELRUT
- 2. ESKAN
- 3. DRAZIL
- 4. LECDICOOR
- 5. SITEROOT



3. Lizard, 4. Crocodile, 5. Tortoise. Answers: 1. Turtle, 2. Snake,

## War of words

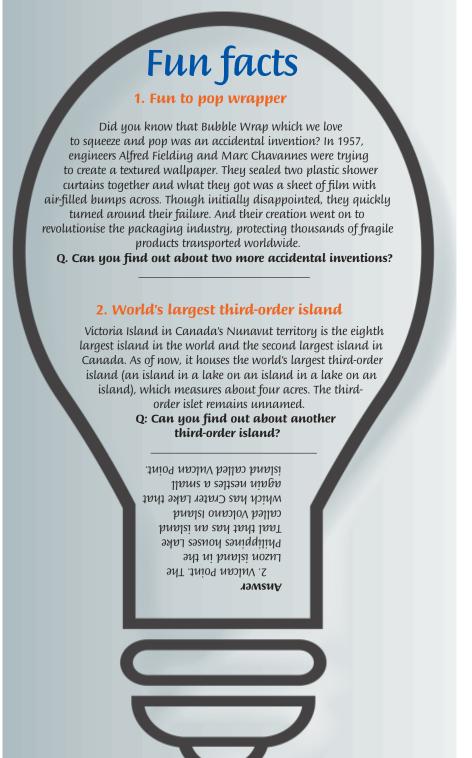
Strike up a debate on the given topic

Physical fitness is important for children today as most of us follow a sedentary lifestyle. But are the

physical education (P.E.) periods in school enough to remain fit and active or should playing at least one sport be made compulsory in schools? Put on your thinking cap and argue both sides:

Should playing at least one sport be made compulsory in schools?

No



# Join the Conversation Mini and Mittoo discuss how to stay fit during lockdown. Imagine a conversation between them.

Get creative. fill in the speech bubbles, scan your entry and send it to schoolg the hinduco.in with your details.

## Bits & Bytes

Given below are a few terms with something in common. Guess what it is.

> MocoSpace Wattpad Tumblr Tagged

> > Habbo

networking sites Answer: They are social

## Heritage trail

#### Read the clues and guess the UNESCO World Heritage Site

1. This building is perhaps most emblematic of Mumbai, with countless commuters rushing through its portals to catch trains to various destinations all the time.

**2.** The late 19th-Century rail terminus, from where the first passenger train service in India started in 1853, is considered one of the best examples of colonial architecture, representing an east meets west style - Indo-Saracenic and

Victorian Gothic Revival towering masonry dome, at

**3.** The structure is crowned by a the top of which stands an



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allegorical figure of Progress, 14 ft tall, holding aloft a flaming torch in her right hand.

4. It was designed by British architect Frederick William Stevens and was opened in 1887 to mark Queen Victoria's golden jubilee. 5. Called Victoria Terminus, it was officially renamed in 1996, though many still refer to it as VT.

6. It was inscribed as a UNESCO World Heritage Site in 2004.

Answer: Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj Terminus, Mumbai.

#### Word of the day

#### Rapport

Pronounced ra-pawr, the word rapport means relation or connection. It is especially used when the relationship it corresponds to has signs of harmony or sympathy.

The word, which is in use from the 1660s, comes from the French word rapport that means "bearing, yield, harmony, agreement". The French word is a derivative or back-formation from rapporter, which means "to bring back or report".

The psychological meaning associated with rapport - intense harmonious accord as between a therapist and patient - was first attested only as late as 1894. The word, however, has been employed in a very similar sense from 1845, when used in reference with mesmerism.

**Usage:** A good teacher usually tries to establish close rapport with students.

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



#### Why do football goalkeepers wear gloves in their hands?

Have you ever wondered why goalkeepers alone wear hand gloves in football? Do you think you can guess the answer? Write down in the space provided and check with the answer to see if you have got it correct.

ball much more easily, thanks to the grip that it offers. of view, the gloves also enable the goalkeeper to catch the knuckles and top of the hands. Apart from a protection point plastic protection points that prevent injury on the fingers, goalkeepers some protection. Modern gloves have rubber and with which footballers kick the ball, these gloves offer gloves is pretty straightforward. Given the tremendous force Answer: The reason why goalkeepers in football wear hand

## Journal Writing

#### Dear Diary

During the lockdown, I discovered that I am

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,

I'm getting used to classes online. From textbooks to online PDFs, live classrooms to google classrooms... That's indeed a momentous changeover! I have a memory of studying "The Fun They Had" by Isaac Asimov. While the teacher was taking classes, we were mocking the online classes wondering how those kids could manage without any pals sitting alongside and so on. Now, it is so comical that we are stuck with the same scenario!

Once, my teacher had uploaded an interactive video. When I was interacting, I remembered that it was just a video and not a live class. And now, I think I have improved a lot. Through these classes, I have learnt a whole lot of new things about the desktop! And now, probably, the photography skill of every student is improving! LOL... More than the neatness in the writing, neatness is expected in the pictures uploaded! Options like 'Mark as done' are saving a few, I think! And the plight of teachers is becoming worse with the passing of every week! Some wrongly typed comments and wrongly uploaded assignments are bringing in the element of fun too!

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