

1. Flightless parrot?

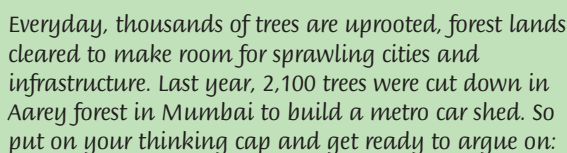
Q: The Kakapo is also called _____.

Rhinos are majestic mammals but they are being poached for their horns which are used in traditional medicine. A rhino's horn is not made of bone but of a protein called keratin which is found in our hair and nails. Did you know that a rhino's horn if trimmed can grow back? However, trade in rhino horn is illegal. Today, less than 30,000 rhinos are left in the world of which 70% live in South Africa.

Answers

1. Owl parrot
2. In Assam's Kaziranga National Park

Strike up a debate on the given topic



Yes

No

Insidious

The word insidious is an adjective used to describe something or someone that acts gradually, subtly and stealthily causing harm. It also describes something that operates in a seemingly harmless way, but actually with grave cumulative effect.

Origin of the word: Insidious has its origin in the Latin word *insidiosus* meaning cunning or deceitful, which in turn comes from the word *insidia*, which means to sit in waiting for an ambush.

Used in a sentence: Fatty liver is an insidious disease and presents with vague symptoms.

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

Match the description with the right word



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| 1. A sudden and short spell of heavy rainfall. | a. Radioactive. |
| 2. Creatures active at night. | b. Arid. |
| 3. Land that is dry and has very little water. | c. Cloudburst. |
| 4. A substance used to remove useless plants / weeds. | d. Nocturnal. |
| 5. Anything that emits radiation. | e. Herbicide. |

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

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

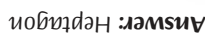
- Switzerland is a landlocked country in Central Europe. The capital is Bern and the largest city is Zürich. Switzerland is a Federal republic. Simonetta Sommaruga is the President.
- The headquarters of the United Nations and CERN, the world's largest particle physics laboratory, are in Geneva, Switzerland.
- Switzerland is a mountainous country. It encompasses parts of the Alps that run through Europe.
- The country is also famous for cheese, chocolates and watches.
- Some of the most popular sports in Switzerland are skiing and



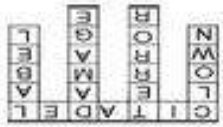
Choose the correct answer:

1. Name the children's book that is set in the idyllic rural landscape of Switzerland and tells the story of a little girl who lives with her grandfather.
- A. Heidi
B. Matilda
C. Alice's Adventures in Wonderland
2. Switzerland is the birthplace of this humanitarian organisation. Name it.
- A. Greenpeace International
B. Red Cross
C. Amnesty International

From the words given below, circle the one which means a 'seven-sided polygon'



In the squares going down, fill in the answers to the clues provided



(Content provided by Amrita Bharati)

Dear Diary

My strongest emotion at the moment is ...
because....

WHAT are zing bails?

When watching cricket these days, you would have seen that the bails light up when the ball hits the stumps. Are you aware what these zing bails are? Do you think you can guess the answer? Fill in the space provided and check it with the answer.



Answer: Zing balls are a recent technological innovation in cricket that allows the umpires – both on field and the third umpire – to make better judgements regarding certain decisions. The LED or zing balls are smart balls that are designed in such a way that they light up when the balls have been dislodged from the stumps. This way, the dislodged process has been identified, allowing umpires to make correct decisions.

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