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Fun facts

1. Chameleon's fused eyelids

Unlike other animals that have upper and lower eyelids, the chameleon has a cone-shaped, scaly eyelid in each eye that's attached to the eyeball. The bulging eyelid covers all of the eyeball except for a small gap which exposes the pupil. What is unique about its eyes is, it can see two different objects at the same time, meaning its eyes work independently of each other. This enables it to have a 360-degree field of vision without having to turn its head. It can also focus both eyes on a single object while capturing prey.

Q. There are over _____ species of chameleon that we know of in the world.

2. Snake fake?

The caterpillar of the elephant hawkmoth from Brazil mimics a snake to defend itself from predators. When alarmed, the crawler flips, retracts its legs and head, and puffs up the front part of its body to resemble the head of a snake. What's more, it has dark markings on its body which look like the eyes of a snake.

Q. Can you find out the scientific name of the elephant hawk moth?

Answers
1. 170
2. Deilephila elpenor

Heritage trail

Read the clues and guess the UNESCO World Heritage Site

1. This Polynesian island in the Pacific Ocean, a special territory of Chile, is famous for its 887 massive statues called moai.
2. These statues were sculpted by the Rapa Nui people, a name by which the island is also known.
3. The statues were carved between 1100-1680 AD when the island's population was at its highest.
4. The moai are carved out of volcanic ash at a quarry site on the side of the extinct Rano Raraku volcano.
5. Each moai is said to represent the deceased head of a family ancestry line and sits on a stone platform called Ahu.
6. In 1995, this island became a UNESCO World Heritage Site, with most of the area protected in the Rapa Nui National Park.

Answer: Easter Island

Hello there...

Photo:K.R.Deepak

- ***I am a stingray,*** a kind of cartilaginous fish that live in the shallow waters.
- I have a flat body. My skeleton is made up of cartilages (just like your ears). While my eyes are located on the dorsal side, my mouth, nostrils, and gill slits are situated on my underbelly.
- I am an ovoviviparous creature. That is, the young are hatched from eggs held within the body of the female.
- I am not usually aggressive and I attack humans only when provoked. Contact with the stinger causes local trauma, pain and swelling. The sting may become fatal only if the affected area is a vital organ.

Photo: AP

- ***I am a a California condor,*** North America's largest flying bird.
- I travel widely to feed on carcasses of deer, pigs, and other animals. I can survive up to two weeks without eating.
- My body is black, with striking white patches under the wings. I have a red-to-orange head and beak.
- I nest in caves on cliffs of tall mountains.

Find out: How is the larva of an amphibian called?

Answer: Tadpole

Picture story

Caption this photo

Reuters

A keeper of the Woburn Safari Park takes care of an Asian elephant. Can you sum up the picture in a few words? Be creative

Join the Conversation

Mini and Mittoo cook their favourite snack. Imagine a conversation between them.

Get creative, fill in the speech bubbles, scan your entry and send it to school@thehindu.co.in with your details. The subjectline must be Join the conversation.

Word of the day

Camaraderie (Noun)

Camaraderie is friendship and trust shared by people who have gone through an experience together or have known each other for a long time.

Origin: The word camaraderie comes from the French word *camarade* used to mean roommate or companion or a group of people who share a room. It is further derived from the Old Spanish word *camara*, meaning "chamber." The word comrade derived from camarade has been used by socialists and communists since 1884 to address a fellow socialist or communist.

Example: The camaraderie of the residents was on display when they came together to start a community kitchen.

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

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Correction: The right answer for the Missing Number puzzle that appeared yesterday is 3 and not 2 as published. The error is regretted.

Unscramble...

...to discover team sports

Vijay Soneji

1. YOCKEH _____
2. TRICCEK _____
3. TOOBLLAF _____
4. BYGRU _____
5. BOYELLALLV _____

Answers: 1. Hockey, 2. Cricket, 3.Football, 4. Rugby, 5. Volleyball

Crack the code

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

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

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

1. 222, 777, 55, 111, 77, 333, 555, 55
2. 2, 22, 7, 333, 3, 55
3. 333, 55, 77, 22, 666, 222, 1, 111, 22
4. 111, 555, 55, 77, 666, 555, 444
5. 7, 33, 333, 222, 77

Answers: 1. Function, 2. Design, 3. Interface, 4. Control, 5. Shift

Journal Writing

Dear Diary

I want to sign up for volunteer work...

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Use your imagination and write a note in 150 words. Mail it to **school@thehindu.co**.in with the subject line: Journal Writing. The best pieces will be published on Page 3 in the Inbox column from Monday to Friday.

The W Corner

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

And if that isn't enough, here are some pointers to take you towards the answer:

He is an Indian chess grandmaster.

He is set to debut on the million-dollar Magnus Carlsen Chess Tour by joining the game's elite players in the $150,000 Chessable Masters beginning on June 20.

Answer: _____

Answer: Pentala Harikrishna

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