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30-MINUTE ACTIVITY FOR CHILDREN - 47

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Hello there...

• I am a **great white shark,** the largest predatory fish on Earth. I may grow up to 15 feet in length
• I have a grey upper body and a white underbelly.
• I have up to 300 serrated, triangular teeth arranged in several rows, which I use to rip off chunks of meat from my prey and swallow them whole. I can last a month or two without another big meal.
• I can smell a single drop of blood from a km distance.
• My prey include sea lions, seals, small toothed whale, and sea turtles.

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• I am a **sloth,** a tree-dwelling mammal, found only in Central and South America. I am related to armadillos and anteaters.
• I am very slow and I move only when necessary. But I am a strong swimmer.
• I rarely come down from the trees. I come down once a week to use the bathroom.
• I sleep up to 20 hours a day, mostly curled into a ball or hanging by my claws from tree branches.
• My long claws help me hang onto branches and feast on the leaves.

Find out: What is a baby shark called?

Answer: Pup

Join the Conversation

Mini and Mittoo discuss where they would like to go once their city is COVID-free. Imagine a conversation between the two.

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

Fun facts

1. Pink-coloured lake

Lake Hillier on Middle Island in western Australia is known for its brilliant pink hue. The lake is many times saltier than the ocean. But what lends the lake its bubblegum colour? It is said to be due to the presence of algae Dunaliella salina which causes the lake's high salt content to produce carotenoids (red pigments), and halobacteria which thrives in such salty environments.

Q: Can you find out why the Talawe wetland in Mumbai was in the news recently?

2. Fluffy treat

Cotton candy has different names such as candy floss and fairy floss around the world, but its main ingredient is sugar. It is strange that machine-spun cotton candy was actually invented by dentist William Morrison with the help of confectioner John C Wharton in 1897. The sugary treat was first introduced at the St. Louis World's Fair in 1904. Another dentist named Joseph Lascaux reinvented the machine in 1921. It was he who named it cotton candy.

Q: Did you know the U.S. celebrates National Cotton Candy Day every year? Can you find out when?

Answer 2. On December 7

Word of the day

Curiosity

Meaning: As an uncountable noun, curiosity is the strong desire or wish to learn or know about something. As a countable noun, the word is used to define rare and unusually interesting objects or artefacts.

Origin: The word traces its origins to Old French curiousete, from Latin curiositas. Curiositas is derived from the Latin word curiosus, meaning 'careful', which finds its root in the Latin word cura, meaning care, concern or worry.

Usage: (As an uncountable noun) His curiosity is going to land us in trouble (As a countable noun) The museum down the road houses a curiosity dating to the Stone Age.

Activity:
Use the word of the day in a sentence

Heritage trail...

Read the clues and guess the UNESCO World Heritage Site.

1. Considered by many as one of the seven natural wonders of the world, this spectacular gorge lies in the state of Arizona in the U.S.
2. It is all of 446 km long; at its widest point it is 29 km; at its narrowest point it is 6.4 km and it is a jaw-dropping 6,000 ft deep!
3. The Colorado river runs through it and has been eroding the steep rocky sides for billions of years. Hence, the different types of rock that are exposed make it an important site for geological study.
4. John Wesley Powell led the first expedition down the gorge and was the first to give it its present name.
5. The area has been inhabited for thousands of years by the Native Americans.
6. By 1919, the area was made a national park, and it was inscribed as a UNESCO World Heritage Site in 1979.

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Answer: Grand Canyon in Arizona, U.S.

Unscramble...

...to discover boardgames

1. BELCSBAR
2. LOYPNOOM
3. SHESC
4. DOUL
5. SRECKEHC

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Answers: 1. Scrabble, 2. Monopoly, 3. Chess, 4. Ludo, 5. Checkers.

Journal Writing

Dear Diary

I have to change my bucket list for 2020 because it has turned out to be so different.

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

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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 Spain's Rafael Nadal and Austria's Dominic Thiem at the 2019 French Open, the others have been introduced by us. Can you spot the right one?

Answer: C is the original ball.

Picture story

Come up with a witty caption for this photo

Photo PTI

A man cycles in front of Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj Terminus as Mumbai takes on a rain-swept look after experiencing the season's first light showers.
Can you sum up the picture in a few words? Be creative!