



Fun facts

Norway's Hell.

There is a tiny village called Hell in Norway. The name comes from the Old Norse word "hellir", meaning "cliff cave". It refers to the overhanging cliff caves in the area. Hell freezes over every winter with temperatures reaching as low as -25 degrees Celsius, making it one of the coldest places on Earth.

Q. Norway is famous for _____ Lights. It also tops the world in the number of _____ which are long, deep, narrow sea inlets that extend far inland. Look up the two such natural formations that make it to the UNESCO World Heritage list.

**A. The Northern Lights; fjords.
The smallest country.**

Measuring just .17 square miles (not even 1 sq km), Vatican City is the smallest country in the world. Situated on the western bank of the River Tiber, it is a walled enclave surrounded by Rome, Italy. According to latest estimates, it has about 800 citizens. Known for its iconic art and architecture, the Vatican houses several imposing structures, including St. Peter's Basilica and the Sistine Chapel.

Q: What is its official language?

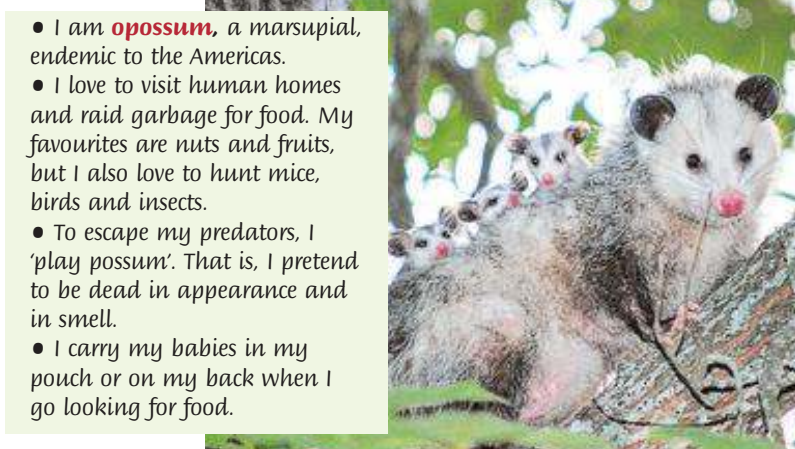
A: Latin

Hello there...



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- I am an **Indian roller**. You can identify me by the colours on my body. My crown, wings, tail and belly sport different shades of blue, while my neck and throat are purplish and the chest is brown.
- I live in open areas and agricultural landscapes.
- I am generally quiet, but turn vociferous during the breeding season. I make a harsh *chack... chack...* sound.
- I am known for my acrobatic courtship displays.



- I am **opossum**, a marsupial, endemic to the Americas.
- I love to visit human homes and raid garbage for food. My favourites are nuts and fruits, but I also love to hunt mice, birds and insects.
- To escape my predators, I 'play possum'. That is, I pretend to be dead in appearance and in smell.
- I carry my babies in my pouch or on my back when I go looking for food.

Marsupials are mammals that give birth to tiny, underdeveloped young. The mothers carry the young in a pouch on their abdomen. **Do you know how an infant marsupial is called?**

Answer: Joey

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

- 6, 333, 888, 22, 444
- 8, 333, 666, 777, 7
- 11, 9, 77, 22
- 666, 555, 11, 555, 77
- 111, 1, 111, 33, 22

Answers: 1. Pixel, 2. Virus, 3. Byte, 4. Robot, 5. Cache

What's the good word?

Many words have more than one meaning. In the sentences below, write down one word that fits both the descriptions

1. Average; to be unkind or unfair. _____
2. Correct; a turn. _____
3. A sports contest between people or teams; a similar pair. _____
4. A flower; light pink colour. _____
5. An area for recreation; to stop a vehicle for a while. _____



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Answers: 1. Mean, 2. Right, 3. Match, 4. Rose, 5. Park.

Join the Conversation

Mini video-calls her friend for a chat as their city is under lockdown due to COVID-19. 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 subjectline must be Join the conversation.

Word of the day

Meritocracy

Meritocracy is a social system where individuals are rewarded for their talent, ability and effort. In a society that follows this system, success or power is not achieved because of financial or socio-political standing. The word 'meritocracy' was first used in this context by British sociologist Michael Young in his satirical essay "The Rise of the Meritocracy". However, there is rising criticism against meritocracy. Critics say the availability of resources to cultivate merit depends on an individual's current and historic socio-economic status. Unequal access to resources has a huge impact on one's future opportunities.

ACTIVITY

Use the word of the day in a sentence

The W Corner



Virat Kohli, wearing sunglasses, celebrates after taking a catch. FILE PHOTO: G.P. SAMPATH KUMAR/ THE HINDU

Why do fielders wear sunglasses?

Have you ever wondered why only fielders wear sunglasses, even while those batting at the same time don't? 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.

Answer: Fielders are often seen wearing sunglasses during day matches and even well into the evening in day-night matches. Apart from the usual reasons for wearing sunglasses, they do it as it helps them sight the ball against the sun when the sun is high and also when the sun is low in the horizon late in the evening. Batsmen aren't often seen wearing sunglasses as there is less need for them. This is because pitches in most cricket stadiums are placed in a north-south direction to avoid this problem in the first place.

Heritage trail

Read the clues and guess the UNESCO Heritage Site

1. It was the centre of imperial China during the Ming and Qing dynasties (1416-1911) and is situated in central Beijing.
2. It served as a mighty fortress to protect the Emperor and his family and, therefore, had high walls and a wide moat.
3. The common people were forbidden from entering the city in ancient times and hence, the city got its name.
4. It is the largest ancient palace complex in the world, covering an area of 176 acres that are dotted with palaces, courtyards and buildings.
5. It was listed as a UNESCO Heritage Site in 1987.



Answer:

Answer: The Forbidden City

Journal Writing

You are given a chance to write a different ending for a book. Which book? What's your ending?

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