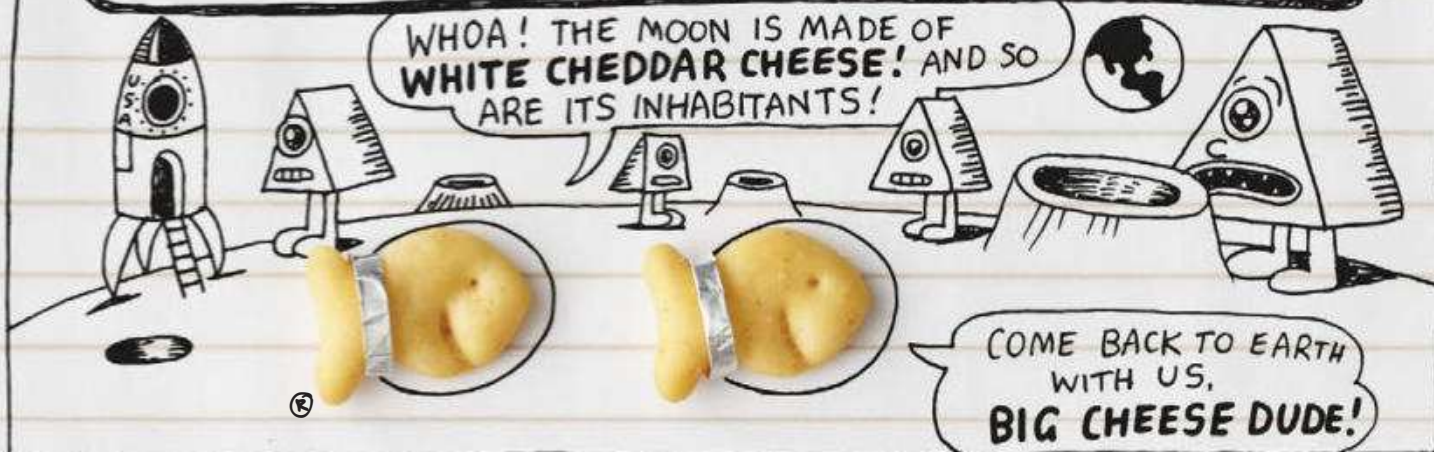
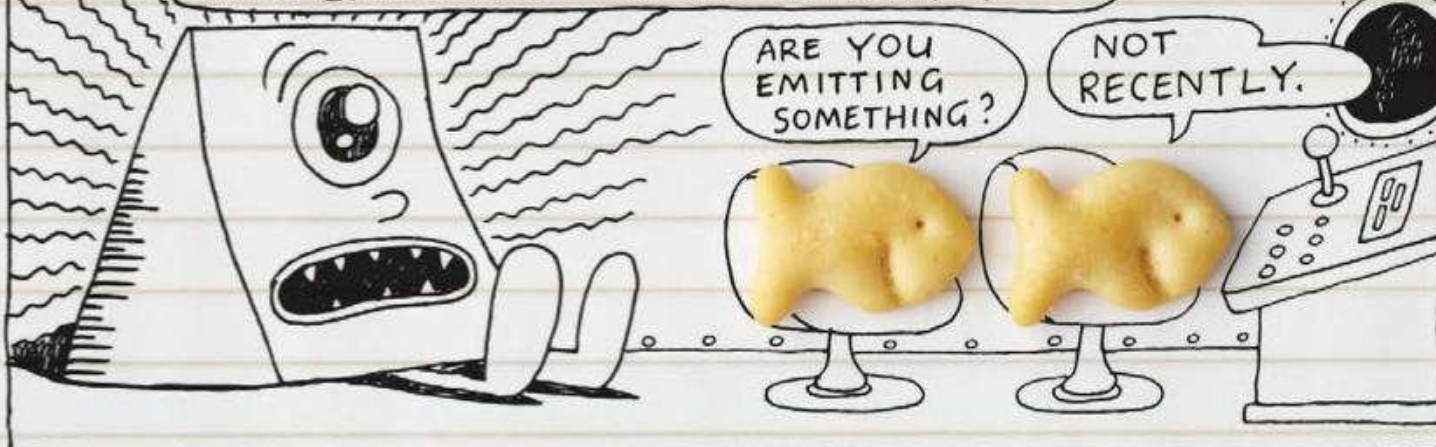


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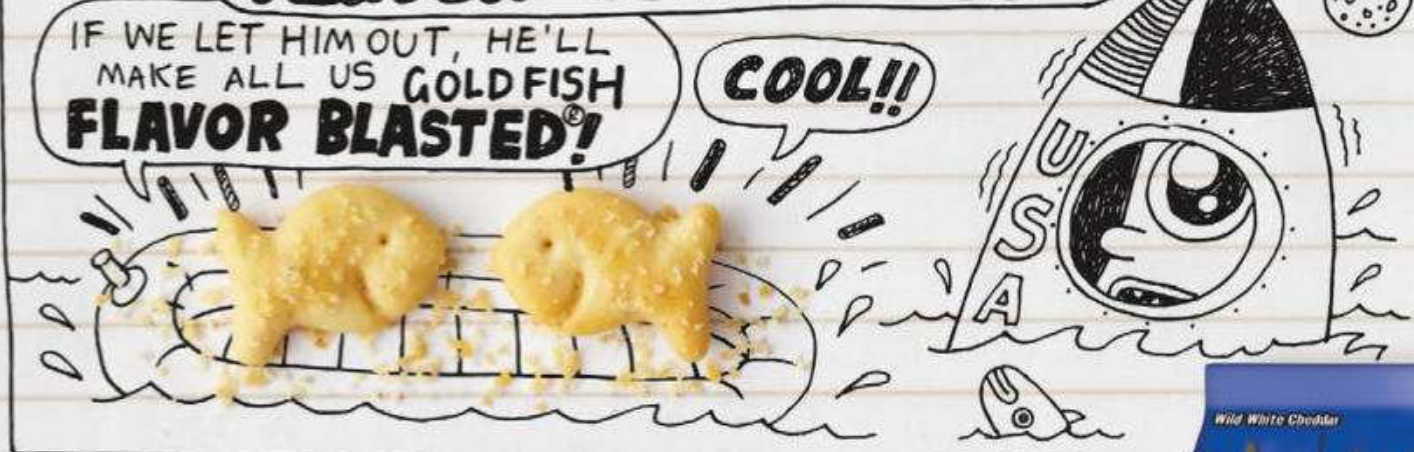
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play tag



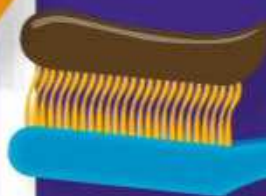
like human kids do.

Each of the
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in **Egypt's Great Pyramid at Giza**

weigh as
much as a
pickup truck.

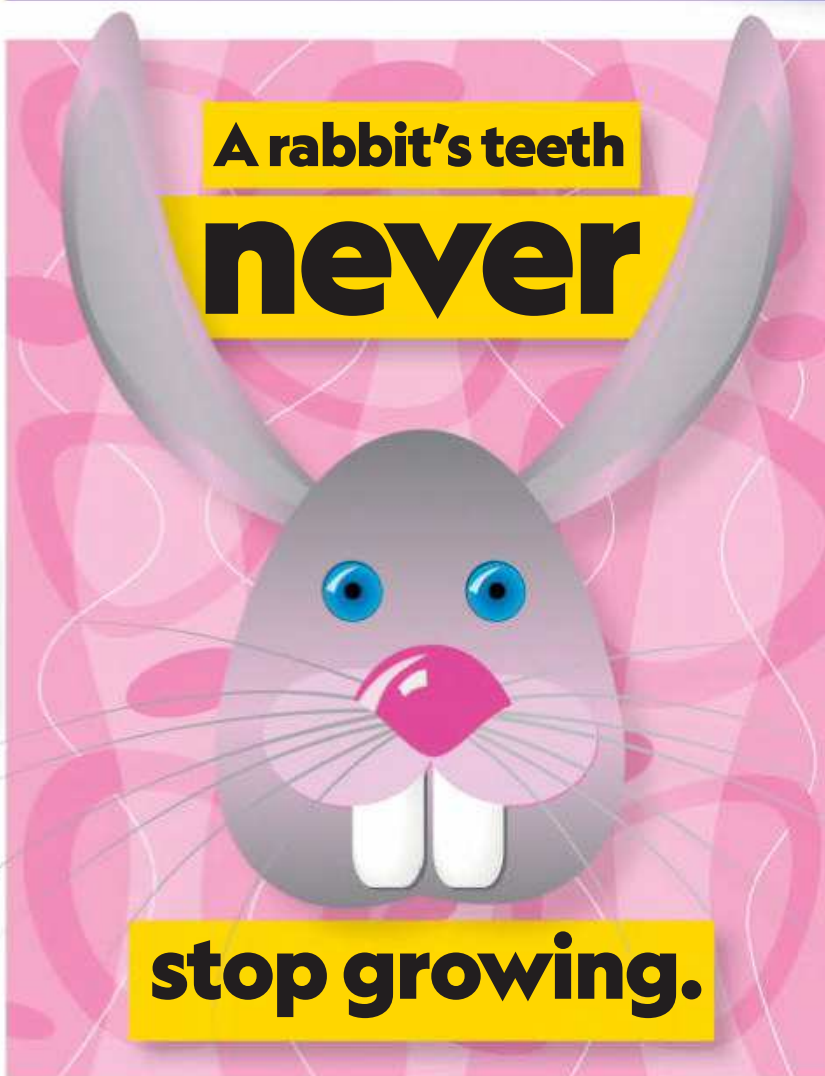


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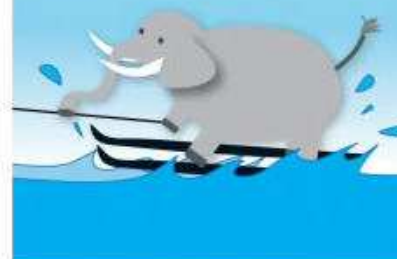


A rabbit's teeth
never

stop growing.



An elephant once
water-skied
on the Hudson River
in **New York City.**

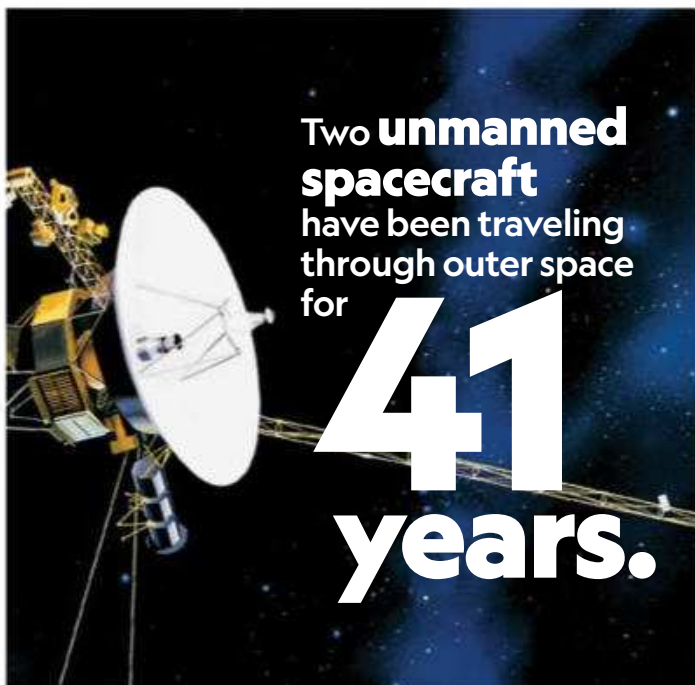


There's a **bicycle**
that folds up small
enough to
fit inside a backpack.



Two **unmanned spacecraft**
have been traveling
through outer space
for

41
years.



HAMMERHEAD SHARKS
can give birth to
40 babies
at once.



Lightning strikes
men
more often than
women.



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CART TAKES OVER PARKING LOT

You'll never run out of room for groceries again. This vehicle holds the record for the world's largest motorized shopping cart. Taller than an African elephant, the cart can carry more than 360 grocery bags. Driver and creator Frederick Reifsteck maneuvers the cart using a car's steering wheel while perched in the "baby" seat. Just don't take this for a joyride down the store aisles—the cart can zoom legally on highways at up to 60 miles an hour.

—Molly Marcot



TEENY TINY CAT



6"



Lilieput may be the world's shortest cat, but she doesn't let her other feline friends get in her way—she just runs right under them! Lilieput, which is a breed of cat known as a munchkin, is less than six inches tall at her shoulders. That's barely taller than a soda can!

—Angela Modany



ANIMALS ON THE PROWL

Nope, these aren't escaped animals from the weirdest zoo ever. They're just contestants in the largest two-person costumed animal race. Each costume—everything from a camel to a cow to a donkey—was worn by two people, who raced almost 330 feet to the finish line.

—B.F. Summers

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Didn't
Know!**

7 Thanksgiving facts you'll gobble up

BY ERIN WHITMER

1 Some
WILD TURKEYS
can run up to
**25 MILES AN
HOUR.**

2 Two turkeys—
named **Flyer** and
Fryer—moved to
DISNEYLAND
after they were
officially pardoned
by a **United States**
president.

3 A ripe
CRANBERRY
will
bounce.

4 The first
Thanksgiving
celebration
lasted for
THREE DAYS.

5 More
Native Americans
than pilgrims
attended the first
Thanksgiving
feast.

6 **CANADIANS**
celebrate
Thanksgiving
every
OCTOBER.

7 The
largest
PUMPKIN PIE
ever made
weighed **3,699**
pounds.



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THE KEA CAUSED TRAFFIC JAMS AFTER PLAYING WITH SAFETY CONES.

Fiordland, New Zealand

Cruise down this twisty highway, and you'll spot mountains, lakes, and ... parrots playing on a jungle gym?

Bird experts created the playground just for local kea, a type of parrot that lives only in New Zealand. The feathered fliers can swing on an ocean buoy, make noise on metal triangles, and even knock each other off a see-saw. But it's not just for fun—the jungle gym keeps the birds out of trouble.

The mischievous birds had been moving safety cones across the road, forcing cars

to make dangerous turns and eventually holding up traffic. "Kea are naughty and really smart," says Sue Streatfield, a ranger with the New Zealand Department of Conservation. "You have to lure them away with something way more fun." Now instead of causing trouble, the kea can play on the structure.

Next, conservationists want to add a slide and toys to the structure, and scientists hope to use the roadside gym to study the birdbrains. So if you happen to be driving by, honk if you love kea!

—Aaron Sidder



SCIENTISTS HOPE TO USE VIDEO FOOTAGE OF THE JUNGLE GYM TO STUDY HOW KEA THINK, COMMUNICATE, AND PLAY.

Doggy

High Dive

East Sussex, England

Poppy the English springer spaniel was just doing what she loved when she chased a seagull at a seaside park. But when the gull flapped away,

Poppy kept chasing it—right over a 300-foot cliff!

Her horrified dog walkers rushed to the edge and looked down. Poppy had fallen straight

into the English Channel. She was alive but helpless in the chilly waves.

As the humans called for help, the clever canine paddled to a tiny beach about 30 feet away. For 10 minutes she huddled there until a rescue boat from the Royal National Lifeboat Institution reached the soaked-but-safe dog.

Spaniels are great swimmers, says Ginnie Klein of the Golden Gate English Springer

Spaniel Association. But surviving such an ordeal is “pure dumb luck,” she says. Poppy might’ve wished she could fly as well as swim!

—Elisabeth Deffner

I'M LIKE
SUPERDOG!



DOG

East Sussex,
England

PARROTS

Fiordland,
New Zealand



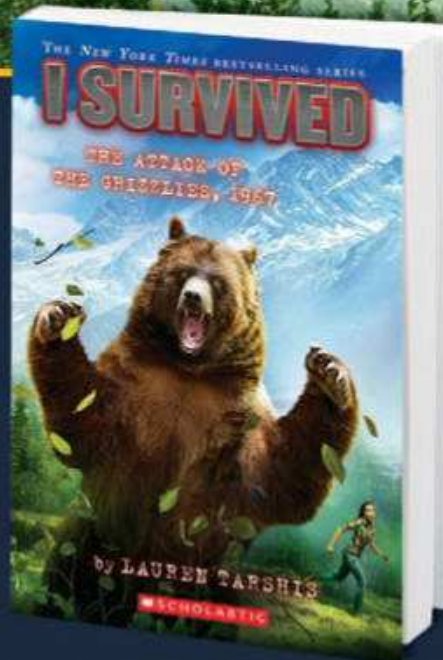
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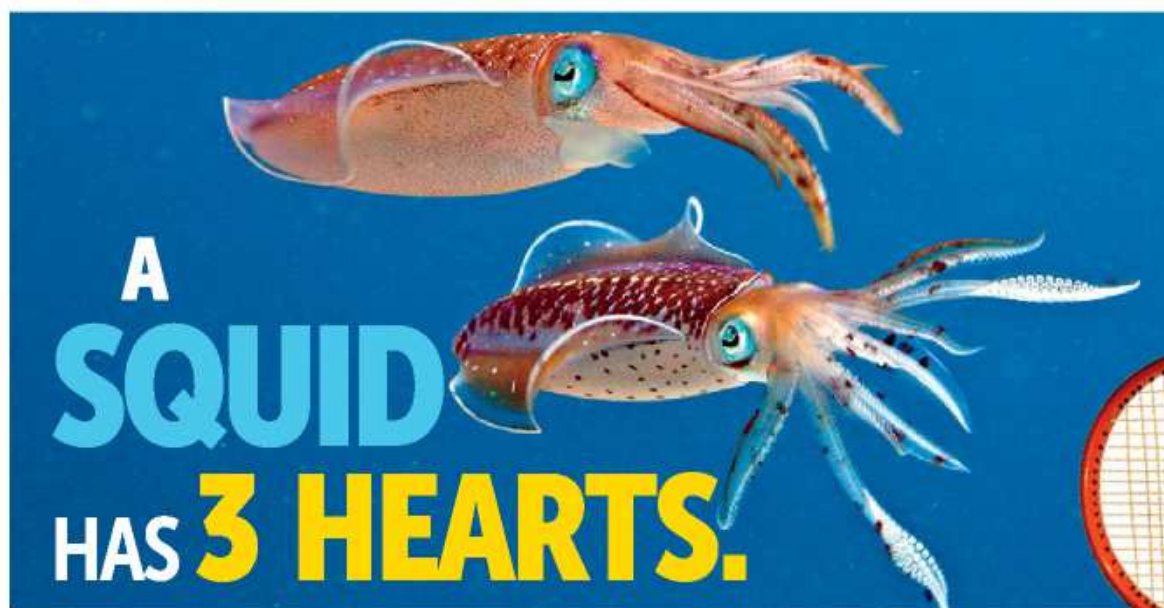
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3,000 **TEETH** in its **LIFETIME.**

AN **ANTEATER'S**
TONGUE
IS **2 FEET LONG—**



that's
about
the

LENGTH
of a **TENNIS**
RACKET!



A
SQUID
HAS **3 HEARTS.**





FACTS

GIRAFFES
HAVE **ZERO**
VOCAL CORDS.



A **SLUG** HAS
4 NOSES.

ABOUT
10 PERCENT
OF A **CAT'S**
BONES
ARE IN ITS
TAIL.



A HUMMINGBIRD'S **WINGS**
can
beat
up to
200
TIMES
a second.



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Red Sprite

Red sprites are still a bit mysterious to scientists. They happen in the upper atmosphere, miles above thunderstorms that are ending. After much of the electric charge is removed from a storm through lightning strikes, these glowing streamers may appear. Red sprites are rarely seen from Earth.



Double Rainbow

Light reflecting inside water droplets causes one rainbow, but it's actually possible for light to be reflected more than once inside a raindrop. The rare secondary rainbow is formed above the first and is usually fainter—and the colors are seen in the reverse order. Intense!



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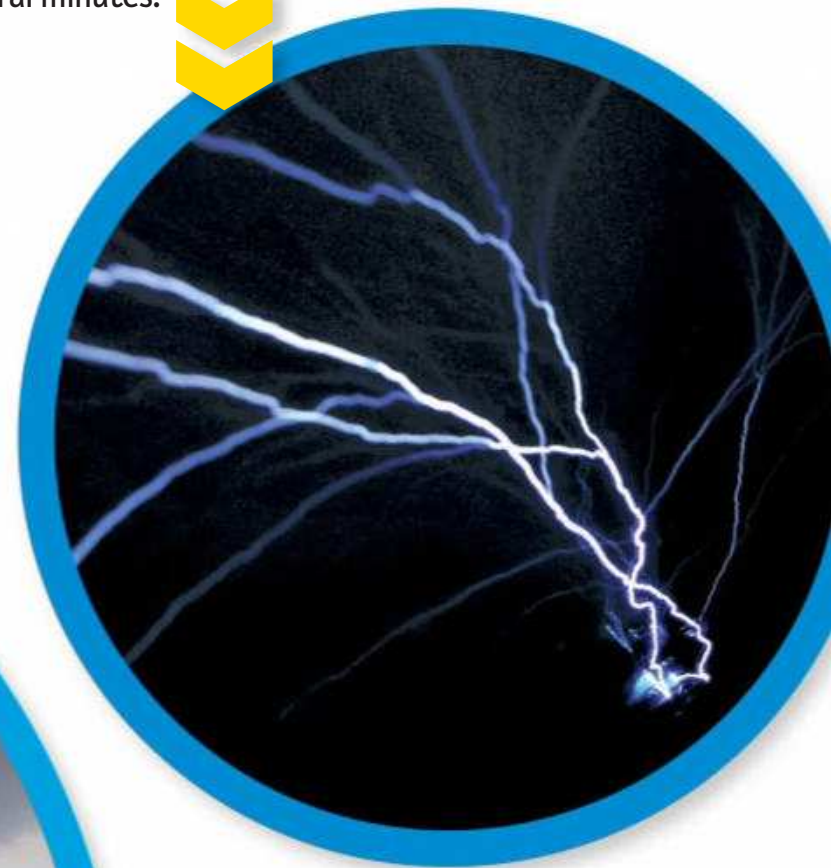


Sky Punch

Sometimes you'll see a stretch of clouds across the sky, and then a few minutes later there's a hole punched right through the clouds! This phenomenon is caused when supercooled clouds float in a blanket-like layer across the sky before an airplane flies through them. The broken cloud section then falls as snow.

St. Elmo's Fire

It's not actually fire at all—it's a gas called plasma. Metallic or pointy objects often become supercharged during thunderstorms. When the charges are high enough, the air around the object also becomes charged, or ionized. The nitrogen and oxygen in the air cause the glow to be blue or violet, and the St. Elmo's light can continue for several minutes.



Waterspout

These water funnels form in two ways: when a tornado moves over water, or when wind is light but cumulus clouds have begun to develop. (Cumulus clouds are the white, fluffy-looking clouds.) The second kind starts swirling at the surface of the water and moves upward. They'll fall apart quickly if they reach land.





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STONE-COLD MYSTERY SOLVED?

These statues, called *moai*, were built at least 800 years ago by the Rapa Nui people on Easter Island, in the South Pacific Ocean. Once carved, the stones had to be moved as far as 11 miles from their quarry into place. The prehistoric people who built them had no metal tools or wheels. Their method was a mystery until 2012, when researchers built a replica of one of the figures to crack the case.

The scientists showed that just 18 people with three strong ropes could've moved the statues. Pulling one statue at a time, they could've "walked" the statues on their large, rounded bases. Since the islanders didn't write down their technique, scientists can't be sure this is the method. But it's the most likely answer. Maybe the old legend—which says the statues walked into place—was the truth all along!

with no machines to help them.

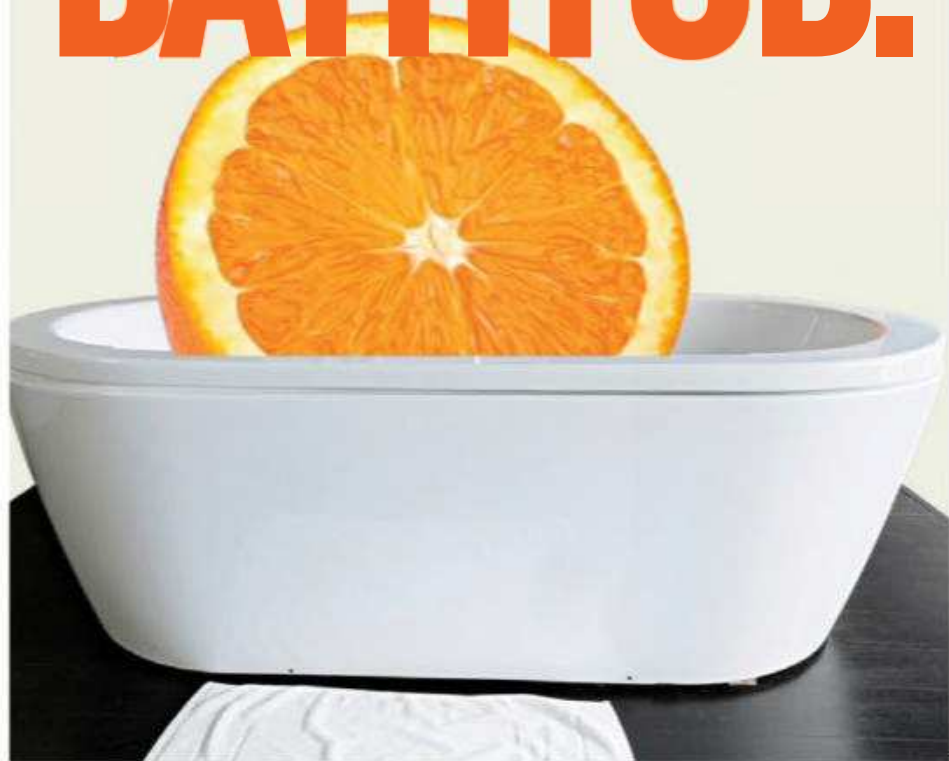


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EACH.

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LEFTOVER PIE



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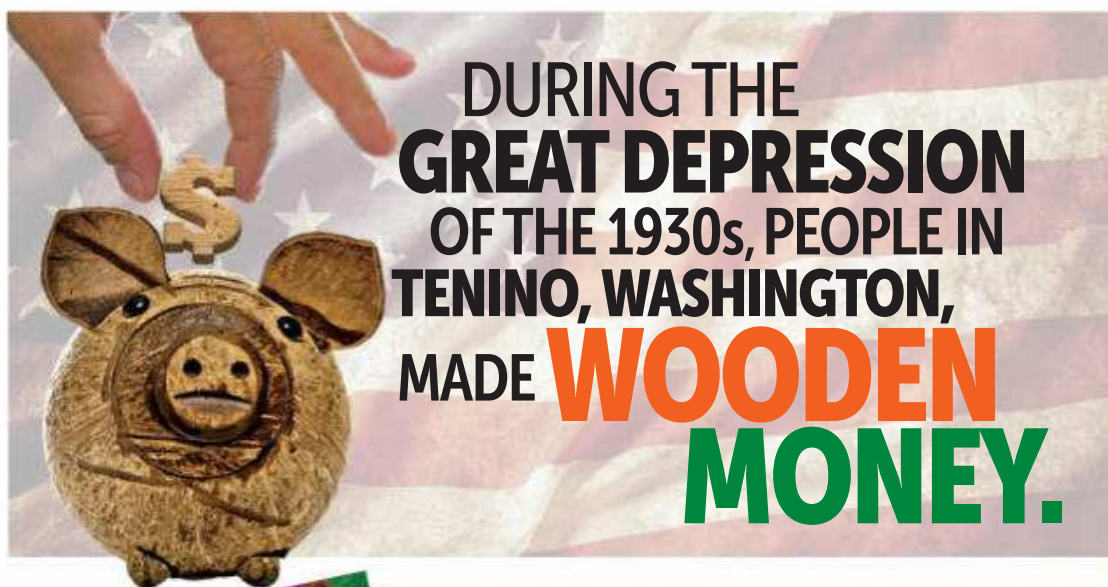
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Looking at a

CUTE baby

animal activates the same
part of your brain as

falling in

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SAY “AWW!”

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Looking at baby animals might even boost your brainpower—sort of. For an experiment, a team of psychologists had students play one round of a game that took a lot of concentration. Then they had half the students look at pictures of puppies and kittens. On the second round, this group did better than another group who *didn't* look at the adorable critters. So looking at photos of cute baby animal isn't just fun—it might help you think!



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- hammer and nail
- 4 plastic containers with lids
- 4 unusual odors (some ideas: mint mouthwash, soy sauce, a strong spice, or even a toy that a friend's dog has used)

INSTRUCTIONS

- 1 Ask an adult to help you use the hammer and nail to punch 10 holes in the lid of each container.
- 2 Place some of each scent into its own separate container and snap on the lid. Shake the container, then wipe off any spills on the lid.
- 3 With your dog out of the room, place the containers in a row with a few inches between them.
- 4 Let your dog into the room. Record how long your pup spends with each container. Your dog will spend the most time with the scent that's most interesting to it.



SAFETY NOTE

Don't leave your dog alone during the experiment—your pet might get so interested in a smell that it eats the container, which could make your pooch sick.



MATTHEW RAKOLA (ALL)

EXPLORER ACADEMY

In the new book *Explorer Academy: The Nebula Secret*, 12-year-old Cruz Coronado breaks secret codes in order to fight dangerous villains and solve mysteries. Test your own skills by cracking the code on this page, then check out more about the book at ExplorerAcademy.com.

TEXT AND PUZZLE BY GARETH MOORE

THE CODE: POLYBIUS SQUARE

This cipher puts the alphabet on a square-shaped grid and turns each letter into a number. Check out the Polybius square on the right. The row number to the left of the letter is the first digit, and the column number above the letter is the second digit.

So you write **D O G**
like this: **14 34 22**

This cipher is named after the ancient Greek historian Polybius (puh-LIH-bee-uhs), who is thought to be the first person to use this system.

The table has only 25 spaces, so the letters *i* and *j* share a square. When you're decoding a message with the number 24, use your judgment to decide if the letter should be an *i* or a *j* based on the rest of the word.

	1	2	3	4	5
1	A	B	C	D	E
2	F	G	H	I/J	K
3	L	M	N	O	P
4	Q	R	S	T	U
5	V	W	X	Y	Z

CRACK THIS CODE! ➤

Using the Polybius square, decode the message below.

ANSWER ON PAGE 33

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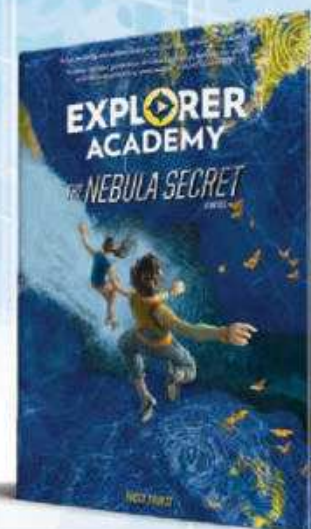
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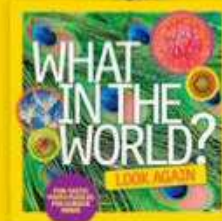


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WHAT IN THE WORLD

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THE BOOK!



SEEING SPOTS

These photographs show close-up views of things with spots or dots. Unscramble the letters to identify each picture. Feel like you're on the spot? **ANSWERS ON PAGE 33**



SWRTITE



HERAFTE



COGEK



YAGBDLU



TANAMLADI



MDOOINSE



SHFI



AYDNC TSBTONU



UHRMOMOS

TOP ROW (LEFT TO RIGHT): REBECCA HALE / NG STAFF; LCSWART / SHUTTERSTOCK; NATALIA FEDOSOVA / SHUTTERSTOCK
MIDDLE ROW (LEFT TO RIGHT): IRIN-K / SHUTTERSTOCK; DORA ZETT / SHUTTERSTOCK; NITO / SHUTTERSTOCK
BOTTOM ROW (LEFT TO RIGHT): LEVENT KONUK / SHUTTERSTOCK; GRACIEPIZZO / SHUTTERSTOCK; W59 / SHUTTERSTOCK

PARADE BRIGADE

Ask a friend to give you words to fill in the blanks in this story without showing it to him or her. Then read out loud for a laugh.

BY MARGARET J. KRAUSS

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It was the day of the _____ parade. My family and I got up at _____
 _____ holiday _____ small number
 o'clock in order to get a good _____ before the parade. Huge balloons that looked like things
 _____ noun
 such as _____ and _____ were each held down by _____ people,
 _____ animal, plural _____ cartoon character _____ large number
 and _____ floats covered in _____ jammed the street. When we saw an open
 _____ adjective _____ something slimy
 door in a float shaped like a(n) _____, we _____ through
 _____ noun _____ adverb ending in -ly _____ past-tense verb
 it. But then the _____ began to move. We _____ up a(n) _____ to
 _____ same noun _____ past-tense verb _____ noun
 the top of the float. Suddenly we were surrounded by _____ and the _____,
 _____ pop star _____ type of job, plural
 _____ and throwing _____ at the crowd. What could we do? We started
 _____ verb ending in -ing _____ type of food, plural
 _____ with the band!
 _____ verb ending in -ing



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OCEAN CHAMPIONS

Check out all the ways *Nat Geo Kids* readers protect the ocean in these drawings.



▲ **Recycle!**
Max B., 10, Ocala, Florida



▲ **Pick Up Cups and Straws**
Jordan H., 8, Boonton, New Jersey



▲ **Picking Up Trash and Taking Photos of the Animals**
Presley L., 10, Charlotte, North Carolina



▲ **Save the Sea From Pollution**
Bennett S., 7, West Paducah, Kentucky



▲ **Pick Up Pet Waste!**
Evey G., 10, Puyallup, Washington

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**Pick Up
Trash**

Dylan L., 9,
Thornton,
Colorado



**Clean Up
Pollution**

Maryanne G.,
11, Olathe,
Kansas



Fish Are Friends!

Mira U., 10, San Francisco, California



Beach Cleanup

Zinnia M., 9,
Warner, New
Hampshire



**Every Bit
of Trash
Picked Up
Helps**

Malia A., 12,
Manassas,
Virginia



Answers
"Explorer Academy" (page 29): Be careful who you trust.
"What in the World?" (page 30):
Top row: Twister, feather, gecko. Middle row: ladybug, Dalmatian,
dominoes. Bottom row: fish, candy buttons, mushroom.

Unleashed

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