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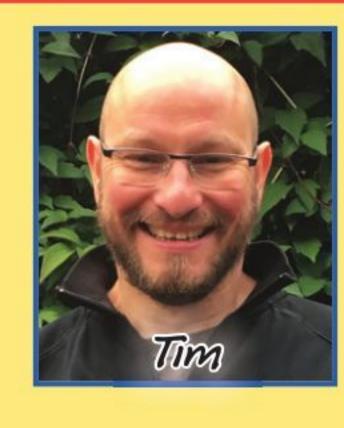
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### NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC

### Hey Kids,

Our changing climate has been in the news a lot lately, and you may have been wondering how YOU can help. That's why we've put together a whopping



list of 40 simple things your family can do to save the world. Go for it, you total heroes! Meanwhile, history buffs will love learning about warrior Boudica and her blue-painted army on page 26, and all you sleepy heads can find out what your weirdest dreams really mean over on page 36.

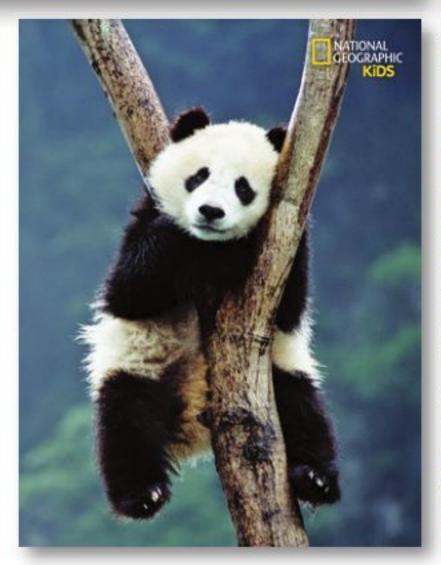
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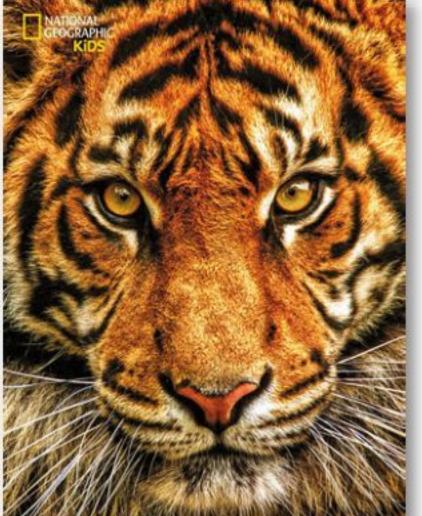
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Learn how and why Boudica rose up against the Romans!



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Beavers to the rescue!

A pair of Eurasian beavers have been released

into a North Yorkshire forest, to see if they can help prevent flooding in the area. The furry **rodents** have been reintroduced to Cropton Forest after an absence of 300 years. It's hoped that over the next five years these habitat engineers will maintain artificial wooden dams, managing the flow of water. Their presence should help protect local businesses and homes from

flooding and increase biodiversity in the area. If all goes well, it's hoped that more beavers will soon be in other locations stopping floods. *Gnaw*-some!



Climate emergency.

The UK has become the first country in the world to declare a climate emergency – a big step forward in the fight against **global warming**!

This declaration by the UK Parliament is largely down to the efforts of Extinction Rebellion – a group of climate change protestors who have been holding peaceful demonstrations around the UK with the hope of spurring the government into action.

According to the United Nations, we could have just 11 years left to prevent a climate change catastrophe. This would not only cause lasting damage to the natural world but also create problems such as food shortages here in the UK.

Members of Parliament are now calling on the UK government to set a new target of reaching net zero carbon emissions before 2050. But Extinction Rebellion believe that still doesn't go quite far enough.



FAST UFOS It's World UFO Day quirky sightings in from outerspace?

It's World UFO Day on 2 July! But are these quirky sightings in the sky really visitors from outerspace? Let's find out more...

The letters **UFO** stand for **Unidentified** Flying Object. The term was first used in the 1950s by the US Air **Force**. Over the years, 100s of people have reported mysterious objects or lights in our skies, many believing they're alien spaceships!

Sci-fi films and TV shows like the **X-files** were extremely popular in the 1990s when many sightings were being reported. Back then, people didn't have smartphones, so video and photo evidence was of poor quality.

Despite some blurry footage, there's no real evidence that UFOs are extra-terrestrial. Many 'sightings' have turned out to be **clouds**, **balloons**, aeroplanes or hoaxes. And these 'sightings' have more than halved since 2014. Do YOU believe aliens are out there?!



### Cat amongst the squirrels





A cat has become 'mum' to a ridiculously cute litter of furry babies – **red squirrels**!

When the four orphaned rodents were given to Bakhchisaray Miniature Park in Crimea, Eastern Europe, to be looked after, staff there decided the **perfect** foster mum was Pusha, a grey cat.

At first the bushy-tailed babies and their 'mum' were a little wary of each other, but soon Pusha's motherly instincts took over and she raised the little rodents along with her new kittens, feeding and cleaning them. It may sound a bit nuts, but we think they're purr-fect for each other!

### Poodumit?

Scientists in **Tennessee**, **USA** are using **DNA** to track down naughty dog owners who don't pick up their pets' poop!

Building owners in the state have been swabbing their residents' dogs for DNA and then registering it on a database.

Any doggy doo-doo that's found on their properties is then **scooped up** and sent to the lab for analysis. The poo picks up **skin cells** as it passes though the animals' intestines, so scientists are able to match those cells to DNA on their database, finding out whose hounds have been soiling the ground! Scooper sleuthing!



### Dragon Boat Festival

JUNE

For more than 2,000 years, people in China have celebrated the fifth day of the fifth lunar month by racing dragon-shaped boats and scoffing pyramid-shaped sticky rice dumplings called zongzi!

The **Duanwu Festival** (as it's also known) is said to be held in honour of a great poet named Qu Yuan, who in 278 BC drowned himself after being exiled by the Emperor. According to legend, the local villagers were devastated, and rushed their boats into the river to try to recover his body, beating drums to drive evil spirts away. Ever since then, boat races have been held throughout China.

The long wooden boats are powered by up to **50 rowers**, who keep in time to their drummer's beat!

### MAKEITA

What's going on this month?



Refugee Week

Learn more on page 42



International Day of Yoga

Do the downward dog!



Wimbledon

Who'll top this terrific tennis tournament?



**Independence Day** 

Party time in the USA!



**Tour de France** 

On yer bikes!

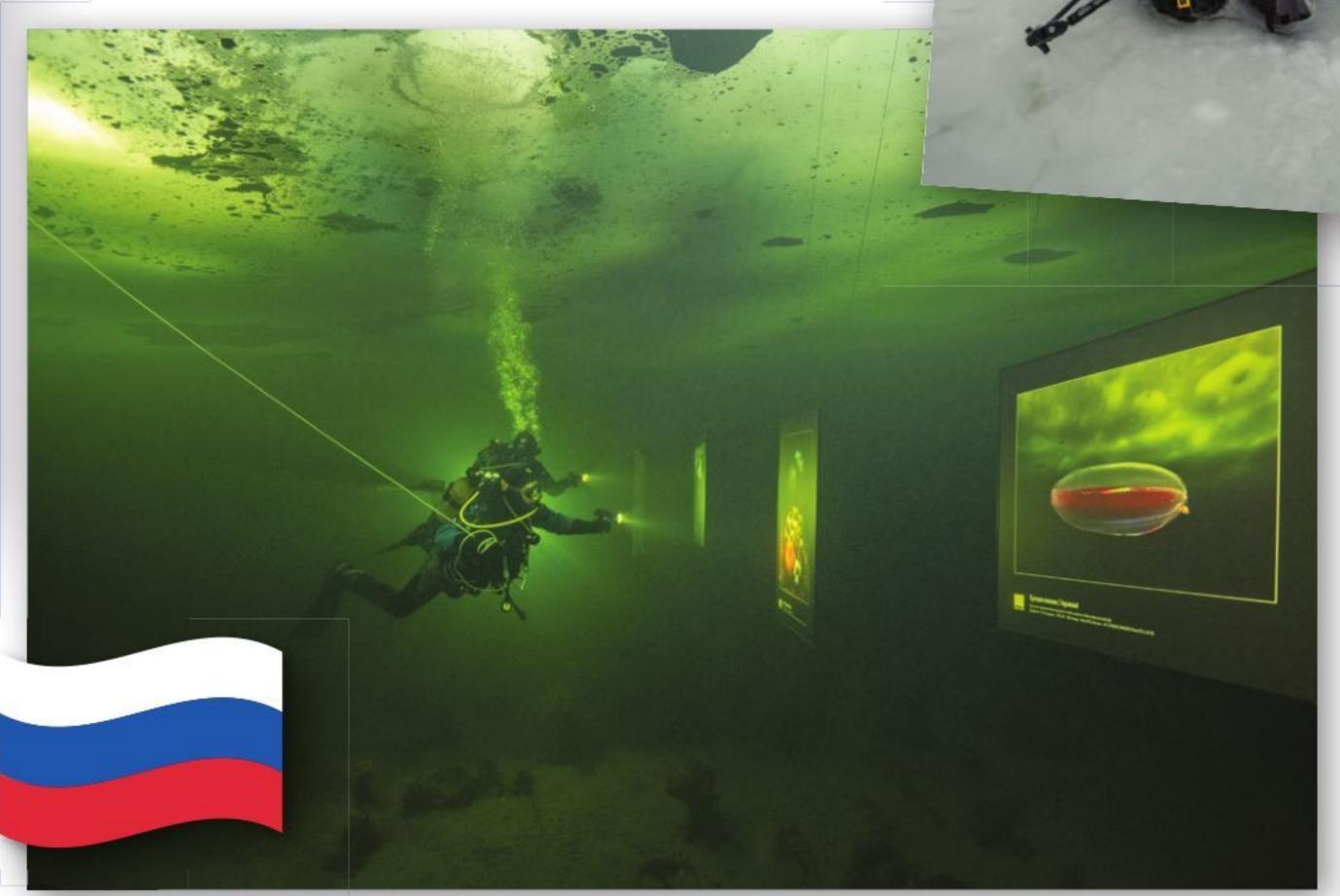
Check out the planet's strangest pictures...



This strip of land on the banks of the **Barakar River**, in **Kumardubi**, **India**, is covered in colourful **saris**, items of traditional women's clothing. "More than **5,000 saris** are washed and dried here every day," says **Avishek Dasand**, who took the picture. What a bright sight!

### Freeze frame

An incredible under-ice art gallery has been set up in the Arctic Circle, northern Russia. Photographer Viktor Lyagushkin's pictures are weighted down and hung from ice in the White Sea, so divers can take trips down into the chilly water to view them. Brrr-illiant idea!



## Great grandma! Meet Betty Bromage, The state of the sta

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Meet Betty Bromage, grandmother extraordinaire! The daredevil pensioner celebrated her 90th birthday in April by flying from an airfield in Gloucestershire strapped to the wings of a biplane! Betty, who now plans to hurtle down a 160-kmph zip-line in Snowdonia, is raising money for the care home in Cheltenham where she lives. Would your nan be so brave?!

### FIERY GREETING!

Scientists Aoife Raleigh and Maria Corcoran starred in a crazy circus science show at the Edinburgh Science Festival recently. Looks like they were on fire!



### CINEMAZING!

A virtual reality cinema has opened in Beijing, China. Movie-goers sit in spherical seats and wear headsets to watch the films. Cool!



### MADE OF MONEY!

The crazy costume, spotted at a fashion show in **New York**, **USA**, looks like a million dollars. Well, erm, **\$1**, actually.



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NAT GEO KiDS' image of the month





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Films, events, TV and books to get excited about this month...

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The talking toys return for a brand-new adventure – and this time they're hitting the road! Cowboy Woody has always been a loyal toy, whose main aim is to take care of his human **kid**. So when **a new** homemade toy called Forky, wants to return to the trash, Woody tries to explain why life as a plaything is great.

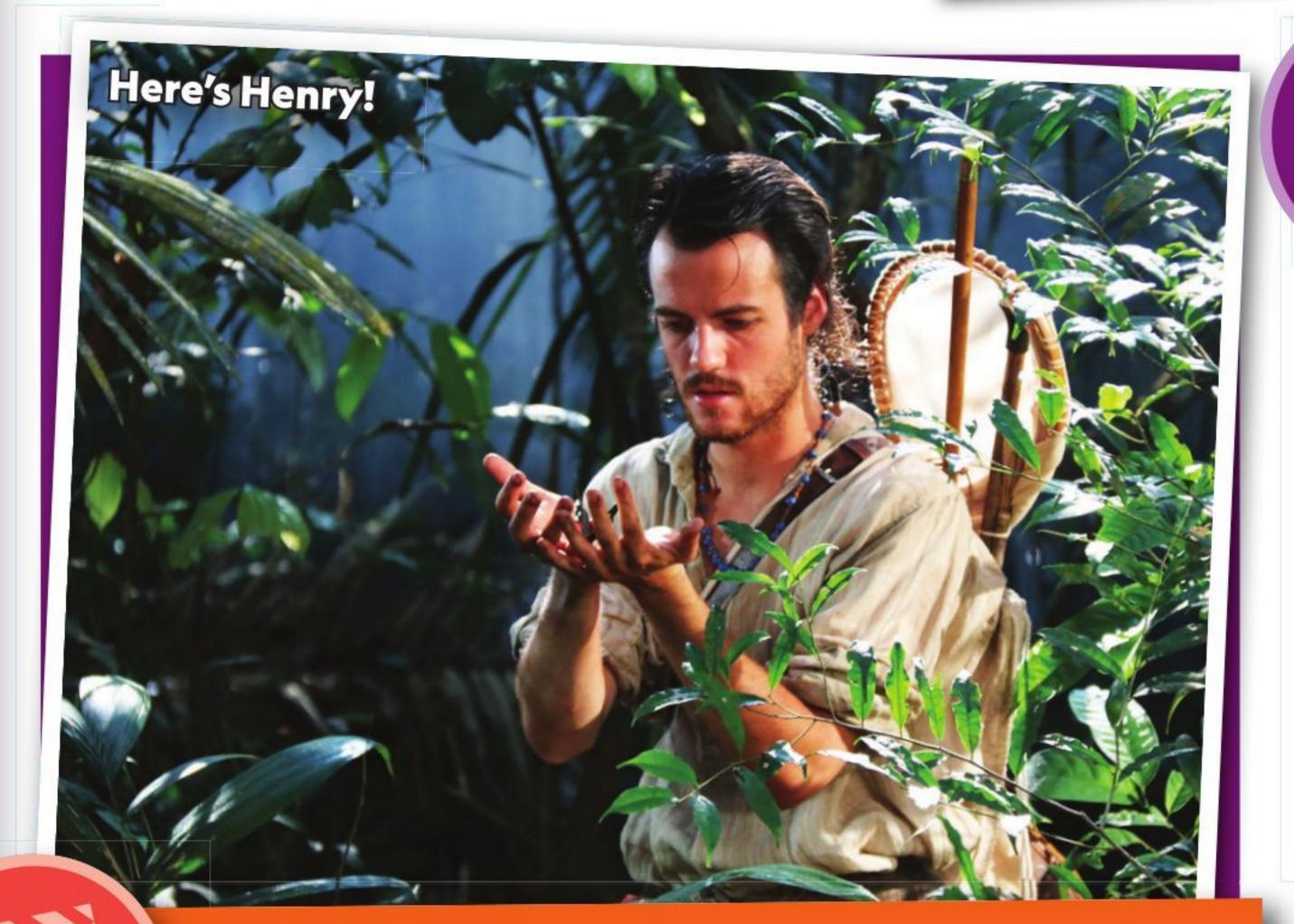
But after an unexpected reunion with his long-lost pal Bo Peep, who has been living happily without an owner for years, Woody starts to rethink what being a toy really means...

In cinemas 21 June









### Amazon Adventure 3D

Ever heard of **Henry Walter Bates**? This intrepid explorer spent 11 years exploring the Amazon rainforest in the 1850s, identifying 8,000 species that were new to science! Join his journey of discovery in this stunning 3D film, which tells the true story of his adventures. You'll

Flower or spider?!

spot some mind-boggling creatures which mimic plants or animals to help them survive – like this crazy spider (left)!

Screening at BFI IMAX in London, and Cineworld IMAX at the **Glasgow Science Centre** until March 2020

### Thunderbirds Are Go!

The International Rescue team are back for a bunch of life-saving adventures around the world – and beyond! This all-new series sees them tackle the destructive Chaos Crew, respond to a mysterious distress signal and explore deep space! Plus, meet no-nonsense biologist Helen Shelby who has designed a replacement for the polluted Great Barrier Reef. Epic!

Saturdays at 8:00am on ITV & CITV until 13 July

Two winners will scoop a bundle of goodies, including three DVDs, some Thunderbirds Are Go face masks, a poster and a notebook!

What's the last name of the brothers who run International Rescue?

a) Tracy b) Sharon c) Beverly

















Loads of animals have called London home over the centuries, and this immersive new show at the Museum of London introduces you to several of them, complete with celebrity voices! Meet some city beasts who got a bad deal...

### **RATS**

A popular 'sport' in 1800s London was to put a dog and up to 200 rats in a

pit, and then bet on how many rats the dog could kill. The poor rats were caught outside London, as they were cleaner and didn't smell as much as the city's sewer rodents.

### HORSES

Some police officers in London still ride horses today, but before the invention of cars, **horses** were the transport for everyone, from rag-and-bone men to aristocrats. They even pulled fire trucks. Being a cart horse was a hard life!

#### **PIGEONS**

These grey birds have lived in the capital for more than 1,000 years, and were once used for their eggs and meat! Many used to live in Trafalgar Square, but their poo made so much mess that in 2003, Harris hawks were brought in to chase them away.

Beasts of London is at the Museum of London until 5 January 2020

### Your book reviews

### **Bloom** Nicola Skinner

One day, Sorrel Fallowfield's patio breaks in two, revealing a mysterious pack of seeds. The seeds start spreading their magic about her town, but not everyone is happy about it.

There were lots of great characters, but my favourite was Sorrel's best friend Neena because I liked her spirit and her love for science. Interesting details and illustrations made the story come to life. The best bit was when one of the character's heads erupted into lots of **beautiful flowers!** 



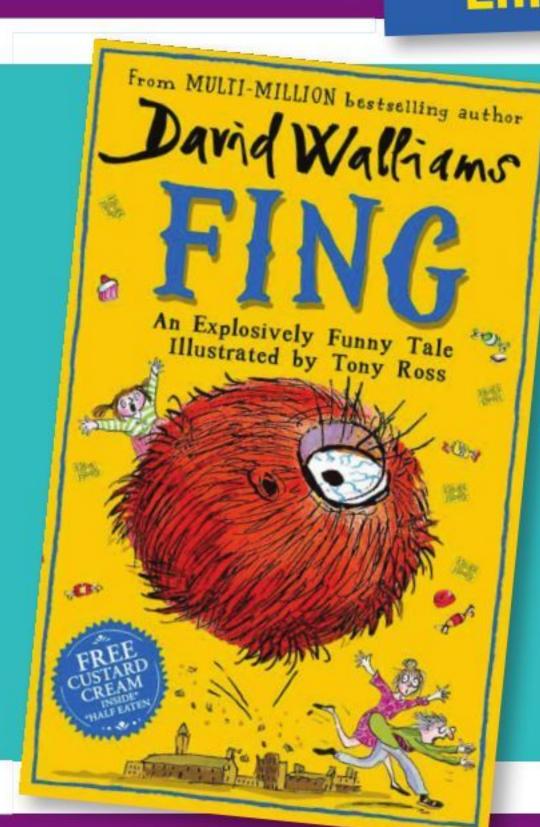
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### Fing David Walliams

Fing is about a little girl who likes to get her own way. She is evil to her parents Mr and Mrs Meek.

> One day she declares she wants a 'fing' and so the Meeks go on a quest to find one whatever it is...

My favourite character was Fing because it was very silly and funny. The best bit was when Fing bounced. You will want to keep turning the pages of this funny book!



# STEWART FOSTER

Charlie, 6

#### **Check Mates Stewart Foster**

Felix is struggling at school, so his mum suggests he spends time with his grandfather, who tries to teach him to play chess.

I love the fact Felix learns chess without even realising it, by doing household chores! The grandad has a crazy back story which isn't revealed until the end of the book, so it kept me in **suspense** the whole time, and there are loads of unexpected twists. I found it touching, but I wished there had been more emotion in the first half of the book.

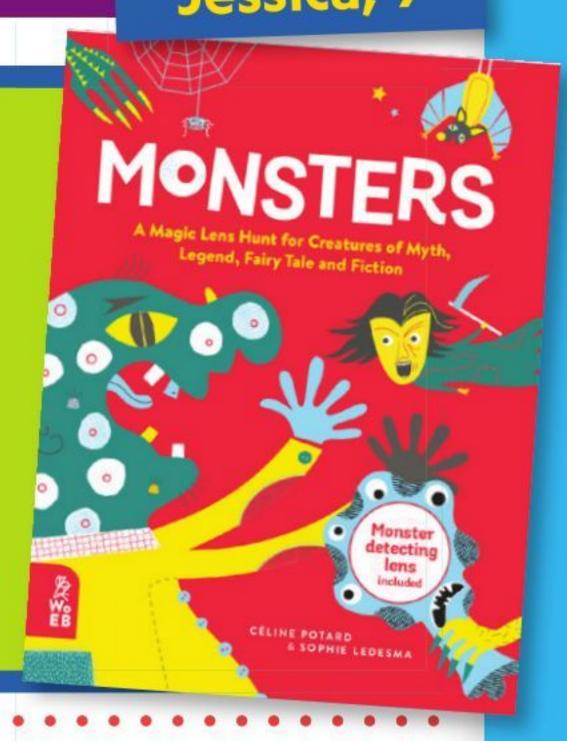


Jessica, 9

### FACT BOOK OF THE MONTH

### Monsters: A Magic Lens Hunt for Creatures of Myth, Legend, Fairy Tale and Fiction

Our 'fact' book this month is all about made-up creatures, but we thought it was cool enough for the top spot! Using a magic monster lens, you can search for hidden beasts among the quirkily illustrated pages, discovering where they lived, their ghastly origins and foods. Prepare to meet legends from Greek myths such as Medusa the snake-haired Gorgon, and modernday characters like Lord Voldemort from Harry Potter. Eek!



According to Greek mythology, Medusa's hair was turned into snakes by the Goddess Athena as punishment for her vanity. Everyone she looked at was turned to stone. Yikes!

Five winners will bag all four books on this page! Five winners will bag all four books on this page.

For your chance to win, answer this question... What does a plant or tree do when it produces flowers? a) Blames b) Blimeys c) Blooms

# Do you know someone who loves dolphins?

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Find out what it is and how to make a difference!



We know you love watching videos on your phone. But modern activities – such as plugging in devices, driving cars and heating homes – often rely on energy sources such as natural gas, oil and coal, also known as fossil fuels. When burnt, these energy sources release a gas called carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>) into the atmosphere.

#### RISING TEMPERATURES

CO<sub>2</sub> and other so-called 'greenhouse gases' trap heat that would otherwise escape Earth's atmosphere, causing the planet's temperature to rise. That's called global warming, which causes climate change. According to NASA, the Earth's average surface temperature has increased about 1°C over the past 140 years, making 2018 one of the hottest years ever recorded. Most scientists expect the climate to warm another 0.3°C to as much as 4.7°C by 2100.

### WHAT'S THE BIG DEAL ABOUT A LITTLE EXTRA HEAT?

Those temperature increases may seem small, but they will cause **glaciers** and **polar ice sheets** to **melt**, and rising **sea levels** could threaten **coastal areas**. **Coral** will also be damaged. Other changes to the Earth's climate include **harsher droughts**, **stronger hurricanes**, and shifting **wind** and **ocean patterns**. Fortunately, YOU can make a difference...

# ways to save the Earth from CLIMATE CHANGE



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### Season your fruit

Try to eat mostly in-season and locallygrown fruits and vegetables. This cuts down on the energy used to grow and transport food, which reduces the release of heat-trapping gases.



### Slay the vampire

'Vampire' appliances suck energy even when turned off. Kill these monsters by unplugging phone and laptop chargers when not in use, and use power strips for lamps and TVs. (It'll cut your parents energy bills, too!)

Rotting rubbish in landfills is the third leading cause of humancreated methane emissions in the USA.



#### Close the door

If you see a business with its door wide open in the summer, ask an adult to help you talk to the manager about closing it. An open door to an air-conditioned building can waste 2.2 tonnes of CO<sub>2</sub> over one summer. That's as much as a car on an 8,000-km road trip!



#### Spread the word

Write a letter to the editor of your local newspaper about climate change The more people read about the issue, the better!

NEWS



### Calculate your impact

Use an **online** carbon footprint calculator to see how much CO₂ your actions release. If you know how you're impacting the planet, you can take steps for change.



Hang up your freshly washed clothes to dry. You'll be saving energy by not using the tumble dryer.



### FIGHT CLIMATE CHANGE SAVE ANIMALS!

### KOALA

### WHERE THEY LIVE: Eastern Australia

WHY THEY NEED HELP:

Heat waves and droughts cause animals to change their natural behaviour. Koalas usually get water from their leafy diet. But a warmer climate means drier leaves, which forces koalas to come down from eucalyptus trees to search for water. And that can expose them to predators.



### RED-CHEEKED SALAMANDER

#### WHERE THEY LIVE:

Mountains of North Carolina and Tennessee, USA WHY THEY NEED HELP:

These salamanders only live at the top of the Great Smoky Mountains, where the air is cool and humid. As the climate changes, the salamanders' habitat may become too warm and dry for them.



#### WHERE THEY LIVE: Tropical oceans WHY THEY NEED HELP:

When ocean temperatures rise, coral release the algae that live inside them. Because coral eat the carbohydrates that algae produce, the coral loses its main food source. This turns the coral completely white (called bleaching) and they may die.



#### WHERE THEY LIVE: Some of the Hawaiian Islands WHY THEY NEED HELP:

Just one bite from a mosquito carrying malaria can kill an iiwi. Usually, these birds are safely out of the range of mozzies in their cool, mountainous habitat. But climate change will make the island peaks warmer, bringing more bugs.



### MONARCH BUTTERFLY

### WHERE THEY LIVE:

The Americas, Australia, Indonesia, and parts of Europe WHY THEY NEED HELP:

Monarch butterflies use temperature to figure out when to migrate, reproduce and hibernate. Any changes in climate could impact their life cycles.



### How human waste is mucking up the planet!



just sweep **Earth's mess** under the bed. It's easy to blame factories for pollution, but much of the mess comes from **everyday human activities** like **car exhausts** and **excess rubbish**. So we all need to pitch in and help **clean up the planet**!

### THE PLASTIC PROBLEM

Plastic drinks bottles, yoghurt pots and straws are used just once, but they can remain in the environment for years. This throwaway plastic is different from paper or food waste because it never fully decomposes. Instead, it often ends up in water, where it releases toxic chemicals and can be mistaken for food by animals. Scientists estimate that 8.8 million tonnes of plastic enter the ocean every year.

### **CLEANING UP OUR ACT**

Plastic trash isn't the Earth's only pollution issue. Oil accidentally spilling into the sea, farming products like fertilisers and pesticides seeping into the soil, and even excess noise and light can pollute the environment. The sounds made by ships mess with whale calls, and bright lights can confuse animals such as birds and newly-hatched sea turtles.

Here's how to cut down on your own **personal** waste and make a difference...

# ways to save the Earth from POLLUTION



Bin for the win

Always throw rubbish in the bin. Waste left outside might harm wildlife and end up in the ocean. If you can't find a bin, take the trash home with you!

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Scrap junk mail

Is your house full of mail from places like banks and utility companies? Ask your parents to sign up for online alerts instead, saving on both paper and ink.



Say no to single-use

Drink from a refillable water bottle, place your sandwich in a reusable container, and use a bar of soap instead of shower gel from a plastic bottle.



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**Bust the balloons** 

Balloons eventually fall back down to Earth... and can end up in the ocean, entangling animals or being mistaken for food. Skip the balloons at your next party, and ask friends to do the same.







In 2017-18, people in the UK recycled about 43% of their waste – up from just 11% in 2000! But we still need to do more, so recycle what you can at home, such as plastic and glass bottles, cans, newspapers, magazines and other paper.

#### Stuffed with stuff

Items shipped to your home often come wrapped in plastic packaging, and toys bought in shops are covered in it. Think about what can be bought secondhand, what can be shared, and what doesn't need to be purchased at all.

### Do-good goodies

Don't fill your birthday goody bags with plastic yo-yos and other throwaway trinkets for your friends. Instead, give them homemade treats - why not try the play clay on page 54?!

that could be composted (naturally broken down) ends up in landfills.



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### FIGHT POLLUTION SAYE ANIMALS!

### AFRICAN PENGUIN

WHERE THEY LIVE: Coast of southern Africa

WHY THEY NEED HELP:

Oil leaked accidentally into the ocean can burn penguins' skin, which makes swimming difficult. The oil can also **poison** them.



### SPOTTED SKUNK

WHERE THEY LIVE: Central and southeastern USA WHY THEY NEED HELP:

**Skunks** can get their heads trapped in rubbish such as yoghurt containers.



### LAYSAN ALBATROSS

WHERE THEY LIVE: Islands of the Pacific Ocean WHY THEY NEED HELP:

These birds - like many sea animals - mistake plastic for food.



### RUSTY PATCHED BUMBLEBEE

WHERE THEY LIVE: Eastern and upper midwestern USA WHY THEY NEED HELP:

Bees absorb toxins from **pesticides** through their exoskeletons. Toxins can also be in the **nectar** and **pollen** that the bees eat.



### IRRAWADDY DOLPHIN

WHERE THEY LIVE:

Coastal and fresh waters in southeastern Asia WHY THEY NEED HELP:

These endangered dolphins can drown when they become entangled in fishing nets.



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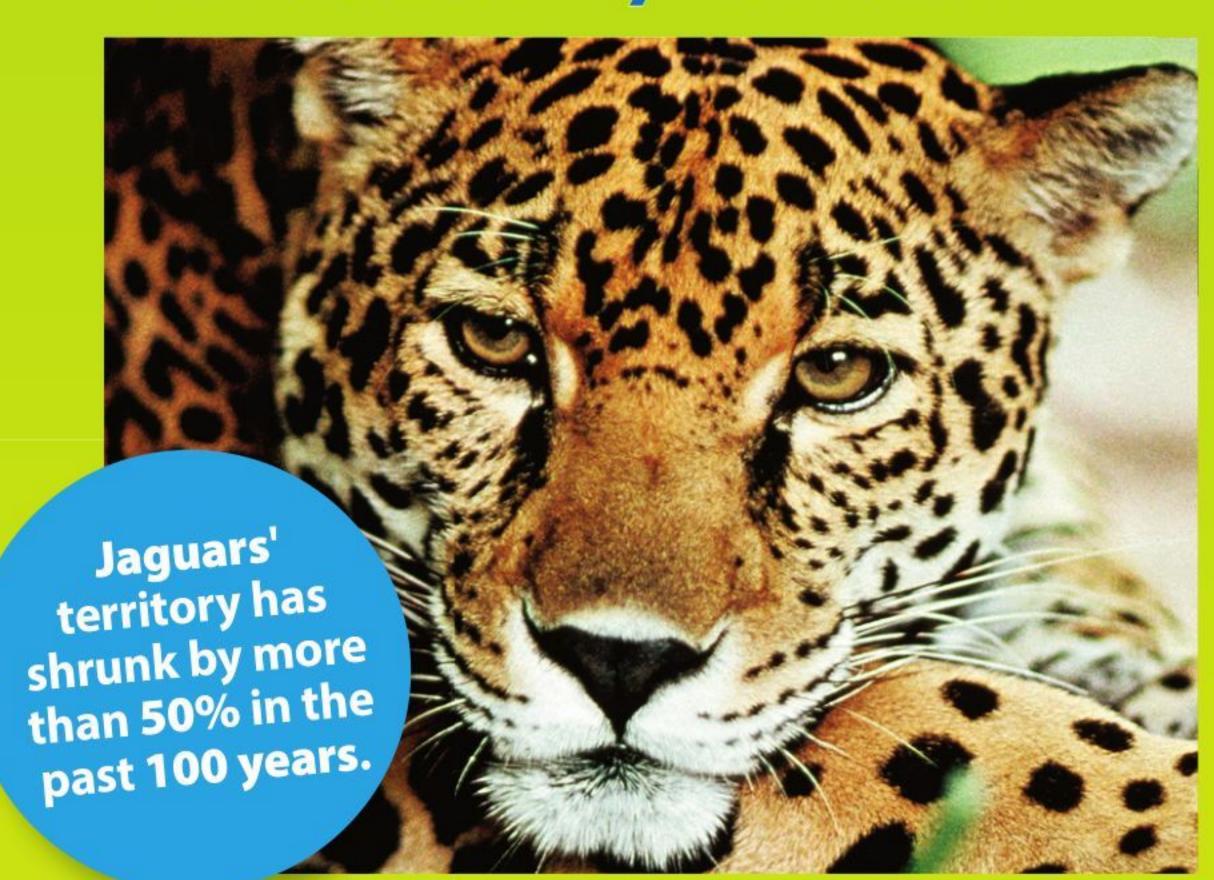


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### Habitat Destruction

Animals' homes are being threatened by humans!



Just like people, animals need homes. But when too many forests are cleared to plant crops, build roads and create buildings, and too many seabeds are destroyed to gather fish, creatures struggle to survive. This is called habitat destruction.

### LIVING ON THE EDGE

According to the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN), habitat loss is the main threat to about 85% of all endangered plant and animal species. When rainforests, grasslands, underwater habitats and wetlands are destroyed, that means less space for animals to feed, breed and raise their young.

### SHARING WITH WILDLIFE

Finding a balance between what humans and animals need will help prevent habitat destruction. Some scientists think that if we put aside half of Earth's land and water for nature, we could save up to 90% of all species. In the meantime, your everyday actions can build a better planet...

The WWF estimates that about 50% of the world's wetlands have disappeared since 1900.

# ways to save the Earth from HABITAT DESTRUCTION



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### Money makes a difference

Host a bake sale, hold a car boot sale or sell homemade jewellery to raise funds for your favourite wildlife charity.

Pick your paper

People cut down about 15 billion trees every year, some of it to make paper. Save your sheets by using both sides, buying recycled paper, and asking your teacher to sometimes switch from printed homework to online assignments.







#### Flush clean

Only flush your own waste and toilet paper down the loo no medicine, wet wipes, cotton balls, paint or pet poo. This trash could eventually travel into the water system and affect the animals that live there.



#### Watch your water

**Conserve** water by taking five-minute showers, turning off the tap when you **brush your** teeth and bugging your parents to fix leaky pipes.



### **Choosey chocolate**

Palm oil is often used in products like chocolate, soap, ice cream, biscuits and shampoo. But some rainforests are being destroyed in order to grow the trees that produce palm oil. Try to avoid buying products that use it, or look for a label that confirms the ingredient was grown in a sustainable, rainforest-friendly way.



#### Farewell to fertiliser

Plant fertiliser can dump extra nutrients and chemicals into the water system, polluting the environment. If your parents insist on using fertilisers, encourage them to only use eco-friendly ones, or try compost, coffee grinds or manure.

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### FIGHT HABITAT DESTRUCTION SAVE ANIMALS!

### LEHMANN'S POISON FROG WHERE THEY LIVE:

Colombia, South America WHY THEY NEED HELP: People cut down the frog's forest habitat for logging and agriculture.

### BORNEAN ORANGUTAN

#### WHERE THEY LIVE: Borneo, an island in Southeast Asia

WHY THEY NEED HELP: Over **half** of this orangutan's habitat has disappeared in the last 20 years, in part to build

### LINED SEAHORSE WHERE THEY LIVE:

palm oil plantations.

Off the east coast of the Americas

### WHY THEY NEED HELP:

People fishing for **shrimp** often drag nets along the ocean floor. That can destroy the seagrass beds and mangrove forests where **seahorses** and other animals live.

### WHERE THEY LIVE:

### North and South America WHY THEY NEED HELP:

The **cerulean warbler**'s forest home is used for planting crops, mining coal and building homes for people. As a result, the species has decreased by about 70% in the last 40 years.

### AMERICAN BISON

### WHERE THEY LIVE:

Isolated spots in Canada, the USA and Mexico WHY THEY NEED HELP:

Bison were nearly hunted to extinction in the mid-1800s. Since then these mammals have made an impressive comeback, but they still live on less than 1% of their original range because their grassland habitat is used for livestock, agriculture and building homes.





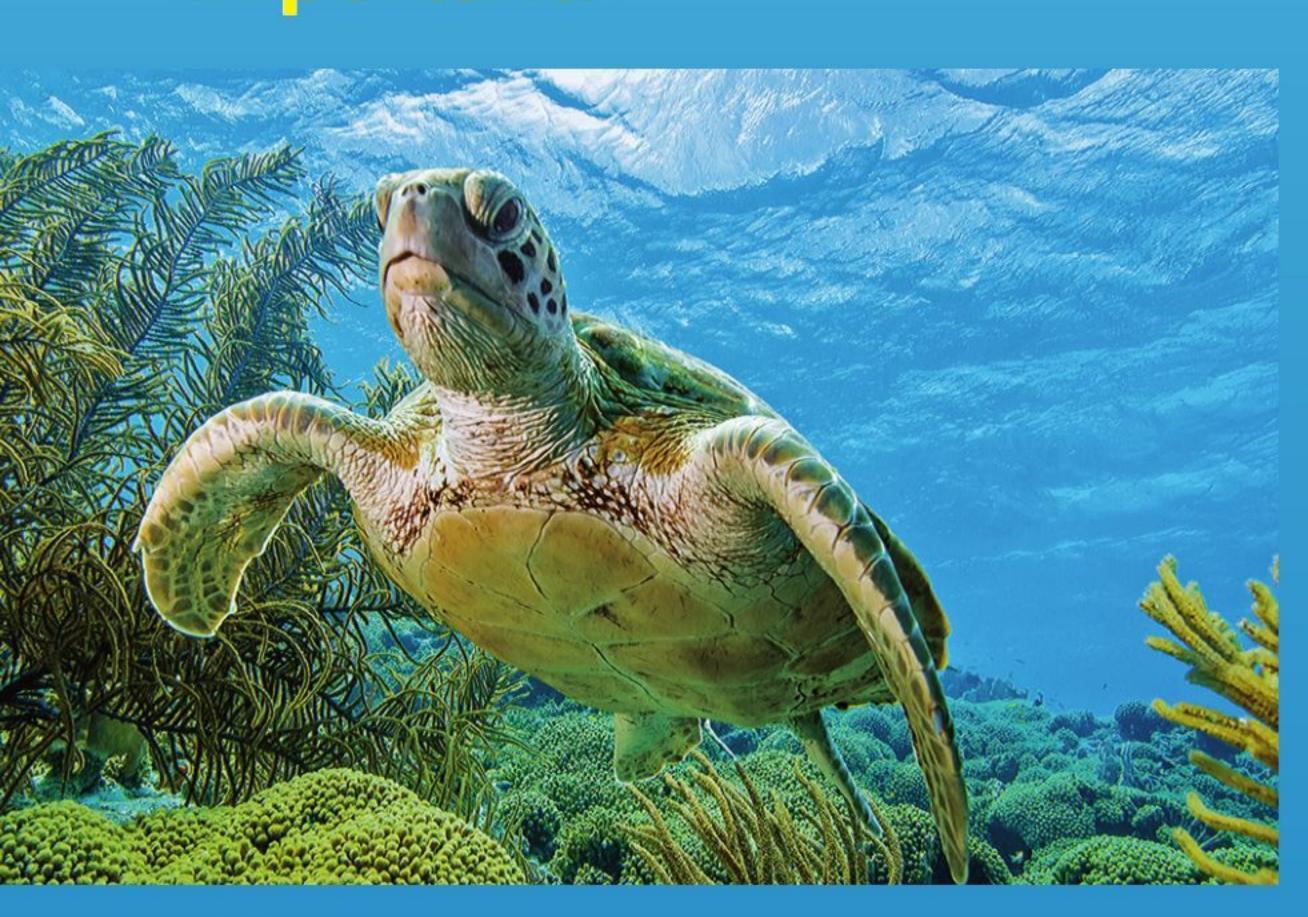








What it is and why it's important!



A healthy planet is full of millions of different species of plants and wildlife that all play important roles in their habitats. That's called biodiversity. But removing – or adding – just one species can affect the entire ecosystem, often with bad results.

### HERE'S AN EXAMPLE...

Green sea turtles love to chomp on sea grass – but they can't hang out in one spot for too long because tiger sharks patrol the area, hunting for sea turtles. Without tiger sharks, sea turtles would eat all the sea grass, destroying that habitat for all the other animals that depend on it. If one species – turtle, shark or sea grass – disappears, other plants and animals that are connected to that species could go extinct, too.

### KEYSTONE SPECIES

An environment works best with a wide variety of species. Some animals such as sharks are especially important to protect. Scientists call these animals keystone species because they're the key to keeping whole ecosystems healthy. Keep reading for ways to protect biodiversity in your garden and beyond...

# ways to save the Earth from DECLINING BIODIVERSITY



#### **Shop smart**

Avoid **souvenirs** or other items made from **animal parts** such as **scales**, **teeth**, **feathers**, **tortoise shells**, **seashells**, **coral** and *especially* **ivory**. Animals might have been **harmed** or **disturbed** to make them.



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### Careful aquarium

Think that **Dory**-looking **blue tang** would make a **good pet?**Think again. These fish are **difficult to breed** in captivity,
so blue tangs you see in pet
shops may have been **taken from the wild**. That could
upset fish habitat. If you have
a tank, make sure your fish
were **not taken from the wild**.



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### Find the right fish

Bluefin tuna and Atlantic halibut are large fish that reproduce and grow very slowly – so try to avoid eating them unless you know they've been fished sustainably. Use the Good Fish Guide (mcsuk.org/goodfishguide) to select a fish that can be removed from the ocean without harming the ecosystem.



More than 650 species of beetles were found in a single tree in Peru's rainforest.

### Skip the selfie

Riding elephants, holding monkeys and snapping pics with lion cubs might seem fun, but these animals may have been snatched from the wild and may not be being properly cared for. Avoid these activities on holiday unless you know the group is trustworthy and not exploiting animals. Ask your folks not to 'like' similar photos on social media.



#### **Feed with** caution

**Feeding animals** can make them less fearful of and more dependent on **humans**, which affects the critters' ability to survive. **Bird feeders** are OK just give the fliers plenty of space! But don't feed ducks bread - it's not good for them. Instead, try oats, corn and peas.



Scientists discover a new species in the Amazon rainforest every other day.

### Look - don't touch

Bring binoculars on an outdoor adventure to enjoy wildlife from afar. That way you won't disturb animals, which can change their behaviour. Critters are better off spending energy looking for food or caring for young not hiding from you!

### Lights off

Migrating birds can become confused by bright nighttime lights, flying in circles until they're exhausted. Turn off unnecessary lights at night in the spring and autumn, when birds are migrating. You can also talk to your parents about turning off the lights at their **high-rise** offices.





Never release a pet into the wild - it could become an invasive species! Cats, dogs, snakes, fish, ferrets and even hedgehogs prey on or compete with local wildlife. If you can't care for your pet, find it a new home.



### Stand up for 'scary' animals

Some people are scared of animals like wolves, sharks, and bats – and try to harm them. But these **keystone** animals are super important because they keep their habitats healthy. So tell everyone how amazing they are!

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### FIGHT DECLINING BIODIVERSITY SAVE ANIMALS!

### RING-TAILED LEMUR

WHERE THEY LIVE: Madagascar WHY THEY NEED HELP:

Wild lemurs live nowhere else except on this island off the coast of **Africa**. They keep their forest home healthy by eating fruit and, um, pooping the seeds back on to the ground to grow. But because of habitat destruction and poaching, only about 2,000 ring-tailed lemurs remain in the wild.



### FIJI BANDED IGUANA

WHERE THEY LIVE: Fiji and Tonga, islands in the South Pacific

WHY THEY NEED HELP: Non-native rats and cats hunt the **iguanas**, while domestic goats and pigs run free to munch and trample the **plants** these reptiles need to survive.



### DHOLE

WHERE THEY LIVE: Southeast Asia WHY THEY NEED HELP: Humans have overhunted the **dholes**' **prey**, such as deer and wild pigs, making it hard for these



### SNOWY OWL

wild dogs to thrive.

WHERE THEY LIVE: Near the North Pole WHY THEY NEED HELP: Snowy owls can survive in warmer habitats, but they can't live without the **lemmings** they prey on. Melting Arctic snow can flood lemming burrows, wiping out the owls' favourite food.



### SLOTH BEAR

WHERE THEY LIVE: India, Nepal and Sri Lanka WHY THEY NEED HELP: **Sloth bears** are often affected by people cutting down trees in their forests, as well as poachers. A decline in sloth bears affects the entire habitat.



In July, London will become the first ever National Park City - and it's all thanks to **Explorer Dan Raven-Ellison.** He tells us more...

"Last week I

saw a seal and

a kingfisher on

the bank of the

**River Thames!**"



Name: Daniel Raven-Ellison Job: Explorer and guerrilla geographer. (Guerrilla geography is all about exploring in creative ways). Challenges: Dan once walked the height of Mount Everest by only climbing staircases in London buildings. It took him ten days!

> We need lots more trees in cities - I think London being a National Park City will help make that happen!

### HOW TO GET INVOLVED

Four simple ways to make your urban patch wilder...

### **GET OUT AND EXPLORE!** Just enjoying yourself outdoors will help. Discover your local area on foot and find places to play. You might start thinking about exploring further and by other means. Bike, kayak, paddle board?

### **MAKE WHERE YOU LIVE** GREENER AND WILDER

Plant wildflower seeds, grow small plants to give to your friends, or let ivy grow up walls. If you've got paving slabs in your garden, one of the best things you can do is remove one and let plants grow in the space you've created. Insects and animals will soon follow. You could cover an area in **flower pots** and have a similar effect.

#### **CREATE HABITATS** FOR WILDLIFE

Like people, wild animals need food and shelter. Think about putting out food for birds in the winter, making a bug hotel for insects, creating a pond for frogs and putting up bird, bat and bee boxes.

If you've got a garden, see if you can make a **hole** or two that **hedgehogs** can use to help them travel into neighbouring spaces.

For loads more brilliant ideas, visit NationalParkCity.London

London **National Park City** aims to make the city greener, healthier and wilder, so that people can enjoy London's great outdoors more. The Mayor of London has committed to protecting and increasing green spaces and is providing funding to help with planting.

> Dan thinks foxes are fantastic

Urban nature is just as important as nature anywhere else! Around the world there are national parks in deserts, rainforests, moorland and every kind of habitat you can imagine apart from one... urban landscapes. Until now! What kinds of wildlife can be found in London?

Researchers\* have counted nearly 15,000 species of wildlife in London! You can see **seals** and **sea horses** in the **River** Thames, scorpions on Southbank, peregrine falcons on tower blocks and **foxes** nearly anywhere.

Wow, that's wild! Most Londoners have had an encounter with a fox. What do you think about them?

I love foxes. I think they're wonderful and my heart skips a beat every time I see one in London. They're often really confident so you can share a moment together.

What would you say to people who consider foxes to be pests?

The same people probably dislike rats even more... and foxes eat lots of rats and help to keep their population under control! Foxes do very occasionally kill domestic cats, but it's worth remembering that

cats kill millions of songbirds. So, you could say that what goes around comes around. For the record, I like foxes, rats, cats and songbirds!

What are some of the most wonderfully wild things YOU have seen in the City?

once watched a pelican eating a pigeon in **St James's Park**, outside **Buckingham** Palace! I remember the pigeon's head

as well as animals, you walked 1,600km across the UK wearing a funny device on your head. What was that about?

That device (right) monitored my brain to study how I was feeling and record my levels of excitement, stress, interest and relaxation as I explored different kinds of places.

"I once watched

a pelican eating

a pigeon outside

Buckingham

Palace!"

What did you find out?

The project taught me how important trees are. I was most excited and most **relaxed** when I was in **woodlands**. Having more trees in cities would improve people's health, create habitats

for wildlife, help to reduce pollution, absorb carbon dioxide from the atmosphere and reduce the likelihood of flooding.

Sounds good to us! What are some simple ways our readers can encourage wildlife?

We have a challenge for people to 'do nothing for wildlife'. We don't mean don't care about it, but sometimes just leaving

things alone will have big positive impacts. Let ivy grow up walls creating habitat and food for insects. Give slugs a chance and let them eat plants in your garden. Leave weeds alone and treat them for what they often are – wildflowers! So weeds can be a good thing?!

Yes! Many people spend a lot of time removing weeds because they think they're messy. The thing is, a weed is just a plant that was unlucky enough to grow in a place where a person didn't want it. As soon as someone wants a weed... it's **no longer a weed! Dandelions** are great examples. They are beautiful

> flowers that thrive in cities and provide **food** for lots of insects. It would be great if more people learned to love 'weeds' and stopped killing them.

day." What do you want to see happen when London becomes a National Park City?

Call me greedy, but I want more wildlife, clean air, rope swings, trees, streets that are safe enough to play on, wild swimming and lots of other things that will make life better in the city for people and wildlife! But we need to work together with millions of people to make it a success! Let's do it! Now, what's next?

There's a campaign for **Glasgow** to become a National Park City as well, and I'm excited to see if any other cities decide to become National Park Cities, too. Let's hope so! Thanks Dan!

\* at Greenspace Information for Greater London.

Find out more and get involved with the **London National Park City** at NationalParkCity.London and by using the hashtag #NationalParkCity.



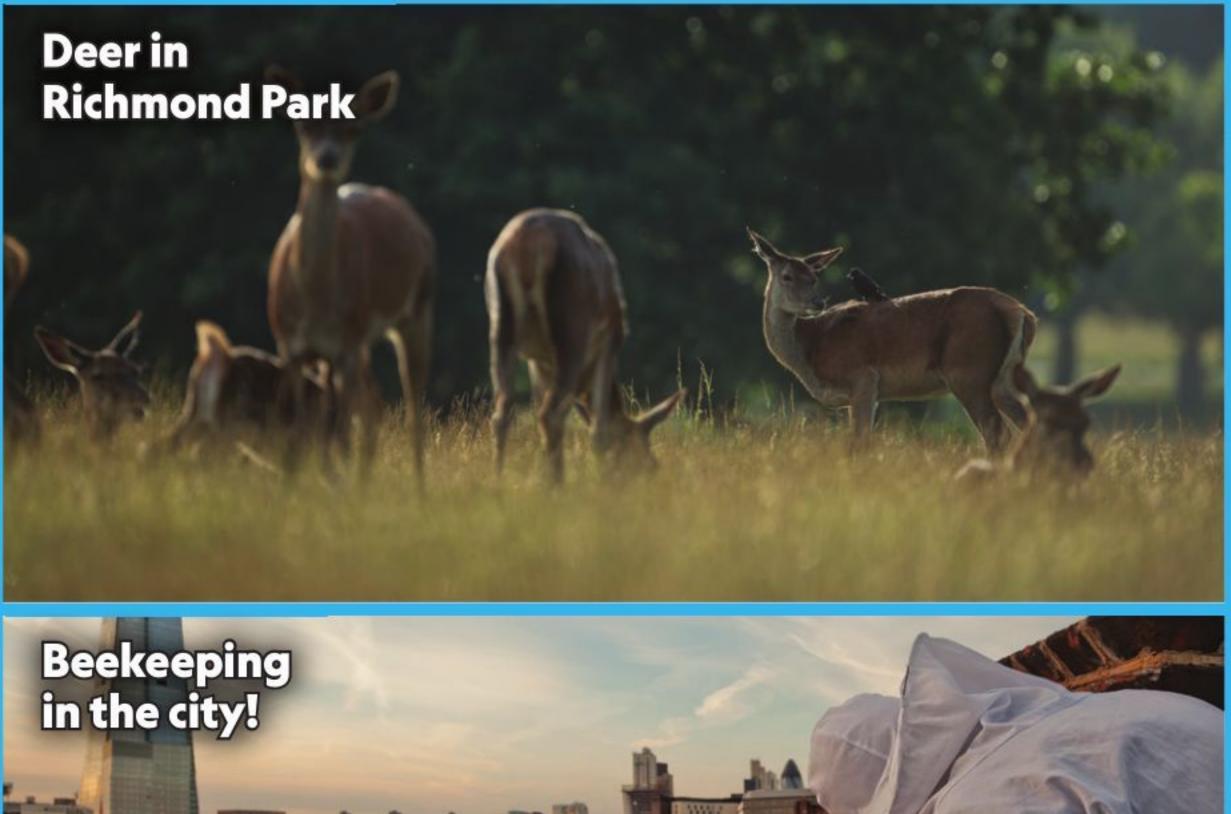
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through winding passageways of rock and over jungled weeds

formed the basis of Casper and Utterly's quest in an enchanted canoe down a river known as The Witch's Fingers.

What's next in The Unmapped **Chronicles** series?

I'm planning the next book right now! It's called Jungledrop - a kingdom full of magical lagoons, secret temples, enchanted trees and glow-in-the-dark rainforests. Or at least it used to be before Morg and her Midnights found a way in... I'm hoping to climb one of

the tallest trees in Scotland this summer as research for the enchanted trees in Jungledrop (including the **Prettyplease** – a tree that, very conveniently, grows pocket money)!

Wish we had one of them! Thanks for the chat!

### Abi's adventures!

We asked author Abi about the real-life escapades that inspired her stories...

Hi Abi! Why did you decide to write your new series, The Unmapped Chronicles? I thought back to all the incredible skies I'd seen on my adventures - pink sunrises, orange sunsets, rain that summoned rainbows - and I started wondering: what if all the grown-ups have got it wrong about our skies? What if it isn't science behind the weather but magic?

**Cool idea! Are the magical locations** in Rumblestar based on real places you've visited?

Yes! The Smoking Chimneys (a collection of magical volcanoes) are based on a night-hike I did around the active volcanoes on Stromboli, an island off the coast of Sicily. Shiverbark forest (where snowflakes the size of dinner plates fall) was inspired by my cross-country skiing (see above, with my baby attached to me in a sledge!) through Norway.

Wow! What was the most exciting adventure you had while writing Rumblestar?

Kayaking through the Norwegian fjords (see pics, right). When you travel by kayak you see the world in a completely different way you're aware of all that is under you as well as around and above you. My time kayaking



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don't always know
the exact dates of
events from ancient
times. That's why you'll
see a 'ca' next to the years
listed below. It stands
for 'circa,' meaning
'around.'

ALLABOUT

### QUEEN BOUDICA

Meet the fearsome Celtic Queen who united Britain's tribes against the mighty Romans...

### **ca AD 30**

**Boudica** was born in about **AD 30** in **Norfolk** (although it wasn't called that then). She had striking **red hair** and her name meant '**victory**'. Boudica's people – the **Iceni** – were one of the many **Celtic tribes** that lived (and *squabbled*) in Britain at the time.

By around **AD 43**, the **Roman Empire** was at the peak of its powers and the Romans had their sights set on Britain (or 'Britannia' as they called it). It wasn't long before they'd **conquered** all of **southern England** using their advanced **armour** and **weaponry**.



### ca AD 48

When Boudica grew up, she married
Prasutagus, the king of the Iceni tribe, and they had two daughters together.
To stay on good terms with the invading Romans, Prasutagus agreed to pay Roman taxes and obey their laws.

DON'T



### ca AD 59

King Prasutagus became gravely ill, and from his death bed agreed to split his wealth between his daughters and the **Roman Emperor Nero**  he hoped this would ensure **peace** for the Iceni. But the **Roman** governor of Britain, Suetonius, had other plans, and ordered his soldiers to brutally attack Boudica and her daughters, and take all their property.



### ca AD 60

Furious at the Romans' terrible actions and the way they were treating all Britons, Boudica persuaded neighbouring (and rival) tribes, such as the Trinovantes from Essex, to unite and rise up against the Romans. Boudica formed a huge army and under her leadership they conquered the Roman capital city Camulodunum (Colchester), **Londinium** (**London**) and **Verulamium (St Albans**). Her Iceni warriors painted their skin blue for battle, striking fear into the hearts of the Roman soldiers.

ca AD 61



After hearing about Boudica's **stunning** victories, Suetonius sent his best troops to fight her. With their superior training and weapons, the Romans beat Boudica's army in a bloody battle. Legend has it that **she poisoned** herself to avoid being captured. Boudica's memory lives on as a brave British woman, who briefly brought the Romans to their knees.

















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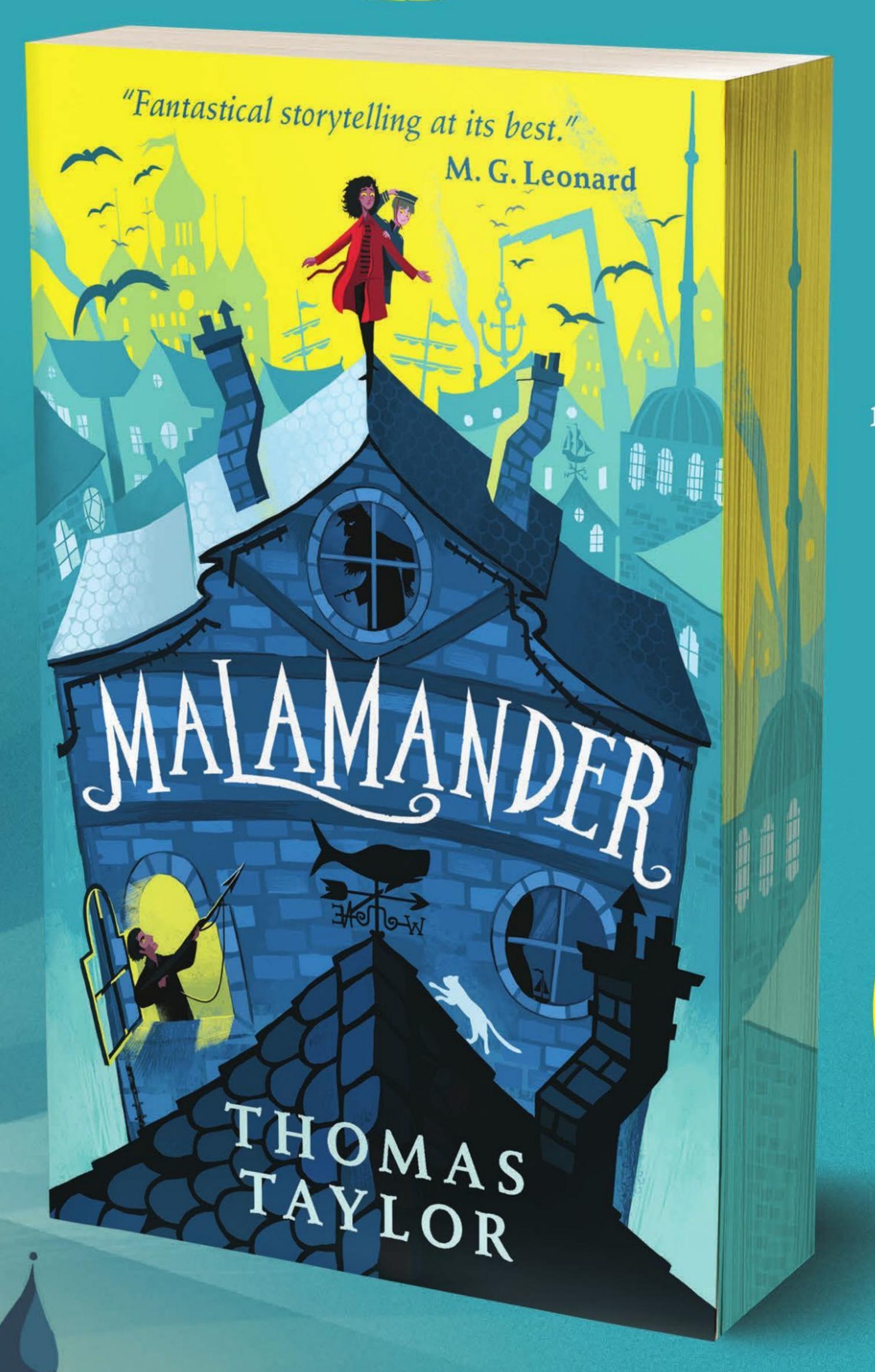


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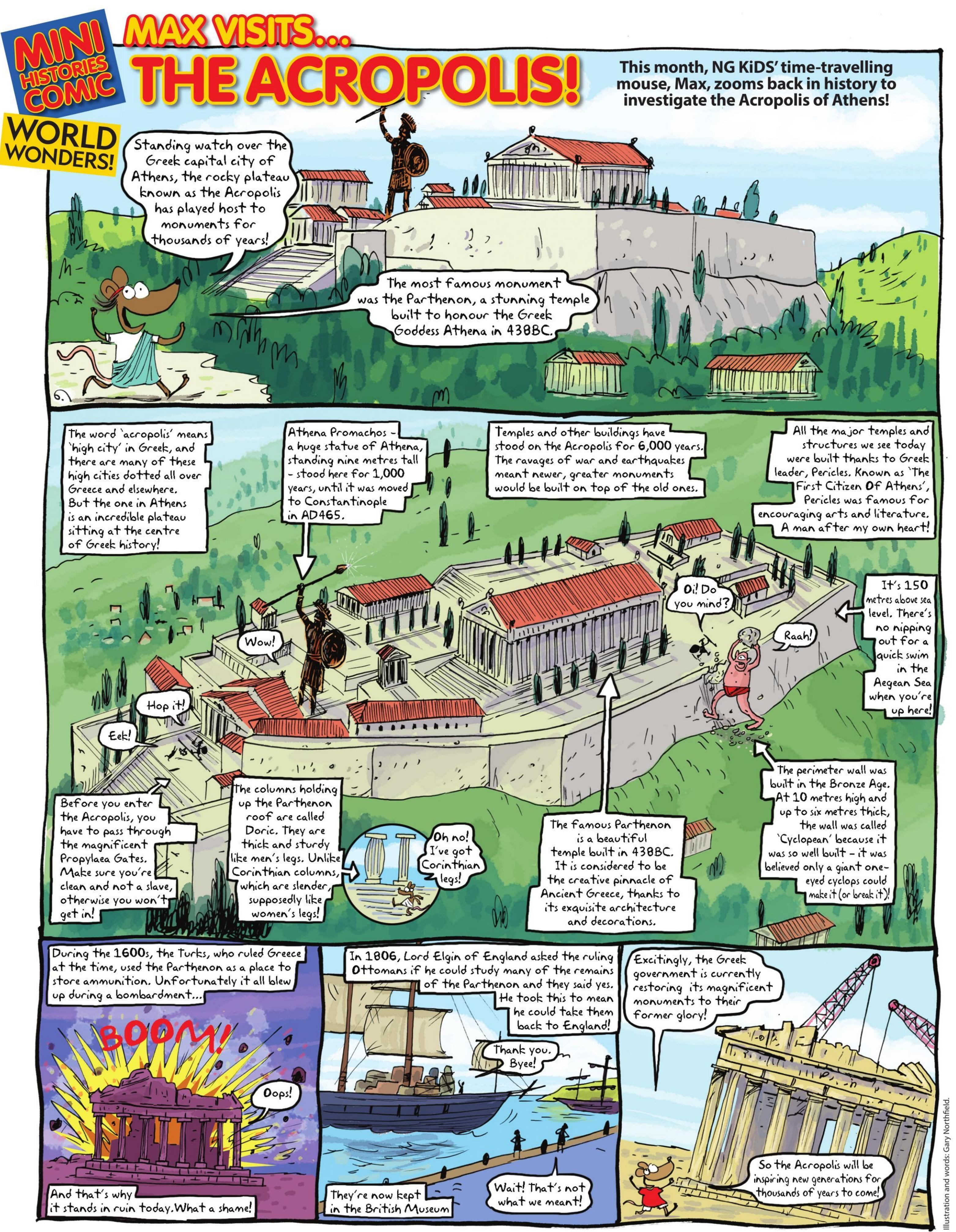
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illow Moss, the youngest and least powerful sister in a family of witches, has a magical ability for finding lost things - like keys, socks or wooden teeth. Useful, but not exactly exciting...

But then the most powerful witch in the world of Starfell

turns up at Willow's door and asks for *her* help. A **whole day** has gone missing. Tuesday, to be precise. And without it, the whole universe could unravel!

Willow holds the fate of Starfell in her hands. Can she save the day – by finding the lost one?!



### MEET THE GANG

#### Willow Moss

Willow's magical power seems pretty unremarkable. But when Starfell's most famous witch knocks on her door and asks for her help, Willow's power is suddenly the most important thing in the world!

#### Oswin -

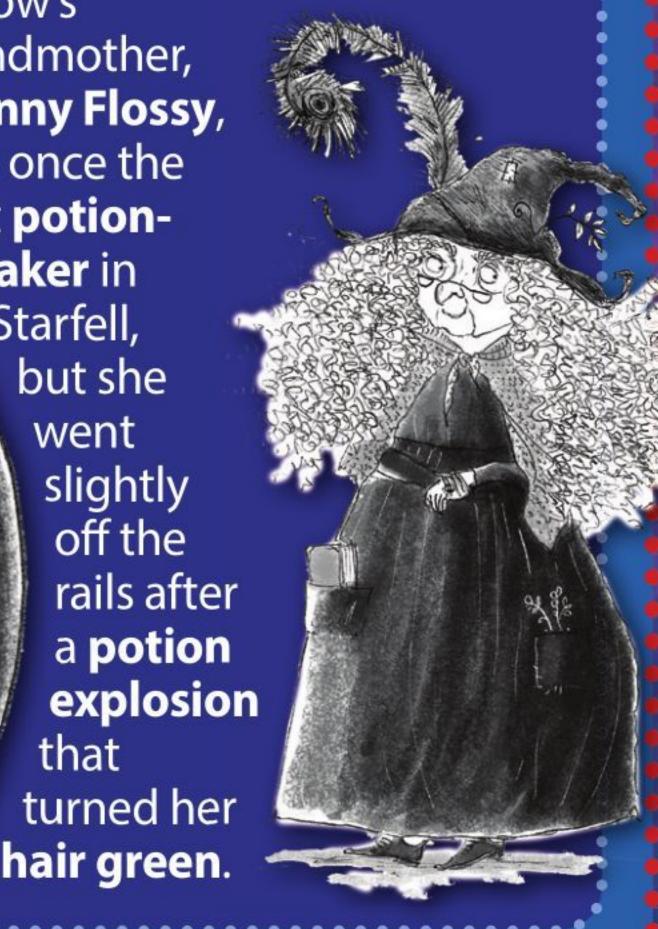
Oswin is Willow's pet kobold – a monster that strongly resembles a grumpy orange cat. Unlike a cat, though, Oswin can talk, and he uses this ability to spend most of the time grumbling.

#### **Moreg Vaine**

Moreg is the mightiest (and most feared) witch in Starfell. She takes Willow on an adventure to find last **Tuesday** after it mysteriously vanishes. But Moreg has some **secrets** that might catch up with them.



**Granny Flossy**, was once the best **potionmaker** in Starfell, but she went slightly off the rails after a **potion** explosion that



## TRICKY TUESDAY

Oh no! An entire day of the week has vanished in the world of Starfell! Fortunately, TUESDAY has appeared seven times in this wordsearch. Can you find them all?

Answer on page 56



## Super Starfell goodies!

We've got a chance for you to win a Magical Witch's Kit, containing a starlight projector, magic wand and your very own adoptable dragon. Abracadabra!

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THE THEME Forgetting your clothes!

**SAMPLE DREAM** As you **run** onto the football field, you realise that instead of a sports kit, you're wearing your underwear! Or worse – you're completely naked!

WHAT IT MEANS Your brain might be helping you recover from a real-life embarrassing moment. If no one's making a big deal about your undies in the dream, chances are your mates are always there for you. If they're laughing, it could be time for some **new friends!** 

Your brain waves are more active when you're dreaming than when you're

awake.

THE THEME Being unable to move

SAMPLE DREAM An angry elephant is charging at you, but your feet seem to be glued to the ground. You try to scream, but you have **no voice**!

WHAT IT MEANS You're probably feeling 'stuck' about something. Maybe your parents just grounded you or you want to try something **new**? Think about how you can tackle this **sticky situation** and get it sorted!

A dream usually lasts between 10 and 40 minutes.

## THE THEME Falling

SAMPLE DREAM You're climbing Mount Everest when you lose your grip. You fall and fall – and fall... until you gently land in a bed of daisies!

WHAT IT MEANS You could have too much going on at the moment. Maybe it's time to slow down and take a break? The soft landing is a sign that you'll soon get through this tough time and feel less stressed!

THE THEME Losing something

SAMPLE DREAM Uh-oh! Your Ariana Grande concert tickets are **nowhere** to be found. You've torn **your room** apart but can't find them anywhere!

WHAT IT MEANS You might be looking for reassurance. Perhaps you want to try out a new sport or hobby, but you're **not sure** if you can do it. Search **deep inside** yourself for the **confidence**. It's there – you just have to find it!

THE THEME Hanging out with a celeb

SAMPLE DREAM You totally hit it off with Taylor Swift.
She even asks you to play guitar on her next single!

WHAT IT MEANS Celebrities in dreams usually represent good feelings you have about yourself. Perhaps you just got top marks in a test or landed the lead role in your school play. Things are going well – good for you!

Girls dream about girls and boys equally, but boys have more dreams about other boys.

#### THE THEME Flying

SAMPLE DREAM You're walking down the street when you suddenly start to fly!

WHAT IT MEANS Maybe you're flying high in real life as well. Perhaps your friends see you as a leader, or your parents have given you more freedom!

THE THEME Being lost

SAMPLE DREAM You're heading home from school, but your usual route becomes a maze of twists and turns, and you don't know where you are!

WHAT IT MEANS You could be feeling a little lost in life. Are you facing a tough decision? Maybe you're worried about making the wrong choice? Confide in someone you trust – with their help things will soon be sorted!

THE THEME Being unprepared or late

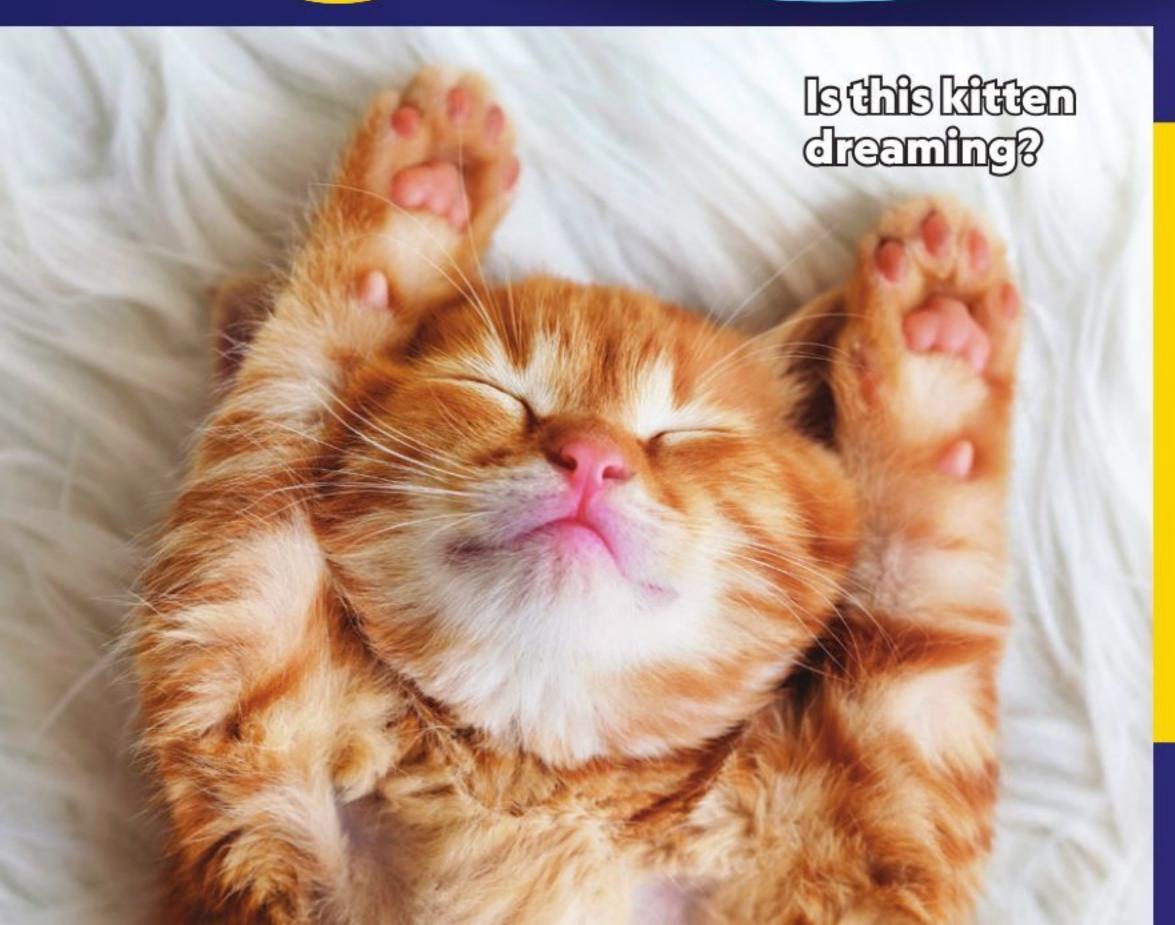
SAMPLE DREAM Your teacher hands out a surprise test, and you don't know any of the answers. Or worse – you get to class just as the test is over!

WHAT IT MEANS

You could be worrying about an event or project. If you're prepared for whatever's coming up, this is just a sign you're feeling a bit nervous. But if you're not ready, take this dream as a hint and get to work!

The longer we sleep, the stranger our dreams become!





# Do animals dream?

A sleeping puppy's **nose wiggles**, its paws twitch,
and it softly woofs – the pup
must be **dreaming**, right?

Scientists aren't so sure.
"Whether animals dream
is one of the **greatest mysteries** in biology," sleep
expert **Marcos Frank** says.

To find out, researchers compared the **brain waves** of **animals** that were asleep and awake. In one test, birds called **zebra finches** seemed to have the **same brain activity** when they were asleep as when they were **singing**.



In another study, the brain patterns of **snoozing lab rats** suggested they were running through the **maze** they'd been in earlier that day – almost as if they were **practising** in their sleep. "This strongly suggests that they're **dreaming** about what they

did while they were **awake**," says Marcos.

However, it's hard to say if animals have weird and wonderful dreams like we do. Usually, humans understand they've been dreaming when they wake up and remember who they are – rather than

thinking their dreams are real. But Marcos says **most animals** might not have that kind of **awareness** about themselves.

So for now this dreamy debate remains unanswered. Do you think your pet dreams about YOU?



# WELCOME

For hundreds of years, people escaping war and persecution have been welcomed by British communities. We chat to Marwa, 9, and her dad, Abdul, refugees from Syria who have found a new home here in Britain...



There are over 5.7 million Syrian refugees worldwide. That's because a terrible war has been going on there for over eight years. More than 500,000 Syrians are dead or missing, and over **half** of all Syrian people have had to leave their homes. Many different groups and countries are involved in the fighting, which shows no sign of stopping.



Back in Syria, I was a lawyer!

Name: Marwa
Age: 9
Country of origin: Syria
Now lives: Coventry, UK
Fave hobbies: Taekwondo
and swimming
Best subject: Maths
Fave pop star: Ariana Grande

Hi Marwa and Abdul. Where in Syria are you from and why did you have to leave?

Abdul: We're from the city of Homs, which is the third biggest city in Syria. We had to leave because the violence got worse and it was an unsafe place to live. Do you remember much about that time, Marwa?

Marwa: I don't really have many memories of Syria, because I was two years old when the war began. It spread really quickly and

there were a lot of bombs dropping by our house. It was risky for us so we had to leave. But my brothers tell me stories about what it was like before the war. I like looking at the photos for good memories. Where did you go after leaving Syria? Abdul: We made it to Jordan and were there for around two and a half years, until we got the opportunity to come to the UK with the resettlement scheme.

Marwa: We weren't living a good life in

Jordan. We didn't have any friends and we were not treated properly.

Did you know much about the UK before coming here?

Marwa: I didn't know anything! But we were all really excited to come, because people said it was a good and safe place.
What do you like about being in the UK?

Marwa: I like that it's clean here, and the weather is good in the summer, so we get to play out a lot. The trees and nature are nice, too. But sometimes the winter is a bit too long! How did people make you feel welcome? Marwa: When I first started school, many people were kind to me. The children showed me around the class and played with me. They never left me alone to feel sad. They all welcomed me beautifully and we were all very happy because of this. Was it difficult to learn English?

Marwa: Not really, because I just started copying the people in my class speaking English. I think it took about two months.

Abdul: My children definitely picked up English quicker than me! It's more difficult to learn the older you get.

# TO THE UK!



## GET INVOLVED! Try one of these simple acts to discover more about refugees...

### 1. Find out who you really are

Is there a story of migration in your family or community that you didn't know about? Do you know your parents' history? Have you ever seen a family tree? Do a little digging and see what you find.



#### To help in your search, you might:

- Talk to your grandparents or older relatives
- Look up the meaning of your name or surname
- Do a **DNA test!**

### 2. Go on a fact-finding mission

There's lots of misinformation out there about refugees. And the truth can be quite shocking. So find and share a fact about refugees throughout history. Here are four to get your started...

We have
Jewish
refugees to
thank for the
fish in fish
and chips!

The inventor of the Mini was a Greek refugee!

Most refugees are looked after by poor countries, not rich ones like Britain.

One in every four refugees worldwide is Syrian.

If you uncover a fact that surprises you, tell a friend, or share it on social media using the hashtags #SimpleActs and #Generations.

Find more simple acts at refugeeweek.org.uk/simple-acts

What language do you speak at home?
Marwa: We all speak English and Arabic
but my baby brother speaks more English.
Abdul: He pronounces English words
really well, whereas I have a slight accent.
Sometimes Marwa speaks in half English
and half Arabic!

Marwa: Yeah, and sometimes I get confused and say the opposite of what I mean to say. It's funny and makes us all laugh!

Were there any things you found strange when you first moved here?

Abdul: The accent! For example, the word water is pronounced by some people as "wartah". Another one is "thinkin" instead of "thinking!" Are there any Syrian traditions you still have at home?

**Abdul:** We still eat a lot of the same dishes, like **Kabseh** (mixed rice with chicken) and **Mutabbal** (similar to humus), and celebrate the same holidays, like **Eid**. But we do enjoy picking up **new traditions** from **British culture**.

Marwa: I really like Christmas!

Are there any other UK traditions you enjoy?

Marwa: When we first came, we didn't know what Halloween was! But last year we all

dressed up and I was a **skeleton**. It was great and we got to go out trick or treating. And **fish fingers** is my **favourite food** now. I love that, or **fish and chips**.

**Abdul:** Yeah, we've even started making fish and chips at home now!

What hobbies or activities have you done since you've been in the UK?

Marwa: My main hobby is Taekwondo. I've been very lucky because I've managed to win quite a few trophies! Our coach always tell us to be kind and to not show it off. It's only to be used in serious cases, like if you're in danger and need to protect yourself.

Abdul: We found out about it during Refugee Week last year. There was a Taekwondo demonstration at an event in Coventry, and my children were interested. Marwa took it very seriously, and only two months after starting, she won bronze in the national championships!

Wow, that's amazing! What is your

Wow, that's amazing! What is your biggest achievement do you think?

Marwa: In my last Taekwondo competition, I won the **silver medal**! The next competition is an international one. If you win gold in

that competition, our coach said its basically like winning a world championship!
Wow! What are your hopes for the future?
Marwa: I'd like to be a midwife or gynaecologist (type of doctor). I've had a bit

Abdul: Myself and my wife's dream is for our children to become successful, achieve their goals and become good members of society. Maybe one day, I can become a lawyer here, like I was in Syria.

of practice looking after my younger brother.

What's the best thing that's happened since coming to the UK?

Marwa: There are no bombs here and it's safe, so that's the best thing. In Syria, you couldn't even play out or leave the house. If you did, you might be shot or hit by a bomb. I also like how kind people are here.

Thanks for chatting to us – and good luck with the Taekwondo!

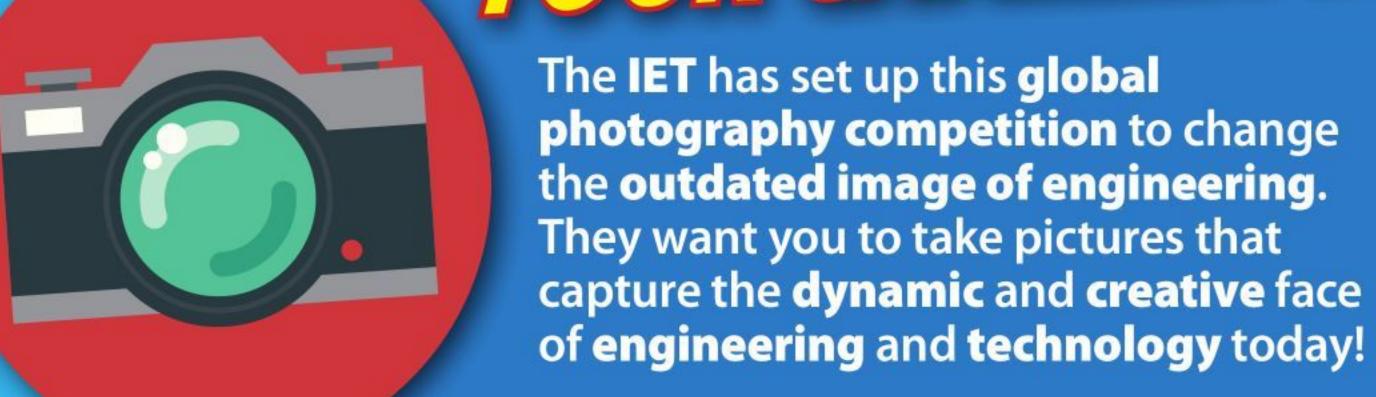


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Engineering within our environment, such as wind turbines or solar panels!

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Gadget Show host Georgie Barrat is one of the judges!

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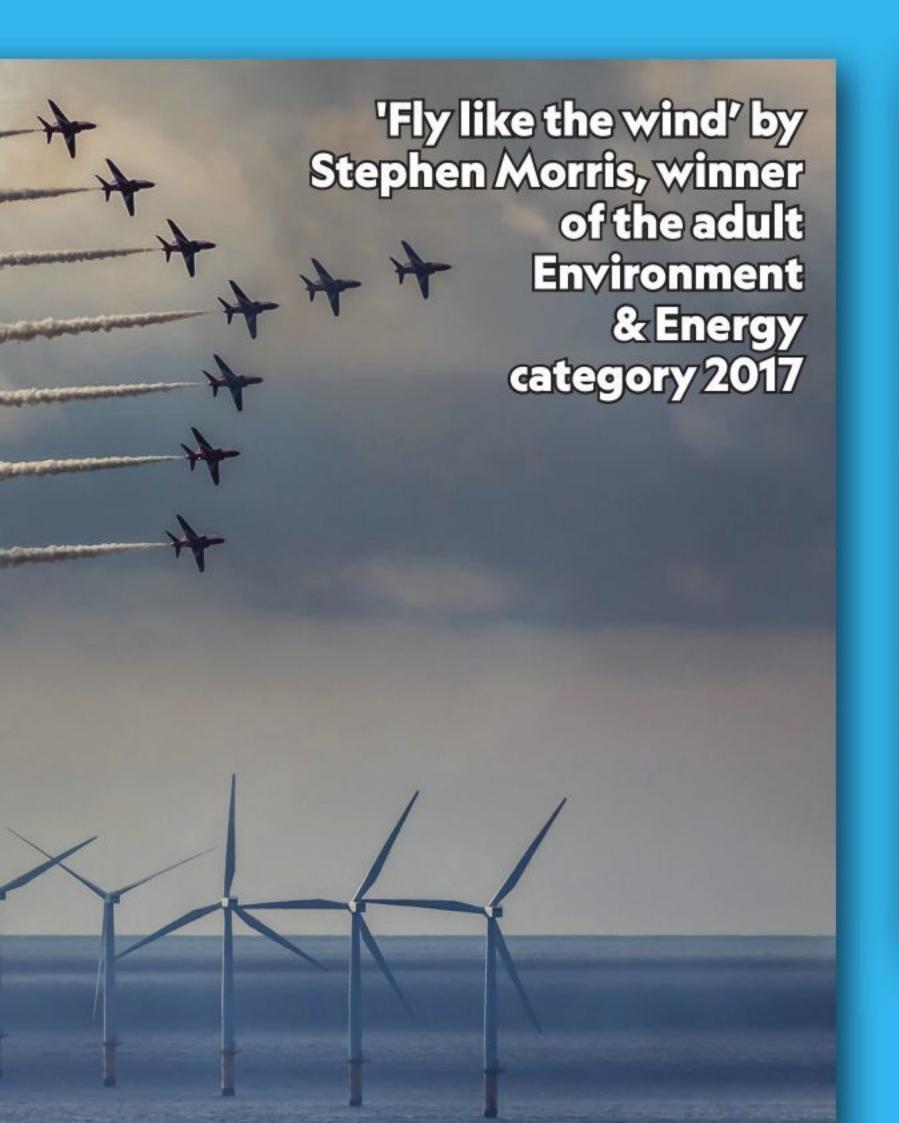
Engineering is part of our everyday lives, from smartphones, heating and lighting to medicines and clothes! But it also covers cool futuristic technology, such as space exploration, 3D printing, self-driving cars and renewable energy! Cool, right?

Check out some of the previous winners...

This shot, taken by Santiago Villamediana Sanchez, won the adult Robotics category 2017











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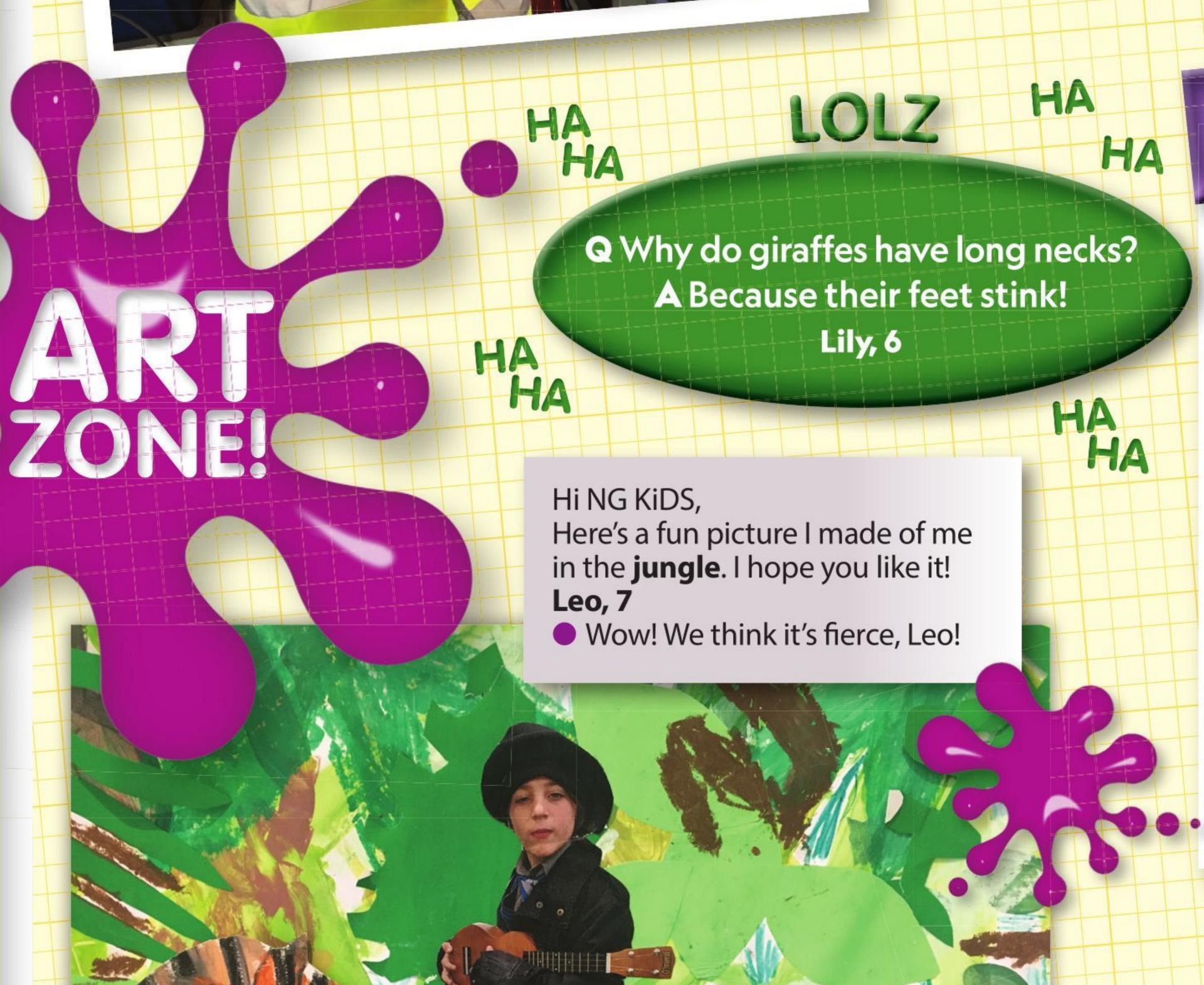
## JUNE OR



WILDLIFE WATCH

For my birthday, my brother Christopher and I had the amazing chance to be zookeepers for a day at Dartmoor Zoological Park in Devon. We got to feed lots of the animals, including a raccoon, a chameleon, otters, deer, tortoises and snakes. We also fed live crickets to the meerkats, but we had to catch the crickets first! We had a great experience and learnt lots of interesting things about the environment and how to look after it. My favourite part of the day was cleaning out the animal poo! Emily, 10

What a wild (and smelly?!) day out, Emily!



WILD PLACEMATS! Samuel (top) and Chris with their pukka placemats!

Hello!

My grandparents bought me a subscription to NG KiDS for my birthday. I can't wait to see what's inside each month! My brother Chris and I love reading all the facts about our world and the things that live in it.

We use the animal posters to make placemats using our laminating machine. They are so much more interesting than normal placemats and we get to add to them as each new magazine comes out. My favourite is the **veiled chameleon!** Samuel, 8

Awesome idea, Samuel. We love it!

We want to hear from YOU! Send in your artwork, jokes, craft pics and pet photos; tell us about your wildlife sightings, hobbies and interests, and share your opinions! Email kids@ngkids.co.uk or write to the address on page 3. A selection will be printed on this page. Every reader on these pages will receive a copy of *Ultimate Explorer Birds* from NG KiDS Books!

Available at harpercollins.co.uk

We're sorry, but we won't be able to return your art or photos.



POSTCARD FROM... France

Hi NG KIDS! During the Easter holidays me and my family went to France. We visited a chapel and my mum rang the bell three times! Me and my brother also went exploring by a stream and saw some cool bugs called water boatmen! Luca, 6, and Abel, 4

Sounds like you two had a fab holiday, Luca!

Duke the cockapoo, sent in by Abbie, 10.

## SUPER SISTERS

Dear NG KiDS,

My sister **Sophie** and I have been learning about endangered animals in the UK - and we've decided to take action!

To help the small tortoiseshell butterfly, I'm planting wildflower seeds in our garden

so that they have safe feeding and fluttering spaces.

Sophie is helping hedgehogs by making homes for them under the fence with twigs, leaves and cardboard.

Check out the pictures we've drawn to show the work we've been doing! Zoya, 7, and Sophie, 5

It's fantastic to hear you and Sophie are protecting our wildlife, Zoya!



### Climate Change

Once the snow leopard could wonder freely Once the elephants ruled the world Once rhinos could keep their horns Once orangutans could keep their homes...

But then humans came along, fighting, killing, polluting, chopping, warming, melting the world. Snow leopards dead, elephants endangered, rhinos with no horns, orangutans with no homes. Arguing, heartless, cruel, mean,

Their fur, their tusks, their homes -Not yours.

Daisy, 10

What an amazingly powerful poem, Daisy – and an important message, too!



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tennis courts!

## POETRY COMP WINNER REVEALED!

Back in February, we asked you lot to write a poem inspired by a garden - and we had hundreds of amazing entries. But Grace's was our wonderful winner!

### The Tree

She stands guard over the garden, Hands poised touching the sky, She's watched the flowers grow from a seed,

She has also seen them die.

She wears a dress of green ivy, With twigs stuck in her hair, A bird nest on her shoulders, But she doesn't care.

For she watches over the garden, And she is the key, To healthy and successful wildlife Even though she is only a tree.

**Grace Timms, 10** 

Congratulations, Grace! You've bagged a family day out at Kew, a brill book bundle, and a year's family membership to Kew. Plus, your poem will be displayed at Kew Gardens!

## THE JUDGE!

Young People's Laureate for London, poet Momtaza Mehri, LOVED reading your entries. Here's what she said about them...

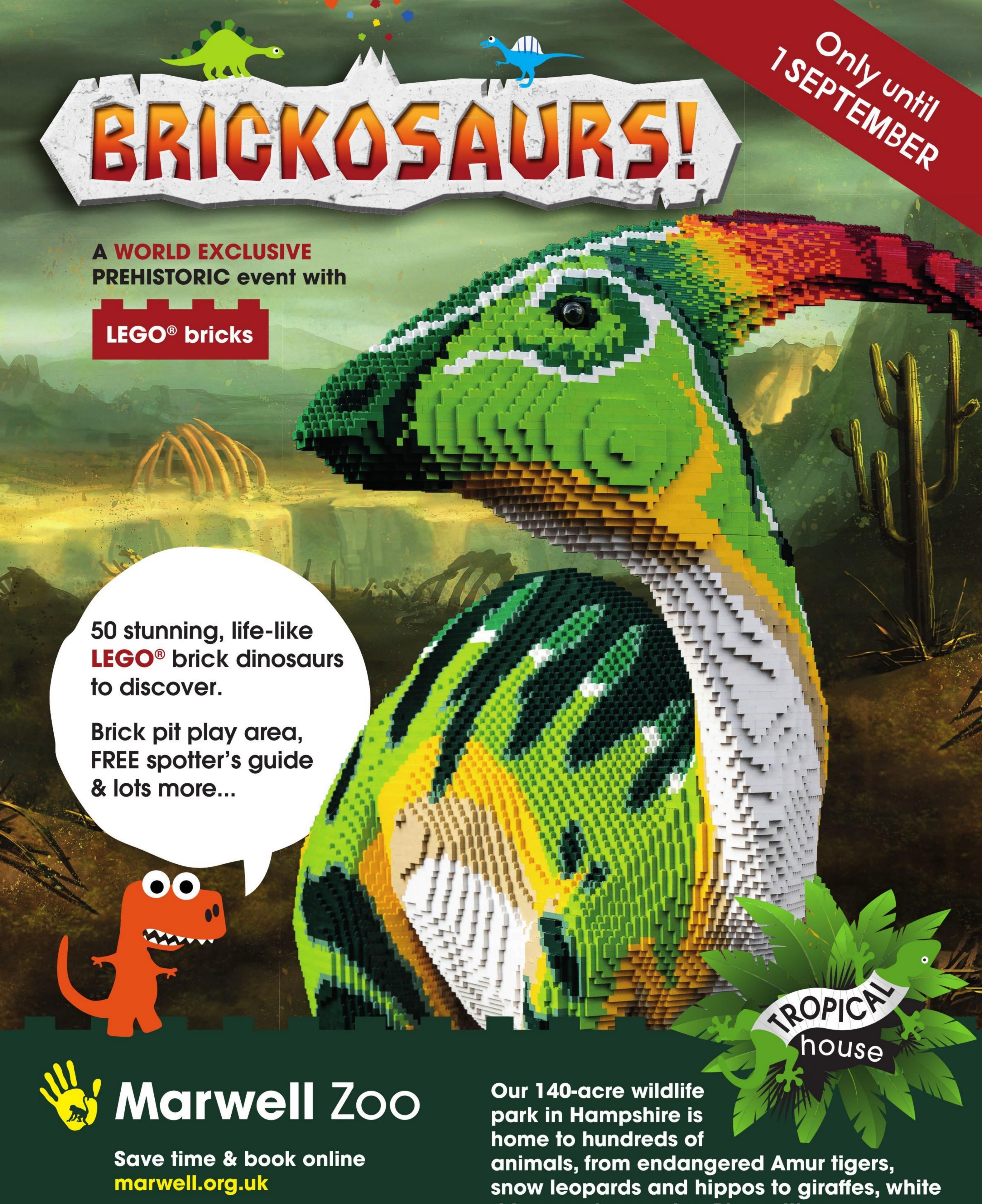
Winner Grace has made brilliant use of extended metaphor, and shows a knowledge of poetic techniques. Using the central figure of the tree as the backbone of the poem is really nice. It takes you on an emotional journey. Well done!

**Book your** tickets now and save at kew.org



Five runners-up also scooped a **book** bundle, Kew family membership and will have **their poems** displayed at Kew. Read their winning words at natgeokids.com/uk/ kewcomp/

All your poems had a wide selection of different forms and techniques, and an inventive use of imagery.



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Which of these parts do all cars have?

- a) Cheering wheel
- b) Smearing wheel
- c) Steering wheel

## OOZELABS CHEMISTRY STATION

Enjoy lots of squidgy, slimy fun with the Ooze Labs Chemistry Station from Thames & Kosmos.

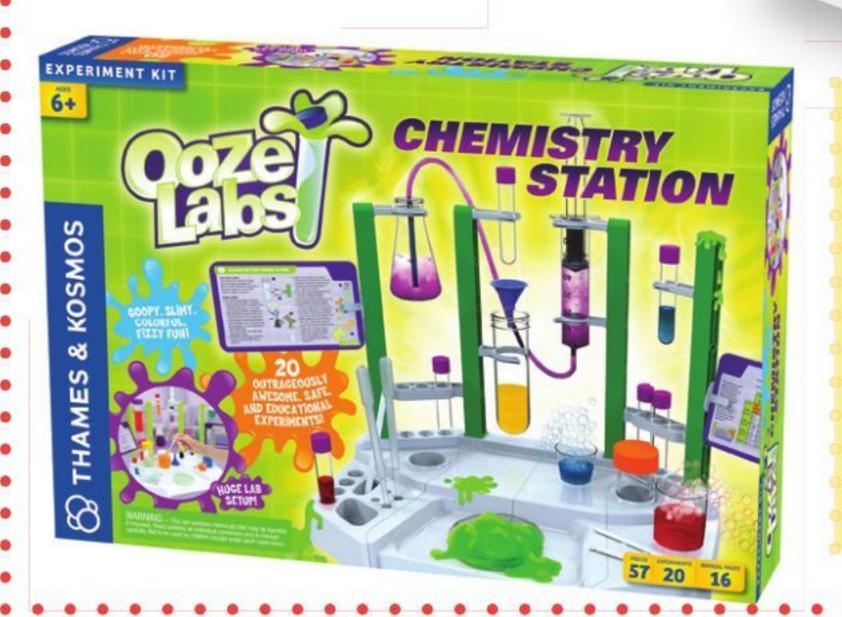
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Fourteen readers will bag this awesome set.

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**Q** Unscramble these letters to reveal something you'd wear in a laboratory. BAL TOAC

## SPACE BOOK BUNDLE

Reach for the stars with this super selection of space-themed books from **Nosy Crow**.

Learn about the hard work astronauts do in How to Be an Astronaut and Other Space Jobs, then create an out-of-this-world space scene featuring astronauts, aliens and asteroids with Make and Play: Space.

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Five space-mad readers will win all five books plus a special poster to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the Moon landing.

Available from all good bookshops

When did humans first set foot on the Moon?

a) 1909 b) 1969 c) 2009



ENTER ALL COMPS ON PAGE

## chances to win!

## JOHN ADAMS SCIENCE KITS

Feed your curiosity with these super science kits from John Adams.

Experience what it's like to visit the Red Planet with **Mission to Mars**. Create Martian soil and meteor craters, and even test which parachute design is the best to land a rover.

Rainbow Science allows you to complete colourful, fun rainbowthemed experiments, and you can create awesome snap-together electronics sets with Hot Wires.

With the **Beating Heart** kit, fill the heart's chambers with water and connect the tubing. Attach the squishy heart cover and press the

balloon pumps to watch the heart beat realistically. Plus, power a clock using brain-power chemistry with **Thinking Time!** 

We're giving away all five sets to **five** readers. Woo hoo!

- Read more about these cool kits at johnadams.co.uk
- What was the name of the first rover to land on Mars?
- a) Snackfinder
- b) Pathfinder
- c) Lostkeysfinder



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Five winners will get a Moj Moj Claw Machine and 12 packs of Original Moj Moj. Grab yours from Smyths Toys and The Entertainer

- **Which of these games** might you also find in an amusement arcade?
- a) Air Hockey
- b) Air Rugby
- c) Air Badminton



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> for up to 40 minutes before the battery runs out of juice. When the fun is done, fold it away and it can be charged up for the next time. Summer fun, here we come!

We have **two** of these super Razor scooters to give away!

- For more rad rides, nip over to skatehut.co.uk
  - **Which of** these animals is the fastest?
  - a) Snail
  - b) Sloth
  - c) Springbok



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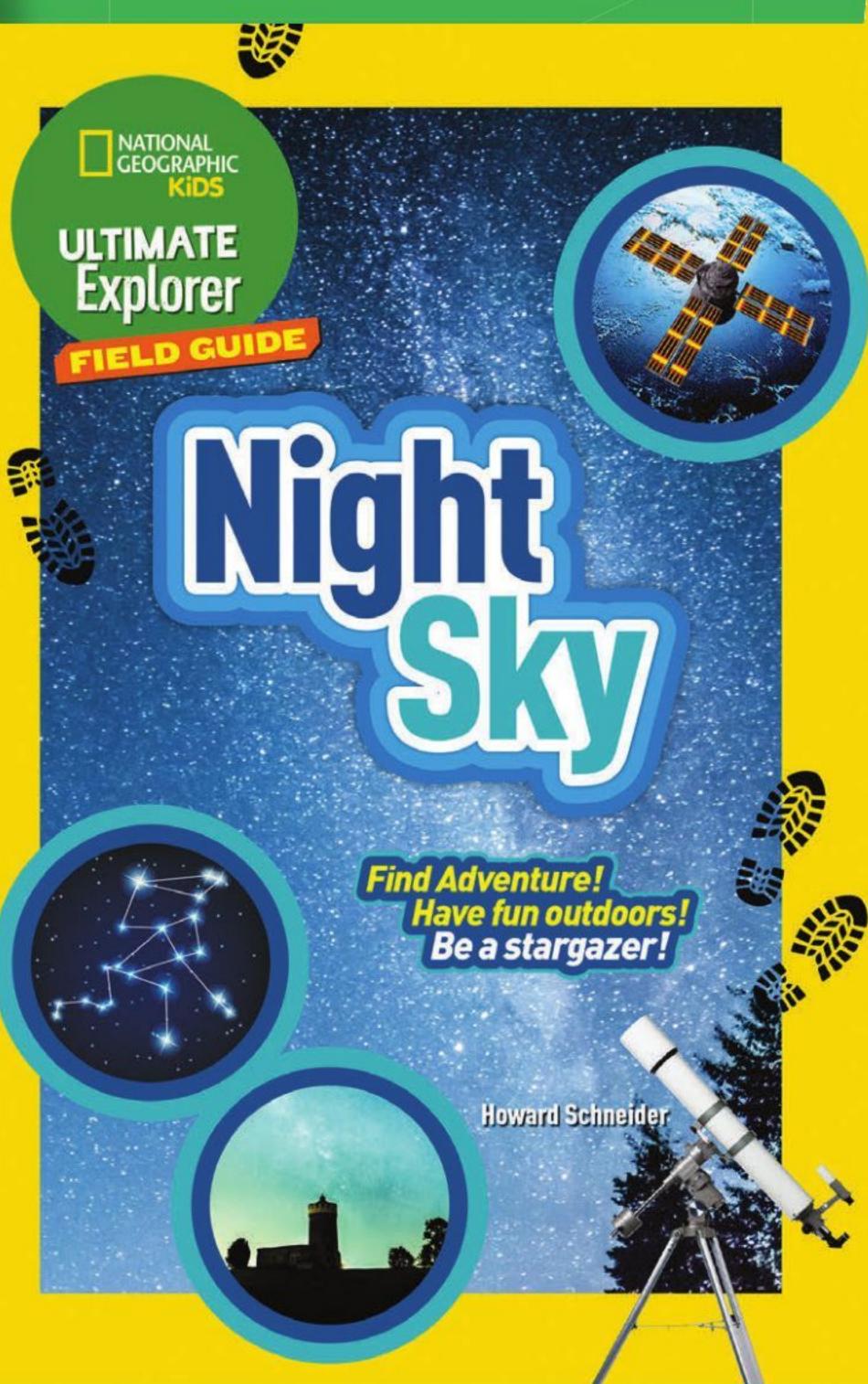
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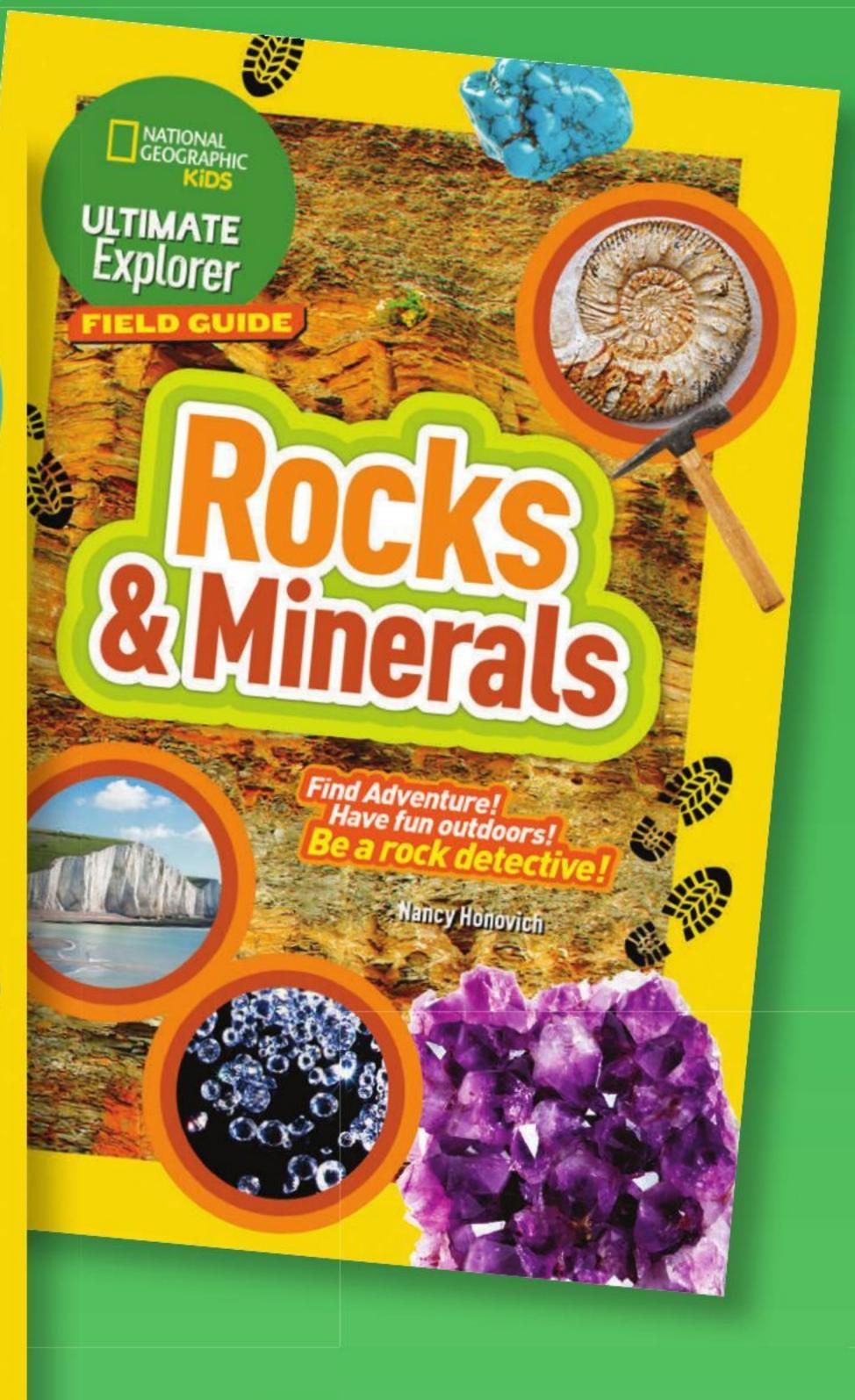


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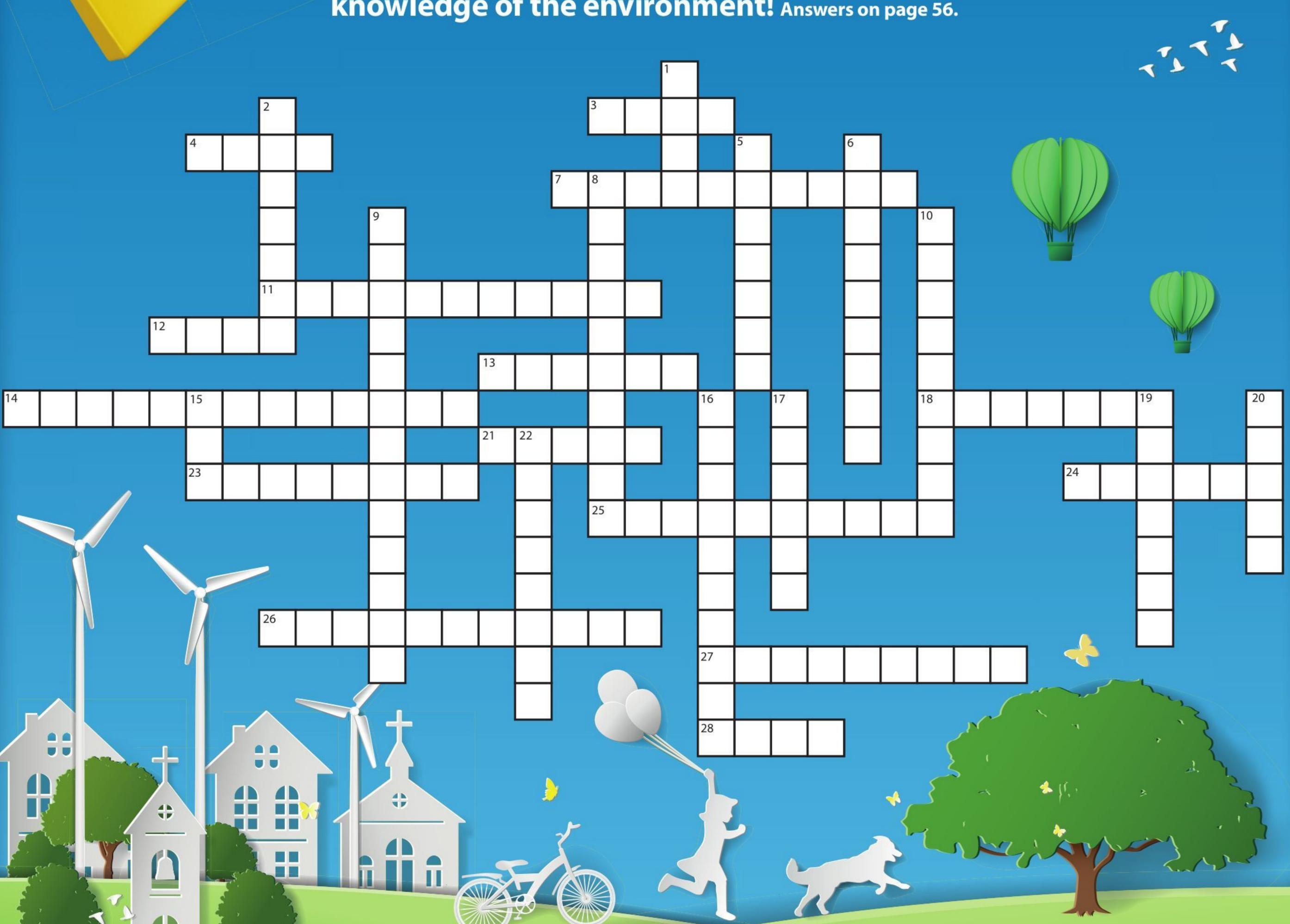


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GAMES, LAUGHS, AND LOTS TO DO!

## THE BIG GREEN CROSSWORD

Have a go at our cool conservation puzzler and test your knowledge of the environment! Answers on page 56.



#### **ACROSS**

- Tall plant with trunk and branches (4)
- Eating less of this food can be good for the planet (4)
- Coal, oil and gas are all types of this (6, 4)
- 11 Taking so much sealife from the water that species can't replace themselves (11)
- 12 Rhinos are killed for this body part (4)
- 13 Threatened spotted wildcat from the Americas (6)
- 14 'Global warming' causes this (7, 6)
- 18 Pollution-free vehicle (7)
- 21 Don't feed this to ducks. It's bad for them and clogs up waterways! (5)

- 23 Another name for illegal hunting (8)
- 24 Rubbish left laying around (6)
- 25 Energy produced by the sun (5, 5)
- 26 Huge device used to harness the flow of air (4, 7)
- 27 Turning rubbish into new materials (9)
- 28 Extinct flightless bird (4)

#### DOWN

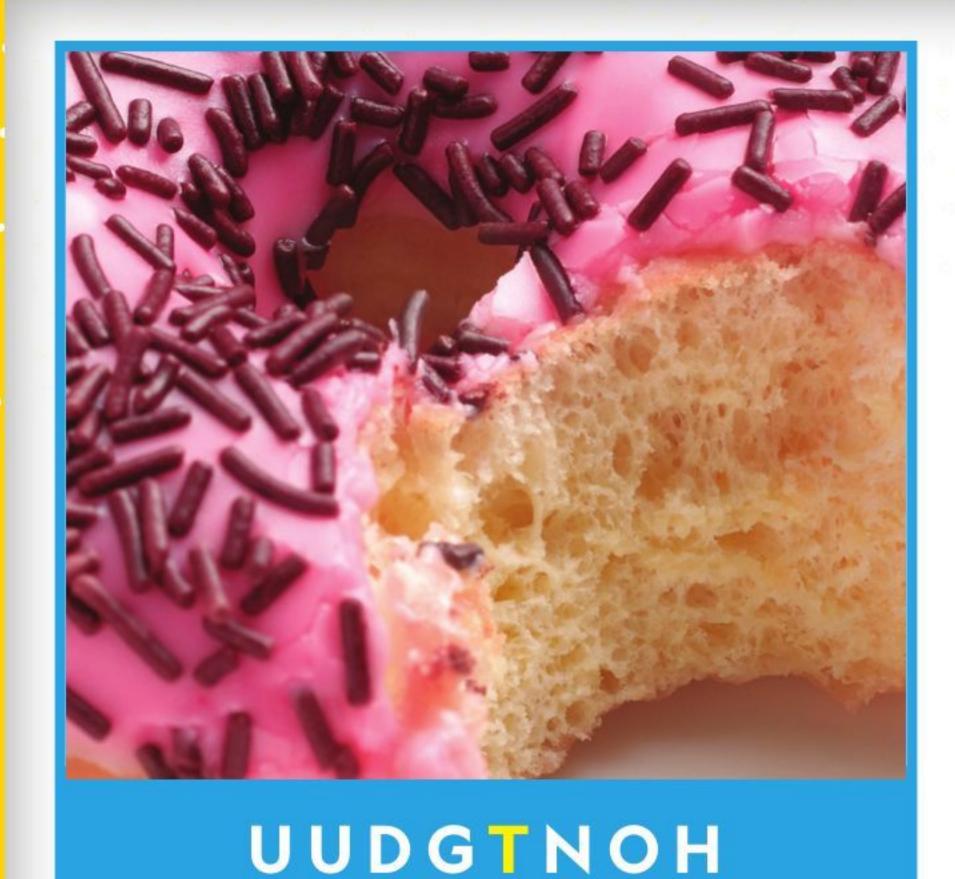
- Flying insects that pollinate plants (4)
- Inflatable, poppable decoration best avoided (7)
- Single-use drinks bottles made from this material are polluting the oceans (7)
- 6 Shelled reptile that lives in the ocean (3, 6)

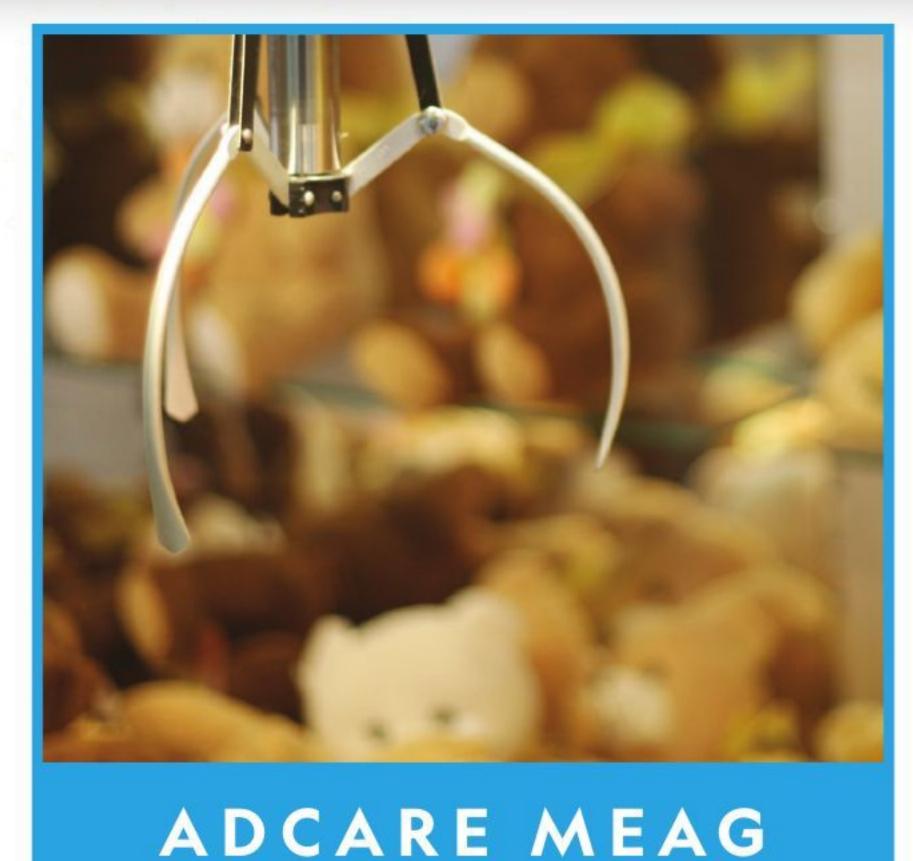
- Orange animals whose habitats are destroyed for palm-oil plantations (10)
- Climate change-causing gas, also written as CO<sub>2</sub> (6, 7)
- 10 Mammal affected by shrinking sea ice (5, 4)
- 15 Turn this off while you're cleaning your teeth (3)
- 16 When a species is near extinction (10)
- 17 Instead of turning the heating up, put this on (6)
- 19 When a species of animal or plant doesn't exist anymore (7)
- 20 Tube used to drink through. Avoid plastic ones! (5)
- 22 Can be utilised again and again (8)

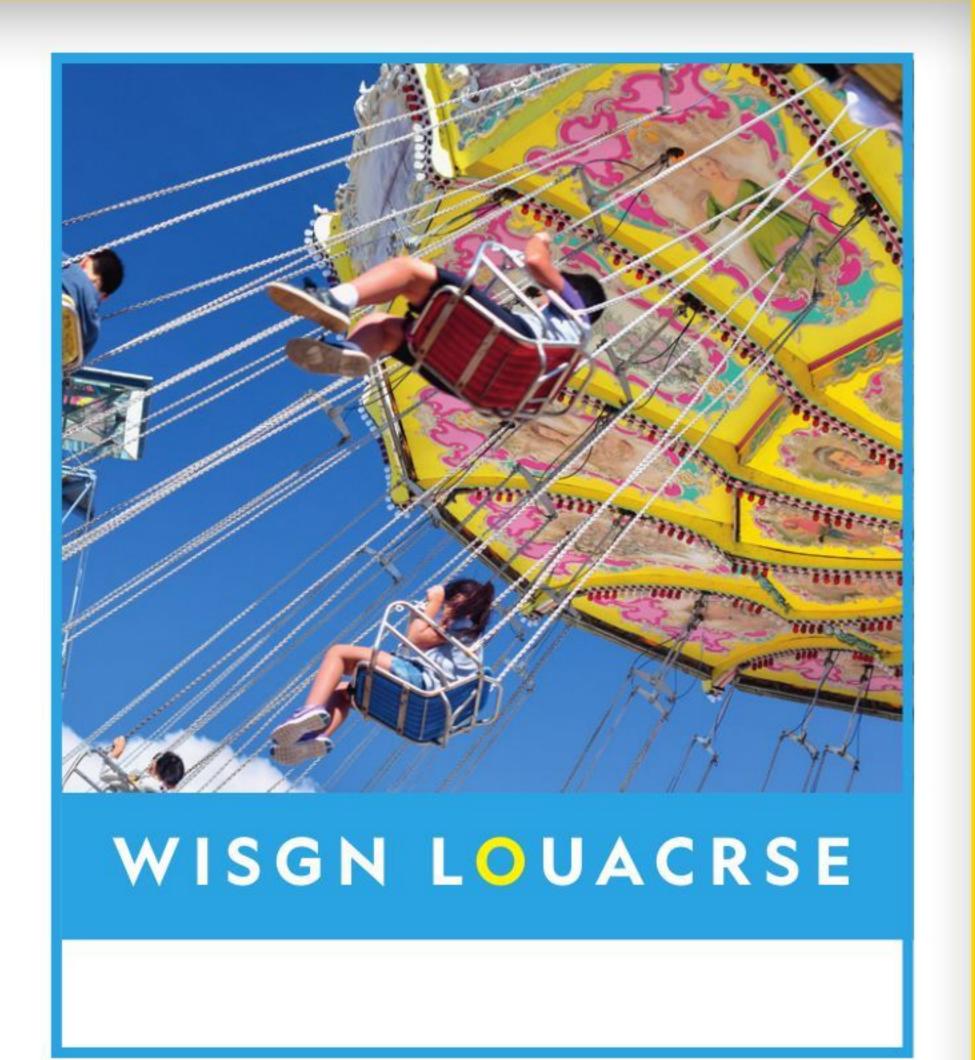
### FOR YOUR AMUSEMENT

These photos show views of things you might find at an amusement park or fairground. Unscramble the letters to help identify what's in each picture. Bonus: Use the yellow letters to help you answer the joke below...

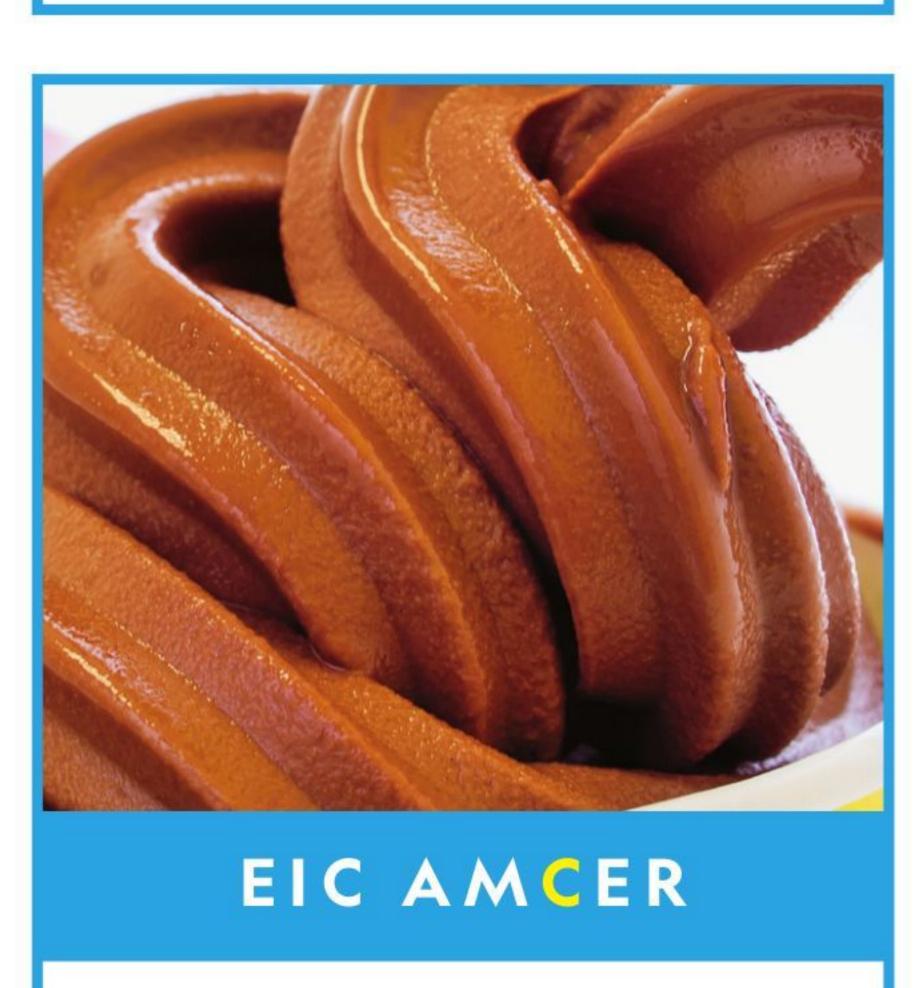
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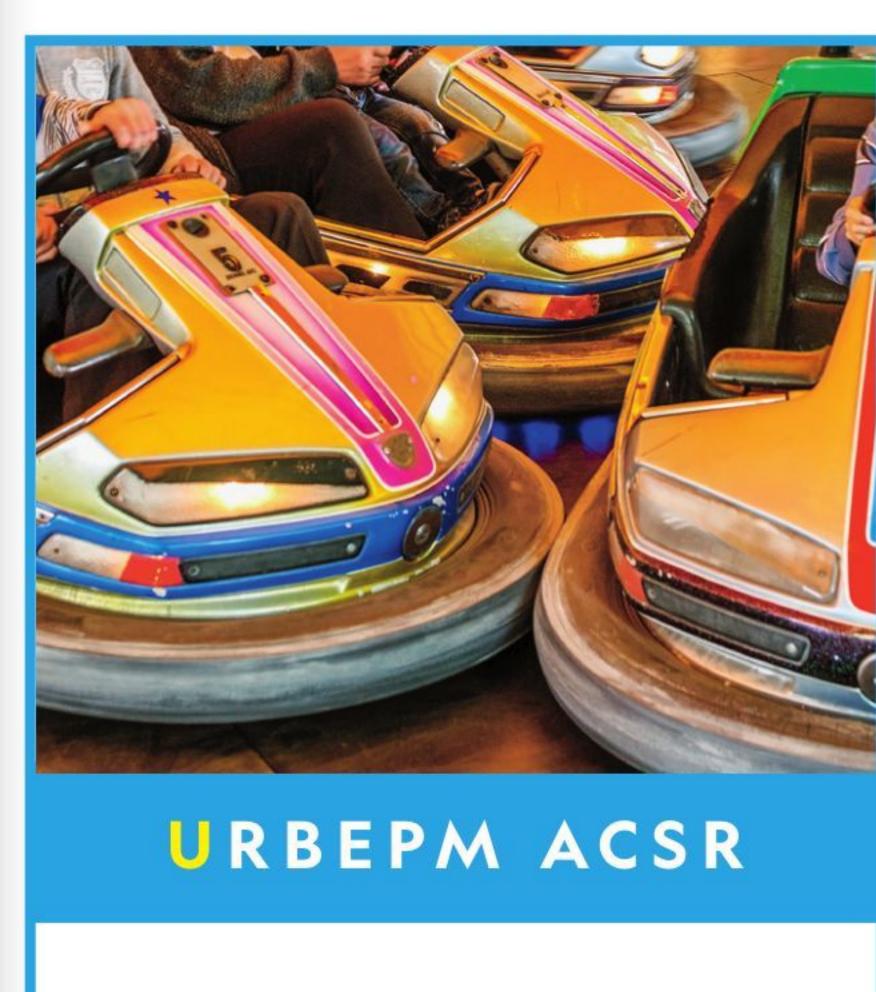




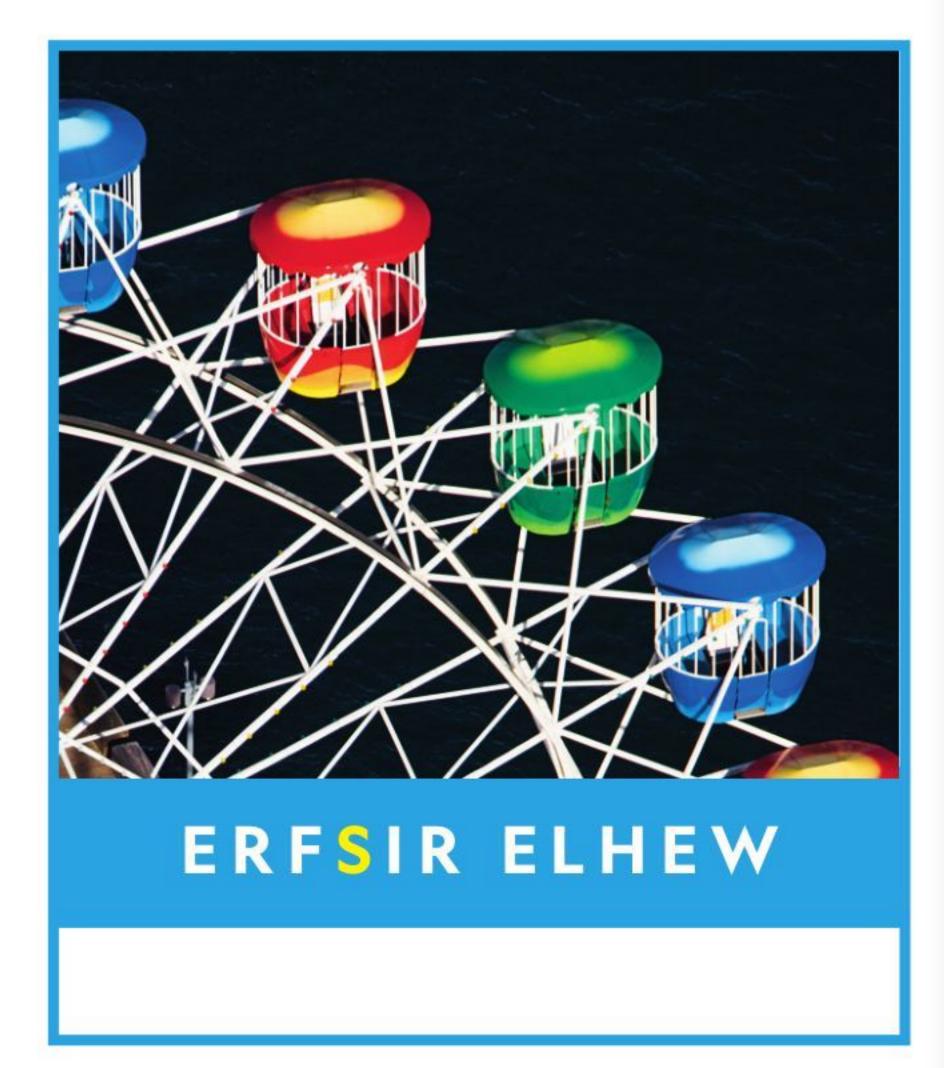












**QUESTION:** What's a timid person's favourite fairground game?

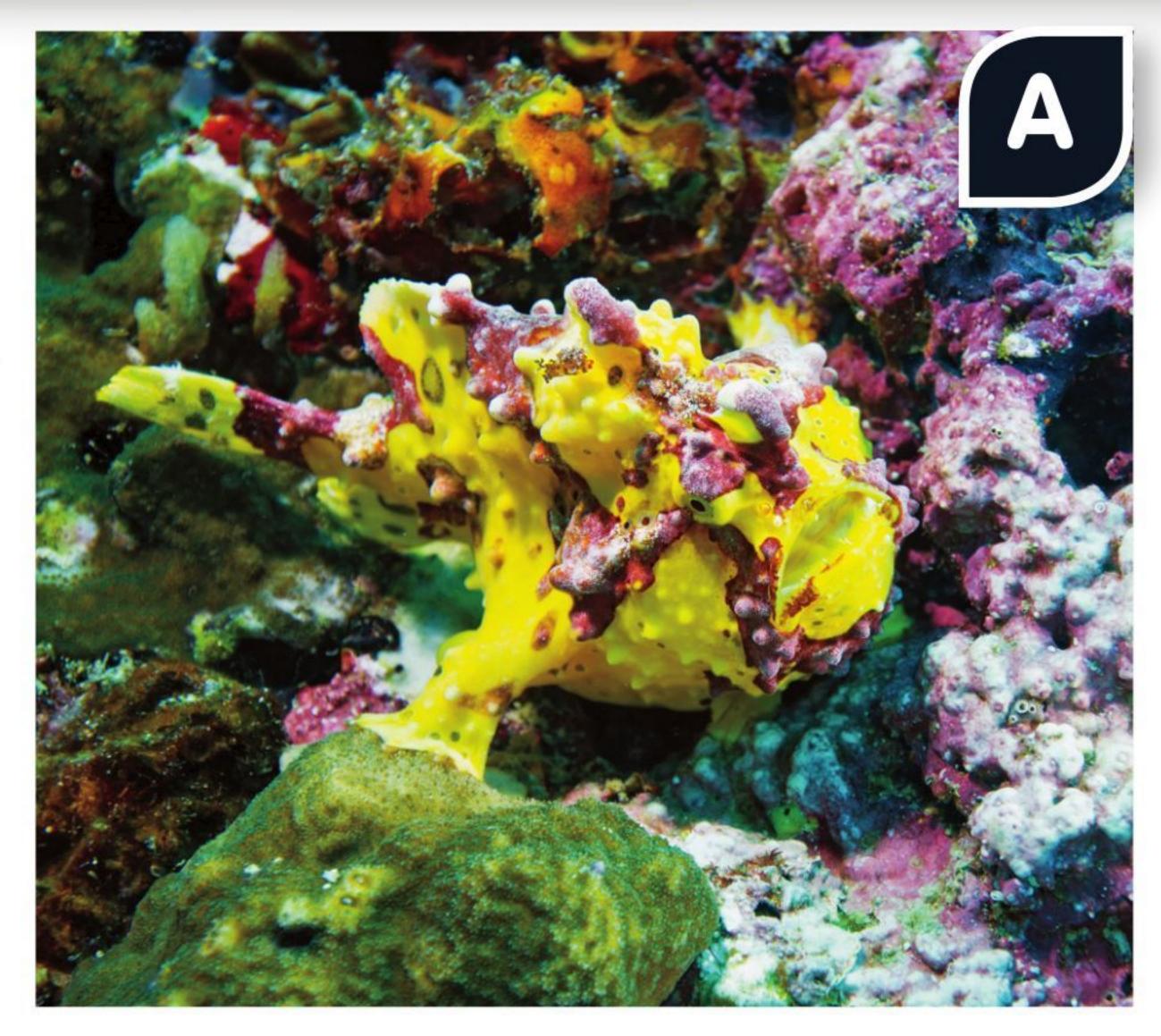
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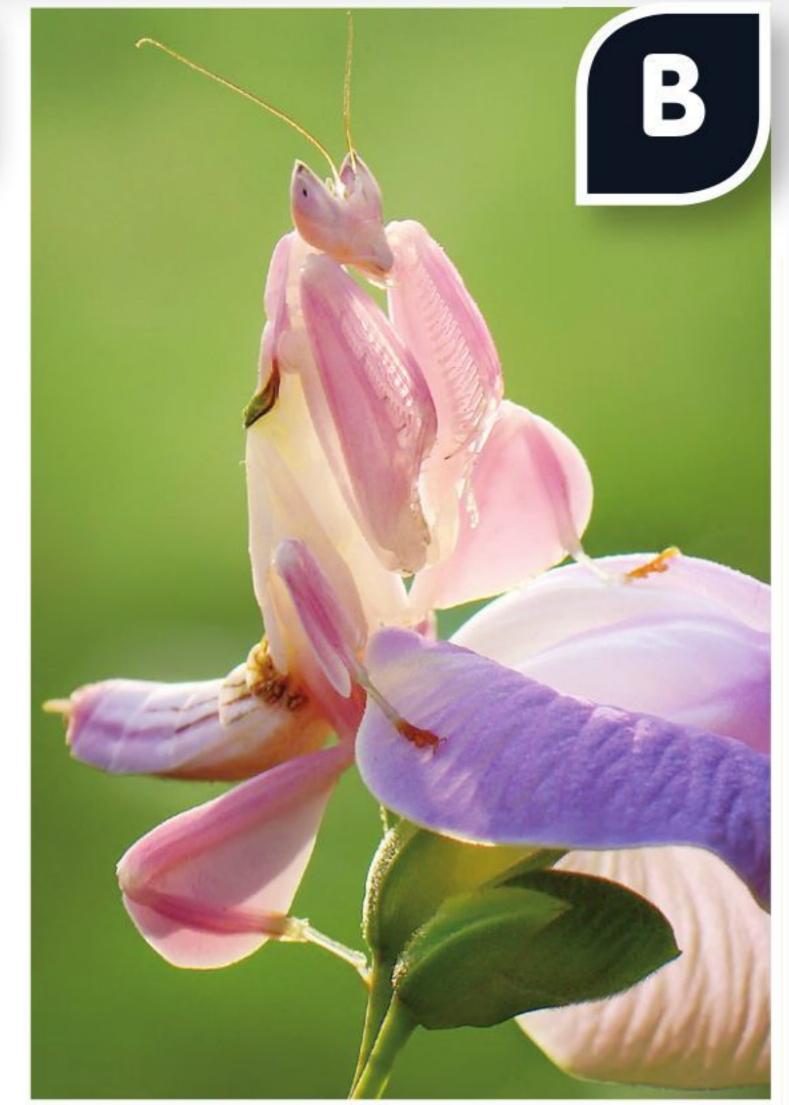
# FIND THE AND A

Animals often blend in with their environments for protection. Can you spot each animal listed below in one of the images? Write the letter of the correct photo next to each animal's name.

Answers on page 56

- 1. Crabs
- 2. Hare
- 3. Alligator
- 4. Praying mantis \_
- 5. Seal
- 6. Frogfish













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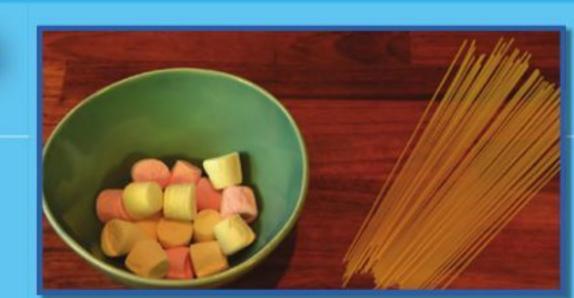


## Get Experimental!

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Use marshmallows (or bits of marshmallows) to join lengths of uncooked spaghetti together and make cool structures!



2 Start with a simple **cube**. Does it hold its shape?

3 Experiment with different shapes to see which make the strongest structures. Then try to build the tallest tower you can!

TOP TIP A tall tower will have lots of weight pushing down from above, so the base needs to be stronger than the top.

What's going on?

When you build a cube, you'll probably find it collapses with the slightest push! That's because the cube's corners act like **hinges**. It can be **bent** out of shape just by changing they will still keep a basic shape! the **angles!** 

Triangles make great bases for structures

Good

structures need

to be stiff and

strong so they

can take a lot of

force before

they collapse.

because the corners are NOT like hinges – the **third side** holds the other two in place. So, if structures are based on triangles, you can apply more force and

This fun home science experiment is from our pals at the Royal Institution. Check out more cool activities at rigb.org/families and head online to book a place on the RI's popular Summer School workshops!

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## COMPETITION ENTRY COUPON

Just tick the box of any competitions you want to enter!

PAGE 10-11 WHAT'S UP?
Thunderbirds Are Go goodies What's the last name of the brothers who run International Rescue? Tracy Sharon Beverly Book bundle When a plant or tree produces flowers it does what? Blames Blimeys Blooms
PAGE 48-49 WIN IT!
Which of these parts do all cars have? Cheering wheel Smearing wheel Steering wheel  Ooze Labs Chemistry Station Unscramble these letters to reveal something you'd wear in a laboratory  BAL TOAC
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Moj Moj squishy toys Which of these games might you also find in an amusement arcade? Air Hockey Air Rugby Air Badminton
Razor folding electric scooter Which of these animals is the fastest? Snail Sloth Springbok

Winners will be chosen at random from correct entries. GOOD LUCK!

> Now turn over and answer some easy questions!



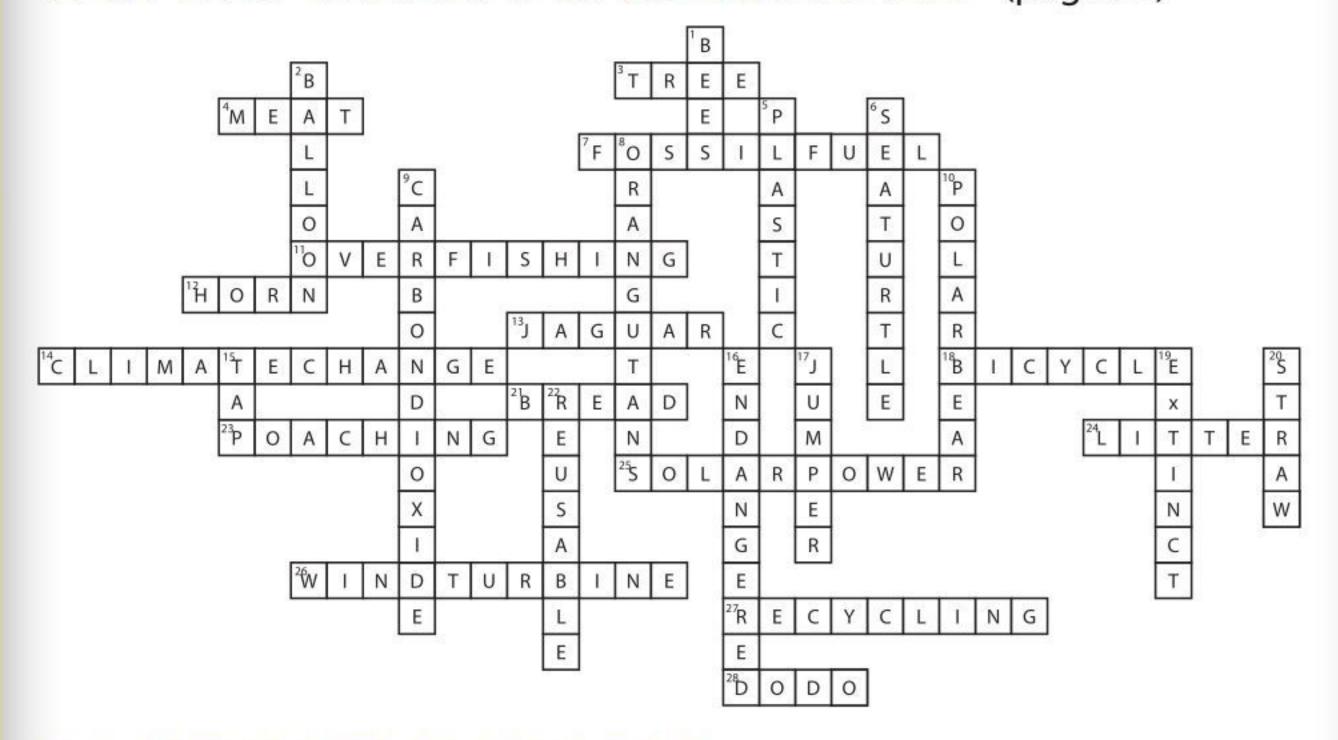
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### WHAT IN THE WORLD (page 52)

Top row: DOUGHNUT, ARCADE GAME, SWING CAROUSEL. Middle row: ROLLER COASTER, ICE CREAM, PRIZES. Bottom row: BUMPER CARS, CANDY FLOSS, FERRIS WHEEL. Bonus: THE COCONUT SHY.

#### FIND THE HIDDEN ANIMALS (page 53)

1. E, 2. D, 3. F, 4. B, 5. C, 6. A.

## THE LAST LAUGH

Q. What did the left eye say to the right eye? A. Between us, something smells!

Q. Why did the bicycle keep falling over? A. It was two tyred!

Q. What kind of tree fits in your hand? A. A palm tree!

Q. Why was 6 afraid of 7? A. Because 7, 8, 9!

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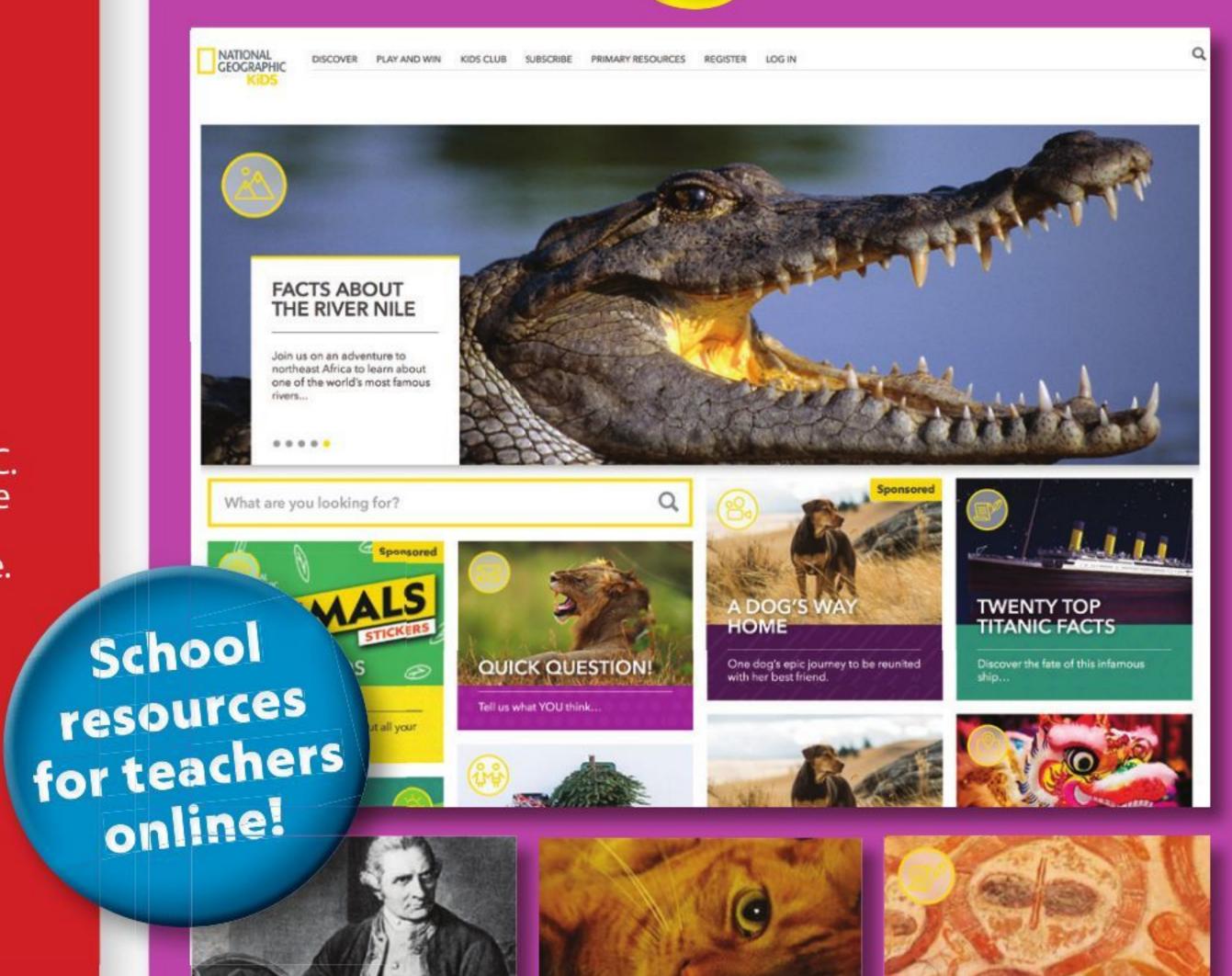
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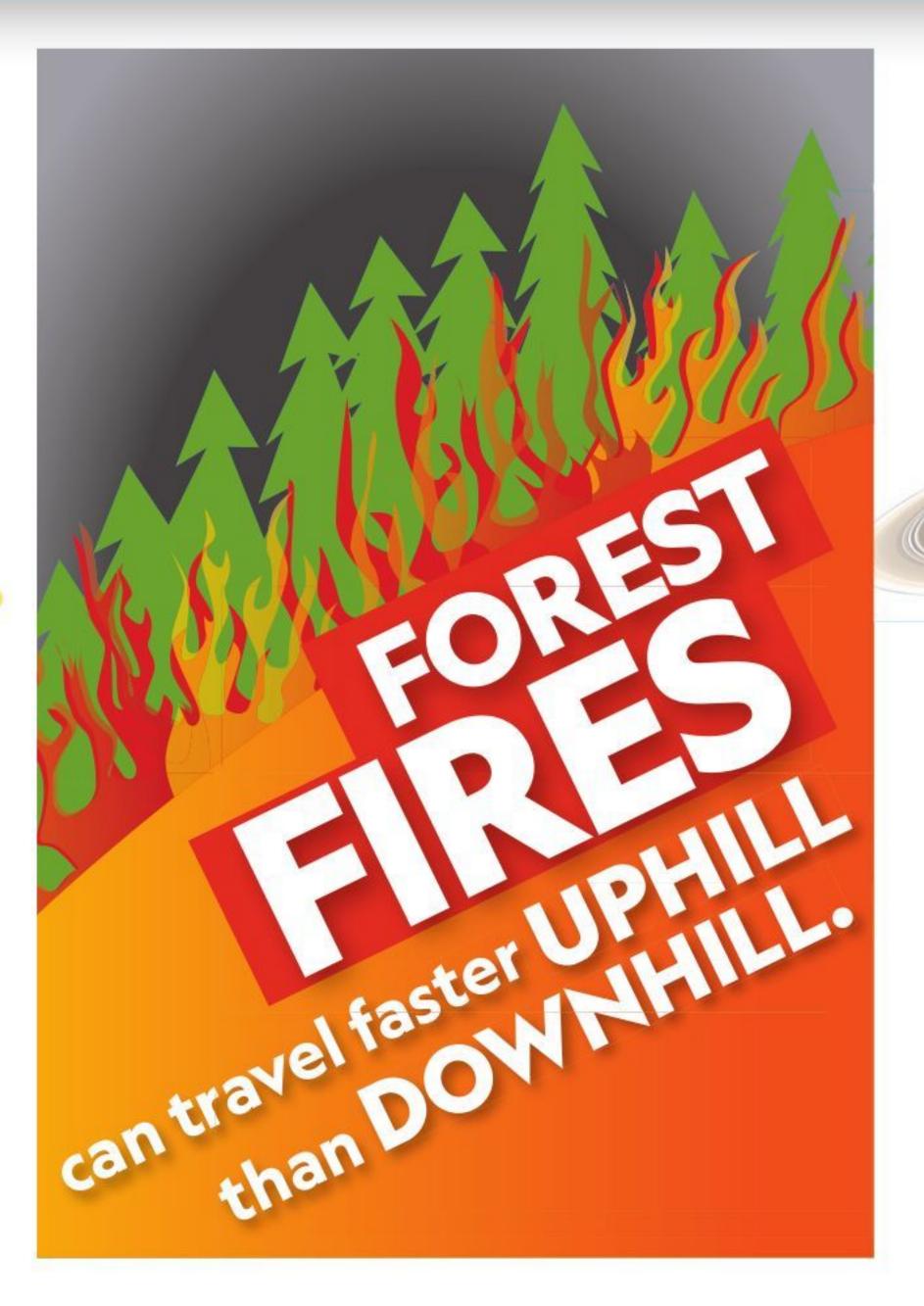
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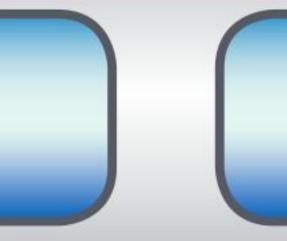
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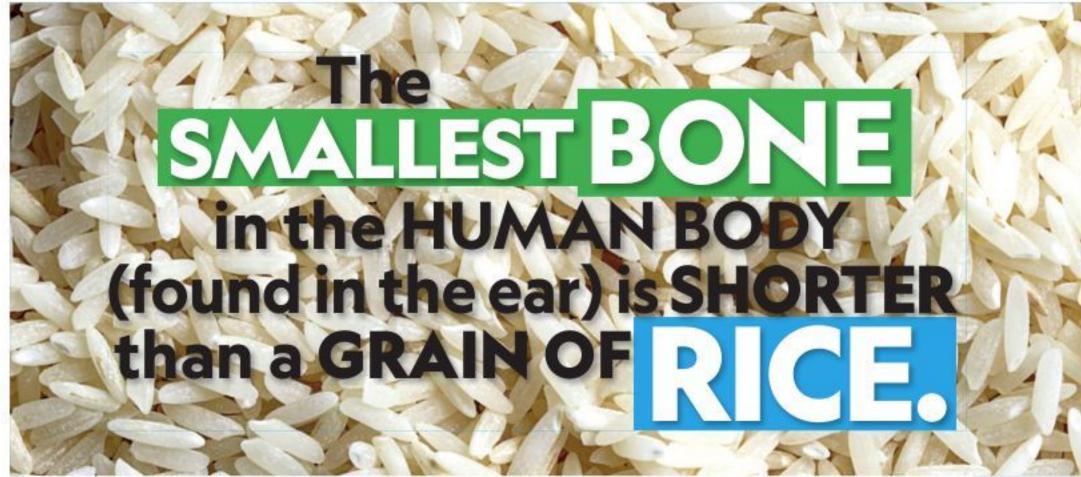












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