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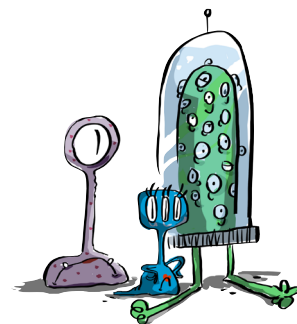
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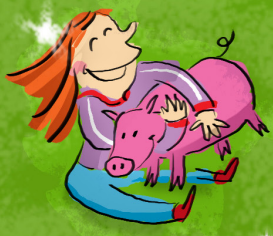
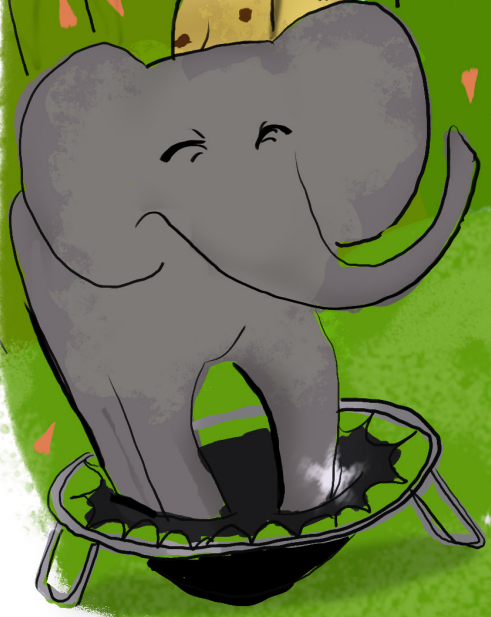
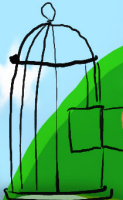
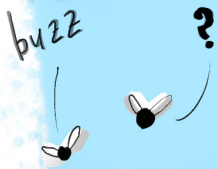
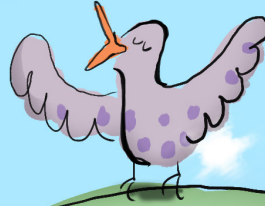
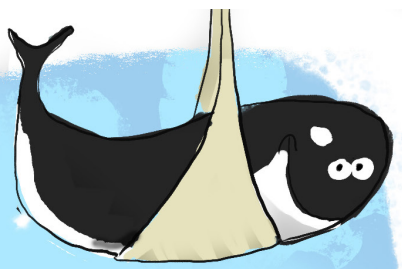
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Animals



bird, elephant, flies, giraffe, pig, whale, zebras



Animals to the rescue

Diving with whales

A 26-year-old woman in China called Yang Yun was diving with whales. The whales were in a tank of water and the water was very cold. All of a sudden the woman could not move her legs because of the cold. One of the whales saw that she was in trouble and came to rescue her. The whale grabbed Yang Yun's leg with its mouth and pushed her to the top. The whale saved her life.



Injured dog

A dog crossed a highway in Chile and got hit by a car. Another dog saw the injured dog and risked its own life by crossing the street and dragging the injured dog out of the street. Luckily, both dogs survived.

Adopted tiger cubs

Cleopatra is a very unusual Shar-Pei dog in Russia. This dog adopted tigers. The small tigers were born in a zoo and their mother had no interest in them. Cleopatra took care of them as if they were her own puppies.



Willie the parrot

Willie The Parrot gave the scream of his life when he saw a two-year-old baby almost choke. The babysitter was in the bathroom and heard Willie flap his wings and scream like he had never screamed before. Then he started saying “mama baby” over and over again until she went to see the baby. Willie saved the baby’s life.



Life saving pig

A pig saved JoAnn Altzman’s life when she had a heart attack. The pig rushed to the street to get someone to come and help JoAnn. The pig tried to stop the traffic by lying on the street then rushed back to the house to check on JoAnn. Finally, a person followed the pig and found JoAnn, and took her to the hospital.



Can I have a pet?

Wendy is a 10-year-old-girl that loves animals. She wants to be a vet when she grows up. She often goes to animal shelters to play with animals and loves to visit friends that have animals. She does not have any animals of her own, but really wants some. Here is a talk she had with her mother about keeping a pet.



Wendy: Mum, what would you say about getting a pet? It would be nice to have a dog to play with or a cat that we could nuzzle.

Mum: Well, I agree, but getting an animal is very expensive and a lot of work.

Wendy: Yes, but I will do most of the work – I promise!

Mum: Hmm, you are very good with animals, but a cat or a dog ... it is very difficult.

Wendy: How about something easier, like a bird or a fish?

Mum: Yes, that would be easier, at least a fish – but a fish tank needs to be cleaned.

Wendy: I will do it. Although a cat or a dog would be more fun.

Mum: And more expensive.

Wendy: Well yes, but I have some money saved up. We can use that. Please!

Mum: We'll have to think about that. But what about giving a homeless dog a new home? That is cheaper and a very kind thing to do.

Wendy: Mum, that's a great idea. I would love to give a homeless dog a home and take good care of it. I promise, mum.

Mum: Well, all right. Let's go visit a shelter and see if we can find the perfect dog for our family.

Wendy: Oh my, I am so excited! I will take the dog for walks, clean it, play with it and cuddle with it. It is going to be so much fun!

Mum: Let's not get too excited, but we will see what we can find.



Homeless animals in Iceland

Have you heard of Kattholt?

Kattholt is a place here in Iceland where people bring cats that seem to be lost or that no one wants. The people in Kattholt take good care of the cats, trying to locate their owners or find them new ones.

If the cats have been marked electronically by a vet the people in Kattholt can find the owners. Sometimes lost cats are brought in and their owners are found—sometimes after many months and even years.

Kattholt was first opened by a woman who really liked cats and didn't like them to wander on the streets. She fed them and gave them a warm place to stay.

Dýrahjálp Íslands

For other animals in need there is a place called Dýrahjálp Íslands, an animal shelter that aids pets that don't have a home. Dogs, cats, hamsters and rabbits are welcome and the people at Dýrahjálp try to get these animals new homes. Sometimes they go to foster homes first while finding a permanent home for the animal.

Dýrahjálp Íslands started in 2008. Their goal is to not only find homeless animals a place to live, but to work on the public's interest in animal welfare. If you find an animal that is lost you can contact Dýrahjálp and they will try to find the owner.

For people that would like to get a pet it could be a good idea to see what animals need new homes at Dýrahjálp.



Questions

Answer these questions in your notebook

1. What is done in Kattholt?
2. Where did the idea for Kattholt come from?
3. What does the vet at Kattholt do with all the cats?
4. What animals does Dýrahjálp take in?
5. Why do the animals go to foster homes?
6. What do the people at Dýrahjálp want to work on?
7. For whom is it a good idea to see what animals are at Dýrahjálp?



Writing

Write a story about a homeless animal.

Keep these questions in mind:

- What animal was lost?
- Why was it lost?
- What happened?
- How does the story end?

Wordlist

marked electronically: örmerkt

wander: ráfa

aid: hjálp

foster homes: fósturheimili

permanent: framtíðar

homeless: heimilislaus

public: almenningur

interest: áhugi

welfare: velferð

contact: hafa samband

Having a pet

Animals that people keep in their homes are called pets. Some pets are very easy to have, but others need a lot of attention. All animals need to be taken care of by their owners, but their needs are different. Here are some of the most common pets.



Dogs

There are many different breeds of dogs. Many people enjoy having one in the home and it has been said that the dog is the man's best friend. However, having a dog is a huge responsibility and the owner has to be ready to take care of it. All dogs need walks, but they also need fun and play in their lives to be happy. To raise a dog or a puppy, the owner has to have water bowls, food bowls and dog food, as well as a leash and a collar to be able to take the dog outside.

Cats



There are many different breeds of cats. Cats are popular pets to have and taking care of them is easier than having a dog because they can go out all by themselves. Still, it is a great responsibility for the owner to keep the cat healthy and happy. A cat needs to be able to go outside every day, as well as have water and food. To raise a cat or a kitten, the owner has to have water and food bowls, cat food, and a collar to tag the cat.

Hamsters

There are 16 different breeds of hamsters. They live in a cage and need to be able to exercise. Hamsters love to play. They search for their food, so it should be put in various places in the cage. In the hamster cage one can buy things for the hamster to enjoy and play with. To raise a hamster the owner would need hamster food, a water bottle or a water bowl, and a good cage.



Parrots

Parrots are very popular animals to keep as pets. They are often very colourful and beautiful. They are kept in a cage and it is very important to keep the cage clean and give the bird water every day. Parrots need to play. They should have toys and the owner needs to play with them every day. Some parrots can even be taught to speak. For a new parrot owner it is necessary to get a cage, toys and parrot food.



Fish

Fish are easy pets to keep. For many people it is calming to see them swim around. There are many kinds of fish to choose from: some live in fresh water, but others need salt water. Still, it is very important to take good care of fish and keep their tank clean. Fish need food, and often you can put nice things in their cages like stones and plants.



Questions

Answer these questions in your notebook

1. What does a dog owner need to keep in mind?
2. What does a dog need to feel happy?
3. What is important for a cat?
4. Is it easy to have fish? Why/why not?
5. What is important for hamsters? Why?
6. If you were an animal which one would you be, and why?

Writing

Choose one topic to write about

- What is your favourite animal? Why?
- Do you have a pet? Write about it.
- Would you like to have a pet? Which one and why?

Wordlist

- attention:** athygli
owner: eigandi
common: algeng
breed: tegund
responsibility: ábyrgð
bowl: skál
leash: band/taumur
collar: ól
tag: nafnspjald
exercise: æfingar
various: mismunandi
cage: búr
calming: róandi

Weird facts about animals



Kangaroos can't walk – they only jump.

Ants stretch when they wake up in the morning.

Horses can sleep while standing up.

No two **zebras** have the same stripes.

Flies are deaf.

Whale sharks lay the biggest eggs in the world.

The longest recorded flight of a **chicken** is thirteen seconds.

Elephants can't jump, but all other mammals can.

No **penguins** live at the North Pole. Penguins spend about half their time in water and the other half on land.



Even when a **snake** has its eyes closed, it can still see through its eyelids.

A **giraffe** can clean its ears with its 21-inch tongue.

The average **housefly** only lives for 2 or 3 weeks.

There are around 40,000 different species of **spiders**.

Cats use their whiskers to check whether a space is too small for them to fit through or not.

Some people like to keep **pigs** as pets.

Snails can sleep for 3 years without eating.



Cows only sleep 3 hours a day.



Polar bears are left-handed.

Kangaroos can't jump backwards.

Crocodiles have the strongest bite of any animal in the world.





Sharks



Sharks are probably what people fear the most in the sea. Those big creatures are very scary and can be dangerous. Listen to the text about sharks and see if you learn anything new.



Questions

After listening, answer these questions in your notebook in Icelandic

1. Hversu lengi hafa hákarlar verið til á jörðinni?
2. Hversu margar tennur getur hákarl fengið á lífsleiðinni?
3. Hvað geta elstu hákarlarnir orðið gamlir?
4. Hvernig sefur hákarl?
5. Hvað er sérstakt við samband hákarla við afkvæmi sín?



Dog movies

Many movies have been made about animals. These movies are often cartoons for children or family movies. Dogs have played a big role in many movies that have been popular over the years. Here are some examples of dog movies.



Lassie (1943)

Lassie is a movie about a boy and a dog. The family had to sell the dog because they needed money. The dog was taken far away, but came back after travelling a long way.

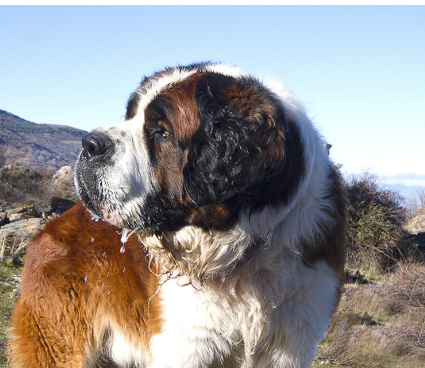


Benji (1974)

There have been many movies made about the lovable dog Benji. The first movie was released in 1974. Since then we have seen many movies about Benji and his adventures, up until the year 2000.

Beverly Hills Chihuahua (2008)

This is a funny family movie about dogs—mostly Chihuahua dogs that can talk in the movie. The movie is about a dog called Chloe who is taken away from her owners. Chloe gets away with the help of other dogs.



Beethoven (1992)

Many movies have been made about the St. Bernard dog Beethoven, but the first one came out in 1992. The films are very funny family movies about this very big dog and his adventures.

101 Dalmatians (1996)

This is a Disney movie about Dalmatian puppies. The puppies were stolen by someone who wanted to make money off them. Cartoons, as well as movies, have been made about this fun story.



Hotel for Dogs (2009)

This is a movie first made in 1971 about a girl and a boy who hide their dog at an empty hotel. They end up by having lots of dogs at that hotel that they rescue from the streets.



Questions

1. Can you think of any other movies that have dogs in them? Which ones?
2. What about movies with other animals? What animals do they have?
3. Why do you think animal movies are popular?
4. Do you think it is a lot of work having animals act? Why/why not?
5. What is your favourite movie with animals?

Assignment

Write your own story where animals are the main characters. It can be a written story or a cartoon.

Keiko

The orca whale Keiko was born in the Atlantic Ocean near Iceland in the year 1977 or 1978. In 1979 he was captured by a fishing boat. At first he was kept in an aquarium in Iceland, but then was taken to Canada in 1982 to become a performing animal. Later Keiko was sold to an amusement park in Mexico City.

In 1992 Warner Bros filmed a movie in Mexico called Free Willy. The movie is about a young boy that saves a whale. Keiko took on the role of the whale Willy in the movie, which ended up being a great hit. Children all around the world loved both the movie and Keiko.

After the movie people started to question the fact that Keiko lived in an amusement park. They wanted to free him like Willy in the movie. Schoolchildren and others pressured the owners to treat him better and move him. The Free Willy

Foundation was formed and a search began for a new home for Keiko, where he could be trained to go back to the wild.

For years Keiko was taught to live in the wild, and in September 1998 he was taken to Vestmannaeyjar in Iceland. For the first year Keiko was still being trained to live on his own, but needed less help from humans. In 2002 Keiko started spending time with other whales and left Iceland as he swam by the Faeroe Islands and to Norway. There he spent his last year, free with other whales, but also with some help from humans. He died in December 2003. Keiko was the most famous whale in the world.

Wordlist

captured: veiddur

aquarium: sæðýrasafn

performing animal: sýningardýr

amusement park: skemmtigarður

pressured: þrýstu á





The zoo



On a sunny day the friends Zoey and Bertha wanted to do something fun. They decided to go see the animals in the zoo. The two friends had a great day together among the animals. Listen to their chat at the zoo and answer the questions below.



Questions

After listening answer these questions in your notebook

1. Why are lions Zoey's favourite animals?
2. How many lions do they see?
3. Who is holding a fish?
4. What is in the cage?
5. Why is the animal in the cage dangerous?
6. What animals do Zoey and Bertha think are cute?
7. What animals are they going to see next?



Writing

Make a mind map about zoo animals. Write down all the zoo animals you can think of. Use the mind map to write a story about some animals in a zoo.



Coco – The stolen parrot

A parrot was found in a park close to a museum. No one knows how the parrot got there, but it turned out that it was a very rare parrot. After looking for its owner the museum decided to keep it there for its guests to look at. They hired trainers to teach it tricks. They also had a vet for it to keep it healthy. They gave it the name Coco.

This rare and colourful parrot was loved by everyone at the museum and the guests enjoyed it a lot.

One day the parrot went missing. The museum owners called the police. They soon found out that the cage had been opened with a key, so they were sure that someone had taken it. Only four people had a key to its cage, so the police started by talking to them.

Now your teacher will give you information to solve this mystery.



Train your brain

- What is your favourite animal? Why?
- What do you think about homeless animals?
- Have you seen any weird animals? Which ones?
- What animal movies can you think of?
- Do you think it is difficult to have animals play in a movie? Why or why not?
- Do you think all animals should be free in nature? Why or why not?
- How do you feel about animals in zoos?

Wordlist

museum: safn

rare: sjaldgæfur

vet: dýralæknir

investigate: rannsaka

Oliver Twist

The author

Charles Dickens was born in England on February 7th, 1812. His family lived in London. His father was spending more money than he had and ended up in prison for debt. In those days it was possible to bring your wife and young children with you to the prison, but Charles did not go with his family. He was 12 years old and had to quit school to start working. This changed his life and in some way helped him to become the famous writer he was. This experience was, in many ways, an inspiration for *Oliver Twist*.

Dickens wrote many very famous books that are still popular today. Many of his books have been made into films and plays.

Oliver Twist was published in 1838. It has been printed many times after that and there are many films about the young boy *Oliver Twist*.

The most special thing about this story is that it is easy to connect it to so many things in modern life. Even though it happened years ago, we are still dealing with similar problems. Many lessons can be learned from this book.

When you have read the story, think about what you might learn from it.

Characters

Agnes	Jack Dawkins / Dodger
Oliver Twist	Fagin
Mr. Bumble	Bill Sikes
Mrs. Mann	Nancy
Mr. Sowerberry	Mr. Brownlow
Noah	Mrs. Bedwin

Oliver Twist – Chapter 1



A lonely start

One day a young pregnant woman stumbled into an English workhouse, a place where homeless people lived. She was too weak and tired to speak, and died immediately after giving birth.

The midwife Mrs. Mann took the boy and said “Oh no, not another homeless brat.” She got Mr. Bumble, who was head of the workhouse. “Well, I guess I have to give him a name,” he said. “I name all the boys alphabetically and the last one was Smith. This one is T—I will call him Twist. Oliver Twist.”

When Mr. Bumble was gone Mrs. Mann was taking care of the young woman's body when she noticed that the dead woman had a nice locket around her neck. She opened it. It said Agnes in it. Mrs. Mann put the locket around her own neck and smiled.

By the age of seven Oliver was working hard like the other boys in the workhouse. They were all very dirty and tired, and especially hungry. One day they made the decision that one of them would have to ask for more food. No one had ever dared to do that, so they drew straws to see who should ask Mr. Bumble. All the boys were happy when Oliver drew the shortest straw.

At dinner all the boys walked in a line to Mr. Bumble to get one spoon of gruel in their bowl. Oliver waited until all the boys had gotten their gruel and then walked up to Mr. Bumble again. Mr. Bumble was amazed when he saw Oliver come back. "Please sir, I want some more," Oliver said in a scared voice. "WHAT?" replied Mr. Bumble. "Please sir, I want some more," Oliver repeated.

Mr. Bumble's grabbed Oliver and dragged him out of the room. He threw him into a dark cellar that was even colder and dirtier than Oliver was used to. "What an ungrateful brat," he muttered. "He will be hung someday, that's for sure." No one had ever dared to ask Mr. Bumble for more food before. Mr. Bumble was so mad that he tried to sell Oliver.

A man called Mr. Sowerberry bought Oliver. The man was an undertaker and wanted to have Oliver help at funerals. He took him to his house where he had another boy, Noah, working for him as an apprentice. Mr. Sowerberry had Oliver sleep on the floor with the coffins in his workshop. Mr. Sowerberry asked Noah to give Oliver food, but Noah wasn't happy about Oliver being there, so he gave him the rest of the dogs' food. Oliver hadn't had any food for almost 24 hours, so he gulped it down. Noah was mean to him and teased him a lot.

Oliver hated staying at Mr. Sowerberry's, but he didn't want to go back to Mr. Bumble's workhouse. He decided that the only thing he could do was to run away.

Fun and Entertainment



basketball, circus, dance, football, hobbies, music

Music

Music has entertained people for centuries. Many enjoy going to concerts, while others just listen to their favourite music at home. There are many types or genres of music, so everyone should be able to find something that they like. These types or genres have developed in different parts of the world and at different times. Each genre has its story, its characteristics and its most famous musicians. Here are some of these genres.

Rock

Rock was first called Rock and Roll in North America. This type of music comes from the 1940s–50s, but some say that it started even sooner. Rock music is based on many older music types, such as blues. Musical instruments used in rock include the electric guitar, bass and drums.

Disco

Disco started in the 1970s and was, in a way, the answer to rock music, which had been so widespread. Disco became very popular among those who liked to dance. Some instruments used in disco music are the electronic piano and electronic guitar, and a flute is often common in solo melodies.

Classical music

This is a very old type of music from 1550–1900 that comes from the western world. Classical works are often very long. You might think that you don't hear them often, but that is not true. Classical music is all around us, for example in elevators and restaurants. It is also used for advertisements and as theme songs for movies or TV shows, such as Indiana Jones and Star Wars. Musical instruments often used for classical music include the clarinet, the trumpet and a classical guitar.





Country

Country music comes from North America and goes back to 1920. For some people, country music is a lifestyle and you can see it in their look and their attitude. Cowboy hats, boots and jeans are classic clothes for country musicians. Some of the instruments used in country music include banjos, fiddles and the accordion.



Assignment

- Find more information about all the genres of music above, as well as other genres, like pop.
- What famous musicians can you think of in each genre?
- Try to find some other famous musicians and songs that are in each genre.
- What other types of music can you think of? Make a short description of them.
- What music genres do you listen to?
- Do you think your taste in music will change in the future? Why or why not?

Word list

musical instruments: hljóðfæri

musicians: tónlistarmenn

popular: vinsælt

melodies: laglínur

genre: tegund

classical: sígild

accordion: harmóníka

The band

There are a lot of bands around the world. Some are very famous and play in many different countries. It usually takes a long time from when a band starts to play to when they become famous—if they ever do. Some bands never play for the public, but only play to entertain themselves. Those bands are often called garage bands. If they want to become famous they sometimes enter competitions to try to be known.



Discuss

1. Can you think of any competitions like that?
2. What bands or musicians do you know that became famous after entering a competition?
3. What do you think is the easiest way to become famous?
4. Do you think it is easier today than it was 20 years ago? Why or why not?
5. Have you ever dreamed of being in a band? Why or why not?
6. What kind of music would you play if you were in a band?



Group work

1. Make a band and give your band a name.
2. What kind of music do you play?
3. Write about your band, especially its story and
4. the band members.
5. Make a cover for your CD. Remember to give it a name.
6. For the back of the cover find 10 names for songs on your CD.
7. Write the lyrics for one song. (You don't have to be able to sing it).



In the circus

Iceland has some very entertaining things to do, for example swimming in great swimming pools or hiking in the beautiful nature. There are also things you can do that are not traditional Icelandic things, like going to the circus. It is called Sirkus Íslands. Its manager is Lee Nelson and he is passionate about his job. Below you can read an interview with Lee.

Good day Lee, nice to meet you. Tell me, where are you from? And why did you decide to come to Iceland?

I was born in Australia. I went to circus school in New Zealand for three years as my university degree. I came to Iceland out of curiosity to visit the most northern capital city in the world. I fell in love and stayed.

How did the idea to start a circus come to you?

Most places in the world have circuses. Iceland did not. When I decided to stay here I knew that if I didn't make a circus community here in Iceland I would become very lonely and all of my knowledge about the circus arts would go to waste and die with me. Knowledge should always be passed on.

What kind of education regarding circus or entertainment do you have?

I have a university degree in circus arts. My majors were handstands, juggling, and partner acrobatics. My circus school was CircoArts in Christchurch, New Zealand. It was a three year degree which consisted of lots of physical training and performance training. Sadly, my school was destroyed in the Christchurch earthquakes several years ago.



Has entertaining always been an interest of yours?

When I look back on life I think the answer would have to be yes, but I didn't realize it at the time. For me, learning the tricks came first. I became addicted to learning the arts and wanted to spend all my time learning more tricks. The problem with this was that it left no room to make money. It seemed natural to try to make money by using what I had learned.

It seemed natural then that to perform what I was learning would be the solution to allow me to earn money so I could keep learning.

When Sirkus Íslands performs, what kinds of acts are shown?

Sirkus Íslands produces many acts. These are growing more and more complicated and fun every year. Apart from clowning, we perform acts in the following disciplines: air acrobatics, juggling, balance, acrobatics, hula hoops, knife throwing and fire performance.

You have a stage name, don't you? Can you tell us about it?

For many years my clown has been known as Wally. Wally is a word we use in Australia, meaning to be an idiot. For example, 'You know Fred, he is such a Wally.'

It loses a bit of its meaning here in Iceland, but I am not changing my name.

How do you see Sirkus Íslands in a few years?

Growing bigger and stronger. We have just purchased a large circus tent. Currently we also have three members of our company away at European circus schools similar to the one I went to. When they return they will bring new experience and skills to the company. This can only be a good thing.



Where do you see yourself in the future?

Hopefully still performing. As long as my knees and my back stay strong I will keep on making people laugh. I hope to continue to learn new skills and challenge myself. I sincerely hope I can continue to manage a circus in Iceland, provide jobs and opportunities for people who seek out a circus lifestyle.

I also hope to continue to be good husband to my wife, and a good father to my children.

What can I do if I want to learn how to be a clown or other kind of circus performer?

Growing up today and wanting to follow the circus path is maybe a little bit easier than when I was a boy. There is a wealth of information on the Internet about the various skills and disciplines that it takes to be in the circus. There has also been an explosion of good quality circus schools in Europe and around the world providing recognized education. The success of huge companies like Cirque du Soleil have shown many people that to be a circus artist in the 21st century means a completely different thing from what it meant in the past.

Sirkus Íslands will continue hopefully to run our youth circus and grow it from its current one day a week training into a five day a week fully functioning school over the coming years.



What is a good quality in a performer?

Unselfishness. A good performer seeks to make others happy, and by doing so they make themselves happy.

Tenacity. To never ever give up trying to be the best you can be.

Empathy. Understanding what emotions people experience and why they experience them will help you craft your performance better and make a better show.

Do you have any message to the kids out there?

The world is a very big place. Six billion humans live and work on it every day. There are thousands of different things you can do with your life. Speak and listen to as many adults as you can about what they do every day in their lives and ask the most important question of all ... Does your job make you happy?



Wordlist

- passionate:** fullur áhuga
community: samfélag
handstands: handstöður
air acrobatics: loftfimleikar
juggling: að halda mörgum boltum á lofti
physical: líkamleg
earthquakes: jarðskjálftar
sincerely: af fullri einlægni



Questions / discussions

1. Have you ever been to a circus?
2. If you have, what are your favourite acts in the circus? Why?
3. If you have not, what acts do you think you would like to see and why?
4. Lee Nelson says it is important to do something that makes you happy. Why does he believe that is important? Do you agree?
5. Find five positive words to describe yourself and explain why you chose these words.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!



Party planning

Birthdays are great. They are celebrated in different ways, but often there are parties. Party planning can be a lot of fun, but there are many things to think about. Listen to Diane and George talk about George's birthday. He is planning a party and Diana has some ideas for him.



Questions

Answer the questions in your notebook in Icelandic

1. Hvers vegna ætlar George að halda veislu?
2. Hverju stingur Diana upp á við George í sambandi við afmælið hans?
3. Hvers vegna er George ekki viss um hvort hann eigi að láta gestina gista?
4. Hver er niðurstaðan um afmælisveisluna?
5. Í hverju ætlar Diana að vera?
6. Hvað er George að hugsa um að biðja þabba sinn um?
7. Á hvað minnir Diana George í lokin?

Do your own party planning.

Things to keep in mind:

- What kind of party is it?
- Is there a theme?
- Who is invited? Make a list.
- Will you have anything to eat or drink?
- When is the party?
- Should the guests bring something?
- Write the invitation card to send out.



Halloween

October 31st is Halloween. It comes from the name 'Hallow Eve', or holy evening, in the Celtic tradition. This day was to celebrate the dead. It all started because people believed that on this night ghosts and spirits would wake up and walk among people. Many were worried about this and decided to dress up like ghost, monsters, and spirits to fool the real ghosts.

Like many traditions, this one changed and spread around the world. Today, it is a big event in North America, as well as in the original Celtic countries. Nowadays Halloween's main goal is to entertain people, especially children. Getting dressed up is a big part of this day. 'Trick or treating' is popular among children, where they go door to door to ask for candy. The term 'trick or treat' means that either you treat them with candy or else they will trick you.

Pumpkins are a big part of the decorations that are used for Halloween, as well as the colour orange. It is also very popular to carve a pumpkin. First, the pumpkin is opened up and everything that is inside it is taken out. Then a scary face is carved into the pumpkin's flesh. Now the pumpkin is called a jack-o-lantern and you can put candles in it.

For Halloween parties there are often great decorations around the house: cobwebs and spiders, candles, skeletons, bats, monsters and the classic jack-o-lanterns. The food often looks scary, for example spiders that are made out of cookies and candy, worms and brains in the form of jelly, and ghost cakes that taste great even though they don't look that good.

Costumes are not necessary, but they are very common. Getting dressed up as something scary would be getting into the Halloween spirit, but people also dress in happy costumes like clowns, animals or whatever they can think of.

Wordlist

Celtic: keltnesk

celebrate: fagna/halda upp á

ghosts: daugar

spirits: andar

monsters: skrímsli

trick or treat: grikk eða gott

pumpkin: grasker

carve: skera út

cobweb: köngulóarvefur

candle: kerti

skeleton: beinagrind

bat: leðurblaka

worm: ormur

brain: heili

jelly: hlaup

costume: búningur

necessary: nauðsynlegt

common: algengt

clown: trúður



Questions

Answer these questions in your notebook or discuss them with a classmate

1. What is the first thing that comes to mind when you hear the word Halloween?
2. Have you ever celebrated Halloween? What did you do?
3. Do you think Halloween should be celebrated in Iceland? Why? Why not?



Writing

Make a mind map about Halloween and then use it to create a scary story.





The story of computer games

One very popular entertainment today is playing computer games. New games and new kinds of computers like tablets keep children busy with trying out new things. The development has been greater every year with new editions and new technology. Many children have computers in their home and use them to entertain themselves. But where did this all begin?



From arcades into the palm

In 1972 computer games were played in arcades, not in homes. The first game that was very popular was called Pong. People went to arcades to play Pong and other games. Later Pong was made for the homes and was sold out at once.

In 1978 a new computer game from Japan was made public and it was a great hit. It was called Space Invaders.



Around 1980 teenagers started programming their own computer games. Two of them were the Oliver Twins. They started programming when they were 12 years old and at the age of 13 they sold their first game. In the beginning this was their hobby, but soon it became their work. They got a job making computer games for a company in 1985 and made many games. One of them is called Dizzy.

A company from Japan called Nintendo had been making playing cards when they started to make computer games. First their games were for the arcades, but then Nintendo made a computer for the home. They found a young artist that did not know anything about computer games and asked him to make a game. He wanted to make a game that had a story. He created two of the most famous games of all times: Donkey Kong and Super Mario Brothers.

A new arcade game came in 1980, also from Japan, called Pac-man. The game was a hit and very popular with both girls and boys. It became one of the most famous games in the world.



Nintendo had more hit games, but in 1984 they bought a game from a Russian man for their new computer Game Boy. This computer was one of the first small computers on the market and the game was called Tetris.



Questions

1. What was the first computer game called?
2. Where did people play it?
3. From what country did Space Invaders come from?
4. What did the company Nintendo do before they made computer games?
5. How did Nintendo make Donkey Kong and Super Mario Brothers different from games that came before them?



Assignments / discussions

Answer these questions in your notebook or discuss them with a classmate

1. How have computer games changed over the years?
2. What kind of computer games do you play?
3. What is good and what is bad about computer games as you know them?
4. Can you think of a game that is good for you in some way? In what way?
5. Can you think of a game that is bad for you in some way? In what way?
6. How do you think computer games will be like in the future?
7. If you were to make a computer game like the Oliver Twins what would it be like?
8. How would you say computer games have changed over the years? Have they changed in a good way or a bad way?

Wordlist

arcades: tölvuleikjasalir
popular: vinsælt
sold out: uppselt
public: opinber
teenagers: unglingar
programming: forrita
hobby: áhugamál
playing cards: spil
created: bjó til
famous: frægur
bought: keypti



Did you know?

London has played a major role in many films, for example Harry Potter.



There are more than 300 languages spoken in London and over 800 in New York.



Your heartbeat changes as it mimics the music you listen to.

Elvis Presley didn't write any of his songs.

The bestselling instrument in the world is the harmonica.

Playing an instrument can raise your IQ up to five points.



Flowers can grow faster if music is played for them.





Entertainment in London

Travelling is one of the things some people do to entertain themselves, such as during the summer holiday. London is a very popular place to visit, probably because of all the things that you can do there. London is a big city and all kinds of entertainment are available. There are some very famous restaurants, shops and often fantastic musicals. But what else can you do in London? Here are some examples of entertaining things in this big city.



Hamleys

This is a very famous toy shop – one of the most famous in the world. It is named after its first owner, William Hamley, who started the shop in 1760. It was his dream to open the finest toy shop in the world. This toy shop was magnificent and unlike other toy shops at that time. Still today this shop is entertaining for all ages. It is located on Regent Street and spread over seven floors. Each floor has its own theme. Every year millions of people come to visit this shop. You will even be entertained by the staff who work there and show you the toys. You can try out all kinds of toys and enjoy watching others play.

If you visit London one day, it would be entertaining to go to Hamley's.



Questions

Write in your notebook

1. Why is the toy shop called Hamley's?
2. When did the shop open?
3. Where in London is it?
4. Why was this shop opened in the first place?

Extra: Find out using the Internet

1. Are there other Hamley's toy shops in the UK? In other countries in Europe? What about elsewhere in the world?
2. Can you do something else other than buy and look at toys in this shop? What?

English Football

The English Premier League is famous world-wide. The twenty best teams each season are at the top in the Premier League. A lot of people from all over Europe travel to the UK to watch their favourite team. They are fans of the sport. When the fans go to see their team play many put on scarves and hats labelled with their team's logo. If you are at all interested in football it would be entertaining to see a football match in London.



Questions

Write in your notebook

1. How many teams are there in the Premier League?
2. What are the people who come to the matches called?
3. What do they sometimes wear at football matches?

Extra: Find out using the Internet

1. What are the teams in the English Premier League called? And where are they from? (Use a map from your teacher to mark the places.)
2. Find the names of some of the stadiums.
3. Which Icelandic players have played in The Premier League?



Parks

London is a very big city and it has many nice parks. These parks are great for picnics, and some of them even have restaurants, cafés, and boats for rent. One of the most famous ones is Hyde Park. This might be something for you if you like to walk in beautiful scenery or enjoy good food in a nice café.



Questions

Write in your notebook

1. What is the name of one of the most famous parks in London?
2. What can you do in the parks?

Extra: Find out using the Internet

1. If you look at a map of London, how many public parks do you find?
2. Look up some more information about the parks.



Madame Tussaud's

This is one of the most famous tourist stops in London. Madame Tussaud's is on Marylebone Road. It is a wax museum and has wax statues of famous people. They look very real. There are wax statues of Adele, Michael Jackson, Elvis Presley, the Royal Family, Angelina Jolie, One Direction, and Albert Einstein to name a few. These are just a small sample of what you can see. Madame Tussaud's is a great place to visit with the whole family.



Questions

Write in your notebook

1. What can you do at Madame Tussaud's?
2. Where in London is Madame Tussaud's?

Extra: Find out using the Internet.

1. Is your favourite actor/actress in this museum?
2. How is a wax statue made?

Summer vacation

Adam, Wanda, Christina and Jonathan were talking about what they were going to do for their summer vacation. They all have different plans. Listen to the kids talk about their summer vacation. After listening mark true or false on the assignment sheet from your teacher.



Hobbies to entertain me

Entertainment can be for both fun and also for purpose of learning something. People have different ideas about what is entertaining, which is why there are many different kinds of hobbies. Usually hobbies entertain people, so it goes hand in hand.

Tina and her friends Sam, Ryan and Victoria are trying to find hobbies for the winter. They don't all like the same things, but they can still find interesting activities that they might want to try out. Some of them want to continue with what they have been doing, but others want to try new things. Read their conversation.

Tina: Oh nice, the schedule for sports is here!

Sam: Great, I was thinking about practising swimming this winter.

Tina: Why? Didn't you play basketball last winter?

Sam: I did and it was great, but I want to try something else now.

Ryan: That is a good idea. Try out different sports and find out what you like the best. I have already tried football, handball, karate and gymnastics. I liked all of them, but I still want to try more things. I'm thinking of dancing next.

Victoria: I love dancing. I have danced for years, as well as played football. You just have to find things that you like. For me, sports are important in order to get exercise, but I also love music lessons. I have been learning to play the flute, although last winter I also started piano lessons.

Tina: That sounds good. I am thinking of taking some piano lessons as well.

Ryan: I love my music lessons. I have been taking some guitar lessons for two years now.

Sam: I have been thinking about trying out a musical instrument, or even just singing lessons. Swimming and singing next winter—I think that could be great.

Tina: Ok, so everyone seems to have decided what to do but me. I think I will try the piano, and then I need one sport, just to keep me fit. What about judo or even parkour?

Victoria: It doesn't really matter which sport you choose, as long as you are doing something to keep healthy.

Ryan: That is true. Keep healthy by getting some exercise, whatever it is, and eat healthy food. You also need to enjoy your sport. Some like team sports, but others don't.

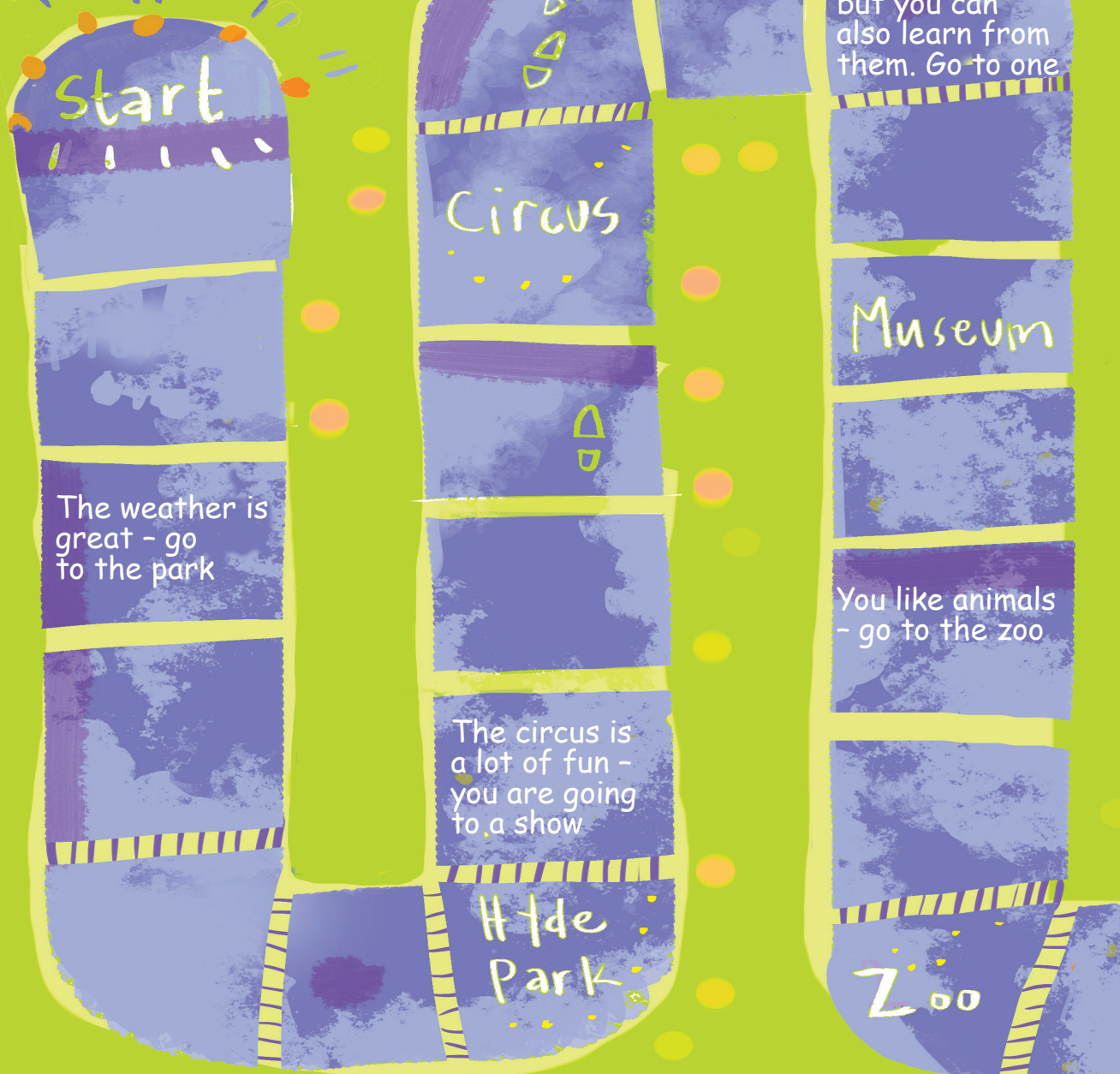
Tina: Right. The most important thing is to find something that you will enjoy.



Assignment

Make a survey about hobbies and then ask other people to answer it. Write down the responses. You can use a survey sheet to fill in the answers.

Board game



Train your brain

- What entertainment do you like? Why?
- What music genre do you like?
- Who is your favourite musician?
- What musical instruments do you like? Why?
- Which museums have you been to?

You are a
football fan -
go to a game

Arcade

Football
game

Music is
great -
find some
concerts

Concert

Toys are your
thing - find
a toy store

You like
computer
games - go to
an arcade

Hamley's

STOP

- Have you ever been abroad? Where did you go? What did you do?
- Do you celebrate Halloween? What do you do?
- Can you think of any other special days that are entertaining? Which ones?
- Do you play any sports? Which ones?
- Do you play computer games? Which ones?

Oliver Twist – Chapter 2



New friends

Oliver walked for days until he finally came to London. His feet were bleeding and his health was very bad. When he was in the middle of a square he fell down on some steps, too weak and hungry to get up. No one looked at him nor spoke to him. Oliver didn't care if he lived or died.

“Hey there, are you hungry?” asked a young boy standing over Oliver. The boy was about Oliver’s age and was smiling. “Yes,” said Oliver in a trembling voice.

Minutes later he came back with some nice bread and meat for Oliver. Oliver’s hunger was so great that he gulped the whole thing down without a word.

“My name is Jack, Jack Dawkins, but everyone calls me the Artful Dodger,” said the boy. “Do you have any place to sleep tonight?” Dodger asked. Oliver shook his head. “I know a nice gentleman that will take you in. You won’t have to pay or anything,” said Dodger.

That sounded too good to be true for Oliver, but he didn’t have any choice.

The Dodger took Oliver from the city centre into some really dirty streets. Finally, they arrived at a house where Dodger took him up the stairs to an attic. There Oliver could see some boys his age, as well as a gentleman with big red hair wearing a long coat. The man was called Fagin and was kind to him, giving Oliver some food.

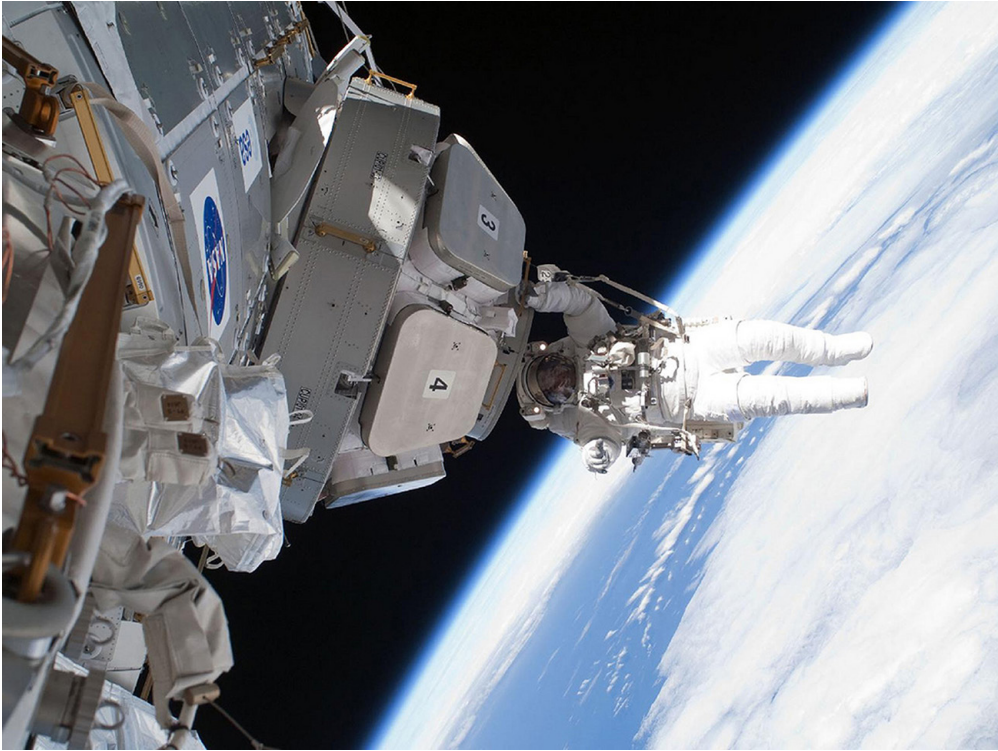
As Oliver was eating and enjoying the company of his new friends a large, mean-looking man walked into the room. With him was a big dog with a wrinkled face. The man, named Bill Sikes, demanded food and drink immediately. Both Fagin and the boys seemed to be scared of him. There was also a young woman with Bill that everyone called Nancy. Oliver liked Nancy because she treated everyone kind and had a warm smile.

Oliver had noticed that the boys went outside every day and brought things back to give to Fagin, such as handkerchiefs, wallets and pens. One day, after Oliver had been with his new friends for a while, Fagin sent him and Dodger into the city. Oliver enjoyed going out and was thinking about how lucky he was to have these new friends. Suddenly, however, that changed. Oliver and Dodger were standing by a bookstall in the street when Dodger took something from a gentleman’s pocket. Oliver froze when he realized what had happened. Then the man looked at Oliver and screamed “Stop! Thief!” Oliver turned around to look for Dodger, but he was gone. Oliver didn’t have any choice but to run away.

Space



alien, astronaut, Earth, moon, planet, solar system, space



I want to be an astronaut

Tom was at home trying to do his homework, but he was not doing that well. How could his teacher make such a difficult assignment?

Tom could hardly concentrate. It was much easier to play a computer game or do something else. His mother was always asking him if he had finished his homework, but the answer was always no. It was not a boring assignment, if you knew the answer to it. The assignment was to write about a job or a profession that you think is interesting and explain in detail why you think that. Tomorrow all the kids in the class were going to stand up and tell the others about their assignment.

[Ding, dong]. Someone was at the door. It was his friend Kate.

“Have you finished your homework already?” Tom asked, annoyed.

“Yes, I have. It was so much fun,” Kate answered. Tom was not that happy to hear this. Kate then asked, “Have you not finished, yet? I can help you. Do you want me to help you?”

That sounded awesome. Kate was such a good friend.

Kate told him everything about how she did her assignment. She had always loved animals and therefore she wanted to be a vet. They help all the sick animals and get to be with animals all day long. She told him how she made this great poster about what vets do and what you have to do to become a vet. She was so excited. She went on and on.

Tom was a bit confused. How could he do such a fine project like Kate did?

“Kate, you did a very good assignment and you obviously put a lot of effort into it. But I just don’t know what to write about,” said Tom.

“Tom, what do you find interesting? What do you like doing?” Kate asked.

“I like learning about space. Space shuttles, the solar system and everything connected to that,” Tom said. “I find it all so interesting, how there are so many other planets. I always wonder, is there life on other planets? And will we ever find out?”

“That is amazing, Tom. You can write something about that,” Kate said.

“Thank you, Kate. You really helped me,” Tom said. “This will be easy. I want to be an astronaut.”

Wordlist

assignment: verkefni

concentrate: einbeita

vet: dýralæknir

obviously: augljóslega

astronaut: geimfari

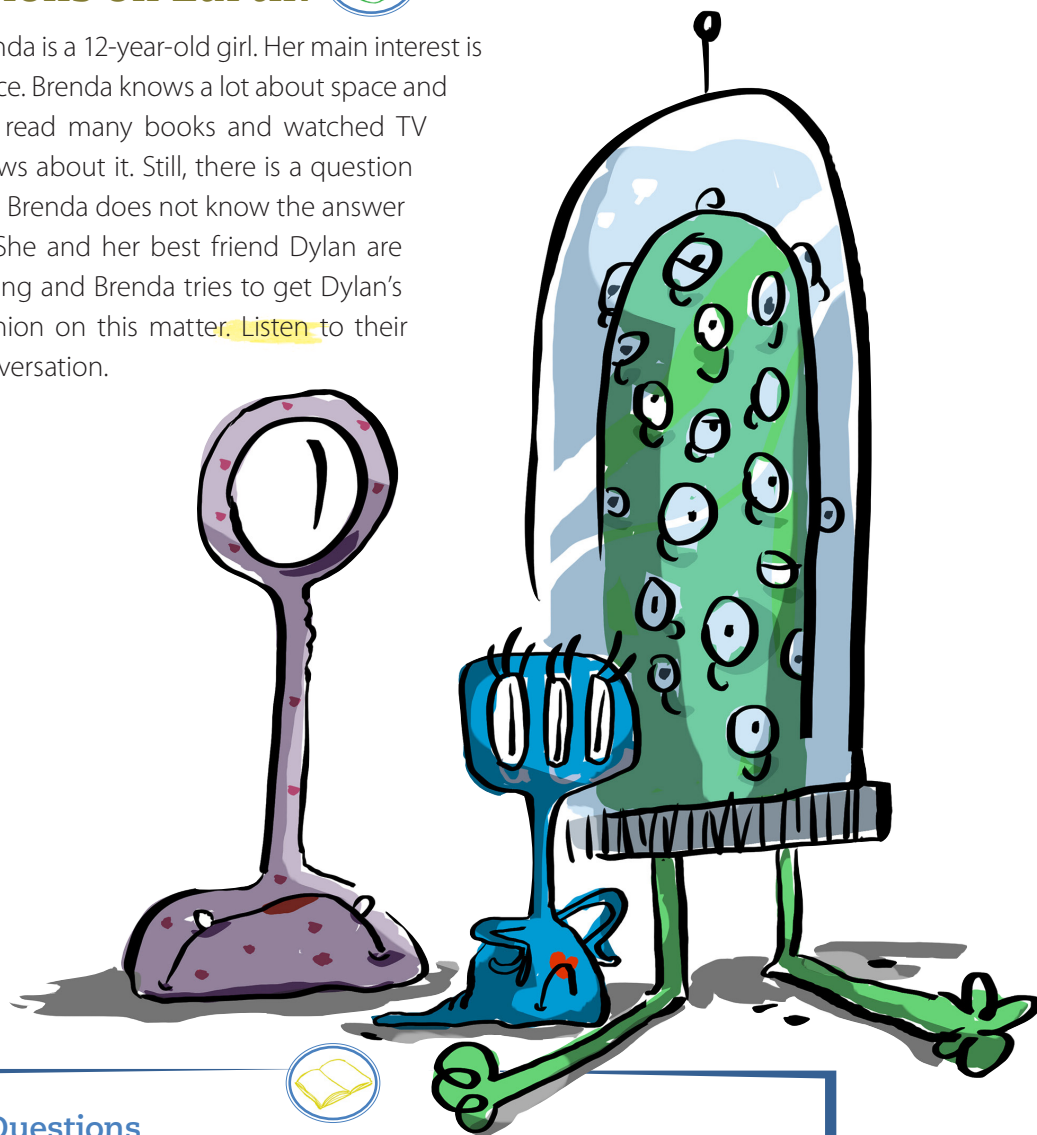


Writing

What do you find interesting and what do you want to know more about? Use the assignment (KWL table) from your teacher.

Aliens on Earth?

Brenda is a 12-year-old girl. Her main interest is space. Brenda knows a lot about space and has read many books and watched TV shows about it. Still, there is a question that Brenda does not know the answer to. She and her best friend Dylan are talking and Brenda tries to get Dylan's opinion on this matter. **Listen** to their conversation.



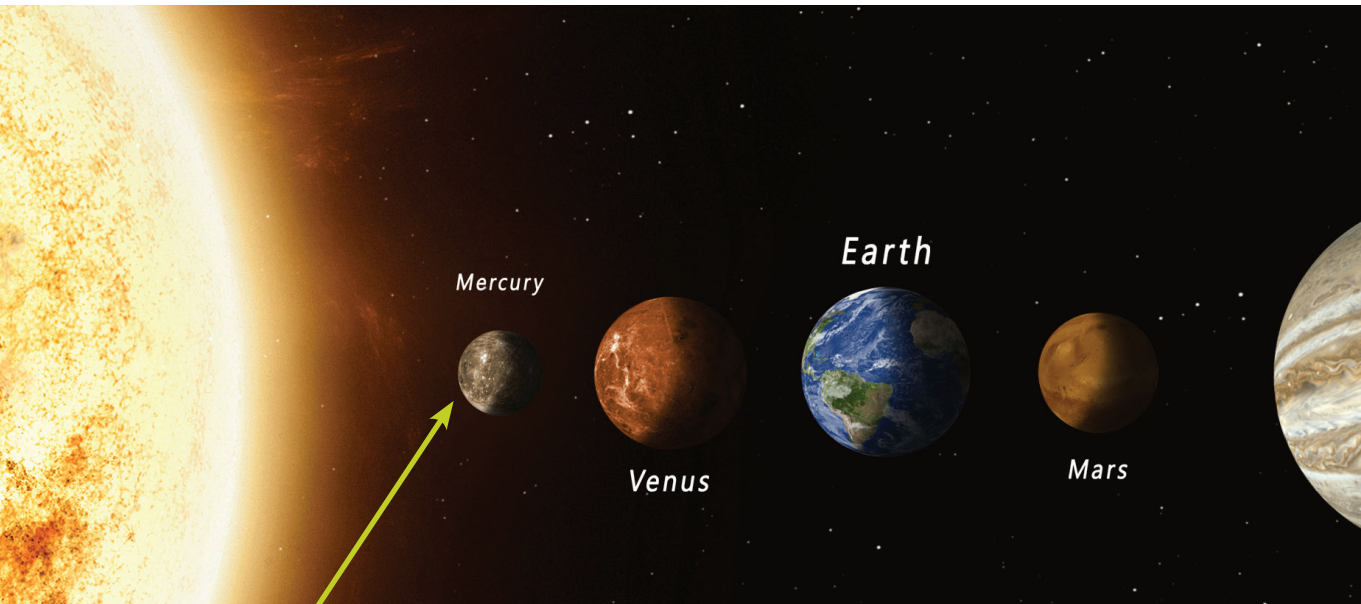
Questions

Answer in your notebook

1. Hvaða hugmyndir hefur Dylan um líf á öðrum hnöttum?
2. Hvernig heldur Brenda að geimverur líti út?
3. Hvers vegna vonar Dylan að geimverur hafi ekki komið til jarðarinnar?
4. Hverju vill Brenda að þau einbeiti sér að núna?

The solar system

The solar system consists of the Sun, planets, dwarf planets, over 100 moons and other things. There are eight planets and all of them except Earth are named after Roman gods.



Mercury

Mercury is the smallest planet in the solar system and closest to the sun. The days on Mercury are very hot, but the nights are very cold. The Roman god Mercury could fly from place to place and the planet is named after him because it moves quite swiftly.

Venus

Venus is the sixth largest planet in the solar system and it is similar in size to the Earth. It is the hottest planet, with the surface temperature over 400° C, and the heat is always the same, day or night. Venus gets its name from the Roman goddess of love.

The Earth

The Earth is the fifth largest planet. It is the only planet where we know life exists. The temperature is just right, being not too close to the Sun nor too far away. **Earth is the only planet not named after a god.**

Mars

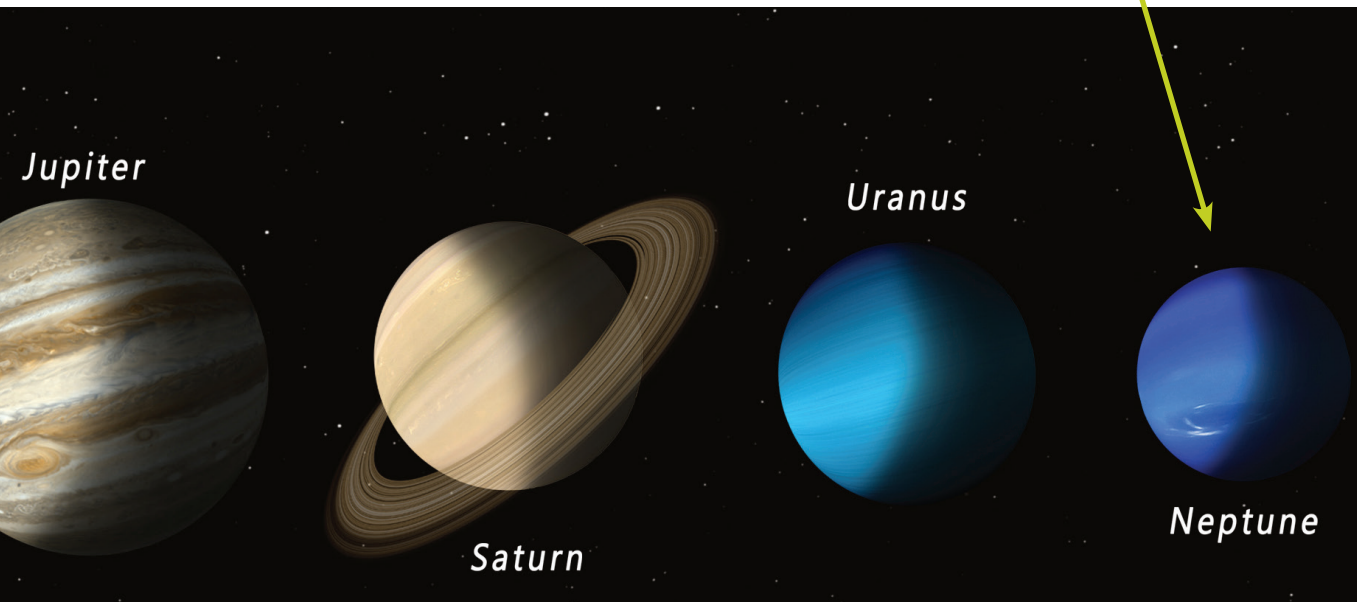
Mars is the second smallest planet, often called the red planet because of its colour. Mars gets its name after the Roman god of war. The biggest mountains in the solar system are on Mars.

Jupiter

Jupiter is the largest planet in the solar system. This is why it is named after the king of the Roman gods.

Neptune

Neptune is farthest from the sun and the fourth biggest planet in the solar system. Neptune is the coldest planet. The blue colour of Neptune comes from the gas around it. It gets its name from the Roman god of the sea because of the blue colour.



Saturn

Saturn is the second largest planet in the solar system. It is known for the rings around it. It is not the only planet with rings, but rather the only one with visible rings. Saturn is the god of agriculture and the father of Jupiter.

Uranus

Uranus is the third largest planet. It is similar to Neptune – these two are often called twins because of that. Uranus gets its name from the Greek god of the sky.



Questions

Answer in your notebook

1. Which planet is the largest?
2. Which planet is the only one with visible rings?
3. Which one is the smallest planet?
4. Which one is the coldest planet?
5. Which one is the hottest?
6. And which one is the blue planet?



Going to Space

To become an astronaut you need to:

- Be fit, which means that your body needs to be in good shape. When you are in training you get to do all kinds of exercises, some underwater.
- Get used to being weightless.
- Have good mental health.
- Have a good education in science.
- Have some piloting experience.
- Be ready to eat dry food.
- Live without a shower when in space.
- Sleep in a sleeping bag that holds you still.

What else do you need as an astronaut?

The astronaut Bjarni Tryggvason

Bjarni Tryggvason is the first Icelander to travel into Space. He was born September 21, 1945. He was born in Iceland, but moved to Canada very young and has lived there all his life. In 1997 he went to Space with the space shuttle Discovery. Bjarni said that going to Space didn't change him, but that it showed him what we humans are doing on earth. By this he means all the pollution that he saw from Space. He could not see all the countries because of pollution.

[Find more information about other astronauts.](#)

Alien mysteries

Over the years people have wondered about space. What is out there and what is it like? We have learned a lot about space over the past decades, but one question is still a mystery: Is there life on other planets? Some believe that there is life in outer space and even say they have seen aliens or spacecraft from space. Sometimes there have been news reports about things that happened and are believed to be connected to space or even aliens. Read about some mysterious news from all over the world.

Iceland

In November 1993 people waited on Snæfellsjökull for aliens to arrive. There had been rumours that a UFO would land there on a specific day. Icelanders, foreigners, and of course the media waited for a long time. No aliens or UFO's showed up.

Texas, USA

A circle of lights made the people of Houston, Texas wonder what was going on. On this August night in 2014 lights that looked like something from space lit up the sky. Many people took pictures of the lights and began to wonder what this could be.

England

A crop circle is when a shape is formed in a field of grass or corn. This is usually done overnight. Large crop circles were made in July 2014 in England. Some believe this was done by humans, but others say aliens are to blame.

[Find more stories about aliens.](#)





A visit to the space museum



The kids in sixth grade were recently learning about space. Their teacher took them to the new space museum. There they learned a lot of interesting things about space. **Listen to** the guide of the museum teach them new facts.



Questions

Answer in your notebook

1. What is the museum called?
2. What is this museum about?
3. What happened on July 21st 1969?
4. What was the name of the man who first stepped on the moon?
5. How many men were on the spacecraft?
6. In the end what does the museum guide ask the students to do?
7. What was the famous sentence Neil Armstrong said when stepping on the moon for the first time? And what do you think it means? Write both the sentence in your notebook and the meaning (you may write the meaning in Icelandic).
8. Now find the perfect name for the museum. Everybody write their idea on a piece of paper. You can vote for the best name.

Song

“The Final Countdown”

(Europe)

We're leaving together
But still it's farewell
And maybe we'll come back
To earth, who can tell?

I guess there is no one to blame
We're leaving ground (leaving ground)
Will things ever be the same again?
It's the final countdown

The final countdown

Oh, we're heading for Venus (Venus)
And still we stand tall
Cause maybe they've seen us
And welcome us all, yeah
With so many light years to go
And things to be found (to be found)
I'm sure that we'll all miss her so
It's the final countdown

The final countdown

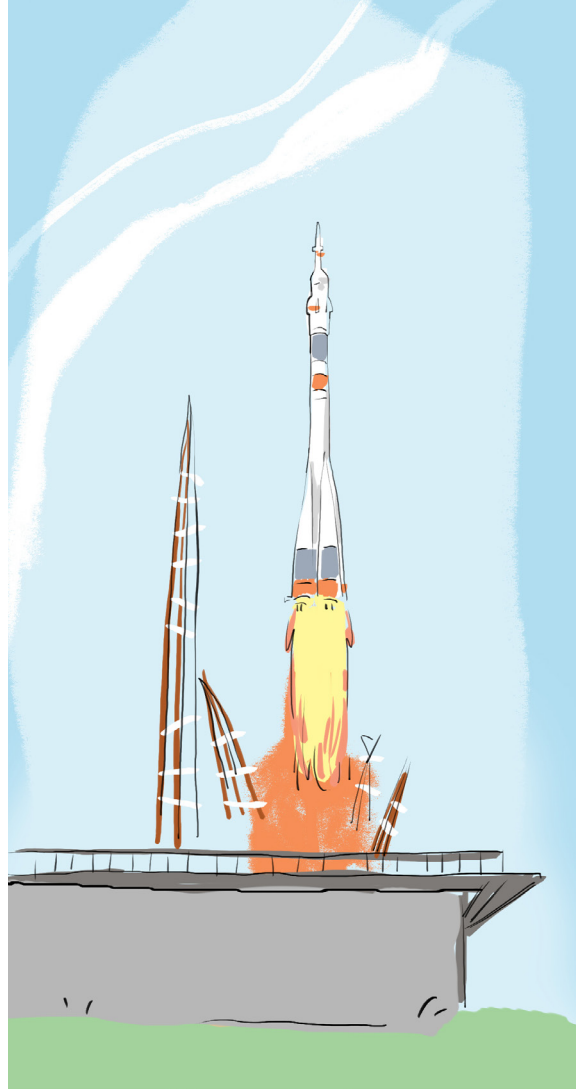
The final countdown (final countdown)

Oh ... oh

The final countdown

Oh ... oh

It's the final countdown
The final countdown
The final countdown (final countdown)
It's the final countdown
We're leaving together
The final countdown
We'll all miss her so
It's the final countdown (final
countdown)
Oh, it's the final countdown



Questions

Answer in your notebook

1. What is this song about?
2. What do you think of travelling in space?
3. What do you think goes through the astronaut's mind when he leaves earth?
4. How do you feel when you listen to the song?



Learning about space

Josh just got a new book and he is really excited about it. Now read the conversation between him and his friend Louise.

Josh: I love this book!

Louise: What is it about?

Josh: It's about the space.

Louise: Interesting.

Josh: I know. I'm learning so much. Do you know the names of all the planets?

Louise: I'm not sure. Maybe some of them. I know Earth, Venus, Saturn, Mars and Pluto.

Josh: Those are right, but you're missing some of them. Here they are in the right order: Mercury, Venus, Earth, Mars, Jupiter, Saturn, Uranus and Neptune.

Louise: Wow, you are very good at this. What about Pluto?

Josh: It is not a planet, but rather a dwarf planet.

Louise: Ok, I didn't know that. Do you think it will be possible to travel in space in the future?

Josh: People do travel into space. They are called astronauts.



Louise: I know. I was thinking that it would be cool if we travelled in space.

Josh: Sounds awesome. Imagine if we were to travel into space soon. What would we take with us?

Louise: Food definitely. But what kind of food can we take with us?

Josh: We have to travel light. So we need special astronaut's food.

Louise: Yes, of course, but what is special astronaut's food?

Josh: It is dried food, I think, and maybe powdered food that is mixed with water. We need to read more about that to find out.

Louise: Yes, let's do that. How do we sleep?

Josh: I'm not sure. I think we need some special sleeping bags because there is no gravity in space.

Louise: This is so exciting. What else do we need?

Josh: (fading) We need something to do. And ...



Assignment

Draw and write what you would bring with you into space.



Miriam's mystery

It was late and Miriam was supposed to be asleep, but instead she was looking out the window. Her mother was coming home tomorrow after a few days away. Miriam was too excited to sleep, even though her father had told her many times to get some rest. It was dark outside and the lights from the houses and the street lights were so nice. Mostly Miriam loved looking at the stars and the sky. The stars and the mysterious things in the sky interested her and sometimes she imagined what it was like to be up there.

Suddenly Miriam saw lights in the sky, like something was on fire. She was a bit scared, but also so curious to see what was going on. With her eyes wide open she saw something in the garden. It looked like it had crashed, with smoke coming from it. Then a door opened and something entered into her own backyard. Was it ...? Could it really be ...? Yes, without a doubt there was an alien right there in front of her.



Assignment

Make the alien that Miriam saw. Use paper, paint, crayons, scissors and even fabric.

Write about your alien and keep these things in mind

1. What is the alien called?
2. How old is the alien?
3. What does it look like?
4. Where does it come from?
5. What are the alien's interests?
6. What kind of alien is it? Describe it.

Write the alien's story

Where was it coming from and where was it going?
When did it crash into Miriam's backyard?

Make your own outer space

Fill it with stars and other things you might find in space.



Train your brain

- What are the names of the planets in our solar system?
- What have you learned from this chapter?
- Would you like to go to space? Why or why not?
- What is your opinion about aliens?
- Can you name some astronauts? Which ones?
- What do you think being an astronaut is like?

Oliver Twist – Chapter 3



A little luck

“Stop him!” the bystanders yelled. Followed by a crowd of people, Oliver ran with tears in his eyes until someone threw a stone at his head. He fell down into the mud, flat on his stomach.

When he woke up a policeman and the man that Dodger had stolen from was there. The policeman dragged Oliver into a courtroom, where a judge asked him if he was the thief. Before Oliver had a chance to answer the man from the bookstall spoke. “I am sorry to interrupt, Judge, but

I am the victim here. My name is Mr. Brownlow and I don't think this boy is guilty of anything except being sick and weak. I would like to ask for him to be released." The judge looked at Mr. Brownlow and then at Oliver. "Well Boy, I guess the luck is following you today—you are free to go."

Oliver was still dazed after being hit by the rock. Once he was out of the courthouse he fell on the steps. Mr. Brownlow ran up to him and grabbed his hand. "Come on Boy, I will help you." Mr. Brownlow took Oliver to his nice house and asked him questions about his life. Oliver told him everything, from the time in the workhouse to when he met Fagin and the gang.

Mr. Brownlow listened carefully to his story and in the end offered Oliver to live with him and Mrs. Bedwin, his housekeeper. Mr Brownlow said that Oliver's face reminded him of somebody, but he could not put his finger on it. Oliver was delighted and really thankful for Mr. Brownlow's kindness. Over the next few weeks Oliver discovered a new life. Mr. Brownlow taught him to read and play chess, as well as introduce him to music and cultural things. Mrs. Bedwin gave Oliver baths, new clothes and the best food Oliver had ever eaten. Oliver was happier than he could ever imagine was possible. In Mr. Brownlow's house was a wall full of photos. Oliver really liked a photo of a young woman. Mr. Brownlow said that this woman was his niece, Agnes. He said that she was in some kind of trouble and was probably dead.

One day Mr. Brownlow asked Oliver to go to the bookstall and deliver some books. Oliver was delighted to be able to do something for Mr. Brownlow after everything that the gentleman had done for him. He took the books and five pounds and left. "I will not let you down, Mr. Brownlow. I will be right back," Oliver shouted as he ran down the street. Mrs. Bedwin watched him from the window and waved.

Before Oliver reached the bookstore he was grabbed by someone and pulled aside. "There you are, my little runaway brother," the woman shouted. Oliver was shocked and tried to get away. He saw that it was Nancy and started to scream "No! Help me! No!" Then Bill Sikes came out of a nearby house. The dog was with him and together they dragged Oliver back to Fagin's place. "What do you want from me?" Oliver yelled when they finally let him go. "Well, my dear boy, you are one of us now and while we have you here we know that you will not go to the police," Bill replied. "Don't worry, we will make good use of you."

Jobs



bus driver, doctor, dog walker, fire fighter, hair dresser, inventor, plumber, teacher

New inventions

A lot of people work in the business of inventing things. They are inventors. They try to invent things that are new, that will help people, or that they will enjoy. These people spend a lot of time and energy trying to be creative and bring something completely new to the world.

Then there are some things that were invented by accident and often because people were trying to do something very different. Some of those accidental inventions are things that we use often and cannot imagine life without. Read about these accidental inventions.

Potato chips

It was the year 1853 when George Crum, a chef, was making fries. A customer said that the fries were too thick. George made thinner fries, but the customer was never happy. In the end George made fries that were too thin to eat with a knife and a fork. George thought that the customer would not like them, but he did! As a result, potato chips were invented.



The microwave

Percy Spencer invented the microwave in the year 1946. Spencer was trying to find a new use for a magnetron, which is used in radar systems. While Spencer was doing this his chocolate bar melted. He started trying it with other things and before long the microwave was invented.



Post-it notes

Spencer Silver was trying to make very strong glue. Instead, he made very weak glue that could stick to things, but came off easily without marks. Later that weak glue was used on paper and Post-it notes were invented.





Corn Flakes

The two brothers John and Will Kellogg were boiling grain one day and accidentally left it for a few days after it had been boiled. When they found the grain again flakes had been formed. They toasted them and then tried them out. This was the beginning of Corn Flakes as we know it.

Chewing gum

The year 1870 a man named Thomas Adams was using products from South American trees to try to make rubber material. It didn't work, so he put it in his mouth. Adams had invented chewing gum.



Extra reading

Find more inventions online and read about them.



Assignment

The inventions you have just read about were all made by accident. That means that the person who discovered them wasn't trying to invent that thing. Nonetheless, these things are all known products today and some are used a lot.

What would you like to invent? Is there anything that you think could make your life easier? Or even things that might make your life more fun? Follow these steps to make your own invention. Keep in mind that it doesn't have to be real, just useful or fun.

1. The first part is getting an idea for something that is new and useful.
2. Next, you need to design it by drawing your idea. Then write a text to explain how it works.
3. The last step is to make your idea come to life.

Wordlist

enjoy: njóta

energy: orka

creative: hugmyndaríkur

completely: algjörlega

invention: uppfinning

accident: slys

imagine: ímynda

customer: viðskiptavinur

knife: hnífur

fork: gaffall

microwave: örbylgja

melted: bráðnað

glue: lím

stove: eldavélarhella

toasted: ristað

rubber material: gúmmiefni

Do you know these jobs?

The hairdresser

I meet a lot of new people every day. I like to talk to different people. I have to be careful with the scissors. I don't want to cut people's hair the wrong way.



The firefighter

My job is very challenging. I have to be in good shape so I can help people in difficult situations. I have to wear special clothes and a helmet in my work. I like to help people.



The teacher

I get to work with children all day. I teach them something new every class and try to have fun. I have the chance to do something different every day. I sometimes go on field trips with children.



The doctor

I meet sick people every day. I do my best to make them better. Sometimes I work in the hospital and sometimes in the clinic.

The business manager

I work in an office all day. I work on the computer and talk on the phone a lot. I also go to lots of meetings with new people.

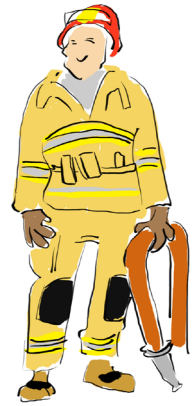




What are the jobs?



There are many more jobs to be found. Many people choose their jobs based on their own interests. Now **listen** to the jobs being described and find out what they are.



Use the words for help and write your answers in your notebook.

mechanic	librarian
carpenter	chef
farmer	baker
bus driver	plumber
nurse	author



Writing

Apply for the job using the form from your teacher.

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Declan's first job

Job interview

Declan needed a job. He was 24 years old and had just finished school. He had studied his whole life, so this was his first job. He was worried and nervous for his job interview, but he had prepared himself very well. He came to the office and met Fiona, the woman that was interviewing people for the job. Luckily, Fiona was very kind and made Declan feel better.

Fiona: Welcome, Declan, to our office. I can see here in your papers that you have just finished school. Is this your first job?

Declan: Thank you. Yes, this would be my first job, since I have been studying my whole life. I just graduated last month, so now I need a job.

Fiona: Great, that is very exciting for you. What is it about our company that makes you want to work for us?

Declan: Well, I have heard some good things about your company. I think that it could be a perfect place for me to start my career and try the things I learned in school.

Fiona: Right. What are the good things about you that I need to know.

Declan: Hmmm, I am never late and I am a hard worker. I am also very excited to learn new things.

Fiona: That sounds good. What about working with others?

Declan: In school I had to do a lot of assignments with other students. It always worked very well.

Fiona: Good. Are there any other things that I need to know? Any negative things?

Declan: Ha! Good question. Well, my parents say that I watch too much TV and play my music too loud. But the fact is that I really would like this job and am willing to do my very best.

Fiona: Well, I don't think watching too much TV or loud music is going to be a problem. So I think this is it. We will be in touch.

Declan: Thank you very much.

Fiona: Thank you, Declan, for coming.



Work in pairs

Apply for a job

Now get the application form you filled out earlier and pair up with a classmate. Take turns being the person that applies for a job and the other person that hires. Use the conversation above to get ideas for questions.

Best job in the world?

There are many different jobs that people can choose from, but not all of them are jobs that we have heard of. Some are very interesting and even sound more like a hobby than a job. Here below you can read about some amazing jobs that actually exist.

A waterslide tester

A travel company has a person working for them going around the world to holiday resorts that has waterslides. The person's job is to try the waterslides and tell the company how they were.

Lifestyle photographer

You need to be interested in fun things and be good at taking photos. This person works by taking photos of fun, interesting and lively things, and often writing about them as well. It doesn't matter if it is fashion, music, festivals or restaurants – for this job you need to check it all out!

Wildlife caretaker

In South Australia there is an island called Kangaroo Island. A person works there taking care of the animals and the landscape. Swimming with the dolphins and talking to the kangaroos is a part of this job. Walking around taking photographs of the pure nature and amazing animals is how the day is spent.

Dog walker

Dogs need training and exercise. Some people have dogs but don't have the time to take them for a walk and play with them. That is why there are those that get paid to walk other people's dogs.

Personal shopper

This person helps you pick out things that suit you and are in fashion each time. The work place could be the shopping mall with a customer that wants to buy new clothes.



Event planner

Event planners organise big events for people or even companies. Weddings, birthdays, concerts and all kinds of fun things need to be planned very carefully. A person who has this job knows all the best food, deals and musicians.

Extra reading

Find more information online about dream jobs.



Writing

Write about your dream job. You can get writing forms from your teacher to help you get started.

You never know what your future holds

Iceland has had a president since 1944 when we became an independent nation. Vigdís Finnbogadóttir was our fourth president. Vigdís Finnbogadóttir was born in Reykjavík on April 15th 1930. She was the first woman in the world to be elected president on June 29th 1980. She was the president of Iceland for 16 years.

Before Vigdís became president she was a French teacher. She always liked learning languages. She was also very interested in the theatre and had different jobs related to that field.

The fact that Iceland had a female president got a lot of attention all over the world. She was liked everywhere, known for being a great role model, and did a great job introducing Iceland.

Today Vigdís still works with languages. She cares a lot about the Icelandic language and believes that every language holds the story of the country that uses it. She also knows the importance of teaching and learning foreign languages to be able to communicate with people from other countries.



Extra reading

Find something more on the Internet or in books about Vigdís Finnbogadóttir or other Icelandic presidents.



Assignment

Answer in your notebook and then share with your neighbour

Do you think it is an easy or difficult job to be a president of a country?
Explain your answer.

Writing

Finish the sentence below and write a few more lines.
If I were the president of Iceland I would ...

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Jobs for kids

Why do people work? Are there jobs for kids, and are kids allowed to work? Listen to this online communication between a ten-year-old and an advisor. After listening, finish the assignment sheet from your teacher.



Train your brain

- How many jobs can you name?
- What do you think is the coolest invention you've heard of?
- Have you ever invented something? What was it?
- People work to earn some money for living. What other reasons do you think people have for working?
- Can women and men have the same jobs? Why or why not?

Oliver Twist – Chapter 4



A surprise ending

When Bill left the room Fagin came over to Oliver, looking very serious. "Oliver," he said in a quiet voice, "remember to do everything that Bill tells you. He could do you harm if you don't." Oliver became worried. Later that day Bill entered the room. "I have a job for you," he said. "There's a house I am going to rob and I need your help." "No, I can't do it," Oliver cried. Bill pulled a gun and put it against Oliver's head. "Yes, you will, or I will smash your head in – do you understand?" "Yes sir," Oliver replied.

Bill dragged Oliver down many alleys and then out of the city. They had walked for two hours before they finally reached a house in the countryside. They hid and waited until the clock struck midnight and all the lights in the house were turned off. Bill dragged Oliver over to one of the windows. "See that lock on the door? Go and open it for me." Oliver nodded, scared of Bill and his gun. Bill helped Oliver through the window and told him that he would point the pistol at him the whole way. When the door was open Bill ran into the house. Oliver stood there, shaking. He couldn't stand the thought that he was part of a robbery and decided to do something about it.

He dropped the light that he was holding. Instantly he heard footsteps on the floor above him. When Bill arrived at the door he screamed at Oliver, "What have you done, you fool?" Suddenly two gunshots were fired. One shot hit Oliver in the arm. Bill grabbed him and dragged him out of the house as fast as he could to get away, but it wasn't fast enough. "You are too slow," he told Oliver. "You can die here," he said, throwing him in a ditch and running away. Oliver lay there cold and hurt and could not move at all.

When Bill came home Nancy came running to him. "Where is Oliver?" she asked. Bill did not answer and looked unhappy. Nancy asked again: "Bill, what did you do?" Bill growled and said, "I left him, he sold me out. He is lying in a ditch somewhere getting what he deserves." Nancy took her coat and ran outside without saying a word to Bill. "Go after her," Bill shouted to his dog.

Nancy ran and ran until she found Oliver lying in his own blood. Oliver was very grateful for Nancy's kindness. Nancy told Oliver that she had found his friend Mr. Brownlow and was going to take Oliver to him. "We are going to meet him at dawn on the London Bridge," she said. Oliver could not believe the great news. "Come with me Nancy, Mr. Brownlow will take care of you too," he said. "No I can't," she replied. "I have been a thief all my life. It is too late for me to change. Besides, Bill needs me."

Together Oliver and Nancy walked from the countryside to the London Bridge, trying to get there before dawn. Neither of them noticed the dog that followed them or the man behind the dog.

Finally they were at the bridge. Oliver was so happy to see Mr. Brownlow that he hurried to him as fast as he could, holding his bloody arm. When he was halfway to Mr. Brownlow he heard Nancy cry: "No Bill, please no!"

“You betrayed me Nancy – I trusted you,” Bill said, standing behind Nancy and pointing a gun at her. “Bill, you can still trust me – I just wanted Oliver to get the life he should have...” Nancy cried. BANG. Bill pulled the trigger and Nancy fell to the ground. “Nooooo!” cried Oliver. Mr. Brownlow ran to Oliver and took him in his arms.

Nancy was lying on the ground and there was blood everywhere. A crowd gathered around her body while Bill ran away with the dog behind him. “He did it!” a man called from the crowd, pointing towards Bill. The crowd ran after Bill, who climbed a rooftop in a desperate attempt to get away. When a police officer came after him Bill found a rope to tie around him so he could jump over to the next rooftop. As he was tying the rope he fell down from the roof and the rope tightened around his neck. Bill Sikes hanged himself. With his master hanging in the air his dog tried to jump up to reach him. In one of his attempts his head hit the windowsill and he died.

Oliver and Mr. Brownlow went home, where Oliver received some really interesting news. Mr. Brownlow had found out that Oliver’s mother was called Agnes and that she was Mr. Brownlow’s niece. When Mr. Brownlow got this information he asked if he could adopt Oliver. He told Oliver that they would now live together in his house and he would be raised as his son. Oliver could not have been happier.



Board game





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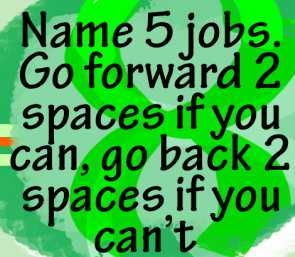
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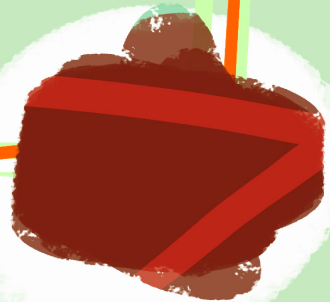
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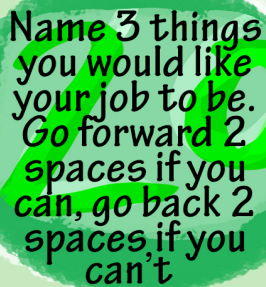
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job interview.
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