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Activities

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Hollande - 'we are at war' (Page 1)

Instructions: Read the article 'Hollande - we are at war'.

Fill in the boxes with the correct answers to find the mystery word.

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Clues

1. The *Charles de Gaulle* is a large _____ - powered aircraft carrier
2. The French president also announced a state of _____
3. IS is also known as ISIS, ISIL and _____
4. François _____, the president of France, was at the sports stadium
5. During the game there were three large _____ outside the stadium
6. Specially trained police arrived and _____ the theater
7. Last year the U.S. set up an anti-IS _____
8. A _____ was a large Muslim area ruled by one person
9. IS leaders do not believe in _____
10. In Islam there is a divide between _____ and Shia Muslims

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Blue dragon (Page 10)

Instructions: Read the article 'Blue dragon'.

Check either true or false for the following statements.

	TRUE	FALSE
1. Blue dragons are invertebrates, they do not have a backbone, or spine.		
2. The creatures do not float upside-down.		
3. Blue dragons are known to attack much bigger marine creatures including poisonous jellyfish.		
4. On each side there are six appendages called cerata.		
5. Their top, or underwater, side is a green color.		
6. Blue dragons seem to prefer colder waters.		
7. The jellyfish's poison, or venom, does not affect the blue dragons.		
8. Their underside, or the one facing the sky, is a blue color.		
9. Each blue dragon is both a male and female.		
10. They are blown along by the wind and drift with the currents.		

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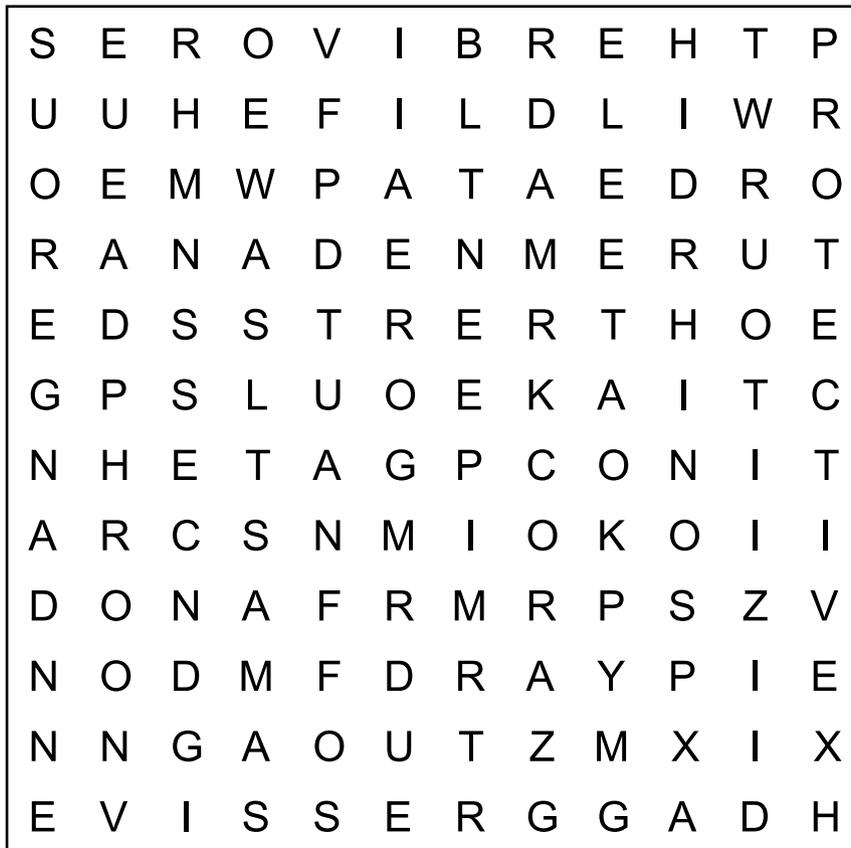
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Pygmy hippo baby (Page 3)

Instructions: Read the article 'Pygmy hippo baby'.

1. Find the key words in the wordsearch below. Words can go in any direction.
2. Take the first 41 unused letters, starting at the top left-hand corner of the box.
3. Put these letters into the squares at the bottom of the page to discover the mystery phrase.



Key words

WILDLIFE	RHINOS
AGGRESSIVE	NOCTURNAL
ENDANGERED	PROTECTIVE
HERBIVORES	ZOOKEEPER
MAMMALS	AFRICA
HIPPOPOTAMUS	DANGEROUS

Mystery phrase

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Penguin numbers (Page 6)

Instructions: Read the article 'Penguin numbers'.
Draw a line to connect the correct links. The first is done for you.

Largest	Birds
Penguins	Hemisphere
Researchers	Emperor
Nesting	Regurgitate
Tobogganing	Glacial period
Southern	Australia
Ice Age	Rookeries
Krill	Stomachs

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Young Al fails to sell (Page 3)

Instructions: Read the article 'Young Al fails to sell'.
Answer questions 1-8. The first is done for you.

1. I have a very long neck and tail.

S A U R O P O D

2. I am the American state in which Young Al was found.

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3. I study fossils.

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4. In Greek I mean "tyrant lizard".

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5. I am a meat eater.

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6. I was bought by a museum in Denmark.

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7. We are at the end of Young Al's three fingers.

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8. I am a "different lizard" dinosaur.

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World Map (Page 13)

Instructions: Listed below are 12 countries. Eliminate from the list those countries that appear on the map of the world. You will be left with one country that is not named on the map. That is the answer.

New Zealand

Israel

Brunei

Panama

Australia

Ireland

Sierra Leone

Turkey

Tunisia

Argentina

China

Philippines

Missing Country =

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Flag choice (Page 11)

Instructions: Read the article 'Flag choice'.

Fill in the boxes with the correct answers to find the mystery word.

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Clues

1. The first European _____ arrived in New Zealand in 1642
2. The Southern Cross is in the Crux _____, or group of stars
3. The Canadian flag is red and white with a large red maple _____ in the center
4. New Zealand is a _____ realm
5. The Australian flag also has a blue _____ and Union Jack
6. The _____ officially made New Zealand part of the British Empire
7. The Maori are the _____ people of New Zealand
8. The Union Jack is the flag of the _____ Kingdom (UK)
9. New Zealand has a world famous _____ team
10. John Key is New Zealand's prime _____