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## Activities

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## Secretarybirds' stamp (Page 12)

**Instructions:** Read the article 'Secretarybirds' stamp'.  
Check either true or false for the following statements.

|                                                                                        | TRUE | FALSE |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------|-------|
| 1. Secretarybirds have been seen near wild grass fires.                                |      |       |
| 2. The researchers did some experiments with a captive secretarybird in the U.S.       |      |       |
| 3. Secretarybirds feature on the coat of arms of Sudan and Angola.                     |      |       |
| 4. When looking for something to eat, the secretarybird walks on the ground.           |      |       |
| 5. Secretarybirds strike their prey with a force four times their own bodyweight.      |      |       |
| 6. Hundreds of years ago, people who wrote official documents were called secretaries. |      |       |
| 7. When hunting, the birds tread on clumps of vegetation.                              |      |       |
| 8. Secretarybirds are expert kickboxers.                                               |      |       |
| 9. The birds have eagle-like bodies and very short legs.                               |      |       |
| 10. Secretarybirds like open grasslands, or savannas.                                  |      |       |

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## Devils Hole pupfish (Page 18)

**Instructions:** Read the article 'Devils Hole pupfish'.

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.

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**Key words**

|         |            |
|---------|------------|
| RAREST  | LIMESTONE  |
| HABITAT | SHALLOW    |
| OXYGEN  | EVOLVED    |
| CAVERN  | ALGAE      |
| SPECIES | INBREEDING |
| NEVADA  | UNHEALTHY  |

**Mystery phrase**

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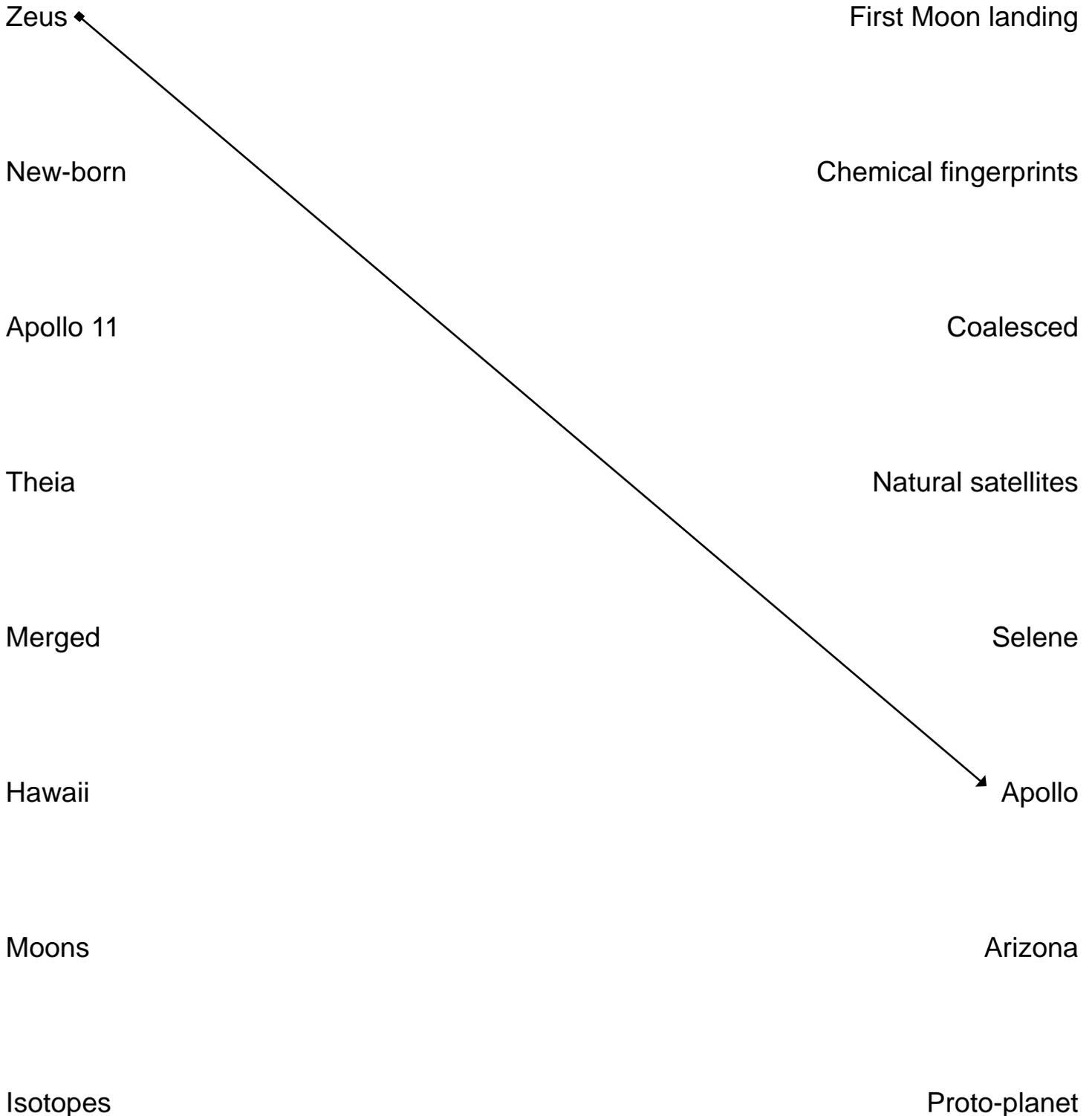
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## What made the Moon? (Page 6)

**Instructions:** Read the article 'what made the Moon?'.  
Draw a line to connect the correct links. The first is done for you.



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## Non-migrating storks (Page 5)

**Instructions:** Read the article 'Non-migrating storks'.  
Answer questions 1-8. The first is done for you.

1. I use this to spear my prey.

**B E A K**

2. I study birds.

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3. I am a stork. I use these to build my nest.

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4. We are storks. When flying south we make use of these.

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5. We attached tracking devices to European white storks.

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6. We are storks. We eat these and help farmers.

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7. We are storks. We build our nests on these.

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8. We are storks. We do not cross this sea.

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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.

Brazil

Morocco

Denmark

Syria

Ethiopia

Tunisia

Myanmar

Sweden

Norway

Netherlands

Sudan

Israel

**Missing Country =**

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## Counting plants (Page 6)

**Instructions:** Read the article 'Counting plants'.

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

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|-----|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1.  |   | □ | □ | □ | □ | □ | □ |   |   |   |   |
| 2.  |   | □ | □ | □ | □ | □ | □ | □ |   |   |   |
| 3.  |   | □ | □ | □ | □ | □ | □ | □ | □ | □ | □ |
| 4.  |   |   | □ | □ | □ | □ | □ | □ |   |   |   |
| 5.  |   | □ | □ | □ | □ | □ | □ | □ | □ |   |   |
| 6.  |   |   | □ | □ | □ | □ | □ | □ |   |   |   |
| 7.  |   |   |   | □ | □ | □ | □ | □ | □ | □ | □ |
| 8.  |   | □ | □ | □ | □ | □ | □ | □ |   |   |   |
| 9.  |   |   |   | □ | □ | □ | □ | □ |   |   |   |
| 10. |   |   | □ | □ | □ | □ | □ | □ |   |   |   |
| 11. | □ | □ | □ | □ | □ | □ | □ |   |   |   |   |

**Clues**

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| <p>1. The plants' colors and smell of sweet _____ attract their prey</p> <p>2. If a small _____ is between the leaves when they shut, it is trapped</p> <p>3. The researchers set up several _____</p> <p>4. These are _____, so they can open and close</p> <p>5. Most grow in areas with plenty of _____ but poor soil</p> | <p>6. The leaves' upper parts have two _____</p> <p>7. The Venus flytraps' leaves shut if they detect certain types of _____</p> <p>8. This process can take _____ days</p> <p>9. Venus flytraps can _____</p> <p>10. The plant produces a _____, or juice</p> <p>11. It contains acids and _____</p> |
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