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## Activities

## Basic version

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## Total solar eclipse (Page 1)

**Instructions:** Read the article 'Total solar eclipse'.

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

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### Clues

1. When the Moon is farthest away, it's called the lunar \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_ was the biggest town or city on the path of totality
3. The path of \_\_\_\_\_ crossed the Date Line going west to the east
4. Before an \_\_\_\_\_, people are warned not to look at the Sun
5. During a total eclipse, the Moon \_\_\_\_\_ to fit neatly over the face of the Sun
6. The corona is sometimes described as the Sun's "\_\_\_\_\_"
7. The solar eclipse finally ended north of \_\_\_\_\_ about four hours after it had begun
8. When you cross this line, the date \_\_\_\_\_
9. The \_\_\_\_\_, or dark shadow, creates the path of totality
10. This is known as an \_\_\_\_\_ solar eclipse

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## Saving okapis (Page 6)

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

	TRUE	FALSE
1. Okapis were one of the first large mammals to be discovered in Africa by Europeans.		
2. Lowland gorillas and forest elephants used to live in the same areas as okapis.		
3. The conservation groups warn that if nothing is done to protect them, okapis could disappear.		
4. Gorillas are the only animals that prey on okapis.		
5. Okapis are found only in rainforests in parts of the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC).		
6. Okapis are mostly active during the morning and early evening.		
7. Okapis are the only living relatives of giraffes.		
8. Even though they look a bit like horses, okapis are far more giraffe-like.		
9. The animals are herbivores, or plant eaters.		
10. Several conservation groups working in Africa have announced a new five-year plan.		



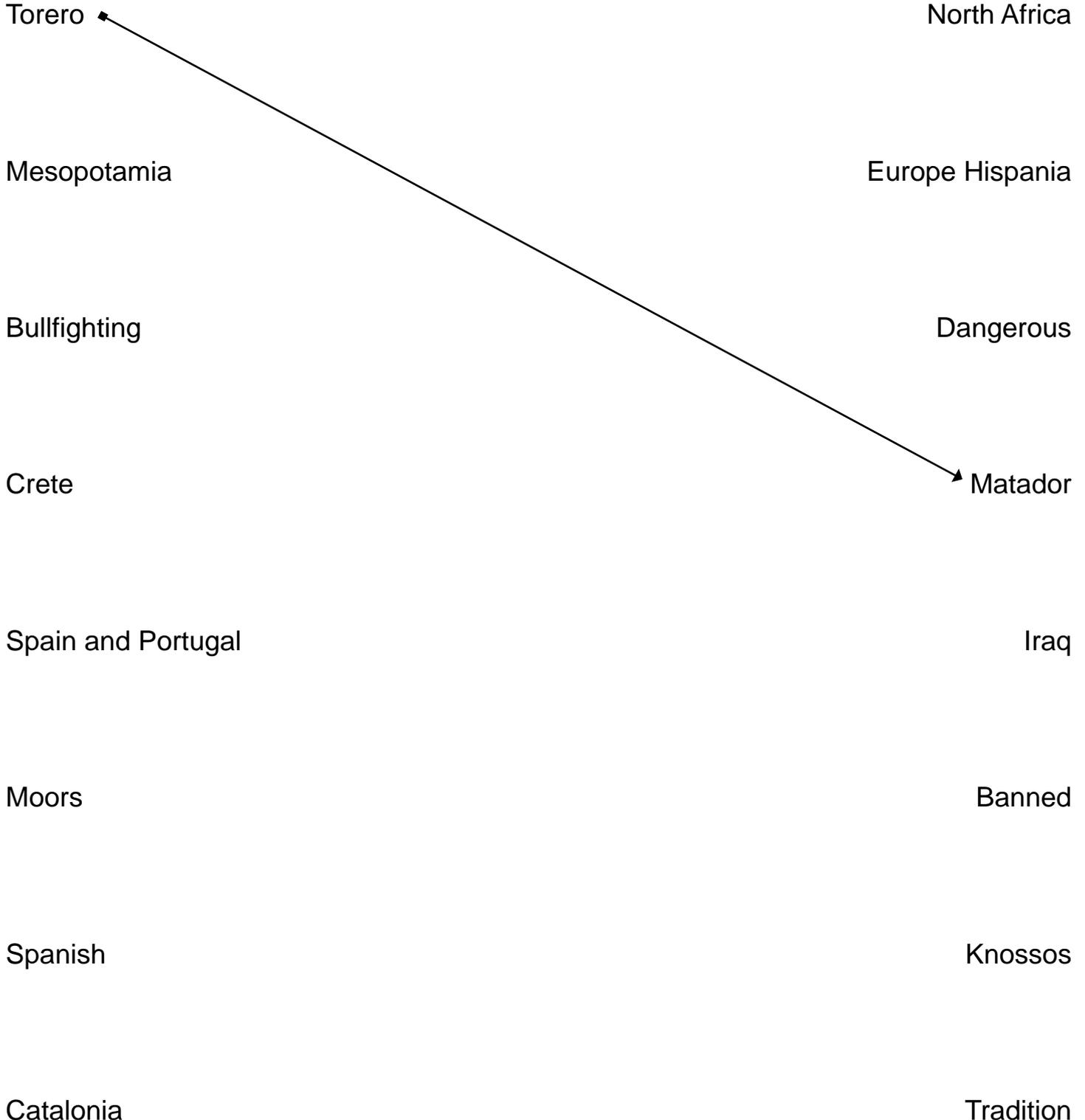
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## Bullfighting supporters (Page 14)

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



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**Brian the spider (Page 18)**

**Instructions:** Read the article 'Brian the spider'.  
Answer questions 1-8. The first is done for you.

1. I am a spider. I am this type of animal.

A R A C H N I D

2. I am Brian the spider. I am found around this city.

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3. I am like a thin skin on the water.

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4. I am the largest spider.

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5. I am the name given to all semi-aquatic spiders.

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6. We help to digest, or break down, food.

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7. We alert the spider.

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8. We are attacked by the spiders.

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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.

Japan

Brazil

Russia

Afghanistan

Vietnam

Australia

Indonesia

Canada

Germany

North Korea

Syria

South Korea

**Missing Country =**

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## Planet 50-50 (Page 4)

**Instructions:** Read the article 'Planet 50-50'.

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

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### Clues

- By the 1950s, women could vote in nearly all the world's \_\_\_\_\_
- One goal is \_\_\_\_\_ equality
- Today, there are still \_\_\_\_\_ between men and women
- They were campaigning for women to be allowed to \_\_\_\_\_ in elections
- Women are not \_\_\_\_\_ to do some jobs
- The right for women to vote is known as women's \_\_\_\_\_
- Of the world's 500 \_\_\_\_\_ people, only 55 are women
- This is when a man is \_\_\_\_\_ more than a woman is for doing the same job
- The United Nations (U.N.) has \_\_\_\_\_ IWD since 1975
- Education in many developing, or less \_\_\_\_\_, countries is also unequal