

ENGLISH
GRAMMAR

Grammar

Punctuation and Grammar Activities

Complete one or two activities every day.



Find the **preposition** in the sentences below.

1. I put the cat on the table.
2. I wanted to go out until 8 o'clock.
3. She drove near the river.
4. We walked through the forest.
5. During the storm we hid under the house.
6. She swam across the river.
7. We played outside the park.
8. Under the bed, the lazy cat was having a snooze.

Write the following in the passive voice.

1. Ben kicked a football at the window.
2. Charlie ate the cake.
3. George kissed all the girls!
4. Jasmine rocked the baby to sleep carefully.

Brackets – put the brackets around the correct information.

1. Jimmy the boy next door enjoyed football.
2. Yesterday when it was sunny we ate cake.
3. The chocolate bar which contained 400 calories was enjoyed by everyone.
4. Our local supermarket Sainsbury's is very busy on a Saturday.

Now make a list of **10 proper nouns**.

And finally, write a question beginning with **Which**

Write down the omitted letters for each word.

1. Don't
2. Haven't
3. Can't
4. I'll
5. We're
6. We'll
7. Won't
8. She's
9. They're
10. Shouldn't

Find the adverbs and adjectives below.

Make two separate lists.

It was a cold day when the tired baker wondered slowly to work.

My favourite toy is the one that quickly crawls along the floor.

My mad dog, Spot, very much likes to chase his tail.

Tracy, the butcher's daughter, enjoys eating small children.

Find the abstract nouns

happiness

worry

hope

drawer

car

Primark

dog

relaxation

weather

airplane

pencil

bubble bath

David

pain

Mrs Smith

confusion

trust

board

table

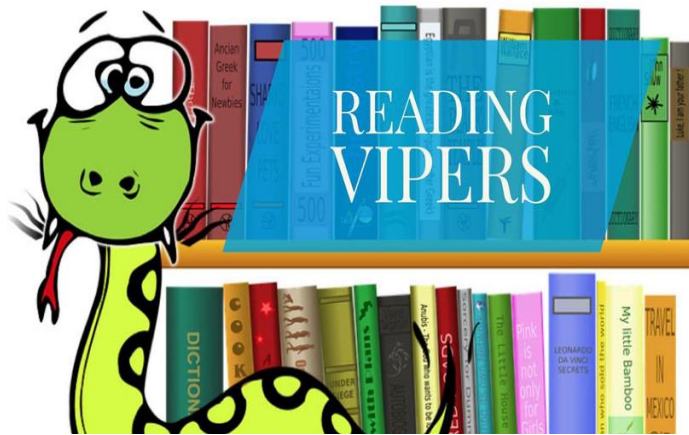
pleasure

curiosity

loyalty

Reading Activities

Choose from the variety of activities and complete one or more daily.



Vocabulary
Infer
Predict
Explain
Retrieve
Summarise



Rapid Reading Activities

Question Types

| | |
|-----|--|
| w/p | Words and Phrases |
| i | Inference |
| kf | Key Facts (Retrieval) |
| ot | Other (e.g.: Language Choice, Comparisons) |

Text Difficulty

| | |
|---|-------------------|
| l | Low Level Text |
| m | Middle Level Text |
| h | High Level Text |

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2000

kf When was this text written?

2015

How would you get to your space hotel?

In the future there may be hotels in space for all the tourists. It wouldn't take long for the space shuttle to get out of the Earth's atmosphere. Then, without Earth's gravity, you would become weightless. Arrival at the hotel would be like an aeroplane parking at an airport, but you would leave the cabin floating along the access tube, holding on to a cable.

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No gravity from the Earth.

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Why might you need to hold on to a cable?

To help you move; to stop you bouncing around whilst floating.

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Admire the view; enjoy being weightless; space-walks.

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Why might tickets to the ISS be very limited?

It is expensive; even though it is big, there is not much space inside.

ot

Why has the writer used brackets around ISS?

It is an abbreviation for International Space Station.

Anousheh's Space Blog, September 25th: Everyone wants to know: how do you take a shower in space? How do you brush your teeth? Well my friends, I must admit keeping clean in space is not easy! There is no shower with running water. Water does not 'flow' here, it 'floats' – which makes it a challenging act to clean yourself. There are wet towels, wet wipes and dry towels that are used. Now brushing your teeth in space is another joy. You cannot rinse your mouth and spit after brushing, so you end up rinsing and swallowing. Astronauts call it the 'fresh mint effect'.

w/p Find and copy another word that suggests it is 'not easy' to clean yourself in space

kf What reason is given for needing wet towels, wet wipes and dry towels?

i Find and copy a group of words that shows that Anousheh wrote her blog for others to read.

ot Why does Anousheh use 'another joy' to describe brushing teeth?

Anousheh's Space Blog, September 27th: Being weightless has some wonderful advantages. You can lift a really heavy object with one hand and move it around with one finger. You can fly and float around instead of walking. You can do somersaults at any age. Everything is effortless. If you want to move forward, you slightly touch a wall with one finger and you start moving in the opposite direction. If you have left your book at the other side of the module, no problem – you ask someone close to it to send it to you. That means they pick it up and very gently push it towards you, and here it is – your book flying to you all the way from the other side.

w/p

Copy the phrase that shows it is easy to start moving.

you slightly touch a wall with one finger (and you start moving)

kf

List two advantages of being weightless.

Lift heavy objects; fly/float instead of walking; pass objects easily; somersaults are easy.

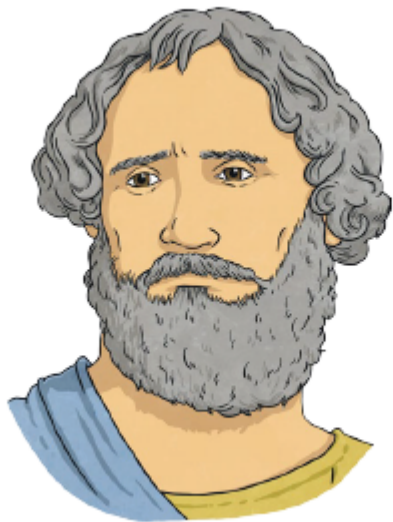
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Explain how Anousheh felt about being in space that day.

Positive because she talks about advantages and fun things to do.

Archimedes

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19 a Greek mathematician who devoted his life to research.
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35 bath! He discovered the law of buoyancy (Archimedes'
47 Principle). If the weight of an object in water is less than
58 the water, then the object rises. If the object is heavier
70 than the displaced water, it will sink. If it is equal then
84 it will neither sink nor rise; it will float, like a boat. It is
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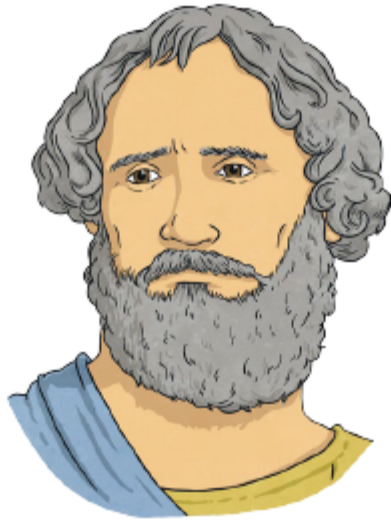
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Answers



1. Which word means the same as 'loyal'?
Accept: devoted.



2. In which year did he die? How old was Archimedes when he died?
Accept: 212BC and 75 years old.



3. Find two phrases that tell you how committed Archimedes was to his work, explaining your choices.
Accept reference to 'devoted his life' and 'in the bath' with explanation of how this shows he worked all the time.



4. Why does the author use the phrases 'possibly' and 'It is said...'?
Accept any explanation stating that this happened a long time ago and this gives the impression that we don't know for sure / it was not actually recorded in his writings.

My Eternal Journey

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20 going in eternal circles! This can be exciting but at times
23 it is exhausting.

33 Yesterday, I was resting in the deep, dark ocean when
44 the current pulled me nearer the surface and I felt myself
53 becoming lighter – I was evaporating. My friends tried to
66 pull me back but it was too late: the sun was too powerful
78 and I soared into the sky. How amazing it was to be
89 floating high above the sea! A huge gust of wind blew
99 me along until I collided with more water vapour and
109 formed a cloud. We were all busy, hustling and bustling,
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Accept: eternal and never-ending.



2. When does the water droplet become lighter?
Accept: when it evaporates / becomes water vapour.



3. How does the mood of the water droplet change throughout the story?
Accept any reasonable description that explains the change from relaxed at the beginning to excited and busy in the middle to nervous and unsure at the end.



4. What will happen to the water droplet now?
Accept any reasonable prediction based on the idea that the water cycle is continuous – e.g. It will fall into a river, make its way back to the sea and then evaporate again.

The Water Cycle

- 10 More than three quarters of the Earth's surface is water.
- 20 Heat from the Sun causes water to evaporate from seas,
- 28 lakes, rivers and streams. Water also evaporates from
- 39 puddles and ponds. It doesn't even need to be hot for
- 50 this to happen! When the water has evaporated, it is in
- 61 the form of water vapour, which rises in the air, clumps
- 70 together and cools down (condenses) to form clouds. As
- 78 more water vapour condenses, more water droplets are
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Accept: surface and land.



2. In which four ways can precipitation fall?
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3. Summarise the main points of this text in 20 words or less.
Accept any reasonable summary which includes the main stages of the water cycle and is 20 words or less in length.



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Accept 'seas, lakes, rivers and streams, puddles and ponds'. All six required. Clouds could be mentioned too.

Water Safety in Open Water

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17 what is believed to be the longest continuous open water
24 swim ever. She endured seventy-eight miles between
34 two islands in the Bahamas in a time of forty-two
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55 open water. So how can we stay safe?

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Accept: crucial and essential.



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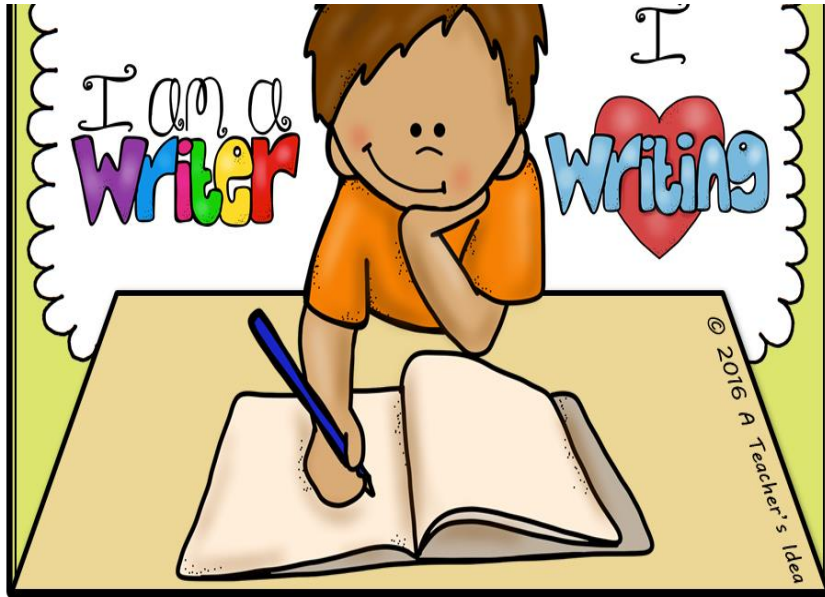


3. What does the word 'endured' tell us about Chloe McCardel?
Accept an explanation which focuses on her ability to persevere in difficult situations. Also links to endurance sports can be accepted.



4. Why does the author use a question in the text?
Accept any explanation of how this prompts the reader to think about the topic more personally.

Creative Writing Tasks



Choose one task and complete daily.



How creative can you be



You have 20 mins to write a
**CREATIVE, IMAGINATIVE and
INTERESTING** response to the following:

Invent a new sport and **explain** how
to play it.

How creative can you be



You have 20 mins to write a
**CREATIVE, IMAGINATIVE and
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following:

How did this man get stuck in
the wall?



How creative can you be



You have 20 mins to write a CREATIVE,IMAGINATIVE and INTERESTING response to the following:



If your shoes could talk, what would they say to you?

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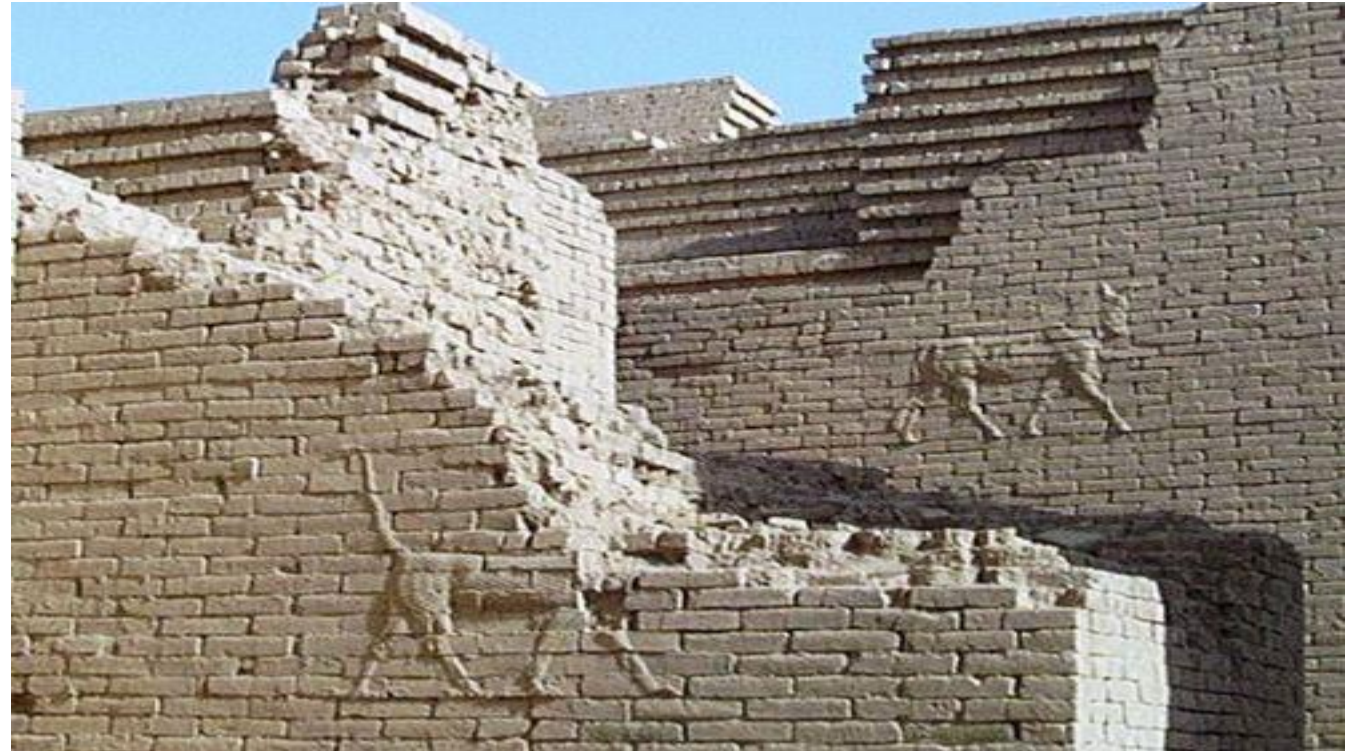
Invent a new fish and describe it.

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If these walls had ears, what would they
hear?



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Invent a new bird and describe it.