Bison

Were you surprised to learn that the animals many people call buffalo are actually bison? Write what you would tell a friend or family member about how bison almost became extinct and how they made a comeback. Here are some words you might use.



bison	buffalo	6 feet tall	growing	30 million
plains	endangered	food	clothing	shelter
hunters	Native	Yellowstone	National	2,000
	Americans	Park		pounds

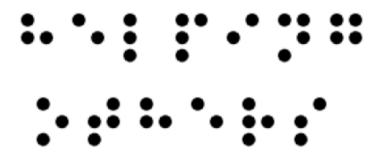
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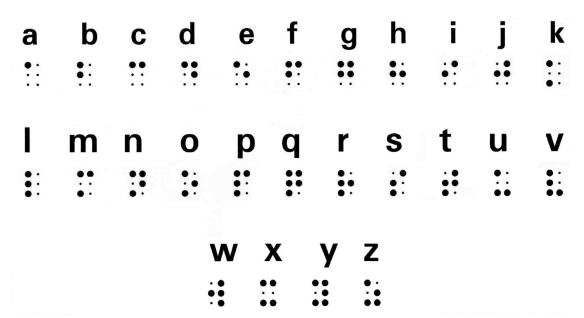
Young Inventors: Louis Braille

At the bottom of the page is the Braille alphabet that Louis Braille invented. Use this code to read the message in the box. Then sign your name using this alphabet.





Write your name in Braille here.



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Name _____

Standing on Your Own

Were you surprised to discover how some animals move their babies from one place to another? Write some facts about how different animal babies move about. Here are some words you might use.

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backpack	stroller	baby	COW	goat
kangaroo	pouch	anteater	climb	back
wolf spider	cichlids	mouth	eggs	parents

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Name ____

Nicknames

Do you have a nickname? Do any of your friends or family members have nicknames? Write the nicknames and real names for people you know. You may also want to create a nickname for yourself and some of your friends or family members. Be sure these nicknames won't hurt anyone's feelings.

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Sammy Lee: Olympic Diver

Write all these words in the right places to complete this puzzle, which tells some things you learned Sammy Lee. You can reread the article before you begin, but don't look back at it while you are working. After you've completed the puzzle, read it to someone.



army	coached	dive	doctor	flips
medals	Olympic	sand	swim	1952

When he was a child, Sammy Lee loved	to
in the pool. One day, he saw a boy	off the side of
the pool into the water. He wanted to do that, t	oo, but Sammy didn't have a pool
that he could practice in. Then Sammy's coach	n told him to practice diving into a
pit filled with	. The sand was soft, so he wouldn't
get hurt. Finally, Sammy found a pool where he	e could practice diving and doing
in the air.	
In college, Sammy studied to become a	
Then he joined the	and fought in the Korean War.
When his army service ended, he started divin	ng again, and he qualified for the
diving team. Ir	n, he became
the first man in the world to win two Olympic g	old in diving.
After Sammy stopped diving in competiti	ons, he

young divers. Some of his students also won gold medals.



Tall Tales

There are lots of tall tales about Paul Bunyan and Babe, his blue ox. In a tall tale, people make up stories in which everyday things are bigger, funnier, or less scary. Here is a tale in which Paul Bunyan and Babe move the woods in which he is cutting down trees to a warmer state. But the weather in that state is too hot! Use your imagination to complete this tall tale. Remember to think really big!



Paul Bunyan was seven feet tall and so strong he could lift two
, one with each hand. One winter, when
he was logging up north in the state of Minnesota, he woke up and found that the snow
was so deep it The wind also
was blowing so hard it
Because it was so cold, the men in the logging camp couldn't go outside to work,
so Paul wove a rope 100 miles long and tied it into a lasso. He threw the lasso around
the woods and fastened it to Babe's neck. Then Babe pulled the north woods to the
south, all the way to the state of, where
it was hot. In fact, it was so hot that

So, that's when Paul Bunyan invented air conditioning.



What's Out There?

Write all these words in the right places to complete this puzzle, which tells some things you learned about outer space. You can reread the article before you begin, but don't look back at it while you are working. After you've completed the puzzle, read it to someone.



near	Neptune	outer	rings	Saturn
volcano	water	43	1977	1979

Jupiter,	, Uranus, and Neptune are the planets
that are farthest away from Earth, in the	area
of our solar system. Scientists wanted to st	tudy these planets, but they didn't have
enough money to send separate spacecra	ft to each one. Instead, they figured
out that spacecraft could explore more tha	n one planet when the planets were
one an	other.
Voyager 1 and 2 were launched in $_$	They
reached Jupiter two years later, in	
later, Voyager 2 reached	Scientists already
knew that Saturn had	, but they discovered that
Neptune, Uranus, and Jupiter also had ring	gs. They found an active
on one of Jupiter's moons and an ocean or	f boiling
on Uranus! Scientists hope that the Voyage	ers will continue to explore outer space until
2020,	years after they were launched in 1977.



Young Heroes: Katie Stagliano's Dream

Were you surprised to discover that a nine-year-old girl and a 40-pound cabbage could start a project that could spread across the country and help feed thousands of hungry people? Write what you would tell a friend or family member about how Katie Stagliano became a hero. Here are some words you might use.



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Pianos: The Loud and the Soft

Write all these words in the right places to complete this puzzle, which tells some things you learned about pianos. You can reread the article before you begin, but don't look back at it while you are working. After you've completed the puzzle, read it to someone.



connected	drums	hammer	hits	one
played	sounds	string	vibrate	88

Have you ever	a piano? Do you know
how the piano makes different	?
If you could look inside a piano, ye	ou'd see that the white and black keys
are	to strings. When you press a key,
a	hits the strings. The strings
	, or move back and forth, and produce the
sounds. Pianos have	keys, and each one plays
a different note. Low notes have just	string, but
high notes have three.	
Even though pianos have strings,	they are not called
instruments. Instead, pianos are called	percussion instruments.
an	nd cymbals are percussion instruments, too.
Percussion instruments make sounds w	vhen someone them.



Name _____

Painting on the Walls

Write all these words in the right places to complete this puzzle, which tells some things you learned about cave paintings. You can reread the article before you begin, but don't look back at it while you are working. After you've completed the puzzle, read it to someone.



nev	V	hunt	lived	65,000	people
sto	ries	Tennessee	walls	world	archaeologists

Today, people often have paintings on the ______ of their homes. Long ago, when people ______ in caves, some had paintings on their walls, too. _____, or scientists who study objects from the past, have discovered paintings in caves all over the _____. Cave paintings discovered in Australia may have been painted as long as ______ years ago. Paintings found in Spain and France are probably 27,000 years old. Cave paintings have also been found in ______, in the United States. Compared to the paintings found in Europe and Australia, the Tennessee paintings seem quite ______. That's because they were only painted about 6,000 years ago! Archaeologists are not sure why early people painted on cave walls. Many paintings show animals, and the people may have painted them to show a successful _____. Even though they aren't sure what the paintings mean,

they give us some ideas about how ______ lived long ago.





Checkers: A Very Old Game

Have you ever played checkers? Checkers is a board game that requires strategy, or planning. You have to think carefully about what you are going to do before you make a move. Think about the board games, card games, and video games you like to play. Which of these games requires a strategy? Write about what kinds of strategies you use to win a game.





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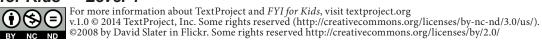
Name ____

How Insects Live in Winter

Were you surprised to discover the many ways insects stay warm when it is cold outside? Write what you would tell a friend or family member about the different ways insects stay warm. Here are some words you might use.

vibrate	hibernate	wings	close together	ladybugs
freeze	ants	honeybees	underground	hives
survive	weather	fly	monarch butterflies	









Minding Your Business

Write all these words in the right places to complete this puzzle, which tells some things you learned about entrepreneurs. You can reread the article before you begin, but don't look back at it while you are working. After you've completed the puzzle, read it to someone.



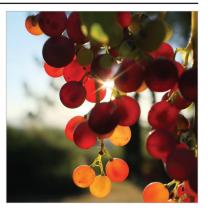
bars	business	candy	chocolate	lemons
entrepreneurs	money	profit	selling	small

In the 1800s, Milton Her	shey started a	that sold
	His first two businesses	sold caramel candy, but they
did not make a	, or earn e	nough money. In his third
business, he added	to the	e candy. People liked the
chocolate, and the Hershey C	hocolate Company is still	
different types of chocolate to	day. It sells chocolate in long	g pieces called
	_ and in many other shapes	S.
A person who starts a si	mall business is called an e	ntrepreneur. A lemonade
stand is one kind of	busin	ess. Kids who make
and sell the lemonade are		_, too. They buy
	_, sugar, and cups to make	the lemonade. If they earn
more	than they spend, the	ey make a profit.



Raisins: A Sweet Treat

Write all these words in the right places to complete this puzzle, which tells some things you learned about raisins. You can reread the article before you begin, but don't look back at it while you are working. After you've completed the puzzle, read it to someone.



cereal	cookies	eat	favorite	grapes
harvested	fruit	ripe	snack	1.3

Do you like to raisins? Raisins are a			
	food all over the United States. Do you know what		
kind of	is used to make raisins? They are made		
from	The grapes grow on vines and are picked		
when they are	, or ready to eat. After the grapes are		
	, they are dried.		
People eat raisins in many	y ways. Raisins are baked into		
breads, and muffins. Some people put raisins on their			
in the morning. Some eat raisins by themselves, as a			
In fact, the average person in the United States eats about			

pounds of raisins every year!





Name ___

Playing by the Rules

Write all these words in the right places to complete this puzzle, which tells some things you learned about rules and laws. You can reread the article before you begin, but don't look back at it while you are working. After you've completed the puzzle, read it to someone.



	fair	follow	laws	penalty	players	-9
raise rules sale time tranc	raise	rules	safe	time	Trattic	

Both your parents and your	teachers have made
for you to	, or obey. In school, you may have to
у	our hand before you speak. At home, you may have
a certain	you have to go to bed. When you are playing
games with your friends, there are	e rules you have to follow, too. These rules make sure
that games are	, and that everyone has a chance to
play and win.	
Sports also have rules that	have to follow. The
rules in sports help the players sta	ay If they break the
rules, players may get a	, which is a kind of punishment.
The rules that governments	make are called
Stopping at a red light and speed	limits are laws that
keep people sake while driving. R	ules and laws help us live in peace and fairness.



Name _____

Garden Homes

Write all these words in the right places to complete this puzzle, which tells some things you learned about insect homes. You can reread the article before you begin, but don't look back at it while you are working. After you've completed the puzzle, read it to someone.



boxes	building	dry	extinct	flowers
beehives	honey	live	rotting	sting

Insects help people in many ways. Some eat other insects that bite or

_____ us. Some carry pollen between _____,

which helps new flowers grow.

Many helpful insects are in danger of becoming _____,

or dying out. Some people are _____ homes for these insects

that will help keep them alive.

Different insects like to ______ in different kinds of

environments. Beetles like wet environments, such as damp, _____

loas.	In contrast.	ladybugs use _	twigs to make their
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homes. Honeybees make their homes in wooden ______ that

people have built to look like ______. Bees live in these hives

and make ______.

