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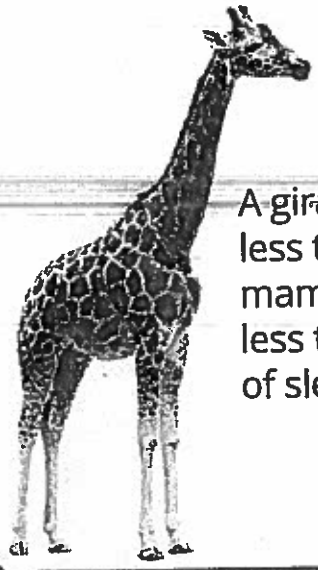
Fact Card **13**



A giraffe sleeps less than any other mammal. It needs less than two hours of sleep per day.

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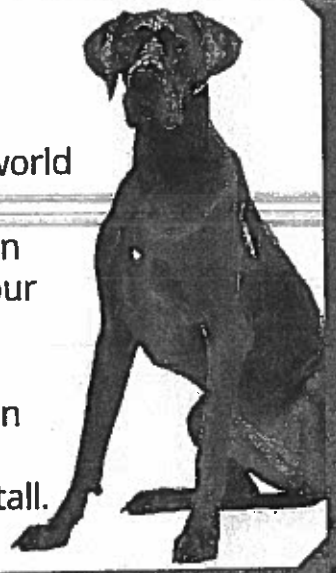
Fact Card **14**

According to the *Guinness Book of World Records*, the tallest dog in the world was a Great Dane named Zeus. When he stands on all four legs, he measures 42.2 inches tall. When he stands on his hind legs he is nearly seven feet tall.



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Fact Card **15**

Rodents are a group of mammals that includes rats, squirrels, beavers, and mice. A rodent's teeth never stop growing. They need to chew things to keep their teeth from getting too long.

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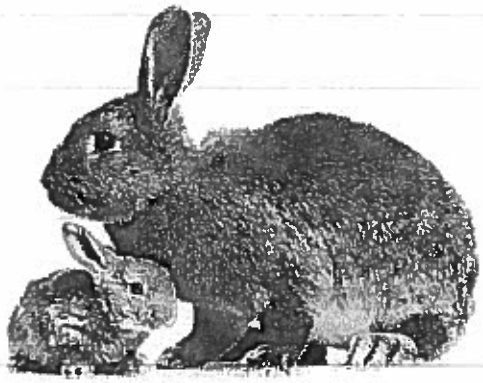
Fact Card **16**



Mammals are warm-blooded. This means they make their own heat.

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Fact Card
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A zebra's stripes help it to blend into the background so other animals cannot see it. Since lions and other predators of the zebra are colorblind, they have trouble seeing zebras standing in tall grassy areas.

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Fact Card
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Skunks often have white stripes. There are also skunks that are black with white spots.

Name _____

Fashion Fun

In the 1840's, women wore stiff whalebone hoops to make their petticoats flair out. In the 1890's, they tied lace tightly around their waists to make them look smaller. By 1910, the tight, hobble skirt was in fashion. These skirts interfered with normal walking. As a result, women could only hobble.

Answer each question with a complete sentence.

1. What were the hoops made from in the 1840's?

_____

2. What did these hoops do?

_____

_____

3. In the 1890's, what did women do with lace?

_____

_____

4. What fashion was around in 1910?

_____

_____

5. What did these tight skirts do to women?

_____

_____

Name _____

TV Trivia

Paul Nipkow invented the first TV in 1884. But television did not work properly until about 1945. The first working TV sets had black and white pictures only. There was no color television until 1953. Today, almost everyone in the U.S. has a television set. In fact, people all over the world watch television.

Answer each question with a complete sentence.

1. Who invented the first television set?

_____

2. What year was the first TV invented?

_____

3. Television did not work properly until about what year?

_____

_____

4. What kind of pictures did the first TV sets have?

_____

_____

5. What happened to the world of television in 1953?

_____

6. Who has television sets today?

_____

_____

Name _____

Safe Snacks

A snack after school and before dinner makes sense if the food is good for you. Instead of soda, drink orange or tomato juice. Munch on raisins or raw carrots and celery. Peanut butter is tasty and full of nourishment. Popcorn can be good for you, too, but avoid the butter.

Answer each question with a complete sentence.

1. When is a good time for a snack?

_____

_____

2. What should snack food do for you?

_____

3. What is better than soda?

_____

_____

4. What are three fruits or vegetables that are good to chew?

_____

_____

5. What is full of nourishment?

_____

6. What should you stay away from when you eat popcorn?

_____

Name _____

The Secret of the North Star

Polaris, or the North Star, never appears to move. It seems like all the other stars revolve around it. The reason is that our earth's axis points to this star. In time, the path of our axis will change. In 26,000 years, it will point to a different "north star."

Answer each question with a complete sentence.

1. What is the true name of the North Star?

_____

2. What is strange about this star?

_____

3. What do the other stars seem to do around this star?

_____

_____

4. What will happen to our axis in time?

_____

5. What will our axis point to in time?

_____

6. What is the secret of the North Star?

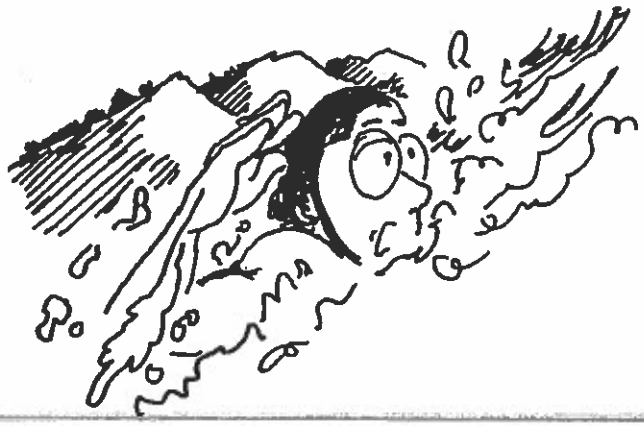
_____

_____

Name _____

Swimming the Channel

The English Channel is about 24 miles wide. Lots of athletes try to swim this body of water between England and France. The best time for a one-way crossing is about seven and one-half hours. In 1981, a man swam back and forth three times without stopping. It took him 38 hours and 27 minutes.



Answer each question with a complete sentence.

1. How wide is the English Channel?

_____

2. Who try to swim across the Channel?

_____

3. Where is the Channel?

_____

4. What is the fastest time for a one-way crossing?

_____

_____

5. In 1981, how many times did a man swim back and forth without stopping?

_____

_____

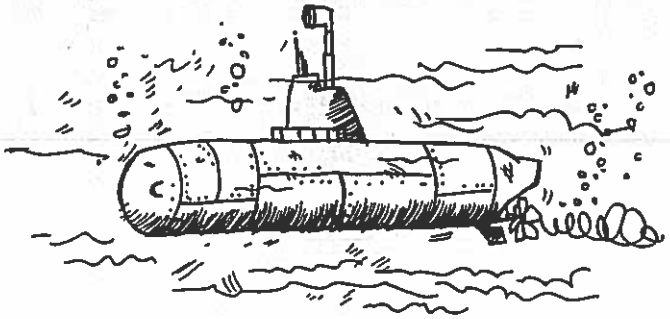
6. How long did all those crossings take?

_____

Name _____

Under The Sea

An underwater ship is called a submarine. It can dive into or rise out of the water by moving water into or out of different compartments. The submarine was first invented in 1620 A.D. by Cornelius Van Drebel. The boat sailed the Thames River 15 feet below water. During World War I and World War II many ships were sunk by German submarines. In 1954 the U.S.S. Nautilus was the first submarine to sail under the North Pole. In 1960 a submarine sailed around the world completely under water. It was called the U.S.S. Triton.



Answer each question with a complete sentence.

1. How can a submarine dive in the water?

_____

2. Who invented the submarine?

_____

3. When was it invented?

_____

4. What were submarines used for during the war?

_____

5. What was the name of the submarine that sailed under the North Pole?

_____

6. What did the U.S.S. Triton do for the first time?

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7. What is a submarine called?

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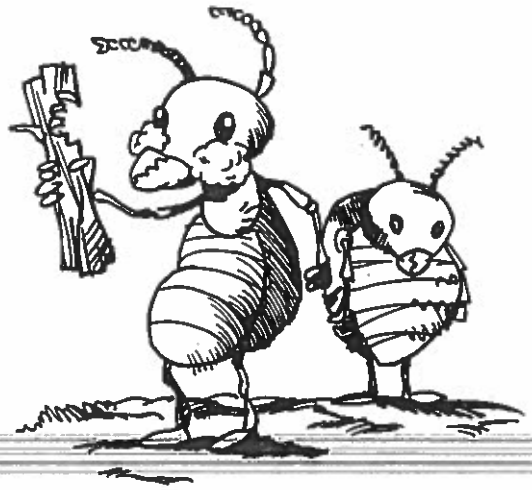
Name _____

Wood-Boring Pests



Baby beetles, called grubs, are considered pests because they eat wood and destroy homes. Grubs remain babies for three years, but some long-horned beetles remain babies for 32 years. After becoming adults, beetles feed on flowers, pollen and leaves. They grow long and slender and are very colorful Collectors like beetles because of their colorful appearance. Usually beetles die within a few weeks after reaching adulthood.

Answer each question with a complete sentence.

1. What are baby beetles called?

_____

2. What do baby beetles like to eat?

_____

3. Why are they considered pests?

_____

4. How long does a beetle remain a baby?

_____

5. What do adult beetles eat?

_____

6. What do adult beetles look like?

_____

7. Why do collectors like to collect beetles?

_____

Name _____

Fleas

Fleas are insects that feed on blood. Their legs are covered with bristles and tipped with hooks. This helps them cling to their hosts. Fleas are capable of making incredible jumps. They are able to leap 150 times their own length. Fleas are great survivors. They can go without feeding for many months and live. They can be frozen for a year and then revived. Fleas are often found on cats and dogs. There are over 2,400 different species of fleas.

Answer each question with a complete sentence.

1. What is a flea?

_____

2. What do fleas feed on?

_____

3. How many different species of fleas are there?

_____

4. How far can a flea leap?

_____

5. What do a flea's legs look like?

_____

6. Why are fleas very good at survival?

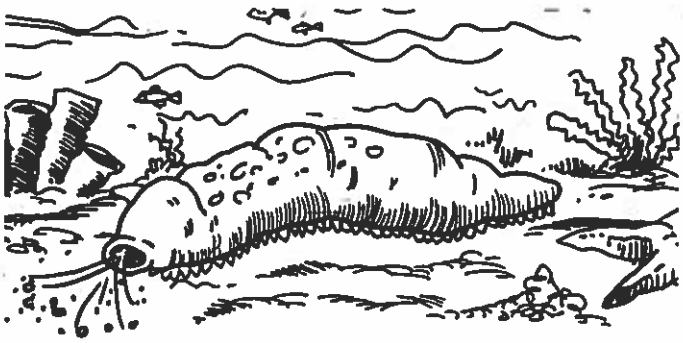
_____

7. What household pets can catch fleas?

_____

Name _____

Vacuum Cleaners of the Sea



Sea cucumbers are relatives of the sea urchin and starfish. They are covered with spiny skin and live in the sea. They crawl along the ocean floor and eat sand and pieces of dead animals and plants. They produce sticky mucous which makes food stick to their feet. They then sucks the food off their feet. The sea cucumber searches for food at night. They are found at shorelines and coasts, and at the bottom of coral reefs.

Answer each question with a complete sentence.

1. Who are the sea cucumber's relatives?

_____

2. What does their skin look like?

_____

3. What do they eat?

_____

4. When do they search for food?

_____

5. What do they produce to help them catch food?

_____

6. How do they feed themselves?

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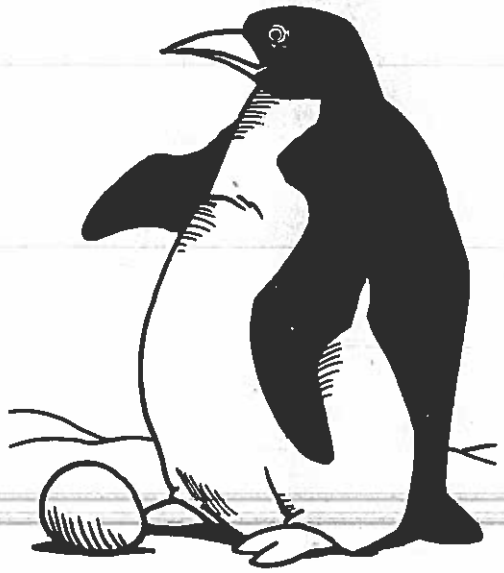
7. Where are they found?

_____

Name _____

The Bird Who Can't Fly



There are many birds that fly, but the penguin is a bird that can't fly at all. Penguins can swim and are very fast swimmers. They swim up to 30 miles an hour. They waddle when they walk. There are seventeen different kinds of penguins. The giant Emperor penguin grows to four feet tall and weighs 60 pounds. The Adelie penguin is only 1½ feet tall and weighs 12 pounds. Penguins are black and white or gray and white. They live in the Antarctic.

Answer each question with a complete sentence.

1. How fast do penguins swim?

_____

2. Where do they live?

_____

3. How many kinds of penguins exist?

_____

4. What is the name of the biggest penguin?

_____

5. What is the size of the smallest penguin?

_____

6. What color are penguins?

_____

7. What do penguins do when they walk?

_____