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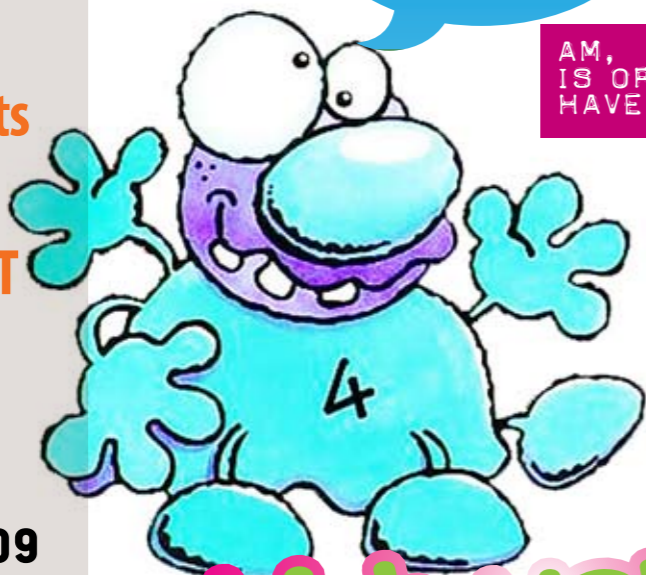
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AM,  
IS OR  
HAVE?

I \_\_\_ 103 years old.  
I \_\_\_ got three  
hands and three  
legs.  
My nose \_\_\_ very  
big.  
I \_\_\_ got two  
eyes.  
One eye \_\_\_ small  
and the other  
big.

which words?

OPPOSITES

boring, short,  
old, light, hot,  
poor, old, warm

1. People can be tall or \_\_\_\_\_
2. A book can be interesting or \_\_\_\_\_
3. A family can be rich or \_\_\_\_\_
4. A bag can be heavy or \_\_\_\_\_
5. Weather can be cool or \_\_\_\_\_
6. Water can be cold or \_\_\_\_\_
7. A car can be new or \_\_\_\_\_
8. A teacher can be young or \_\_\_\_\_

1. Sub bus \_\_\_\_\_
2. School \_\_\_\_\_
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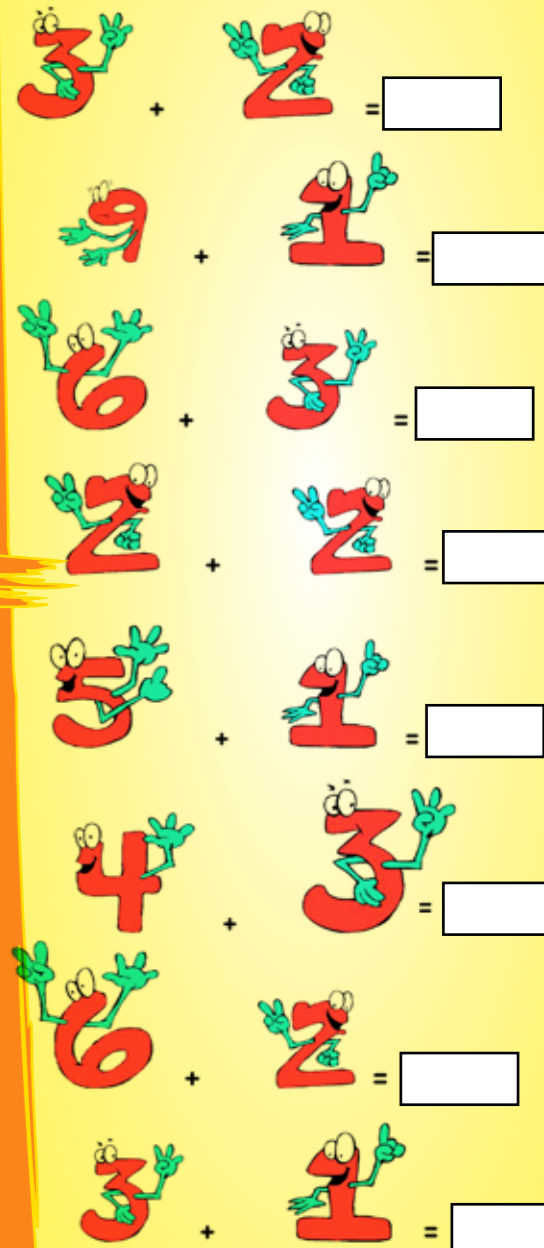
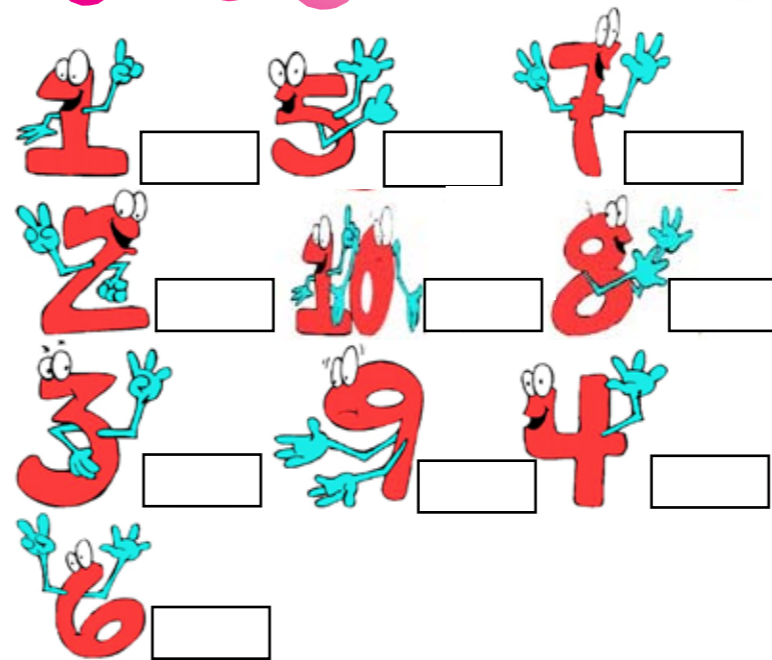
1. bus  
2. school  
3. pencil  
4. desk  
5. crayon  
6. paper  
7. teacher  
8. read  
9. dad  
10. count

JUNIORS

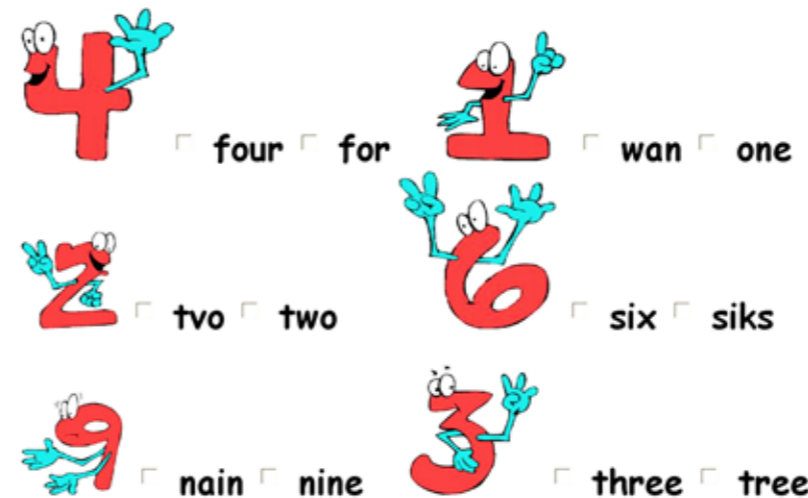
write:



Count  
& write:



what is correct?





# word search

This is no ordinary word search! Before you can find the hidden words, you must first complete the sentences below. Challenge yourself with your trivia knowledge – and your word finding skills.

For example: FOOTBALL STAR DAVID **B** (BECKHAM) Fill in the blanks – then find the word below!  
There are 12 secret words to figure out.

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- 2ND LARGEST CITY IN GREECE  
T \_\_\_\_\_
- 6TH PLANET FROM THE SUN  
S \_\_\_\_\_
- HIGH SCHOOL  
M \_\_\_\_\_
- LOCATION FOR THE 2009 WINTER GAMES  
V \_\_\_\_\_
- (IDIOM) TO GIVE SOMEONE THE  
C \_\_\_\_\_ SHOULDER
- NATIONAL SPORT OF GREECE  
F \_\_\_\_\_
- UNFORTUNATELY, M \_\_\_\_\_ DOESN'T GROW ON TREES
- MISSION IMPOSSIBLE ACTOR TOM C \_\_\_\_\_
- HOLIDAY IN DECEMBER C \_\_\_\_\_
- A DAY JUST FOR YOU "HAPPY B \_\_\_\_\_!"
- SOMETHING YOU BRUSH  
T \_\_\_\_\_
- ZODIAC SIGN FOR PEOPLE BORN IN JUNE/JULY  
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# Silly holidays

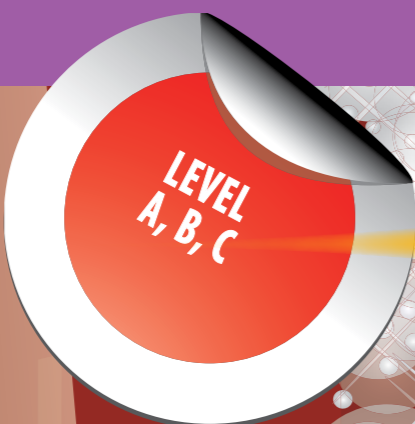
Do you ever feel like you need a holiday? Sure, we have Christmas and Easter... but sometimes it would be nice to have more days to celebrate – just for fun! People from all over the world agree with having more holidays, so they have actually sent in ideas for new holidays. Some are very silly, but all are designed to make a 'boring' day a special occasion!

- JANUARY 3 IS .... FESTIVAL OF SLEEP
- JANUARY 15 IS .... HAT DAY
- JANUARY 19 IS .... NATIONAL POPCORN DAY
- JANUARY 21 IS .... NATIONAL HUGGING DAY
- FEBRUARY 8 IS .... KITE FLYING DAY
- FEBRUARY 19 IS .... NATIONAL CHOCOLATE MINT DAY
- FEBRUARY 26 IS .... NATIONAL PISTACHIO DAY
- MARCH 14 IS .... NATIONAL POTATO CHIP DAY
- MARCH 16 IS .... EVERYTHING YOU DO IS RIGHT DAY
- MARCH 22 IS .... NATIONAL GOOF-OFF DAY
- MARCH 26 IS .... MAKE UP YOUR OWN HOLIDAY DAY
- APRIL 4 IS .... TELL-A-LIE DAY
- APRIL 7 IS .... NO HOUSEWORK DAY
- APRIL 12 IS .... LOOK UP AT THE SKY DAY
- APRIL 30 IS .... NATIONAL HONESTY DAY
- MAY 10 IS .... CLEAN UP YOUR ROOM DAY
- MAY 15 IS .... NATIONAL CHOCOLATE CHIP DAY
- MAY 22 IS .... BUY-A-MUSICAL-INSTRUMENT DAY
- JUNE 6 IS .... TEACHER'S DAY
- JUNE 9 IS .... DONALD DUCK DAY
- JUNE 15 IS .... SMILE POWER DAY
- JUNE 23 IS .... NATIONAL PINK DAY
- JULY 5 IS .... WORKAHOLICS DAY
- JULY 8 IS .... VIDEO GAMES DAY
- JULY 16 IS .... INTERNATIONAL JUGGLING DAY
- JULY 31 IS .... PARENT'S DAY
- AUGUST 1 IS .... FRIENDSHIP DAY
- AUGUST 10 IS .... LAZY DAY
- AUGUST 19 IS .... POTATO DAY
- SEPTEMBER 9 IS .... TEDDY BEAR DAY



What is your favourite silly holiday? Can you think of a funny day you would like to add?

- SEPTEMBER 26 IS .... NATIONAL GOOD NEIGHBOUR DAY
- OCTOBER 1 IS .... WORLD VEGETARIAN DAY
- OCTOBER 7 IS .... NATIONAL FRAPPE DAY
- OCTOBER 31 IS .... NATIONAL MAGIC DAY
- NOVEMBER 3 IS .... SANDWICH DAY
- NOVEMBER 11 IS .... AIR DAY
- NOVEMBER 19 IS .... HAVE A BAD DAY DAY
- NOVEMBER 30 IS .... STAY AT HOME BECAUSE YOU'RE WELL DAY
- DECEMBER 4 IS .... WEAR BROWN SHOES DAY
- DECEMBER 9 IS .... NATIONAL PASTRY DAY
- DECEMBER 16 IS .... NATIONAL CHOCOLATE COVERED ANYTHING DAY
- DECEMBER 20 IS .... GAMES DAY



# FUNKY FOOD FLAGS

Some landmarks and monuments are so well known that you only need to glance at them for a second to know exactly what, and where, they are. Do you know what picture goes with what name and location?

## Where in the world is....?



NAME	LOCATION
1. The Great Wall	▶ New York
2. The Eiffel Tower	▶ Australia
3. The Empire State Building	▶ Italy
4. The Taj Mahal	▶ China
5. Stonehenge	▶ India
6. Leaning Tower of Pisa	▶ Egypt
7. Sydney Opera House	▶ UK
8. Giza Pyramids & Sphinx	▶ France

Australians were 'playing with their food' this year! For the first time, the country held the 'Sydney International Food Festival.' As a way to celebrate international food, national flags of participating countries were created... in a very interesting way! The designers used popular local foods of each nation to create the tasty treats! Can you identify the types of products used?

**For example:** Greece's flag is made of feta cheese and olives.



## CREATIVE & CLEVER

# Christmas crafts

Haven't done your Christmas shopping yet? Don't worry, you still have time! Or, maybe you don't even need to go to the stores this year. Instead, you can make these fun and easy gifts at home.

### The Christmas Firecrackers:

▶ **What you need:** One toilet paper tube and wrapping paper.  
▶ **What you do:** Fill the tube with candy, collectables and small toys. Wrap it with Christmas paper, leaving about 3 inches of paper hanging over at each end. Twist the ends to look like a firecracker and secure with ribbon. To open, pull on both ends and the gift will 'pop' open.

### Fun Foam Ornaments:

▶ **What you need:** Christmas cookie cutters, red and green foam, glue, glitter and ribbon.  
▶ **What you do:** Using the cookie cutters, cut out shapes of trees, stars, angels, candy canes and reindeers. You can then draw decorations on the shapes and add some glitter. Punch a hole in the top and tie on a ribbon so you can hang it from your tree.

### Pinecone Christmas Tree:

▶ **What you need:** One large pinecone, small paper plate (dessert size) cotton balls, glitter, sequins, beads and glue.  
▶ **What you do:** Glue the pinecone to the plate, and then glue the cotton balls all around it to look like snow. Take a brush and spread glue all over the pinecone and then sprinkle glitter or place beads wherever you like. Use your imagination!

### Jingle Bell Wreaths:

▶ **What you need:** Green florist or craft wire, small jingle bells, ribbon  
▶ **What you do:** Make a loop out of the wire, slightly larger than you want your wreath to be (10-12 inches) thread the bells onto the wire by pushing the wire through the top opening of the bell, and then twist the ends together to close it. Tie ribbons into bows and attach them to the wreath as well.

### Christmas Candle Decoration:

▶ **What you need:** 12-pack cardboard egg carton. Green or red play dough or modelling clay, large or small candles, flowers and leaves (fake or real), hot glue gun.  
▶ **What you do:** Cut the egg carton into 3 sections, leaving 4 cups to each piece. Fill the cup with the coloured clay. With the hot glue gun, glue the greenery, leaves or flowers around the edge of the cup. Put the candle in the cup and you have a beautiful centrepiece decoration!



It's time... for more  
strange facts  
from around the world!

- ▶ Every day 20 banks are robbed. The average take is \$2,500
- ▶ The most popular first name in the world is Muhammad
- ▶ Tablecloths were originally meant to be served as towels with which dinner guests could wipe their hands and faces
- ▶ after eating
- ▶ One car out of every 230 made was stolen last year
- ▶ It takes glass one million years to decompose, which means it never wears out and can be recycled an infinite amount of times
- ▶ Forest fires move faster uphill than downhill
- ▶ The world's termites outweigh the world's humans 10 to 1
- ▶ The electric chair was invented by a dentist
- ▶ You are born with 300 bones, but when you get to be an adult, you only have 206
- ▶ Your heart beats over 100,000 times a day

LEVEL  
B, C, D



**BEST IN BERLIN**

There were a number of live performances, including those by Leona Lewis, Green Day, Shakira, The Foo Fighters and Germany's own, Tokio Hotel.

There were a lot of great songs this year, but at the end of the day there can only be ONE winner. Here are the best of the best

- BEST FEMALE VIDEO: BEYONCE
- BEST GROUP: TOKIO HOTEL (in the picture above)
- BEST EUROPEAN ACT: MANGA
- BEST MALE VIDEO: EMINEM
- BEST NEW ACT: LADY GAGA
- BEST WORLD STAGE PERFORMANCE: LINKIN PARK
- BEST SONG: BEYONCE
- BEST ROCK GROUP: GREEN DAY
- BEST URBAN PERFORMER: JAY-Z
- BEST LIVE ACT: U 2

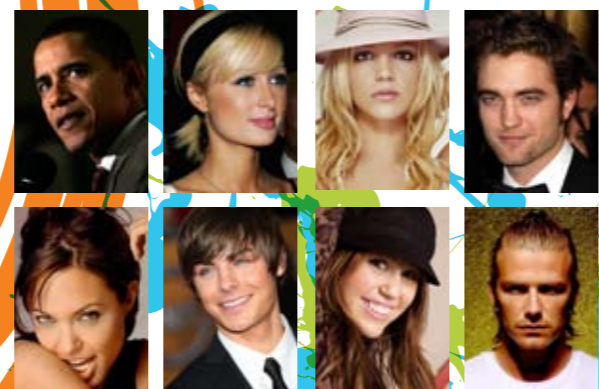
This year's EMA's (European Music Awards) were held in Berlin. The show was hosted by the 'I kissed a Girl' pop singer Katy Perry. The night was filled with fun, excitement – and great music.

LEVEL  
C, D, E

**CELEB  
gossip**

How well do you know your favourite celebrities? Can you match the quote (what they said) to who said it?

- 1.) "Maybe he'll be my best friend for the rest of my life or maybe I'll end up marrying Nick Jonas!"
- 2.) "Do I know my life is weird? It's all I've ever known. I don't see it as being weird."
- 3.) "I don't even have people's phone numbers. I almost don't want to have a girlfriend in this environment."
- 4.) "I am still, at heart - and always will be - just a punk kid with tattoos."
- 5.) "I do think in Washington, it's a little bit like American Idol. But everybody is Simon Cowell."
- 6.) "Partying is what I do for a living. I get paid to go to events and parties, and it's fun."
- 7.) "I have always enjoyed signing autographs for people, especially since I used to love getting my heroes' signatures when I was younger."
- 8.) "I don't have a Twitter, a Myspace or a Facebook or anything like that... I kind of value people not knowing where I am or what I'm doing."



- A.) Barack Obama – President of the USA
- B.) Paris Hilton – Blond socialite
- C.) Britney Spears – Famous pop singer
- D.) Robert Pattinson – Vampire in Twilight
- E.) Angelina Jolie – Actress and humanitarian
- F.) Zac Efron – High school Musical Star
- G.) Miley Cyrus – Also known as Hannah Montana
- H.) David Beckham – Famous footballer

LEVEL  
C, D, E

**Have fun  
with words!**

An **anagram**\* is when a word or phrase is formed by rearranging the letters of another word or phrase.

Do you recognize these famous names? Look at the new phrases created when the letters have been moved around!

- Arnold Schwarzenegger ↘ he's grown large n' crazed
- Britney Spears ↘ best PR in years
- Clint Eastwood ↘ Old West action
- George Bush ↘ He bugs Gore
- William Shakespeare ↘ I am a weakish speller
- Margaret Thatcher ↘ That great charmer
- Elvis ↘ Lives

Can you rearrange the letters of your own name to create a new phrase?

\_\_\_\_\_ ↘ \_\_\_\_\_

\*The word 'anagram' comes from the Greek language, meaning 'to rearrange letters in a word.'

A **palindrome**\* is when a word, phrase, or sentence is read the same backwards AND forwards.

Here are some common examples of palindromes:

- Pop
- deed
- kayak
- civic
- radar
- level
- racecar



- A man, a plan, a canal – Panama!
- Too bad – I hid a boot.
- Do geese see God?
- Murder for a jar of red rum.

\*The word 'palindrome' comes from the Greek language, meaning 'running back again.'



all about  
**THE OLYMPICS**



Sports fans get ready for the greatest sporting event on Earth... The Olympics. This years winter games are being held in Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada.

- ▶ The Olympics date back to ancient times. The first 'Modern Games' were held in 1896 in Athens, (although the ancient games date back to the 8th century BC to the 5th century AD in Olympia!)
- ▶ After its revival, the modern Olympics came with a brand-new motto: Citius, Altius, Fortius which means: («Faster, Higher, Stronger»).
- ▶ Over the years, the Games have seen many amazing athletes and many cities around the world. London is going to host the Games in 2012 – they will become the first country to host the Olympics three times. (1908, 1948 and 2012.)
- ▶ Did you know that women weren't even allowed to compete in the Olympics in 1896? It was felt that it would be "impractical, unaesthetic, and incorrect" if they did! Another crazy thing from the past – all the athletes competed naked at the ancient Olympics!
- ▶ People must not have been very interested in the Olympics in 1900 – as there were more athletes taking part than people actually watching! It was held in Paris that year and one of the sports was pigeon shooting. Luckily, that event didn't last very long.
- ▶ Two sports that have recently been discontinued (stopped) are baseball and softball. This happened in 2008. Sports can also be added to the Games. In August of 2009, two new sports were added. The possible choices were: golf, rugby, roller sports, karate, softball, baseball and squash. Golf and rugby were chosen.
- ▶ Do you like athletics, cycling, fencing, gymnastics and swimming? These five sports have been contested at every summer Olympics since 1896. This means that some people on the Olympic Committee don't want these sports on the program... but look how long they have lasted!
- ▶ The rules have changed over time as well, especially the age restrictions. The current rule is that you must be 16 years old to compete. There is no maximum age.
- ▶ In 1896 there was no age requirement and the youngest boy to compete was 10 year old Dimitrios Loundras of Greece. The oldest ever person to compete is Oscar Swahn. The Swedish man won his sixth Olympic medal at the 1920 Games in Antwerp. He was almost 73 years old!
- ▶ Perhaps the most recognizable thing about the Olympics is the five rings on the Olympic Flag. These rings symbolize the five significant continents. The colours were chosen since at least one of the colours could be found on every flag of all countries.





**How much do you know about the 'New Queen of Pop' Lady Gaga? The singing sensation learned piano at the age of 3 and was performing at New York night clubs at the age of 14! This talented writer and performer is only 23 years old. She is known for her strange sense of style and for her catchy lyrics, including 'Poker Face' and 'Just Dance.'**

- 1.) Lady Gaga's real name is:
  - a.) Stefani Germanotta
  - b.) Rhea Dunner
  - c.) Sara McCloud
  - d.) Lucy Lieu
- 2.) What Nationality is her family?
  - a.) German
  - b.) American
  - c.) Italian
  - d.) Australian
- 3.) When she was young, one of her musical influences was:
  - a.) Michael Jackson
  - b.) Madonna
  - c.) The Beach Boys
  - d.) Marilyn Manson
- 4.) How did she get the name 'Gaga'?
  - a.) From a friend
  - b.) From a Queen song
  - c.) Because she used to talk so much
  - d.) From a character in a movie
- 5.) She went to high school with which famous siblings?
  - a.) Mary Kate and Ashley Olsen
  - b.) Haylie and Hilary Duff
  - c.) Paris and Nicky Hilton
  - d.) Lindsey and Ali Lohan
- 6.) Lady Gaga has often been photographed carrying...?
  - a.) A yellow umbrella
  - b.) A Green handbag
  - c.) A red cell phone
  - d.) A purple teacup
- 7.) Before releasing her album, 'The Fame', she wrote songs for which singer?
  - a.) Britney Spears
  - b.) Christina Aguilera
  - c.) Gwen Stefani
  - d.) Beyonce
- 8.) Her natural hair colour is:
  - a.) Blonde
  - b.) Red
  - c.) Brown
  - d.) Black

# GOING 'GA-GA' FOR LADY G

## WEBSITES

Want to find out more about one of the articles in the magazine? Check out these websites for more interesting information.

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- <http://www.toxel.com/inspiration/2009/09/08/national-flags-made-out-of-food/>
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- <http://library.thinkquest.org/2886/dec.htm>
- <http://kids.yahoo.com/jokes>
- <http://grammar.about.com/od/pq/g/palindrometerm.htm>
- <http://grammar.about.com/od/rhetoricstyle/a/homerhet.htm>
- <http://www.strangefacts.com/facts1.html>
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# What does your ZODIAC SIGN say about you? Your likes and dislikes?

Check out the information below and see if it is true to your personality.

memory and sense of humour. You are a very good friend, but you also need to make sure you take care of yourself.  
**Likes:** Beaches at sunset, sandals and incense, soft music, being loved  
**Dislikes:** Bright, noisy places, things that are dirty or ugly, hard rock music, being told to «get a grip»

### Aries: March 21st-April 19th



You are a practical Earth sign who is realistic and hard-working. You are filled with determination, planning and persistence when you set your sights on something. You tend to have a reputation for giving good advice to friends in need. You are very generous and make an extremely loyal friend. Once you love somebody, you love them forever.

However, you are also known for holding grudges.  
**Likes:** Having lots of spending money, new clothes, presents wrapped in pretty paper, sparkly eye-shadow and nail polish  
**Dislikes:** Having to wait in line, hand-me-downs, being ignored, food with no taste

### Taurus: April 20th-May 20th



You're a glamorous person by nature and you love looking and feeling your best. You pay attention to details and are very thorough in your projects. You are very loving and dependable and your calm personality always puts everyone at ease. You are also loyal to your friends and will always stick by them - even in the worst of times. You love nice things, but remember: you have to work hard to get them!

**Likes:** Having money saved, furry or silky material, eating good foods, taking your time  
**Dislikes:** Being disturbed when concentrating, scratchy material, changing your routine, being told to hurry up

### Aquarius: January 20th-February 18th



It doesn't matter if people are short, tall, rich, poor, or from the other end of the globe - you love your friends for who they are on the inside. You believe in peace and that everyone should get along so you will go the extra mile to help settle an argument. You are very creative, inventive and you take a unique approach to living your life. Many of your friends call you a true original!

**Likes:** Inventing things, surprises, daydreaming, vintage clothing  
**Dislikes:** People who show off, following the rules, people who are predictable, borrowing things

### Pisces: February 19th-March 20th



You are a sympathetic person who feels deeply for others. You are very sensitive and understanding when it comes to your friends and you show them lots of kindness and compassion. You love music and art and can get lost in a movie. You tend to be shy and quiet, but you have a great

### Gemini: May 21st-June 21st



You are a great communicator and you love to talk! Your charm and wit often help you persuade people to see things your way. You pay close attention to details and are very curious. You love an adventure and you are always ready to explore or learn new things. You are also a great storyteller! You also tend to gossip, and because The Twins represent your sign, you can be known to have a dual competitor in your circle of friends.

**Likes:** Talking on the phone, getting to the bottom of things, being around your friends, nicknames  
**Dislikes:** Listening to others whine and complain, not knowing what's going on, being alone for too long, wasting time

**Cancer: June 22nd-July 22nd**

You are very kind and you regard your friends like they are your family. You are very patient, gentle and compassionate to others, and are the first one to give a friend a hug when they have had a bad day. You truly care when friends tell you their problems. If you have a younger sibling, you are very protective of them because you love your family so much! You get your feelings hurt often, and instead of getting to the heart of the matter and fixing it, you tend to let it build up inside.

- ▶ **Likes:** Your birthday remembered by friends, keeping a photo album, hugs, collecting things
- ▶ **Dislikes:** Those who forget names and dates, having to handle a crisis, yelling, losing things

**Leo: July 23rd-August 22nd**

Your sunny disposition is always a happy sight! You are fun and playful and enjoy being around people who are exciting. You always liven up a party and you make a great cheerleader for your friends! You are the first to say, «You can do it!» or «Wow! You did a great job!». You are also ambitious and know you must work hard so you can play hard! While it's often a good thing to stand out in a crowd, you sometimes get pouty if you feel that others don't appreciate what you have done.

- ▶ **Likes:** Being active, sincere compliments, fashionable clothes, being outside
- ▶ **Dislikes:** Being bored, being laughed at, last year's trends, being cooped up

**Virgo: August 23rd-September 22nd**

You have a hard working, dedicated personality that wants perfection in all you do. You are a loyal friend who is very considerate of other people's feelings. Because you are very organized, you make the perfect party planner! You love reading books and magazines on a regular basis. Cleanliness and a healthy lifestyle are important to you. Listen to your friends when they tell you you've done a great job!

- ▶ **Likes:** Being on time, using fancy soaps and shampoos,

making lists, small animals

- ▶ **Dislikes:** Crowds and noisy places, leaving the top off of the toothpaste, people who move your things, sitting for too long

**Libra: September 23rd-October 22nd**

You are excellent in friendships and partnerships, meaning you play well with a team. Your charm and cooperative nature makes you a great person to smooth over rough spots when friends have a disagreement. You are an honest friend and they trust you with their deepest secrets. You are also very artistic and love drawing, painting, singing or anything else creative. You also get cranky when you are forced to make up your mind before you are ready!

- ▶ **Likes:** Getting notes and e-mails, pretty decorations, being pampered, being praised
- ▶ **Dislikes:** Yelling, being sloppy, ugly places, being criticized

**Scorpio: October 23rd-November 21st**

You are an intense sign. You love magic and mystery and people are naturally drawn to you. You love to be the leader and tend to make a great one. You treat your friends as if they are family; however, you only share your secrets with one or two very special people whom you trust completely. A Scorpio will always forgive - but will never forget. Once you break the trust of a Scorpio, things are never the same again.

- ▶ **Likes:** Mysteries, being right, winning, being cool
- ▶ **Dislikes:** Being asked too many questions, people who know more than you do, losing, getting embarrassed

**Sagittarius: November 22nd - December 21st**

You have the gift of seeing the best in people and are kind and caring to those who need your help. You have a lot of empathy - you can put yourself in someone else's shoes to imagine how they are feeling. Your optimistic attitude is contagious and helps friends to be more open-minded. You also love coming up with different ideas on how to solve a problem. You also can be very sensitive and get your feelings hurt when friends don't view the world as you do.

- ▶ **Likes:** Perfume, being invited places, being praised, helping others
- ▶ **Dislikes:** Clothes that are too snug, making promises, being in one place for too long, having your honesty questioned

**Capricorn: December 22nd-January 19th**

You are a practical Earth sign who is realistic and hard-working. You are filled with determination, planning and persistence when you set your sights on something. You tend to have a reputation for giving good advice to friends in need. You are very generous and make an extremely loyal friend. Once you love somebody, you love them forever. You sometimes test your friends to see if you can really trust them. You can also be unforgiving - especially if someone teases you!

- ▶ **Likes:** Name brands, having privacy, playing trivia games, being comfortable
- ▶ **Dislikes:** Surprises, feeling lonely, friends who flake, wasting money

**Say... What?**

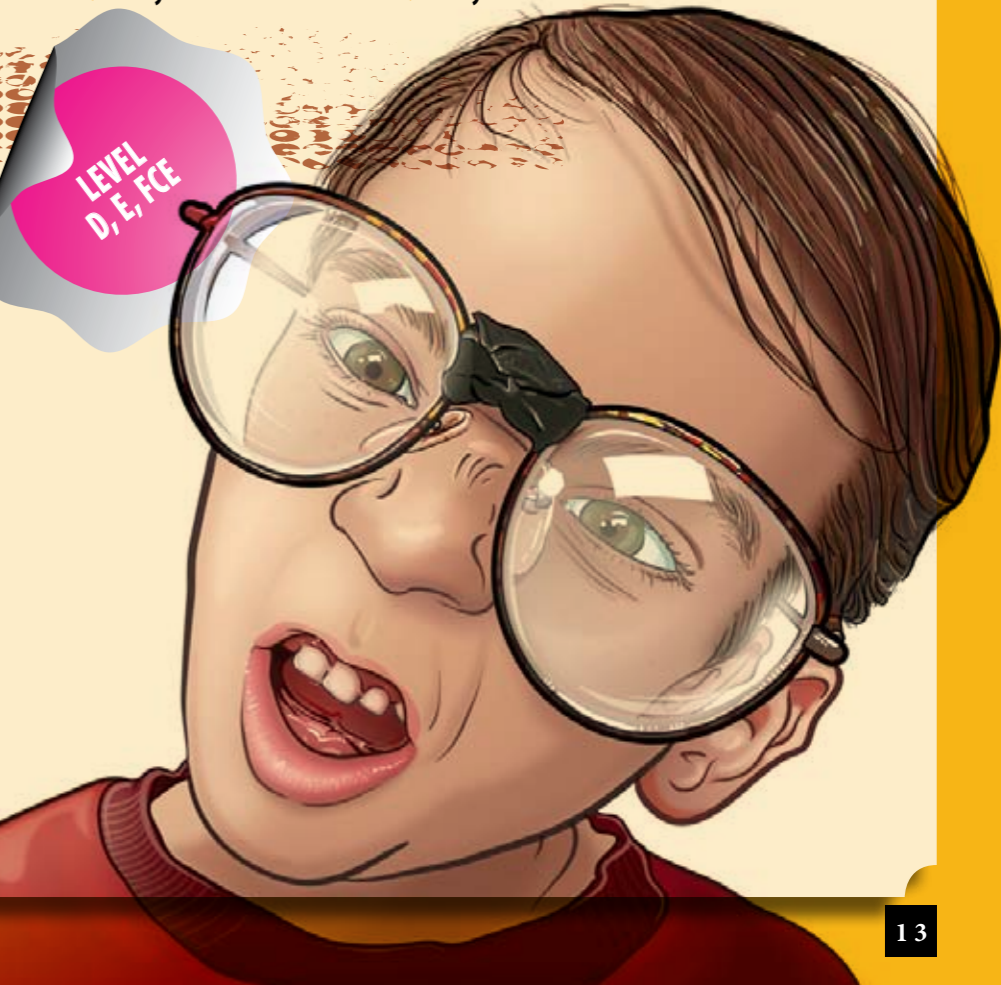
An idiom is a speech form or an expression that cannot be understood by the individual words. For example: "It's raining cats and dogs" is a popular idiom that means it is raining very hard. Idioms often make no sense and cannot be taken literally. There are many popular food idioms.

IDIOM	MEANING
▶ Apple of one's eye	▶ A person who is adored by someone
▶ Bad egg	▶ A person who is often in trouble
▶ Big cheese	▶ Very important person (VIP)
▶ Bread and butter	▶ Necessities, main things needed
▶ Bring home the bacon	▶ Earn the income
▶ Cream of the crop	▶ The best
▶ Don't cry over spilled milk	▶ Get upset over something that happened
▶ Not my cup of tea	▶ Something you don't enjoy
▶ Egg someone on	▶ Urge someone to do something
▶ Nuts about something	▶ Like a lot
▶ Out to lunch	▶ Crazy or mad
▶ One smart cookie	▶ Very intelligent person
▶ Piece of cake	▶ Very easy
▶ Spice things up	▶ Make more exciting
▶ Spill the beans	▶ Reveal the truth
▶ Use your noodle	▶ Use your brains



Can you fill in the blanks with the correct idioms from the list above?

1. Katerina always gets very high marks on her exams. She is \_\_\_\_\_.
2. The party is supposed to be a secret, so make sure you don't \_\_\_\_\_!
3. Nick works two jobs. He is the one who \_\_\_\_\_ for the family.
4. Everyone wanted George to be on their team. He was the \_\_\_\_\_.
5. Eva had no trouble at all passing the driving test. It was a \_\_\_\_\_.
6. I love football, but volleyball really is (not) \_\_\_\_\_.
7. Kosta was sad over what had happened. His friends told him not to \_\_\_\_\_.
8. Gianna always goes to see thrillers at the cinema. She is \_\_\_\_\_.



# 1 product - 2 uses

Don't want to finish that can of coke? No problem – just use it as a cleaning product. Want to get rid of mosquitoes? Ants? Find out how normal things around the house can be used in other ways.

**Bounce Fabric Softener:** Sick of those pesky mosquitoes? Just put a sheet of fabric softener through your belt loop or in your pocket. After that, they will never 'bug' you again!

**Coke:** Do you have a grease stain you just can't get rid of? If so, empty a can of coke into the washing machine (along with the detergent) and wash as normal. The Coca-Cola will help loosen the grease. Coke is also used to remove rust!

**Whipped Topping:** Cool-whip can also be a sweet treat for your hair, especially if it's dry! Once a week, put about 1/2 cup of it on your hair. Wrap your head in a towel and leave it on for 30 minutes. Then, rinse your hair thoroughly a couple times before shampooing. The result should leave you with softer and silkier hair.



**Chalk:** For some reason, ants will not cross a chalk line. So draw a line around windows and doors and ants will never enter your home again!

**Yogurt:** Spent too much time in the sun? Don't worry – yogurt is a great way to soothe a sunburn. Just spread plain yogurt on your skin and allow it to set for about 20 minutes before showering in cool water. You should feel very relieved after.



**Mustard:** Sore throats are quite common in winter months, but use this home remedy and hopefully you will never suffer from one again.

To soothe a sore throat mix together:

- ▶ 2 tablespoons of mustard
  - ▶ The juice from one lemon
  - ▶ 1 TBS. of salt
  - ▶ 1 TBS. of honey
  - ▶ 1 1/2 Cups of boiling water
- Cover and let it cool for 15 minutes before gargling.



LEVEL E, FCE

## JOKES

What do you get when you cross a teacher and a vampire?  
▶ Lots of blood tests!

Why was the teacher cross-eyed?  
▶ Because she couldn't control her pupils

Why did the teacher wear sunglasses to school?  
▶ Because she had bright students

What did one eye say to the other?  
▶ Something between us smells

What can you catch, but not throw?  
▶ Your breath

Why did the man freeze his money?  
▶ He wanted cold, hard cash

Why did the man throw his watch out the window?  
▶ He wanted to see time fly



## Answers-page



### CELEBRITY GOSSIP:

- A.) Barack Obama – President of the USA (5)
- B.) Paris Hilton – Blond socialite (6)
- C.) Britney Spears – Famous pop singer (2)
- D.) Robert Pattinson – Vampire in Twilight (3)
- E.) Angelina Jolie – Actress and humanitarian (4)
- F.) Zac Efron – High school Musical Star (8)
- G.) Miley Cyrus – Also known as Hannah Montana (1)
- H.) David Beckham – Famous footballer (7)

### FAMOUS LANDMARKS:

- The Great Wall - China
- The Eiffel Tower - France
- The Empire State Building - New York
- The Taj Mahal - India
- Stonehenge - UK
- Leaning Tower of Pisa - Italy
- Sydney Opera House - Australia
- Giza Pyramids & Sphinx - Egypt

### WORDSEARCH ANSWERS:

- 1. THESSALONIKI
- 2. SATURN
- 3. MUSICAL
- 4. VANCOUVER
- 5. COLD
- 6. FOOTBALL
- 7. MONEY
- 8. CRUISE
- 9. CHRISTMAS
- 10. BIRTHDAY
- 11. TEETH
- 12. CANCER

### FOOD IDIOMS:

- 1. One smart cookie
- 2. Spill the beans
- 3. Brings home the bacon
- 4. Cream of the crop
- 5. Piece of cake
- 6. Not my cup of tea
- 7. Cry over spilled milk
- 8. Nuts about them

### LADY GAGA QUIZ:

- 1. A
- 2. C
- 3. A
- 4. B
- 5. C
- 6. D
- 7. A
- 8. C

We wish you  
**Merry Christmas**  
**and a Happy New Year**





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## 6th QLS PRIZE COMPETITION

### Λάβε και εσύ μέρος στον ετήσιο διαγωνισμό του QLS

- ▶ Βρες το ζευγάρι σου και δήλωσε συμμετοχή στη γραμματεία του σχολείου σου!
- ▶ Έχεις 4 εβδομάδες να προετοιμάσεις το υλικό που θα σου χρειαστεί για την μεγάλη μέρα του διαγωνισμού!
- ▶ Χρειάζεσαι όχι μόνο τις γνώσεις σου αλλά και τη φαντασία σου για να κερδίσεις!
- ▶ Internet, περιοδικά, βιβλία, οποιαδήποτε εικόνα - ήχος - κείμενο σχετικά με το θέμα μπορεί να σου φανούν χρήσιμα!
- ▶ Πού; Στο σχολείου σου! Πότε; Την ημέρα που το σχολείο σου θα ορίσει! Με ποιους; Μα θα είναι όλοι εκεί: καθηγητές - διαγωνιζόμενοι - φίλοι!
- ▶ ΣΗΜΑΝΤΙΚΟ: Μην ξεχάσεις για το project σου θα πρέπει να χρησιμοποιήσεις το ειδικό έντυπο του QLS Competition!

### Ένας διαγωνισμός για όλους σε 6 διαφορετικά επίπεδα!

Τα αποτελέσματα θα ανακοινωθούν στις 26 Φεβρουαρίου 2010.

**Οι Βραβεύσεις θα γίνουν στο 4ο Μαθητικό Συνέδριο του QLS στις 21/03/2010**

ΕΠΙΠΕΔΑ CEF	ΤΑΞΕΙΣ
Επίπεδο A1	A & B Juniors & A Senior
Επίπεδο A2	B & C Senior
Επίπεδο B1	D & E Senior
Επίπεδο B2	Lower
Επίπεδο C1	Advanced
Επίπεδο C2	Proficiency

**Δήλωσε κι εσύ συμμετοχή στο διαγωνισμό μας... και μαζί μ' έναν συμμαθητή σου, εκπροσώπησε το σχολείο σου μ' ένα project!**

## QLS Η δύναμη μιας μεγάλης ομάδας **εγγύηση** για την επιλογή σας



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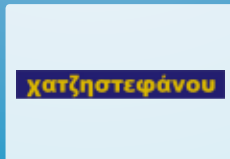
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