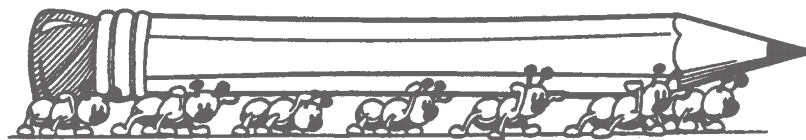


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What's New, Kangaroo?

Read each paragraph. Decide if the author's purpose is to **entertain**, **inform** or **persuade**. Fill in the circle in front of the correct choice.

Kangaroos are marsupials that live in Australia, New Guinea and other nearby islands. The female has a pouch in which her baby, called a joey, develops. After six to eight months the joey will get out and eat grass, but when frightened it will hop back in the pouch headfirst. Wombats, koalas and opossums are marsupials, as well.



- entertain
- inform
- persuade

The kangaroo should be our school mascot because it represents what our teams are like. Kangaroos are fast and are also great hoppers and jumpers, just like us. Everyone should vote for the kangaroo as our mascot in next Tuesday's election.

- entertain
- inform
- persuade

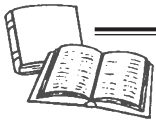
Joey Kangaroo hopped in a circle around his mother and said, "I'll be back in time for lunch. I'm just going to hop over to Willie Wombat's house to tell him the news."

Joey saw Willie with his hairy nose pressed close to the ground. He was feeding on grasses in his yard. "What's new, kangaroo?" asked Willie.

"My mum's going to have another little joey. I'm going to be a big brother."

- entertain
- inform
- persuade

Extension: Make a diorama of a kangaroo in its habitat.



Salt and Pepper

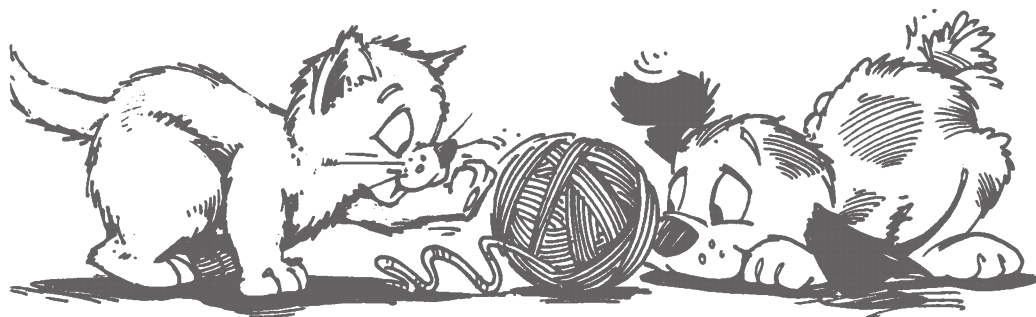
Salt and Pepper were born in the same month and lived together at Peterson’s Pet Shop. Salt was a little white kitten, whose cage sat beside a black poodle named Pepper in the front window. As next-door neighbours the two became best friends.

One day, Manuel and his father came into Peterson’s Pet Shop to pick out a kitten. Manuel chose Salt because she was so playful. When Mr. Peterson lifted Salt out of her cage, Salt miaowed sadly at Pepper who responded bravely, “We’ll meet again someday. I’m sure of it.”

Several weeks later, Lorinda and her mother stopped by the pet shop to look at the puppies. “Oh, Mama,” said Lorinda. “This little black poodle has such beautiful eyes and he likes me already.”

“He seems to be just what we’ve been looking for,” said her mother. “I hope he gets along with our neighbour Manuel’s new white kitten.”

“Oh, I think they’ll be best friends,” Brenda replied. “Won’t they be cute together?—just like salt and pepper!”



Answer the questions in complete sentences.

1. What was the effect of Salt and Pepper living next to each other in the pet shop window? _____
2. What caused Manuel to come to the pet shop? _____

3. What caused Salt to feel sad? _____

4. What caused Lorinda and her mother to pick out Pepper? _____

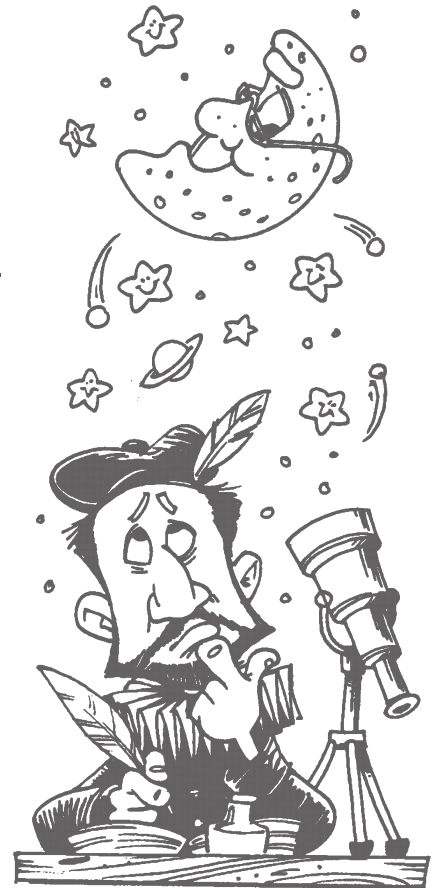
5. What do you think will be the effect of Lorinda taking Pepper home? _____



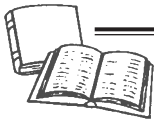
Moonbeams

Read each sentence about the moon. Write an **F** if the statement is a fact, something that can be proved. Write an **O** if the statement is an opinion, what someone believes.

- ___ 1. The most beautiful object in the sky is the moon.
- ___ 2. The moon is about 385,000 kilometres from our planet.
- ___ 3. Plants would make the moon a prettier place.
- ___ 4. The surface of the moon has mountains and craters.
- ___ 5. The Apollo 13 astronauts were excited to land safely on Earth.
- ___ 6. Astronauts first walked on the moon in 1969.
- ___ 7. The moon is a satellite of the Earth.
- ___ 8. The moon reflects light from the sun.
- ___ 9. People living on Earth can only see one side of the moon.
- ___ 10. Neil Armstrong was the bravest of all the astronauts.
- ___ 11. The force of gravity on the moon's surface is weaker than that on the Earth's surface.
- ___ 12. Everyone should make a trip to the moon one day.

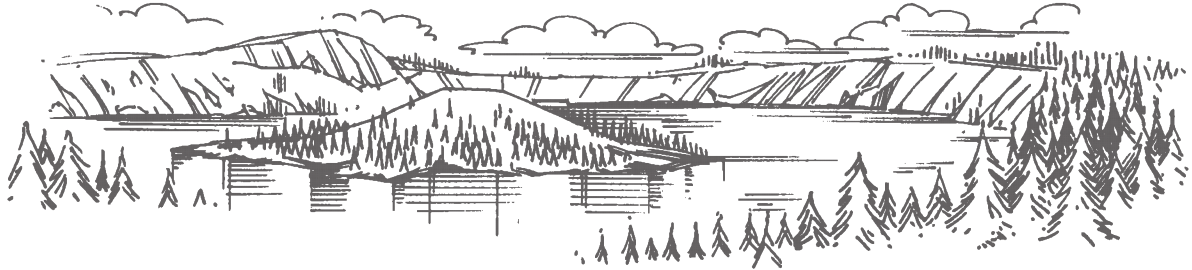


Extension: Rewrite the above facts in paragraph form using your own words. Add some of your own opinions. Publish your writing in a moon-shaped book.



Crater Lake

Read the sentences. Then, fill in the circle by the correct meaning of the underlined word.



Crater Lake, in the Cascade Mountains of southern Oregon, USA, rests in an inactive volcano at an altitude of about 1,900 metres above sea level.

- height
- average

Mount Mazama, an ancient volcano, collapsed thousands of years ago, leaving a huge bowl, or crater.

- erupt
- very old

No streams or rivers supply the lake with water. Precipitation, in the form of snow and rain, has filled the crater.

- fill
- save

Crater Lake is the deepest lake in the United States. Its greatest depth is 589 metres.

- far
- measurement downward

Years ago, a mining prospector was looking for minerals and oil. He saw the lake and called it “Deep Blue Lake”, because of its beautiful colour.

- explorer
- beautiful

Crater Lake and the area around it are now part of a National Park. The Park Service will ensure that people do not pollute the lake.

- protect
- make certain

Extension: Look for pictures of Crater Lake in your Media Centre. Draw or paint a picture of Crater Lake in its beautiful setting.