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4 SPECIES - There are four species of hyena in the world: the spotted hyena, the striped hyena, the brown hyena and the aardwolf. The spotted

PHENOMENAL HUNTERS - Hyenas are best known for being scavengers (feeding on animals killed by other predators) but in fact they are very skilled predators themselves and hunt and kill most of their food.

common one.

SOCIAL ANIMALS

 Females are larger and rank higher than the males.
Spotted hyenas live in a group called a clan of up to
80 individuals that is led by a powerful female known as the alpha female. Spotted hyenas (Crocuta crocuta) are widely misunderstood and have the reputation of being cowardly and sly, but they are actually fascinating and intelligent creatures, excellent hunters and have a very interesting social system.

VARIED DIET - Working as a group, hyenas can take down big animals such as wildebeest, zebras and young hippos. They also eat birds, fish, snakes, lizards and insects.

YOUNG ONES

- A female hyena gives birth to one or two cubs a year, which she nurses for up to two years in a den in the ground or an old termite mound

> **GROWING UP** - When the cubs grow up, males usually leave to join a different clan, whereas females stay with the clan for life.

GREAT COMMUNICATORS - Spotted hyenas are also known as laughing hyenas. Why? Because they communicate with what sounds to us like laughs, giggles, groans, whoops, grunts, yells and whines, some of which can be heard 5km away!

CARING MOTHERS - Hyena mothers are among the most loving in the animal world. They also produce milk that is richer in protein and fat than any other land carnivore!

SUPER INTELLIGENT Hyenas are known o have better team work and problem

solving abilities than

WIDE RANGE OF HABITATS - The spotted hyena is found mostly in savannas, woodlands and scrublands across sub-

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TREMENDOUS STAMINA - Hyenas run down their prey until it is exhausted and they can keep up speeds of 60km/h for several kilometres.

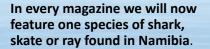
BONE CRUSHERS

- Spotted hyenas have huge jaw muscles which give them a very powerful bite. They can even crack open bones 6cm in diameter and can eat the nutrient-rich marrow most other animals can't access.

CREATURE Feature

By Hayley Brand

Namibia's Rays and Sharks (NaRaS) project



This edition's featured creature is the bluntnose spiny dogfish.

English: Bluntnose spiny dogfish Afrikaans: Stompneus-penhaai Scientific: Squalus acutipinnis

The bluntnose spiny dogfish has a brown body, white belly, and yes, you guessed it, a blunt nose, and small spines in front of each of its two dorsal fins. You can find them in South Africa, Namibia and Angola living on or near the seafloor, and they are found both in shallow coastal waters and in waters up to 500m deep. With

their powerful jaws and sharp teeth, they feed mainly on fish but also eat worms, squid, octopus, and crustaceans.

These cute looking sharks are not considered dangerous, but watch out for those spines in front of each dorsal fin. When attacked. these sharks protect themselves by arching their back and piercing the predator with the spines. Their main predators include seals, orcas, tuna, and even other, larger sharks.

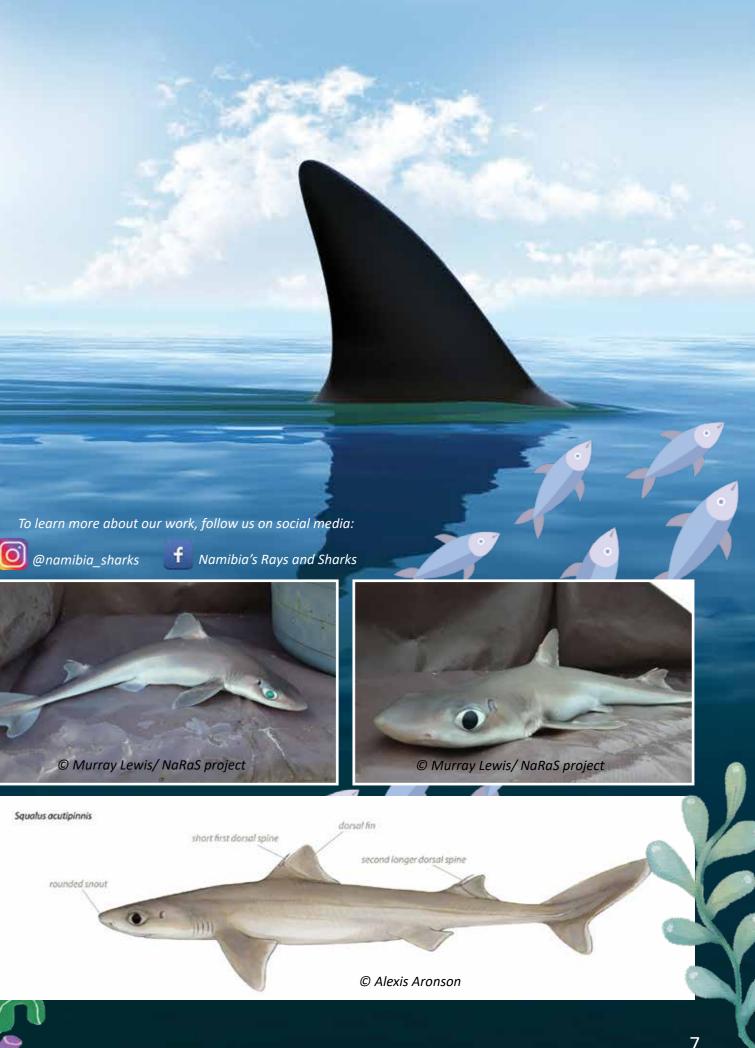
The females give birth to between two and six pups after a two-year gestation period (pregnancy), one of the longest of any vertebrate! At birth, they measure between

23 and 24cm in length and grow very slowly to a maximum size of 77cm in length. The males can live up to 29 years old and the females up to 32 years old.

Bluntnose spiny dogfish are accidentally caught in commercial fisheries, and they don't always survive, even if they are released. This may pose a serious threat to their populations and for this reason, they are classified as Near Threatened on the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) Red List of Threatened Species. That means that these impressive little sharks may be in danger of becoming extinct.

Some dog. fish can live for a long time. Certain species have been known to live up to 70 years!







Sharks play an important role in the ocean ecosystem, helping to keep other marine populations in check. So, even though they might look a bit scary, they are valuable members of the underwater world!



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That's great! Here are

some positive and exciting developments in wildlife protection:

1. Panda Population Increase: Giant pandas, which were once endangered, have seen a significant increase in their

population. Thanks to conservation efforts and habitat protection, their numbers have been steadily rising.

2. Whale Comeback: Some whale species, like the humpback whale, have made a remarkable recovery due to international bans on whaling. Their populations are growing, and you can even watch them on special whalewatching trips in some areas.

3. Tiger Recovery: Efforts to protect tigers in the wild have been paying off, with some populations stabilizing and even increasing. This is great news for these magnificent creatures.

4. Sea Turtle Conservation: Many organizations and volunteers work tirelessly to protect sea turtles and their nesting grounds. This has led to an increase in the number of baby turtles making it to the ocean safely.

5. Endangered Species Protection: Many countries have established national parks and wildlife reserves to protect endangered animals. These areas provide a safe habitat for animals like elephants, rhinoceroses, and orangutans.

6. Community Conservation: Local communities around the world are actively participating in wildlife protection efforts. They are finding ways to live in harmony with nature and protect animals and their habitats.

There are many inspiring success stories where individual animals have been rescued, rehabilitated, and released back into the wild, giving hope for the future of wildlife.

It's important to remember that while there are positive developments, there are still many challenges in wildlife conservation.













The Moon has the same gravity as our Earth.

The Moon's gravity is much weaker than Earth's.

It takes 27.3 days for the Moon to travel all the way around the Earth

reason we have things like

So, in simple terms, the Moon is a moon because it goes around a planet, which is Earth. It's a wonderful place to learn about and explore, even though it's not a star or a planet!







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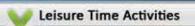
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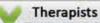
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Going back to school is an exciting time:

New Friends: When you go back to school, you'll have a chance to make new friends. Be open to meeting new people and be friendly. Remember, everyone might be a little nervous at first, so it's a great time to introduce yourself and get to know your classmates.

Teachers: You'll have a new teacher or maybe a few new teachers. They're there to help you learn and grow. Don't be afraid to ask questions if you don't understand something – that's what they're there for!

Subjects: You'll learn many interesting things in school. Subjects like math, science, reading and art will be a part of your daily

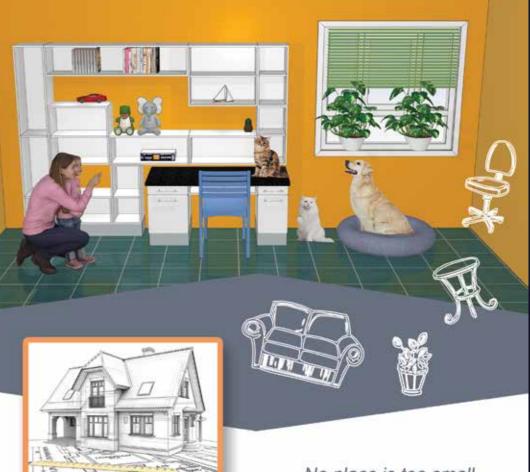


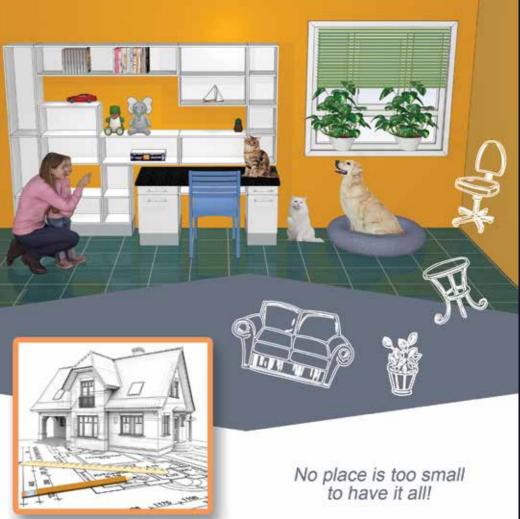
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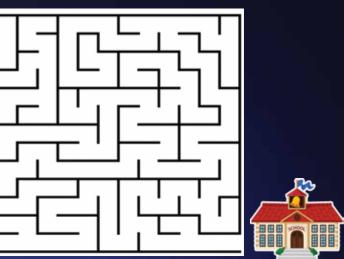
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routine. Each subject helps you explore and understand the world better.

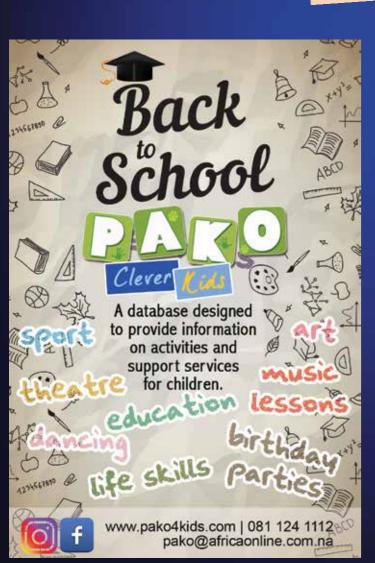
Homework: Yes, there will be homework! It's a way to practice what you've learned in class. Make sure to do your homework and if you ever need help, you can ask your parents or teachers.













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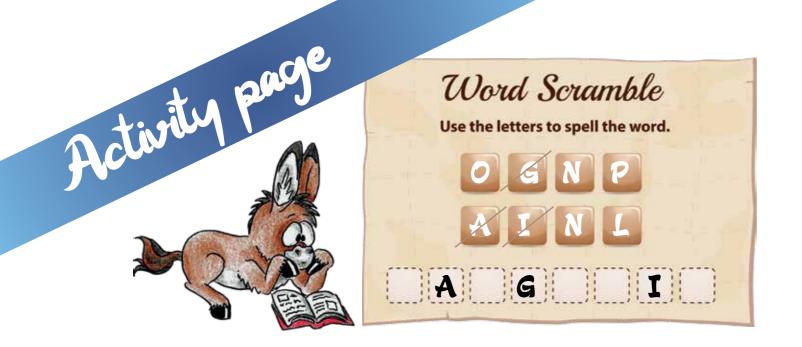
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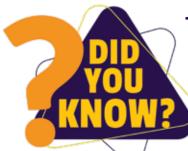
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(find answers on page 22)







Jellyfish are 98% water

The human body is composed of 60% water and the jellyfish's of 98%. When they wash ashore, they can disappear after just a few hours, their bodies promptly evaporating into the air. They have a rudimentary nervous system, a loose network of nerves located in the epidermis called a "nerve net" and no brain. They don't have a heart. Their jelly-like bodies are so thin that they can get oxygen just by letting it seep in.



Word Scramble	
U	lse the letters to spell the word.
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TRUE OR FALSE?

Old dogs can't learn new tricks.

□ True

□ False

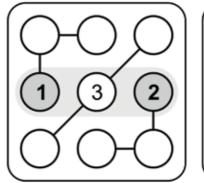


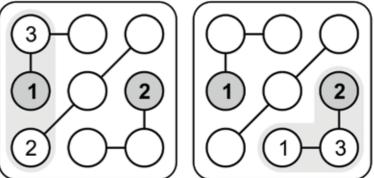
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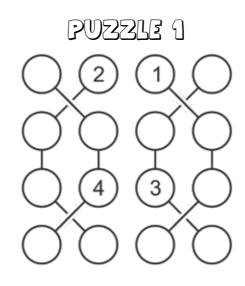
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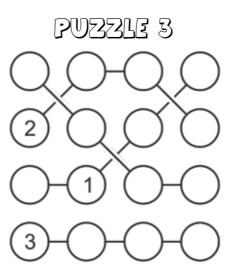
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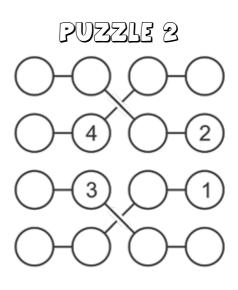


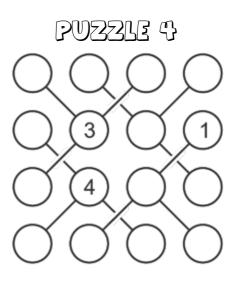


Rule #2

Rule #3

Each stream must contain different numbers.







Hi, I am a Pangolin!

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- Entering a burrow
- Change of behaviour, like stop eating

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- Do not drive off-road

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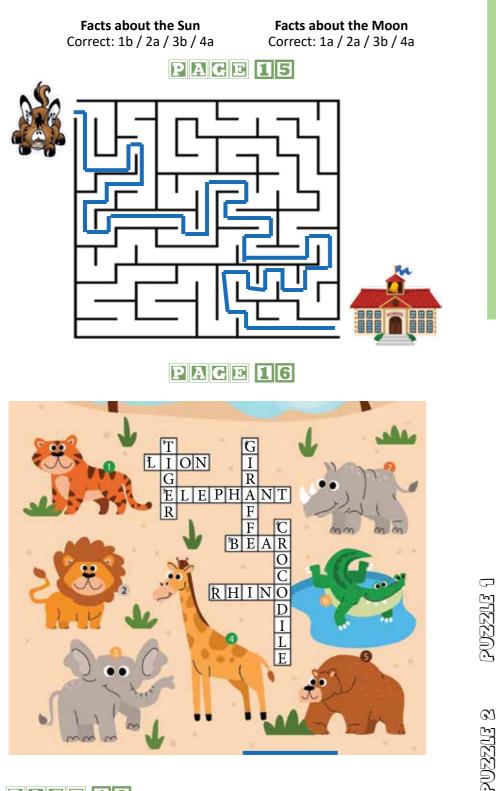
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ACTIVITYANSWERS

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Word Scramble: PANGOLIN **ELEPHANT**

Old dogs can't learn new tricks.

FALSE: Old dogs actually will respond faster and with greater dedication to training and trying to please their owners. There is no such thing as an old dog that cannot be trained or re-trained. You will always find the greatest satisfaction and bond with a senior dog.

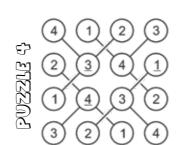
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