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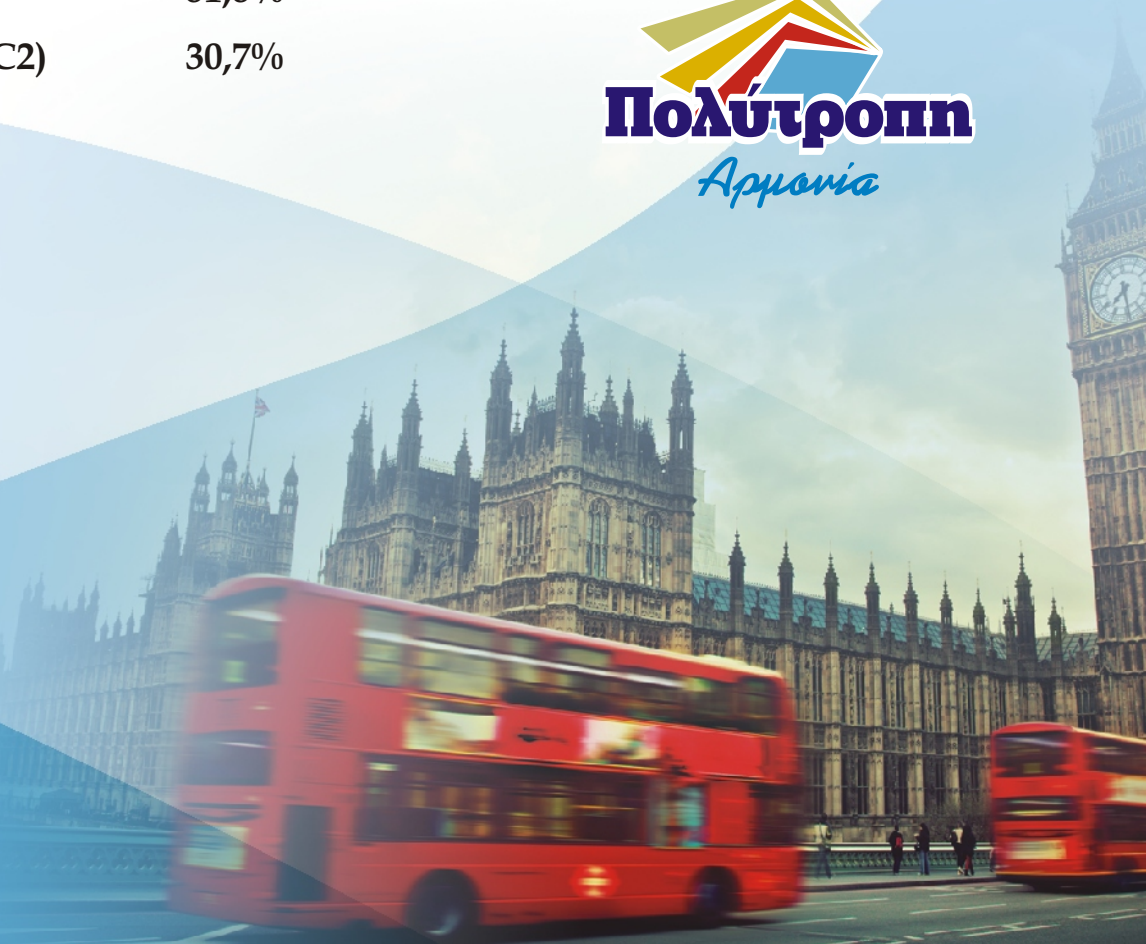
Together we help each student develop the English skills that they need in order to achieve their goals. Not only do we engage our students in the learning process but we also encourage them to interact with each other.

Our principal aim is to show students the real value of learning the English language through literature, online authentic material and other useful teaching tools.

Our great success is reached out of our hard work and our students' remarkable effort. As the saying goes "Practice makes perfect" and hardly does a day go by without putting this into practice!

This is seen every year with the percentages of success our students had in the exams of Cambridge & Michigan Universities:

KET (A2)	94%
PET (B1)	69,5%
LOWER (B2)	81,8%
PROFICIENCY (C2)	30,7%



Editorial

During this critical period that we all are going through, the students of our school remind us that imagination, creativity and hard work never stop. They cooperated with each other, exchanged views and experiences, they sometimes disagreed but at the end of the day they created a collection of wonderful articles about our world, current affairs, and young people's interests.

We would like to thank all the of our students who worked hard for this endeavor and we promise that this is only the beginning....

We are so proud of all of you....

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An interview with Mr. George

Maneadis

The following is a great man's story that has inspired each and every student of our school . We , class Proficiency 1 , formed a small journalistic team and decided to have an online interview with the great mathematician and beloved teacher , Mr. George Maneadis so we can go deeper and find out more about his career and personal life .

1)-Did you want from a young age to become a teacher?

-I wanted to become a mathematician because at elementary school unimaginably. We had many bossy teachers. Let me tell you a story. We once had a teacher at fifth and sixth grade who made us take two tests a day, the first hour on dictation and the last on maths . For the first test we read a text and we wrote it down, if you had something wrong you took a four and he threw our heavy notebooks at the floor as we hadn't passed the test. If someone hadn't passed any test today, they changed seats to somewhere in the 'stupid's side' of the classroom. I never wanted to go there and because I always made mistakes in dictation I only studied Maths so I waited for the summer break to study all the other subjects. One day at sixth grade, on 28th of October, we didn't have the time to take the test of math and the teacher told me to change seat. I refused by telling him that we hadn't taken the second test. After a while he accepted my answer and told me to come up to the blackboard. He said that if I solved the exercise he would put me, I would never have to take a test again but if I didn't I would have to sit at the 'stupid's side' forever. Finally, I solved the exercise correctly and I started to study every subject but Maths. So Maths became a way of living, I didn't only like them.

2)-How is your family related with Maths?

-That's a good question! My mother only went to elementary school for three months because of the war. My father went to school only until the fourth grade. However now, after so long I realized that mainly my mother has a talent for Maths because she could solve mathematical operation using a way she made that she never explained me. For example, when I came back home after buying cheese she could easily tell whether the person from whom I had bought it had overpriced it or not with great accuracy with a mathematical operation. If not she immediately sent me back to get my money back. But she didn't actually know anything about Maths.

3)-Which subjects did you find interesting?

-All of them! But I hadn't studied well. If you asked me which subjects did you read the most, I would answer mainly the last year everything except Maths. I even studied at night! I had made my mother worried though! And that's because I was left behind, I hadn't studied before. However what I love the most, even though it might sound crazy is philosophy

4) – How did you end up picking Maths? I think you already answered that...

- Yes, I did. It is kind of unfair. Others have something from a young age that made them choose what they are doing now. But for me, math was a way of living. So it was actually liking it as a subject.

5) – At which University did you study? How were your college years?

- In Thessaloniki and it was magical I have visited many times Thessaloniki but not the university because I felt inelaulcioly. We learned many things there and it was difficult for me to visit it. At university you learn as much in the amphitheaters as much you would outside them. Going to university doesn't only mean paying attention to your lessons and learning them by heart but making friends and socializing.

6) – What were your first steps after university?

- Get a job. My family was poor. Once, when I was in university I was looking for a summer job. So I went to the headquarters of a supermarket called "Sklavenitis". By accident I was sent to Sklavenitis' office where I asked him for a job. He was surprised because I wasn't meaul to ask him for a job but an employee. He was very polite and offered me a job for two days a week at Pasalimani. But by the time I told him I finished he said he wouldn't accept me because I didn't actually want to work at a supermarket. It's dangerous, you might get used to this job and change plans. That was for me the best. Afterwards, I got a job at coaching schools and had private courses for years. With some teachers from the school we had a coaching school land it needed a lot of work. So this was my work for many years after finishing university.

7) –What led you to the decision to establish this school?

- Let me remember ... While working to the coaching school we always dreamed of creating a school but we didn't try to make this dream into reality until around 2000 what prompted us to establish "Politropi Armonia" TM was the fact that too many students of the twelfth grade were taking extra curricular lessons that lasted three hours and were too tiring for the students when put in conjunction with everyday school activities. So we decided to create a school where these lessons needed to ensure success in school life so that the students would have more free time.

8) What is your opinion on the modern children and their dreams?

It's quite difficult to talk about their dreams, as they are beyond my field of view. They are way ahead, but I am a fan of the new generation. I think that it should be a motive of every teacher in the world, and they must consider the youth important. I already have some students that are better than me, not only on knowledge, but on many things, as the speed of thought. In my point of view, that's what the success of a teacher really is. If I decided to be a mathematician, my success would be the discoveries I made. But if I decided to be a teacher mathematician, my success would be how many significant students I would produce. It's one of the strange elements of the job, to recognize when someone is better than you.

9) Is it hard to combine all the parts of your job into one? (teaching, commanding the school etc.)

To be honest, I consider myself as a mathematician. That's what I mainly spend my time on. By the way, I am very lucky to have organized and methodical colleagues. Everything ends with a nod. Remember last year, when we were shocked by the pandemic. We rapidly got everything covered, because everyone understood what they had to do, which they did. I don't usually tell them a lot of things. A couple of words, and everything is ready. It's easy. The difficult parts are the teacher-parent contacts, as it is not that much connected to our profession. Colleagues and the children are our joy, no matter how much time we spend on them. That's the school rule. When someone comes to the school, he knows that he takes all the initiatives alone. Most of the times, you do an extra lesson. It doesn't matter which teacher it is, he will inform me about it. If we sometimes «crash» into each other's lessons, it's whoever said it first, most of the times. So, they command their selves, they don't need my commands.

10) If you didn't become a teacher, what would you like to be?

Anything that is related to many people. Now that I think about it, I could be in the local shop. Many people to be affected by. Actually, I prefer children, grown-ups don't suit me. Companies, friends, but there is another environment while talking to them. With kids, it's more fun. I had never taught in a junior high school. When we established this school, that's when I first taught there. While doing that, I was both scared and timid of the new environment and behavior. The teaching part must dominate the scientific one, and that's why I was kind of shocked. Finally, after all those years, I don't change it; it refreshes me. I almost find the same teaching junior high school students and high school students. You don't bother talking about minor things, such as a paper you threw. You only discuss about lessons, and that's what I find exciting. Though, it's a bit more exciting when it comes to junior high school students, as you find yourself larger; you aren't only a mathematician.

11) What would you like seeing being added to the school in the future?

That's an interesting question! To be honest, what I think we are doing wrong is the lack of activities Every Friday, as you know there are some activities, but even though we tried a sports club before the pandemic, we didn't do well. I would like our facilities with little more space, and the kids to be active and to do all of their activities at school. I don't believe in students who are just students, but in those who have more interests. When the school said that it covers

everything, it meant that students don't have to get a tutor. But it isn't just that. Kids in your age or older have a great need of activities, not only sports. Someone who wants to take on chess, should be able to add it to the lists of activities. We've made progress. At first there were no activities. There are now only Friday activities, but if there was a bigger space, there could be activities on Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

12) What's the ideal way of teaching, in your opinion?

I certainly don't know. If I knew it, I would most likely sell it. I think that the one condition for a lesson to take place is love, as weird as it seems. You must love what you are doing, and love who you are doing it to. Think that, from the little space that everyone has in the school, the classrooms, how many personalities there are. The personalities must not change, but the teachers must. Even on children with weaknesses on their way of studying, you must help them defeat them, and when a kid isn't studying, it isn't only his fault. We are responsible for that, we have lost a fight. It's like doctors when they are operating someone. They don't say that he died, but that we lost him. They search, and many of them for a while. What should we have done, what we did wrong. This is the torture of our profession, we must search everyday what should we do, to make kids better. A lot of times, we understand that the majority of you are bigger brains than us. So, you consider his weakness as unfair. You must carry the guilts of not being able to put him in a right way. I am close to retiring, to completing my life, and I haven't been able to find a recipe, like with this trick everything is set.

But isn't everyone different?

Yes, that's for sure. The teacher must adapt to them, not the kids to the teacher, to be able to work together. But if the teacher doesn't find the edge of the kid's character, which he can pull to make him what he wants to be, and not what the teacher wants him to be, then it's a lost battle. A little story I have already told you. There was a kid once, who scored perfect in every exam. He got 19.600 marks out of 20.000 in the exams to enter the university. He got into the math university even though his parents were significant doctors, one of them was number two in the Hopkins institute, where number one got awarded with a Nobel award, and the other was a neurologist. Now, I can say that he did well that he didn't regret it, as he was given a scholarship by the Princeton university for 60.000 dollars per year, to be working for them. All that before he finished his studies. So, the matter is not doing something that appeals to me, as I did what appealed to me. Now I got to help a kid succeed in life. Everyone has dreams, and the most important thing is to make them true.

13) How much did you get affected by your teachers?

A lot. A lot. I had a mathematician for three years, the last three. He was a very introverted and strict person, but we learned plenty of stuff. I went to a public school. He said that the next day there would be an extra lesson. In a private school you understand the meaning of it, but in a public one as well. Back then, there was no extra lessons. And because we shared the building with another school, our teacher had to set the extra lessons in the morning. The school was closed that early in the morning, so the teacher jumped over the fences, and we had to follow him. We then entered the classroom and we had a lesson. I also has

a philologist, who had stood next to me a lot of times, because I was really weak at writing. He had even lent me a tape recorder, to which I told things, I played them back, and I wrote them. He was a touching person. They both affected me and my personality. That doesn't mean that I didn't have teachers who weren't very interesting. There always are, but the teachers who marked me were amazing.

14) Who is the mathematician you most admire?

Which mathematician? Okay... I will say something that a significant Greek mathematician once told. He is called Xristodoulou, who has been awarded something like a Nobel award, and he has also gotten another awards, when he was young. Daskalakis, as a popular mathematician, has covered Xristodoulou, but he is one of the best Greek mathematicians that Greece has produced. At an interview, he was asked what faculty he was in. A reporter said that mathematicians are split in two parts; the ones who support Gauss, and the others who support Euler. He then responded that his opinion is wrong. «The science of math is like orthodoxy, it's triadic. There is the holy spirit, there is Jesus, and there is father god. Gauss is the holy spirit, Euler is Jesus, and father god is Archimedes». I am a big fan of Archimedes. From the slightly younger, there is a person, who had marked me, because he troubled me a lot, especially while studying at the university. I suddenly got into blurry water, which I couldn't control. I had fun with math, I enjoyed them, but with him I had difficulties, because he wasn't in my mindset. His name is Galois, and we have something called Galois' algebra. He died twenty years old. Twenty years old, and he had a slightly thug face. He was put in prison, because he had opposed against Napoleon. He was in trouble, the next day he was fighting and he knew that he was about to die. That night, he sits down and writes about thirty pages of math. Nobody could understand what was written, not even an academic mathematician, friend of his. We later understood everything, and we named it Galois' algebra. The most important thing about him is that he failed his university exams three times, which were oral, so he never joined university. Euler gave him the award of the best mathematician when he was in prison, when he wasn't even a mathematician. So, Archimedes, Euler, and from the later, because I like Daskalakis as he is a good standard. There are many good ones which I admire, and you don't know them, who happen to be my students.

At the end of the interview , Mr. Maneadis decided to <<interview>> us , too . Here are some of his questions to our journalists and you :

- What do you want to become when you grow older ? Why?
- What do you think success means ?
- Who inspires you\What are your role models ?

The time flew and we all had fun discussing about our future goals and dreams . The journalistic team wants to thank Mr. Maneadis for participating and sharing his experiences with us . Thank you

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The pandemic of COVID-19

Coronavirus effects in our society



This year, a new disease has appeared to the humanity, called by experts as Covid-19. It is targeting at the human respiratory system and most threatens those suffering from underlying conditions and the elderly ones. Unfortunately, this has caused a great segment of human popularity to lose their life.

Worldwide, general lockdowns have been forced by governments of several nations in order to achieve the prevention of the virus conduction. This has resulted the destruction of various financial industries, especially those connected with amusement, tourism and food services. Those working on those industries have been more likely to be unemployed and have lost their basic revenue, resulting their incapability of paying certain taxes. As a result, public purses worldwide have lower incomes than ever before, robbing residents of the

opportunity to have a secure and financially comfortable life. Instead of this, the majority of countries are unavoidable driven to poverty.

Educational system has started “bleeding” too. Students are obliged to be graduated from home, using their computers and other similar surveillance archives. It is an extraordinary condition, as they were never forced to do so before. This way of learning can be complicated and problematic, as a significant segment of students cannot afford to buy the required equipment, or cannot access to Internet due to their current economical situation. Furthermore, students cannot be evaluated in the same way they previously did and typical assessments have been replaced from virtual quizzes. Technical difficulties can also prevent covering the full spectrum of knowledge and delay the acquisition of knowledge and in the long run the curriculum coverage.

Ultimately, over two million people have lost their life due to violently suffering from coronavirus. As a result, residents must abide by state’s instructions. Perseverance is the only available “injection” against the disease. As various medical companies have identified with the virus and are now in a race to discover an effective injection, the era of a more hopeful life might be around the corner.

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Proficiency 2



Our young students get inspired by nature documentaries and discuss their favourite ones.

OUR PLANET



I chose to see a documentary because I like to learn things about plants, planets e.t.c. I prefer the documentaries about animals in forests, in the sea and at another places . So I watched a documentary about animals at jungles . First I learnt lot of information about gorillas. Gorillas are as tall as a man but twice the weight .They travel several kilometres to find food. Also I learned about orangutans. A baby oragutan takes more than ten years to become independent . They eat insects like ants and fruits . Great hornibills hane wings that are almost 2 metres tall. They are black and they have orange beaks.

Kyriaki Papaspirou, Pet 2

PANDAS

Well in this project I pick documentaries because you can learn things from documentaries. I pick a documentary for pandas because its one from my favorite animals. I love pandas because they are super cute and very fluffy. Documentaries on pandas are very interesting because I learn things that I didn't know.



The panda is a bear native to south central China. It is characterized by large, black patches around its eyes, over the ears, and across its round body. Giant pandas in the wild will occasionally eat other grasses, wild tubers, or even meat in the form of birds. The giant panda folivore with bamboo shoots and leaves making up more than 99% of its diet. As you can see I have learned so much about one of my favorite animals that I didn't knew before.

LOYKIA KAPLANIDI, Pet2

Celebrity World

Stefanos Tsitsipas



Stefanos Tsitsipas is a Greek professional tennis player. He is the youngest player ranked in the top 10 by the association of tennis professionals. Stefanos Tsitsipas also has a career-high ranking of number 5 making him the highest-ranked Greek player in history. Stefanos Tsitsipas is a symbol for Greek tennis and an idol for many

Stefanos Tsitsipas is the son of Apostolo Tsitsipa and Julia Apostoli which both were experienced tennis players. He was born in Vouliagmeni and has two younger brothers and one younger sister. due to the strong background in tennis. He started



Due to the strong background in tennis he started playing at a very young age. He also said that he remembers when he was three years old and watched tennis games on the television.



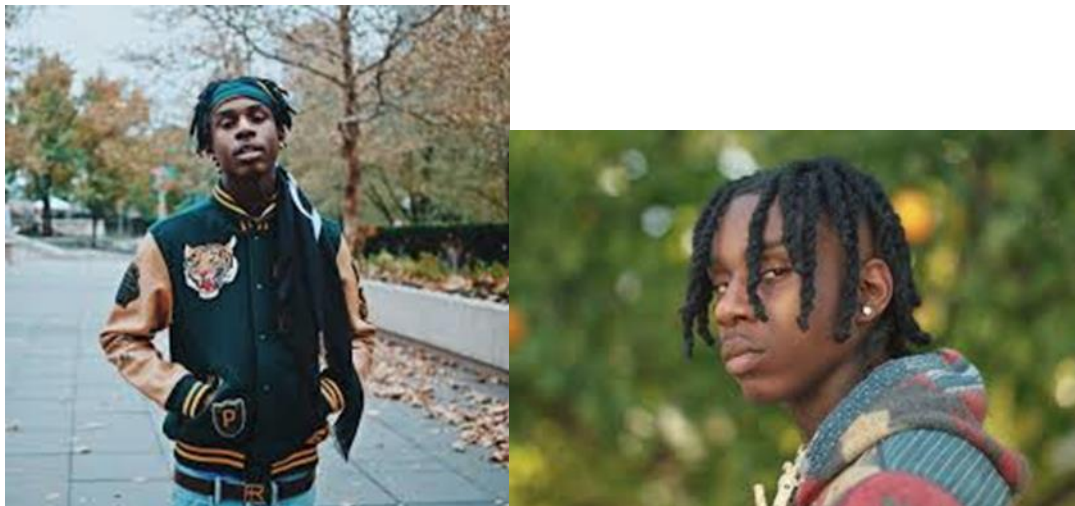
Tsitsipas is a former world No. 1 junior. He began playing on the ITF junior circuit in 2013 at the age of 14. He did not play in any high-level Grade A tournaments until the Abierto Juvenil Mexicano in November 2014. In 2015, Tsitsipas got his first opportunity to play in the junior Grand Slam tournaments. In these four events, a quarterfinal at the Australian Open was his best result.



Tsitsipas began playing low-level ITF Futures events in Greece in 2013 shortly after turning 15, not long after he started competing on the junior tour. He qualified for his first event on the ATP Challenger Tour at the Burnie International in early 2015 but lost his only main draw match to Benjamin Mitchell. Tsitsipas won his first Futures title later that year and would go on to win a total of eleven such titles, through the end of 2016. He also won his first Challenger match near the end of 2015 in Mohammedia in Morocco. Tsitsipas returned to Morocco a year later and reached his first two Challenger finals in back-to-back weeks at Mohammedia and Casablanca. This success in Africa helped him crack the top 200 later that October.

Harry Vatistas, Proficiency 2

Polo G rapper/artist



Taurus Tremani Bartlett born at **January 6 1999** known professionally as **Polo G**, is an American rapper, singer, songwriter, and record executive. In 2019, he gained mainstream fame with his single "**Pop Out**" featuring **Lil**

Tjay which peaked at number 11 on the **Billboard Hot 100**. The singles were included on his debut studio album, **Die a Legend** 2019, which peaked at number 6 on the US **Billboard 200** and went on to be certified **RIAA Platinum**. Bartlett's second studio album, **The Goat** 2020, peaked at number 2 on the **US Billboard 200** and included ten Hot 100 charting.



John Vonazoudas, Pet 2

Celebrations around the world

La Tomatina



La Tomatina is a festival that takes place in the Valencian town of Buñol, in which people throw tomatoes to each other in a tomato fight that happens every summer.

La Tomatina Festival started the last Wednesday of August in 1945 when some young people spent their time in the town square to attend the Giants and Big – Heads figures parade. The young boys decided to take part in the parade. One participant fell off and people started to pelt each other with tomatoes from a local market. Since 2002, La Tomatina of Bunol was declared Festivity of International Tourist Interest. It takes place every year on the last Wednesday of August, in which participants throw tomatoes get involved in a tomato fight.



Andreas Liolias, Markella Bella, Konstantinos Valsamis, Pet 1

Holy Festival



- Holi, also known as the Feast of Colors is a Hindu religious festival that takes place in early spring. This festival is celebrated mainly in India, Pakistan and Nepal but also in countries where there is a dispersion of Indians and populations whose religion is Hinduism.



- Holi has become increasingly popular outside of India, in large part because of the millions of Indians and other South Asians living all over the world. As with Diwali, another Indian festival, communities with South Asian heritage living abroad often get together to celebrate Holi.

Why has Holi become popular outside India?

How we celebrate HOLI?

- On the day of Holi, entire streets and towns turn red, green and yellow as people throw colored powder into the air and splash them on others. Each color carries a meaning. Red, for example, symbolizes love and fertility while green stands for new beginnings. People also splash water on each other in celebration. Water guns are used to squirt water, while balloons filled with colored water are also flung from rooftops. Later in the day, families gather together for festive meals. It is also common to distribute sweets among neighbors and friends.

Nikitia Valiouti, Matina Papoutsis, Panagiotos Kouris, Spyros Divaris

Pet 1



Halloween is a celebration on the night of October 31. It is most practised in the United States and Canada. Children wear costumes and go to people's homes saying "Trick or treat!" to ask for candy

(sweets in the UK) and people give it to them. The suggestion is: "Give me a treat or I will play a trick on you." People mainly dress up as ghosts, witches, or other scary things for Halloween. It is often referred to as 'the scared time of the year.

How all started:

The tradition originated with the ancient Celtic festival of Samhain, when people would light bonfires and wear costumes to ward off ghosts. In the eighth century, Pope Gregory III designated November 1 as a time to honor all saints. Soon, All Saints Day incorporated some of the traditions of Samhain. The evening before was known as All Hallows Eve, and later Halloween. Over time, Halloween evolved into a day of activities like trick-or-treating, carving jack-o-lanterns, festive gatherings, donning costumes and eating treats.

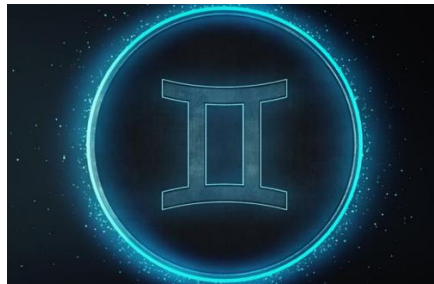
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Pet 1*



Astrology

Read about the characteristics of the most popular zodiac signs...

Gemini



Characteristics of Gemini

Gemini are born between May 22 and June 22, and belong to the Air element of the zodiac (along with Libra and Aquarius). Air signs are smart, sharp and speedy; they **THINK** more than they feel, or do. Gemini are the liveliest of the Air sign gang - versatile, youthful, curious and fun
Gemini

Personality Traits

Gemini is often striving to integrate socially while also striving to break away from societal authority. Despite being very outspoken, they are not the most rebellious sign. They simply revel in their individuality, and value their own personal freedom above everything else. When they need to be around others, they will make that happen; and when they need to get away, they will cater to that. They live through both extremes. Gemini are very excitable when it comes to change because they tend to bore easily. They will always prefer to search for excitement rather than stay home on a weekend and enjoy simple pleasures.

Gemini's absolutely love going out and looking for trouble to get in with a pair of really good friends. To them, trouble means adventure, and daring innovation. They consider searching for a little excitement will lead to a lot

of fun, and many amazing stories to recount when they reveal the escapades to others who were unable to join them.

Geminis are full of nervous energy, and are always trying to burn it off. Therefore, they are attracted to activities that produce a sense of exaltation within them. If they could fly they would. Instead, Geminis focus on travel, and many forms of travel appeal to them. They love bikes, skates, cars and motorcycles, though they get bored of long road trips. Geminis need a constant change of pace and direction.

The Gemini is known to be the diversifier in its group of friends. They liven up every social situation with their very vibrant personality, and their flow of ideas. However, their leadership comes with absolutely no accepted responsibility or obligation or loyalty to the group they choose to spend their time with. Geminis are very non attached creatures, and will always go where the fun is.

Characteristics of Gemini

Negatives

Inconsistent. Geminis find it hard to stay at one place. ...

Double-Faced. Geminis are known to have two sides to their personality. ...

Indecisive. Geminis absolutely hate taking decisions and they are generally not very good at it. ...

Overly Anxious. ...

How Gemini Are As Friends

A Gemini is often considered to be the social connector in the group. They bring together a lot of different people, merging different friendship cliques and creating inclusive companionships. Whenever a Gemini is around, there will always be laughter and fun. However, a Gemini can be an extremely flaky friend, and they will never commit to a plan because they are always worried that something better will come up. Though they have large circles of friends, if a Gemini calls you their best friend, you can be sure that you are one of very few close people in their life.

Gemini Compatibility

A Gemini is thoughtful, very charming, compelling and quite dreamy. They need a match who is as deep as they are someone who will cater to their love of knowledge and conversation. They like free thinkers, and people who respect them. An Aquarius will not be afraid of meeting them in their depths, while stimulating the dreamy conversation and an insightful lifestyle. Together, the Gemini and the Aquarius would thrive as a true meeting of the minds.

Nick Schoinas , lower 1

Cancer



Cancer is the fourth sign of the zodiac, which the sun enters at the summer solstice in the Northern Hemisphere, on approximately June 21. Those who are born from approximately June 21 to July 22 (depending upon the year) are born under Cancer. Individuals born during these dates, depending on which system of astrology they subscribe to, may be called "Cancerians." Cancer is a northern sign and its opposite sign is Capricorn. Cancer is a cardinal sign.

Water is the element associated with Cancer, and, alongside Scorpio and Pisces, it forms the water trigon. The water trigon is one of four elemental trigons in the zodiac, with the other three being fire, earth, and air. When a trigon is influential, it is said to affect changes on earth. Cancer is said to be the house of Neptune and the exaltation of Jupiter, both astronomical bodies over those born under Cancer. Its ruling planet is the Moon. Mythology In Hindu astrology the sign of Cancer is named Karka and its Lord is Moon. Divine associations with Cancer in Renaissance astrology are Luna/Diana, both goddesses that represent the Moon, Cancer's ruling planet.

Early history

"Cancer" is an ancient word of Indo-European origin, derived from a root meaning "to scratch." In ancient Egypt, the sign of Cancer was conceived as a scarab beetle, while in Mesopotamia it was represented by a turtle. In each case, the animal representative of

the sign was perceived as "pushing" the sun across the heavens, initiating the summer solstice.

In modern times, it is the scientific Latin genus name for "crab", though it has been used to describe numerous species of shellfish in classical usage. According to Greek myth, the symbol of Cancer—often a crab, though sometimes a lobster—is based on the Karkinos (Greek: "Cancer"), a crab crushed under the foot of Hercules, and whose remains were placed in the sky by Hera, forming the Cancer constellation. In Roman variations of the story, it is Juno—Hera's counterpart in Roman mythology—who places the crab in the sky. Naturalist Richard Hinckley Allen, in 1899, deemed Cancer the "most inconspicuous figure in the zodiac," adding that its mythology "apologizes for its being there by the story that when the Crab was crushed by Hercules, for pinching his toes during a contest with the Hydra in the Marsh of Lerna, Juno exalted it to the sky."

In the arts

During the Middle Ages, the zodiacal symbol of Cancer was included in devotional books and incorporated into monumental sculptures. The depiction of Cancer as a crab is most prevalent in Mediterranean and Western European art.

In Dante Alighieri's *Paradiso*, he makes reference to Cancer, writing:

Thereafterward a light among them brightened, So that, if Cancer one such crystal had, Winter would have a month of one sole day.

— Dante Alighieri, *Paradiso* Cancer is figured in Giovanni Maria Falconetto's 1517 painting, *Cancer*, as the guardian of the city of Verona. The Cancer symbol is also depicted in Agostino di Duccio's sculpture *View of Rimini Under the Sign of Cancer* (1450). In Giorgio Vasari's fresco, the *Chamber of Fortune*, Cancer is represented in the northern compartment of the ceiling, pictured by Diana, holding the moon, along with a crab.

Stelios Loris, Lower 1

Scorpion



BIRTHDAY OF SCORPIOS

23 October to 22 November

THE DATA AND QUALITY OF SCORPIOS

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THE PROVISIONS OF SCORPIOS

Determination, morals, passion, strength, faith, sexuality, sentimentality, stability, intuition

THE MINIMUMS OF SCORPIOS

Revenge, suspicion, jealousy, secrecy, grudge, cruelty, possessiveness, self-destruction

Scorpio's personality

Scorpio has a piercing magnetic gaze and an inner force, which makes him remarkable, no matter how much he tries to hold on to the background. He exudes mystery and he's very smart. He has a tremendously developed intuition and is very suspicious, as a result, he constantly tries to psychoanalyse and "read" others. He is obsessed with the past and especially with negative experiences. He never forgets someone's betrayal, so he often avenges himself in the worst way, while forgetting that good has been offered to him, if at some point he is let down. He loves deeply and more truly than anyone, which makes him possessive and jealous. It is the absolutely erotic sign, with enviable performances, a lot of passion and sensuality. He loves money and often can operate insidiously or even secretly in order to benefit! The ruler planet of Scorpio is Pluto

Scorpio and Love

Scorpio doesn't let himself fall in love easily. But if he falls in love, he loves stronger and more passionately than anyone. When he flirts, he likes difficult and perhaps forbidden targets, he doesn't open his cards, but he tries to infiltrate the other's psyche. In his relationship he is possessive and very jealous, he sees everything suspiciously and this wears out the relationship. But this stuffy but so true love makes each partner not be able

to escape his nets. He is known for his uniqueness and performance in sex. Pleasure and passion for him are essential to maintaining a relationship. He's very loyal, and he'll only stray if the sex life of his relationship doesn't satisfy him. Even though he's stable, he'll break up with the slightest betrayal, even if it's only in his mind and he'll surely avenge himself. If his partner announces the separation, he'll make up scenarios of betrayal in his mind, and he'll still, which means that this sign has the power to always be born through its ashes avenge!

Constantinos Metaxas, Lower 1

Sagittarius



Date: 22 November- 21 December

Ruling planet: Jupiter

Adventurous, Creative, Strong Willed

Sagittarius is independent and strong-willed and is all about going off the beaten path. Sagittarius is a natural born leader who goes after what he or she wants regardless of what other people think. They are born adventurers, and love solo travel and exploration. Sagittarius is also open-hearted, generous, big-spirited and always truthful. Because of this they may hurt others' feelings, or may be called out for not having tact or empathy. They are also trustful and they won't spill any secrets. Sagittarius is a great person to have on a work team, as they have infectious energy and enthusiasm. They are smart, capable, and a true trailblazer.

Sagittarius is amazing. Their name says it all:

S for seductive

A for adventurous

G for generous

I for intelligent

T for thrilling

T for trustful

A for able

R for responsive

I for ideal

U for unique

S for sensible

Anna Efrimidi, Lower 1

Aquarius

Aquarius is the eleventh astrological sign in the Zodiac. Under the tropical zodiac, the Sun is in the Aquarius sign between about January 21 and about February 20. Aquarius is an air sign. The name of this constellation is Latin for “water-carrier” or “cup-carrier” and it is one of the oldest of the recognized constellations along the zodiac. The symbol for Aquarius is an old glyph that represents ripples of water. The fact that there is two of them speaks about waters above and waters below, representing our common and our divine natures as they communicate to one another.

Aquarius-born are shy and quiet, but on the other hand they can be eccentric and energetic. In both cases, they are deep thinkers and highly intellectual people who love helping others. Although they can easily adapt to the energy that surrounds them, Aquarius-born have a deep need to be some time alone and away from everything, in order to restore power. People born under the Aquarius sign, look at the world as a place full of possibilities. The biggest problem for Aquarius-born is the feeling that they are limited or constrained. Because of the desire for freedom and equality for all, they will always strive to ensure freedom of speech and movement. Aquarius-born have a reputation for being cold and insensitive persons, but this is just their defence mechanism against premature intimacy. They need to learn to trust others and express their emotions in a healthy way.



Georgia Zervou, Lower 1

Pisces

You are a sensitive and compassionate person. You feel joy and satisfaction to offer your help generously to your fellow human beings and you can even sacrifice your personal desires to give support and support around you. You have a rich imagination, you are a dreamer and many times you create in your imagination a dream world of your own which is very far from reality. You hand over your weapons easily, you don't have much self-confidence and you don't have the perseverance to fight to achieve what you want. There are some times when you are divided and find it difficult to make a decision and then you avoid taking initiatives. In the field of love you are quite emotional, you get excited easily and you get hurt when your relationships do not develop as you expect.



Δήμητρα Παπουτσή

Dimitra Papoutsi, Lower I

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What about some music?

The students of 1st grade choose their favourite songs!

My favourite song

Pep Smoke - What You Know Bout Love

One of its lyrics

She said, "What you know 'bout love?" I
got what you need
Walk up in the store and get what you
want
You get what you please
We 'bout to get it on, take off them
drawers

my feelings about that

This song relaxed me and it reminds me of
the summer, because my friends and I
heard it when we threw a party

Zarali Aspasia. Pet 2

Madonna



Lyrics

La Isla Bonita

Como puede ser verdad

Last night I dreamt of San Pedro
Just like I'd never gone, I knew the song
A young girl with eyes like the desert
It all seems like yesterday, not far away

Tropical the island breeze
All of nature wild and free
This is where I long to be
La isla bonita
And when the samba played
The sun would set so high
Ring through my ears and sting my eyes
Your Spanish lullaby

I fell in love with San Pedro
Warm wind carried on the sea, he called to me
Te dijo te amo
I prayed that the days would last
They went so fast

Tropical the island breeze
All of nature wild and free
This is where I long to be
La isla bonita

And when the samba played
The sun would set so high
Ring through my ears and sting my eyes
Your Spanish lullaby

I want to be where the sun warms the sky
When it's time for siesta you can watch them go by
Beautiful faces, no cares in this world
Where a girl loves a boy, and a boy loves a girl

Last night I dreamt of San Pedro
It all seems like yesterday, not far away

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La la la la la la la
Te dijo te amo
La la la la la la la
El dijo que te ama

When I listen to this song, I get the feeling of joy, because the rhythm and the words are happy. Aiso sometimes I forget because of the song and I dedicate myself to it. But when it ends I am sad because it ended so I listen to it again.

Maria Manoli, Pet 2



BELIEVER

IMAGINE DRAGONS

- I was broken from a young age
My sulking to the masses
Writing the poems for the few
That look at me took to me, shook to me,
felling me
Singing from heartache from the pain

Taking my message from the veins

Speaking my lesson from the brain

Seeing the beauty through the...



- This song is my favorite because it talk about how a man becomes stronger through pain and that makes it... faithful.

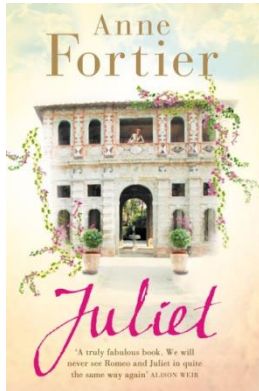
This song makes me believe that every goal I set will be achieved.

Renia Smyrni

Pet 2

Culture corner

Suggestions for a relaxing weekend...



“Juliet” is a book written by Anne Fortier. Although it’s not very popular, I dare say that it’s an incredible and fascinating story that keeps the reader turning the pages. As someone may guess by the title, it’s a book based to the tragedy of Shakespeare “Romeo and Juliet”. But in reality, it’s completely different.

In the beginning of the story we have Julie, a 25-year-old woman that finds out that her aunt, who raised her, was dead. When there was the time to reveal her aunt’s will, Julie found an unpleasant surprise. All of the fortune was left to Julie’s hated twin sister, Janice. That is when her adventure begins. After she was handed a letter supposedly written by her aunt, she discovers that her true roots come from Siena and that her real name was Giulietta. The letter also revealed that Giulietta’s mother, who had died when she and Janice were still little, had left a treasure in a safety deposit in the family bank in Siena. That is when she leaves from Virginia, where she had been living all these years, to find what was left for her in Siena. She actually discovers that she is a descendant of the real Juliet, in whose story Shakespeare was based and wrote “Romeo and Juliet”. But that secret puts Giulietta in great danger. Anne Fortier actually invents a whole other story of Romeo and Juliet and she claims that the famous Shakespeare was inspired by that story. Through all this madness that Giulietta has put herself into, she manages to find once again her Romeo. Together the modern Giulietta and Romeo write a new, happy and romantic story of the tragedy “Romeo and Juliet” and they finally become masters of their own fate.

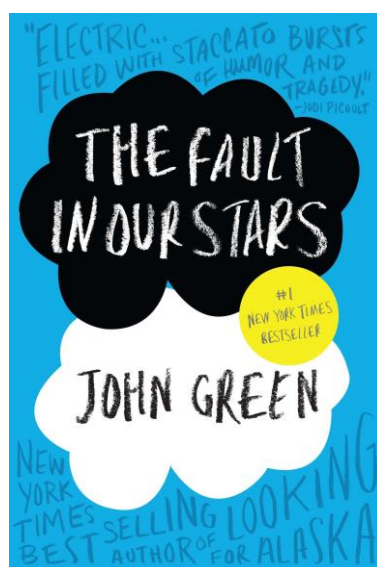
“Juliet” is a tale edged by lightning driven by power and love. At the core, though, it is a compelling story about family secrets and relationships between its members.

It is a taut and shiveringly exciting read. Personally, I believe that "Juliet" is a captivating, fascinating book that kept me in constant suspense and was never short on surprises. Giulietta stands out in her action-packed, thrilling and emotional honest journey to discover her fate but also her past. The plot clips along at an addictive pace, with steady jolts of brutal violence in "both the family sides" and swoony romance. Especially, fans snared by the ratcheting suspense and romance will be unable to resist putting themselves in Giulietta's place.

All in all, "Juliet" is a story everyone would love to live in. So, I totally recommend it to anyone wanting to discover a different version of the story of the star-crossed lovers in the classic novel "Romeo and Juliet".

By Anna Chatzipanagiotou, Kallia Margoni, Xenia Petsagouraki, Dimitra Tsouna, Sissy Kitsoni

Proficiency 4



For the past month we have been reading the book "The fault in our stars" by John Green. All in all, the book was sensational and extremely interesting. It is romantic and revolves around people with different types of cancer with hints of comedy. The story begins with our main character Hazel Grace Lancaster narrating the sad parts of her life because she has thyroid cancer that has spread to her lungs and can't think positively. The first scene starts with her mother scolding her for over-analyzing and refusing to attend a Support Group in order to share the pain she had. There she meets Isaac that plays an important role for our story, because he introduces Hazel to

the love of her life Augustus Waters “Gus”. After the book progresses Hazel gets to know Gus better and introduces him to her favorite book “An Imperial Affliction” by Peter Van Houten. Gus sends an email to Peter Van Houten and the surprising factor is that he actually answers. Gus isn’t satisfied by just the answer of Mr. Houten and requests the sequel of some characters of his book. And he says he will give answers only if he comes to him in Amsterdam. Will they get the chance to fill their question and what will happen during the trip? Will those censor fighters’ rich what they want?

Nikolas Kotsomytis, Marina Movsesian , Aris Mouzakiths ,Margaret Papadopoulou

Proficiency 4

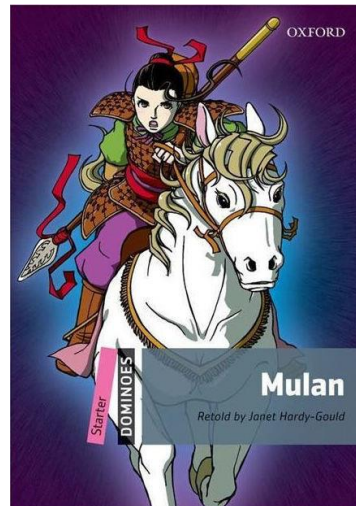


The “*Woman In Cabin 10*” by Ruth Ware is a mystery thriller about a travel journalist who believes she has witnessed a murder on the maiden voyage of a cruise ship. The novel starts out with Lo waking up after a night of drinking to find that a man is in her flat robbing her. She is obviously shaken up and goes to stay at her boyfriend's apartment before heading off on a weeklong cruise for work. On the ship, Lo's cabin is number 9, she borrows some mascara from a woman in the cabin next door, cabin 10 and then goes for dinner where she has quite a bit to drink. Later that night she wakes up thinking that she heard a woman scream. She believes that she hears the sound of something hitting the water and when she looks over her balcony, she sees what she thinks is a hand going under the water. The next morning, she is told that all passengers are accounted for and that there was nobody in cabin 10. Lo's ex-boyfriend Ben is also on the trip and they start to piece together what could have happened since nobody seems to believe her, especially after finding out that she is on medication for anxiety/depression and frequently drinking, also the fact that she was robbed right

before boarding the ship. I really liked this book. I loved the suspense and mystery. I enjoyed the parts with Lo's back story and how it sometimes made me question her as a narrator. I loved the twists and turns towards the end. At one point I would think I had it figured out and then another twist and it turned into something else entirely. I also loved the ending. It wasn't so much a cliffhanger but it definitely made me want more.

Konstantina Bzioti, Mariza Fasili
Proficiency 4

My favourite book is...



When the Emperor calls every man to join the army and fight the enemy, Mulan's father is old and ill, and cannot go. Wearing men's clothes and riding a horse, Mulan leaves her family and fights bravely for the emperor in her father's place. She is soon a hero for all the soldiers in the Chinese army. One of them, Yeming, is her best friend. But does he know that she is a woman? And can Mulan fall in love with a friend?

Mulan is my favourite book, because it has fantastic historical background for all ages. It's a comedy book, and personally I laughed many times. I enjoyed the end a lot because it is very subversive.

Rania Asimomyti, Pet 2

....and a movie for the end



Wonder is a thrilling , touching , adventurous and action-packed film, adopted from a successful book named wonder. It depicts a not so ordinary child trying to fit in with the rest children of his school.

The film is set in Manhattan, where a kid with multiple differences starts for the first time, after being homeschooled, middle school. All the kids in his age go to this school for the first time as they are all fifth graders. The plot revolves around a boy named Oggi , who is supposed to be different , due to several plastic surgeries he had gone through , so that he has the ability to see, smell, and taste. Since, he is called not so ordinary as the other kids, the adaptation to his new school, is difficult, especially on the first day.

I believe *Wonder* is relevant to today's society considering racism. Acceptance of difference is another central theme of the movie which should resonate with people. Much of the action is devoted to characters accepting as well as becoming friends with Oggi.

Some scenes could be considered a bit over dramatic than they should be. However considering , my opinion *Wonder* is an ideal film, made for people of all ages.

Oggi, the protagonist , provides a powerful role model , especially for kids. He is portrayed as brave and also a bit shy, yet eager for a new start, so it is easy to identify with his first days. Oggi succeeds in establishing his identity though relationships with friends, family and the choices he makes.

All In all, anyone who appreciates a thought-provoking plot and strong characters will definitely enjoy *Wonder* and will most certainly be curious to see the sequels.

ANARGYROU MARIA

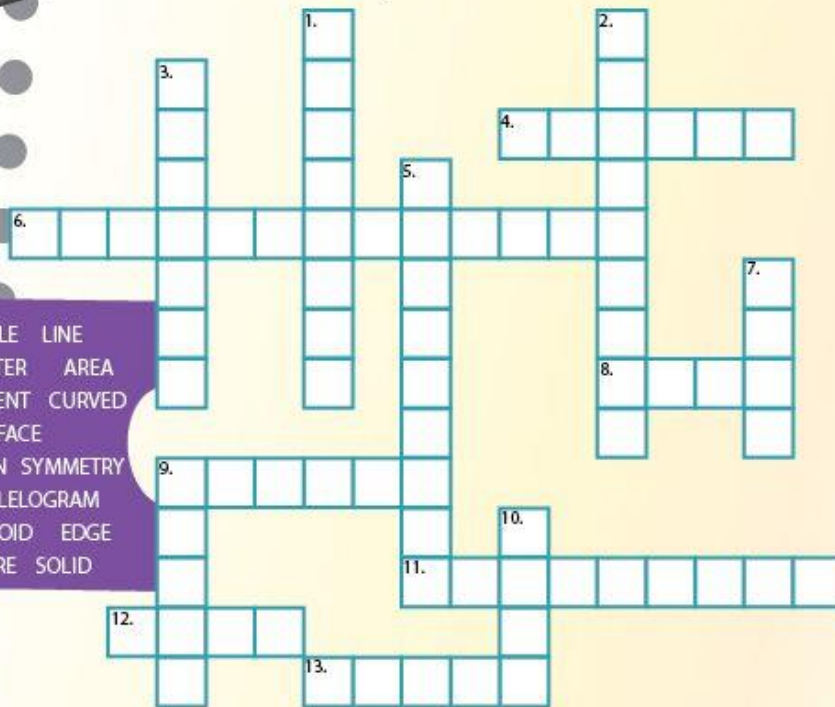
Proficiency 3

Fun Time

Crosswords, Puzzles Riddles and more....

Geometry Fun

Use the clues to write from the word box to solve the crossword puzzle.



ANGLE LINE
PERIMETER AREA
CONGRUENT CURVED
FACE
HEXAGON SYMMETRY
PARALLELOGRAM
TRAPEZOID EDGE
SPHERE SOLID

Across

4. A _____ line is not straight.
6. A four-sided figure with opposite sides of the same length and parallel.
8. A straight line where two faces meet.
9. A solid shape with all the points of the shape the same distance from the center.
11. A four-sided figure with only two parallel sides.
12. It's straight, continues in both directions, and doesn't end.
13. The figure formed by two straight lines that start at a single point.

Down

1. A line of _____ divides a figure into matching halves.
2. The distance around a plane figure.
3. A shape with six straight sides.
5. Figures that have the same size and shape are _____.
7. The number of square units needed to cover a flat surface.
9. Three-dimensional figures are _____.
10. Its _____ is the flat surface of a solid figure.



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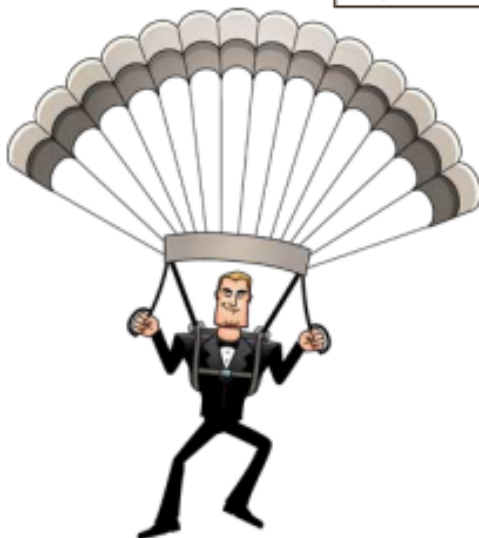
Bond, James Bond

Word Search

DIRECTIONS:
Find and circle the words in the grid. Look for them in all directions including backwards and diagonally.



- Aston Martin
- Baccarat
- Bond Girl
- Casino Royale
- Daniel Craig
- Dr. No
- For Your Eyes Only
- Gadgets
- George Lazenby



- Goldeneye
- Goldfinger
- Ian Fleming
- James Bond
- Martini
- Moonraker
- No Time to Die
- Octopussy
- Pierce Brosnan
- Quantum of Solace
- Roger Moore
- Sean Connery
- Secret Service
- Skyfall
- Spectre
- Thunderball
- Timothy Dalton
- Tuxedo



Harry Potter

Word Scramble

Somebody has cast a Gobbleygook Spell on Harry and his words are coming out all mixed up. Can you figure out what he is saying? Watch out! Some of the words are actually two.

DIGHAR _____

MUEGGL _____

DANW _____

DLTEOVROM _____

RDFFGRYONI _____

LRUESYDS _____

OEBDLDMREU _____

ANEYWREOLS _____

RRSKAATD _____

LILEBEONR _____

IQCDIDUTH _____

TRWFCICTHA _____

NPOTSI _____

ENOEHIRM _____

LAEAYNIOLGD _____

AAOCMYRDFLO _____

NLIGWOR _____

ILIVSNBEI _____

DRNOGA _____

OCSOHL _____

ARHRY _____

CASR _____

IWZRDA _____

RWSGAOTH _____

15 Brain-teasing Riddles for ESL Students

1. Riddle: *How many letters are in the alphabet?*

2. Riddle: *What has a face and two hands but no arms or legs?*

3. Riddle: *There's a house. One enters it blind and comes out seeing. What is it?*

4. Riddle:

*As I was going to St. Ives,
I met a man with seven wives,
Each wife had seven sacks,
Each sack had seven cats,
Each cat had seven kits:
Kits, cats, sacks, and wives,
How many were there going to St. Ives?*

– 18th Century England

5. Riddle: *What instrument can you hear but never see?*

6. Riddle: *What occurs once in a minute, twice in a moment and never in one thousand years?*

7. Riddle: *Which letter of the alphabet has the most water?*

8. Riddle: *What five-letter word becomes shorter when you add two letters to it?*

9. Riddle: *What word begins and ends with an E but only has one letter?*

10. Riddle: *I am a word. If you pronounce me rightly, it will be wrong. If you pronounce me wrong it is right. What word am I?*

11. Riddle:

*“What walks on four feet in the morning,
two in the afternoon,
and three at night?”*

– “Oedipus Rex” by Sophocles

12. Riddle:

*“This thing all things devours;
Birds, beasts, trees, flowers;
Gnaws iron, bites steel;
Grinds hard stones to meal;
Slays king, ruins town,
And beats mountain down.”*

– “The Hobbit” by J.R.R. Tolkien

13. Riddle:

*“Voiceless it cries,
Wingless flutters,*

*Toothless bites,
Mouthless mutters.”*
– “The Hobbit” by J.R.R. Tolkien

14. Riddle:

*“If you break me, I’ll not stop working.
If you can touch me, my work is done.
If you lose me, you must find me with a ring soon after. What am I?”*
– “Wizard and Glass” by Stephen King

15. Riddle:

*“First think of the person who lives in disguise,
Who deals in secrets and tells naught but lies,
Next tell me what’s always the last thing to mend,
The middle of middle and end of the end?
And finally give me the sound often heard,
During the search for a hard-to-find word.
Now string them together, and answer me this,
Which creature would you be unwilling to kiss?”*
– “Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire” by J.K. Rowling

Answers to puzzles and crosswords

Geometry Fun

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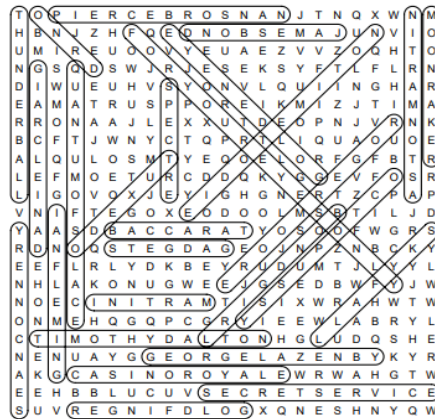
- 4. CURVED
- 6. PARALLELOGRAM
- 8. EDGE
- 9. SHPERE
- 11. TRAPEZOID
- 12. LINE
- 13. ANGLE

Down

- 1. SYMMETRY
- 2. PERIMETER
- 3. HEXAGON
- 5. CONGRUENT
- 7. AREA
- 9. SOLID
- 10. FACE

Bond, James Bond Word Search

SOLUTION



Harry Potter Word Scramble

SOLUTION

DIGHAR	<u>HAGRID</u>	NPOTSI	<u>POINTS</u>
MUEGGL	<u>MUGGLE</u>	ENOEHIRM	<u>HERMIONE</u>
DANW	<u>WAND</u>	LAEAYNIOLGD	<u>DIAGON ALLEY</u>
DLTEOVROM	<u>VOLDEMORT</u>	AAOCMYRDFLO	<u>DRACO MALFOY</u>
RDFFGRYONI	<u>GRYFFINDOR</u>	NLIGWOR	<u>ROWLING</u>
LRUESYDS	<u>DURSLEYS</u>	ILIVSNBEI	<u>INVISIBLE</u>
OEBDLDREU	<u>DUMBLEDORE</u>	DRNOGA	<u>DRAGON</u>
ANEYWREOLS	<u>RON WEASLEY</u>	OCSOHL	<u>SCHOOL</u>
RRSKAATD	<u>DARK ARTS</u>	ARHRY	<u>HARRY</u>
LILEBEONR	<u>REBELLION</u>	CASR	<u>SCAR</u>
IQCDIDUTH	<u>QUIDDITCH</u>	IWZRDA	<u>WIZARD</u>
TRWFCICTHA	<u>WITCHCRAFT</u>	RWSGAOTH	<u>HOGWARTS</u>

1. Riddle: Answer: 11 (t-h-e a-l-p-h-a-b-e-t).
2. Riddle: Answer: A clock.
3. Riddle: Answer: A school.
4. Riddle: Answer: One.
5. Riddle: Answer: Your voice.
6. Riddle: Answer: The letter "M."
7. Riddle: Answer: C (sea).
8. Riddle: Answer: Short (Short-er).
9. Riddle: Answer: Envelope.
10. Riddle: Answer: Wrong.
11. Riddle: Answer: Man.
12. Riddle: Answer: Time.
13. Riddle: Answer: Wind.
14. Riddle: Answer: The heart.
15. Riddle: Answer: Spider (spy – d – er).