



You may take a printout and use this as a worksheet or read the activities and write down the answers in a notebook labelled "My Daily 30-Minute Activity".

Backstory

Hans Christian Andersen was a Danish author of heart-wrenching fairy tales for children.

Born on April 2, 1805 in Odense, Denmark, Andersen drew upon his life to pen stories that stood apart from cliched tales about princes and princesses. His classic "The Little Match Girl" was inspired by his mother who was forced to beg in her childhood. "The Ugly Duckling" and "The Little Mermaid" captured Andersen's yearning for a better life and spread the message of self-love and acceptance. Andersen's stories became famous for their sensitivity, complex subjects and tragic endings.



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Find out:

1. The Hans Christian Andersen Literature Award was instituted in 2010. Who was the first winner of the prize?

2. Andersen's stories have been adapted into plays, ballets and animated films. Which was the latest Disney film that was inspired by his "The Snow Queen"?

Answers: 1. J.K. Rowling and 2. Disney's "Frozen."

World tour

This week, it's Italy. Here are some quick facts.

- Italy lies in Southern Europe. It is one of the six founding countries of the European Union. The country is divided into 20 regions. Rome is its capital.
- The Alps and the Apennines are the two main mountain ranges in Italy.
- Mount Etna, the most active volcano in Europe, is located on the island of Sicily. Vesuvius and Stromboli are the other two active volcanoes in Italy.
- Some of the most famous landmarks in the world such as the Colosseum and the Leaning Tower of Pisa are in Italy.
- Some prominent Italian personalities include: Explorers – Christopher Columbus and Marco Polo. Artists – Leonardo da Vinci, Michelangelo and Leon Battista Alberti. Astronomers – Galileo Galilei, Giovanni Domenico Cassini and Giovanni Schiaparelli. Mathematicians – Joseph Louis Lagrange and Fibonacci.



Find out

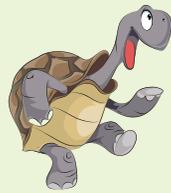
1. Who painted the ceiling of the famous Sistine Chapel in the Vatican?
a) Michelangelo b) Raphael c) Umberto Boccioni
2. The modern variant of pizza was originally invented in an Italian city in the mid-1800s as a working class staple. Name the city.
a) Milan b) Naples c) Florence

Answers: 1. a) Michelangelo and 2. b) Naples

On the wild side

Take this quiz on wildlife habitats.

- To live, polar bears depend on the sea ice of which ocean?
- In which continent does the annual wildebeest migration occur?
- Which forest spanning India and Bangladesh is the world's only mangrove habitat for the Bengal tiger?
- This reef in Australia is the largest living organism on Earth. What are we talking about?
- Name the Ecuadorian islands that helped Charles Darwin come up with the ground-breaking theory of evolution by natural selection.



Answers: 1. Arctic Ocean, 2. Africa, 3. The Sundarbans, 4. The Great Barrier Reef, 5. Galapagos Islands

Easy search

Spot five summer fruits in this Word Search. Write your answers in the space provided.

J R W D L P F A M J
A L A G U A V A E T
C W T J Z Z T T Q G
K Z E Z M E K F Y N
F O R C A T U M I C
R Y M D N M L L I L
U E E O G Z C H X J
I G L S O J T W K A
T J O G R A P E S Z
J O N Z X L E H C G

Answers: 1. Guava, 2. Grapes, 3. Mango, 4. Watermelon, 5. Jackfruit

Bits & bytes

Given below are a few names that have something in common. Guess what it is.

Sophia
Asimo
Baxter
Handle
Aibo



Answer: They are all names of robots

Word of the day

Globalisation

Globalisation is the process where the entire world has become interconnected through trade and cultural exchange. It has connected the people across the globe through various facets, ranging from economy, politics to entertainment. In India, globalisation gained momentum in the early 1990s. Globalisation focusses on international trade with minimal obstruction caused by national borders and policies. Politics, national policies and laws create an impact globally. Globalisation also impacts culture, which becomes homogeneous. The entire world becomes one global village under this phenomenon.

ACTIVITY: Use the word of the day in a sentence



Find out

Homophones are words that sound similar but have different meanings and spellings. Find the words with the clues provided.

- Flow rapidly.
Tiny opening.
- Trim.
A fruit.
- A group of people working towards a goal.
An abundance of something.
- A sage.
Burn the surface of something.
- A story.
Hindmost part.

Answers: 1. Pour / pore, 2. Pure / pear, 3. Team / team, 4. Seer / sear, 5. Tale / tail

The W corner

Which is the original ball? While one of these balls is the actual ball that Liverpool's Divock Origi kicked to score their second goal in their 2-0 victory over Tottenham Hotspur in the 2019 Champions League final, the others have been introduced by us. Can you spot the right one?



Answer: A
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Journal writing

Write a note on your current state of mind using the words monotony, awesome and different.

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