

### Lighthouse

Perched atop a rugged cliff overlooking the stormy sea, the lighthouse stood tall and proud, its beam of light cutting through the darkness. The keeper, a weathered old man, tended to the light day and night, ensuring that it shone bright and true to guide ships safely through the treacherous waters.



As the wind howled and the waves crashed against the rocks below, he watched the sea with a keen eye, always on the lookout for any sign of danger. For years, he had lived alone in the lighthouse, braving the elements and the loneliness to keep the light burning.

And though he had grown old and weary, he knew that his duty to the sailors who depended on him would never falter. As he gazed out at the endless expanse of sea and sky, he felt a sense of pride and purpose that only a lighthouse keeper could know.

1 '...ensuring that it shone bright and true to guide ships safely through the **treacherous** waters.'

In this sentence, the word **treacherous** is closest in meaning to...

Tick **one**.

- dangerous
- harmless
- calm
- angry

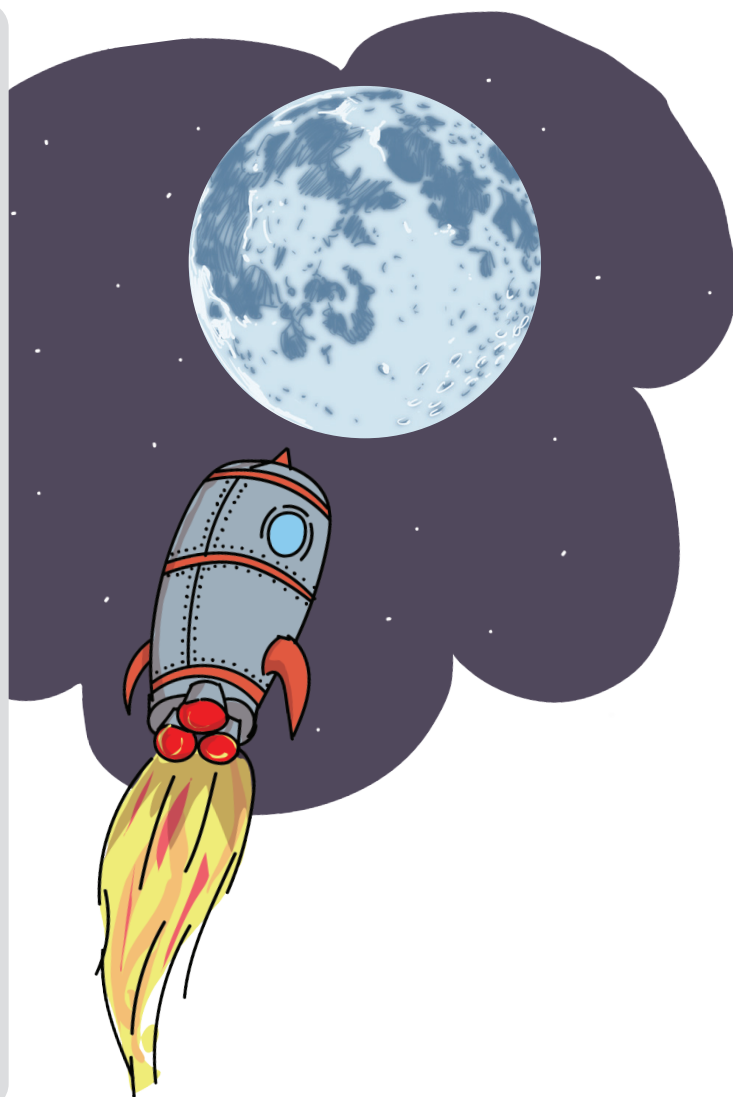
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## Oh Moon

Oh moon, so bright and round  
In the night sky, you're often found  
Your face a smile, or just a slice  
You light up the sky, so calm and nice

A silver orb, so far away  
Your mystery fills us every day  
A symbol of night, and of dreams  
You light up the world, or so it seems

The tides you pull, with unseen power  
Your cycle endless, like a flower  
A wonder of nature, so divine  
Your beauty shines, like a starry sign



2 'A wonder of nature, so **divine**...'

In this sentence, the word **divine** is closest in meaning to...

Tick **one**.

- shiny
- earthly
- bright
- wonderful



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## Break time!

Dear Headteacher,

I am writing to you today to request an additional break time for the Year 6 students at our school. As you know, Year 6 is a crucial time for our students as they prepare for their upcoming SATs exams, which can be a very stressful time for them. With so much pressure on them to perform well, they often attend additional learning after school as well as during lunch times. This can make them feel overwhelmed and exhausted by the end of the day. I believe that an extra break time during the day could be of great benefit to these students. It would give them a chance to refresh their minds and bodies, allowing them to focus better during class and to perform better in their exams.

As a teacher who cares deeply about the well-being and academic success of my students, I believe that this additional break time could make a real difference in their lives. I hope that you will consider my request and take action to support our Year 6 students during this crucial time.



3 ‘...Year 6 is a **crucial** time for our students...’

In this sentence, the word **crucial** is closest in meaning to...

Tick **one**.

- difficult
- necessary
- trivial
- calm

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## Ronaldo

Cristiano Ronaldo is a Portuguese professional footballer who was born on February 5, 1985, in Madeira Portugal. Ronaldo began playing football at a young age and became famous for his incredible skills on the field.

He has played for some of the world's most famous football clubs, including Manchester United, Real Madrid and Juventus. Ronaldo is often considered one of the best soccer players in history. He has won numerous awards, including multiple Ballons d'Or. In addition to success on the football pitch, Ronaldo is also known for his philanthropy and is a UNICEF Goodwill Ambassador. Through his charity work and his incredible football skills, Ronaldo has become a hero to many people around the world.



4 'Through his charity work and his **incredible** football skills...'

In this sentence, the word **incredible** is closest in meaning to...

Tick **one**.

- significant
- marvellous
- average
- ridiculous

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## Marie Curie



Marie Curie was a Polish-born physicist and chemist who made groundbreaking contributions to the field of science. Curie moved to France to study at the Sorbonne, where she later became the first woman to receive a Nobel Prize in Physics in 1903, alongside her husband Pierre Curie, for their research on radiation.

In 1911, she became the first person ever to receive two Nobel Prizes, this time in Chemistry, for her discovery of the elements radium and polonium. Despite facing significant discrimination as a woman in the male-dominated field of science, Curie continued to make groundbreaking contributions to her field, including the development of mobile X-ray units for use on the battlefields of World War I.

Her pioneering work in radioactivity and nuclear physics has had a lasting impact on science and medicine. Curie is widely considered to be one of the most influential scientists of all time and a trailblazer for women in science.

5 'Curie is widely considered to be one of the most influential scientists of all time and a **trailblazer** for women in science.'

In this sentence, the word **trailblazer** is closest in meaning to...

Tick **one**.

- innovator
- producer
- scientist
- explorer

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## Teeth

Teeth are an important part of our body that help us chew and break down food. Humans typically have 32 teeth and they come in four different types: incisors, canines, premolars, and molars. Incisors are used for biting and cutting food while canines tear and rip tougher foods.

The premolars and molars are used for crushing and grinding food. It's important to take care of our teeth by brushing them twice a day, flossing daily, and visiting the dentist regularly. Eating a healthy diet low in sugary foods and drinks can also help prevent cavities and maintain strong and healthy teeth. Remember to take care of your teeth now, so they can take care of you later!



6 'Eating a healthy diet low in sugary foods and drinks can also help **prevent** cavities...'

In this sentence, the word **prevent** is closest in meaning to...

Tick **one**.

- assist
- support
- avert
- deflect



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## William Shakespeare

William Shakespeare was a famous playwright and poet who lived during the Elizabethan era in England. He was born in 1564, in Stratford-upon-Avon, and grew up in a wealthy family. Shakespeare attended grammar school where he learned Latin, Greek, and other subjects. He married Anne Hathaway at the age of 18 and they had three children together. In 1592, Shakespeare became a successful actor and playwright. He wrote over 30 plays, including Romeo and Juliet, Hamlet, and Macbeth, which are still performed today. Shakespeare was also a poet and wrote many sonnets - short poems, which are only 14 lines long.



Although Shakespeare died in 1616, his work continues to be studied and performed all around the world, making him one of the greatest writers in history.

7 He was born in 1564, in Stratford-upon-Avon, and grew up in a **wealthy** family.

In this sentence, the word **wealthy** is closest in meaning to...

Tick **one**.

- deprived
- sufficient
- destitute
- prosperous



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## The Plague

The plague, also known as the Black Death, was one of the deadliest pandemics in history. It spread rapidly throughout Europe in the 14th century, killing millions of people. The plague is a historical curiosity that should never be forgotten. The plague was caused by a bacterium called *Yersinia pestis*, which was carried by fleas that infested rats. It caused symptoms like fever, vomiting, and painful swelling of the lymph nodes. The disease was highly contagious and spread quickly through trade routes and urban centres.



Some people believe that the plague had a significant impact on the course of history, leading to the decline of feudalism and the rise of the middle class. Others argue that the social and economic upheaval caused by the plague led to a great deal of suffering and hardship. Despite the passage of time, the plague remains a potent reminder of the power of disease and the importance of public health measures.

8 'The disease was highly **contagious** and spread quickly through trade routes and urban centres.'

In this sentence, the word **contagious** is closest in meaning to...

Tick **one**.

- harmless
- deadly
- disease
- infectious

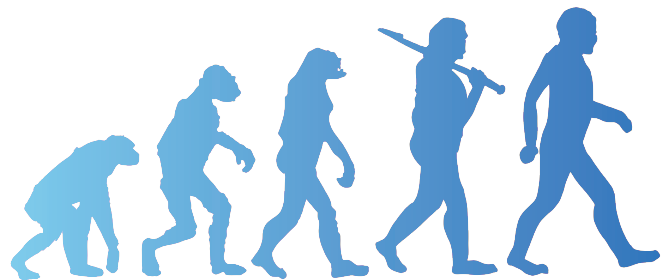


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## Charles Darwin

Charles Darwin was a famous scientist who lived in England in the 19th century and is most well known for his work on evolutionary theory, which is the idea that over time, species change through a process called natural selection. When Darwin was young, he was interested in nature and spent a lot of time exploring and collecting specimens like plants and animals. Later in life, he embarked on a voyage around the world on a ship called the HMS Beagle. During this voyage, he observed a lot of different types of plants and animals and started to form ideas about how they evolved over time.

When he returned to England, he spent many years collecting more evidence and doing experiments to support his theory of evolution. Though his ideas were controversial at the time, they have become widely accepted and have revolutionised the way we think about the natural world.



9 'Though his ideas were **controversial** at the time...'

In this sentence, the word **controversial** is closest in meaning to...

Tick **one**.

- agreeable
- questionable
- peaceful
- undoubted



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## The Loch Ness monster

The Loch Ness monster is a mysterious creature that is said to inhabit the Loch Ness, a deep and murky lake in Scotland. It is often described as a large, long-necked dinosaur like creature with humps on its back that can be seen intermittently swimming or surfacing in the lake.



Many people believe that the Loch Ness monster is a real creature, but there is no scientific evidence to prove its existence. However, some people claim to have seen it or captured blurry photographs or videos of it. Scientists have conducted numerous expeditions to study the lake, but so far they have not found any conclusive evidence of the existence of the Loch Ness monster. The legend of the Loch Ness monster continues to capture the imagination of people across the United Kingdom.

10 '...that can be seen **intermittently** swimming or surfacing in the lake.'

In this sentence, the word **intermittently** is closest in meaning to...

Tick **one**.

- often
- periodically
- never
- suddenly

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