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A city without roads and cars

A city without cars and paved roads? It really exists! It is called Giethoorn, and you'll find it in Holland. In this tiny town of 2,600 inhabitants, you can only go on foot, by bicycle or by boat. The village was founded in 1200; the houses here have thatched roofs and were built on small islands connected by about 170 bridges. Giethoorn has very

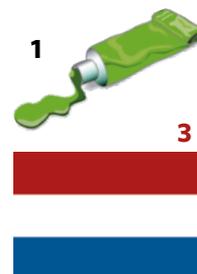
green lawns, many farms and wonderful restaurants. But the most important thing is that there is no smog or noise here. In fact, the boats in Giethoorn are called 'electric whisper boats' because they have a very silent electric motor that does not produce any exhaust. For these reasons it was awarded the title of greenest city in Europe.

Complete the sentences and discover what Giethoorn is commonly known as!

Giethoorn is the

- 1)
- 2)
- of 3)

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Hi everyone!

Spring is here! Finally we can spend some time outdoors and make the most of nature! Easter is here too, and we discover its origins. Spring is also a great time to visit London – so we find out about the best things to see and do in this season. We also learn how to decorate eggs for easter, find out about jobs, and meet Ashima Shiraishi – a champion rock climber! Happy Easter!



Samantha

Hi! I'm Grammy! This month, we'll learn about:

- The Past Simple
- Prepositions of place
- Introduction to the superlative form
- Sentence structure
- Use of adjectives
- The modal verb 'can'

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Ashima Shiraishi,

the rock climbing super champion

She's an example of strength, grace and great determination! Ashima gives hope that women will play an increasingly important role in this sport.

Women are now leading the way in rock climbing. Ashima started climbing at the age of seven, on the rocks of Central Park, in the heart of New York, on the so-called *Rat Rock*. Since then she has never stopped climbing. At thirteen, she was already the youngest rock climber ever to have climbed a route - that is, a path across the rock - with a difficulty level of 9a+. Very few athletes in the world can climb at this level. Today, at only eighteen, she is considered a "giant" or, as the *New York Times* has called her, a "phenomenon" of climbing. For some, in fact, Ashima is among the strongest climbers of all time, both male and female.

In rock climbing it's true that men have a lot of strength in their arms. To climb however, more than strength is needed; it also requires a lot of technique. You need to be agile and not over exert yourself, so that you conserve energy.



Ashima was born in New York on April 3rd 2001 and grew up there. Her Japanese parents emigrated to the United States in 1978.



True or false?

Answer the questions and find out more about Ashima Shiraishi.

- | | T | F |
|--|-----|-----|
| 1 Ashima's parents moved to New York from Tokyo in the 1970s. | [] | [] |
| 2 At the 2020 Tokyo Olympics, sport climbing will be an Olympic discipline for the first time. | [] | [] |
| 3 Ashima became a climber because she was born in a place where there are many mountains. | [] | [] |
| 4 At the world climbing championships in Innsbruck, Austria, Ashima won three medals. | [] | [] |
| 5 Ashima's father is a performer, an artist, and her mother is a fashion designer. | [] | [] |

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Vocabulary related to jobs and professions, Present Simple, sentence structure

Jobs



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a courier



a firefighter



a chef



a vet

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Classrooms around the world



a doctor



a photographer



a police officer



a waiter

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Hi everyone! We're four friends from a class of Croatian students. Our school is located in Zagreb, the capital of Croatia, but we come from many different countries. Our teacher, Robert, is very good and he pushes us to do better and better. Today we have learned the names of many jobs, even the strangest ones!



a diver

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a pilot



a carpenter



a plumber

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a fisherman

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.....

Every job has its action!

A

Match each job with its verb and conjugate the verb into the third person using the Present Simple tense.

- to put on - to arrest - to visit -
- to build - to fly - to put out -
- to catch - to cure - to take photos -
- to serve - to deliver - to repair -
- to cook

B

Now match each job and conjugated verb with the right object below, to form a complete sentence. E.g. An author writes books.

- diners - patients - photos - an octopus - a fire -
- a helicopter - packages - a mask - sick animals -
- criminals - furniture - a tap - restaurant dishes

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When I grow up, I will be ...

What is your dream job? Doctor, firefighter, veterinarian, police officer ... are among the most popular jobs. But there are also people who do incredible jobs that nobody knows about. Let's find out what they are!



Pizza ... underwater!

In Florida, in the United States, there's an underwater hotel. Customers who are hungry can just order a pizza and, between one wave and the next, it arrives hot and tasty. A really unusual courier delivers the pizza! A diver carries it under water thanks to a special water-proof box.



For those who love video games!

Do you like video games? Then video game tester is the job for you! The video game tester checks the game is functioning correctly: they discover and correct 'bugs' and errors, and suggest rules and changes.



Fishing for ... bicycles ...

In Amsterdam, in the Netherlands, you don't just catch fish! There are fishermen who fish for ... bicycles! Special fishermen who, with the use of a special boat, retrieve bicycles that have fallen into the city's many canals. These fishermen sometimes even pull shopping trolleys and cars out of the water!



and fishing for ... golf balls!

Every year, in the United States alone, about three hundred thousand golf balls end up at sea and in lakes. For this reason, there are special divers who retrieve the balls that fall into the water for the players. The best divers can retrieve up to four thousand balls a day! This work, however, can also be difficult. In the waters of the ponds and lakes, they can encounter anything, even snakes and alligators!



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Do you know the name of other professions? Write them down and explain the jobs to your friends.

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'Easter' actually comes from an Old English word for the ancient British goddess 'Eostre', who was symbolised by a rabbit or a hare. Today, we think of Easter as a religious festival – but its origins in England are actually pagan. Let's find out more...

The origins of Easter

Symbols of spring

In ancient times, Easter celebrated the spring equinox. This is the moment the sun crosses the earth's equator – and the length of the night and day are almost the same. The traditional Easter symbols – rabbits, baby birds and eggs – all celebrate nature, the end of winter and springtime.

Lots of eggs

Today we have chocolate eggs of all shapes and sizes at Easter, but in ancient times, people exchanged real eggs. Later, they painted them different colours. There were also many holiday games using eggs at Easter – these included rolling eggs down hills and hiding eggs for children to find. These days, children often paint eggs at Easter time.

Hot Cross Buns: these are sweet bread buns made with spice and dried fruit. The buns are marked with a cross. In ancient Britain, the cross represented the four quarters of the moon, and the four seasons: autumn, winter, spring and summer.

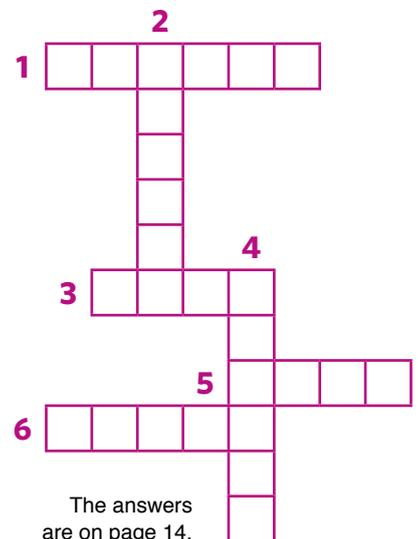


Simnel Cake: this is a cake made with fruit, spices and marzipan. In the past, this cake was traditionally given by servant girls to their mothers when they returned home on 'Mothering Sunday'.



Crossword

- 1 The name of the ancient British goddess that Easter is named after.
- 2 The time of year that Easter takes place
- 3 Children often paint these at Easter.
- 4 This is a traditional cake served at Easter in Britain.
- 5 The lunar cycle refers to the phases of the
- 6 refers to non-Christian religions in ancient times.



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Did you know?

Easter's date is not fixed – it changes every year. This is because Easter is a lunar festival. It is governed by the phases of the moon.



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TEST

What spring flower are you?



1

In spring you feel:

- a super energetic!
- b a little tired and sleepy.
- c relaxed and at peace with nature.



2

You like it when people give you:

- a a nice gadget.
- b a book they talked about a lot.
- c a box of chocolates.



3

The most important thing for you is:

- a freedom.
- b family.
- c friendship.

4

Your favorite dessert is:

- a ice cream.
- b cheesecake.
- c chocolate cake.



5

Your laughter is:

- a strong and sincere.
- b a bit shy.
- c filled with fun.



6

Your friends say you are:

- a decisive.
- b sincere.
- c smart.



daisy



camellia



jasmine



Profiles

Answered mostly 'c' - You are like jasmine: 100% positivity and happiness! You can be humble, and this is a great gift. At the same time, like jasmine, you are an example of elegance ... In short, you know how to win others over!

Answered mostly 'b' - You're like a daisy: nice to everyone! You are a calm and quiet person, sometimes a little shy. Your inner beauty reveals itself slowly, like all delicate and precious things.

Answered mostly 'a' - You're like a camellia: pure energy! You are decisive in everything you do. And like a camellia, which is a symbol of strength and passion, you are also very charming for others. Plus, you're also very charming ... which never hurts!



A world of sand!



Hello! I'm Adelheid, but all my friends call me "Heidi".

I am Dutch, and I live in Hoorn, a small town on the North Sea, thirty minutes by train from Amsterdam. My great passion is the sea. When I was little, I was bored at the beach doing nothing. That's how I started playing with sand. Like all children, I started by building small sand castles, but now I've become good at it, and I'm starting to make real sculptures. My best friend, Aby, and I have a big dream: to participate in the Sand Sculpture World Championship! It takes time, training and passion, but we will succeed!



What's on the beach?

Match each image with the right name!

fins - mask - jellyfish - boat - sand castle - wave - starfish - shark - lighthouse - anchor - island - palmtree - life vest - fish - wind-surfing



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Let's visit...

London in the spring



After a long winter, London comes alive with colour and life. There are a lot of great things to do in London in spring, from exploring the parks and gardens to attending annual events and festivals. Here are three things not to miss!

A. Insert the superlative forms into the story below.

- the best
- the most popular
- The most beautiful
- the oldest
- the world's most important

London parks and gardens

London has many amazing parks and gardens. Do you love spring flowers like blossom, daffodils, crocuses, and tulips? _____ parks in springtime are St James's Park, Golders Hill Park, and Holland Park. St James's Park bursts with pink blossoms on the trees and purple crocuses on the ground in spring. There are yellow, white, and orange Daffodils everywhere, as well as many baby ducks (ducklings) and swans (signets). Nearby Green Park is also beautiful as the daffodils bloom each year. Golders Hill Park is _____ spot to see beautiful yellow and purple crocuses. And for tulips, don't miss Holland Park!

London spring festivals

London doesn't just have parks and gardens to enjoy in the spring – there are also plenty of annual events and festivals this time of year. The Chelsea Flower Show is one of _____. Every May it takes over the grounds of the Royal Hospital Chelsea with flowers and prize-winning garden displays. The Chelsea Flower Show is one of _____ festivals, and tickets sell out months ahead! Chelsea in Bloom is another favourite festival in spring in London, where you will see shopfronts and squares around the neighbourhood come alive with floral displays.

B. What's the name?

There is a special spring flower that has become very popular in London recently – especially with Instagrammers! When the vines start to bloom purple in April or May the streets of Kensington and other areas of central London are filled with people taking photos!

Put the letters of the word below in order to discover the name of this flower.



The answers are on page 14.



Don't miss St Patrick's Day in London

St Patrick's Day is another fun event in spring in London. An annual parade and performances take place in Trafalgar Square, and lively pubs with lots of Guinness ensure it's a great day all around.

Boat Races in spring in London

Now that the weather is (hopefully) warmer, boaters take to the River Thames in two annual boat races. The Head of the River Race is a rowing race from Mortlake to Putney. It takes place in March and over 400 crews of eight participate. The Boat Race between Oxford and Cambridge universities is one of _____ in the UK. It has been taking place in London since 1845. This spring event goes from Putney to Mortlake and thousands of people come to watch it!



GAMES GALORE

Snakes and Ladders

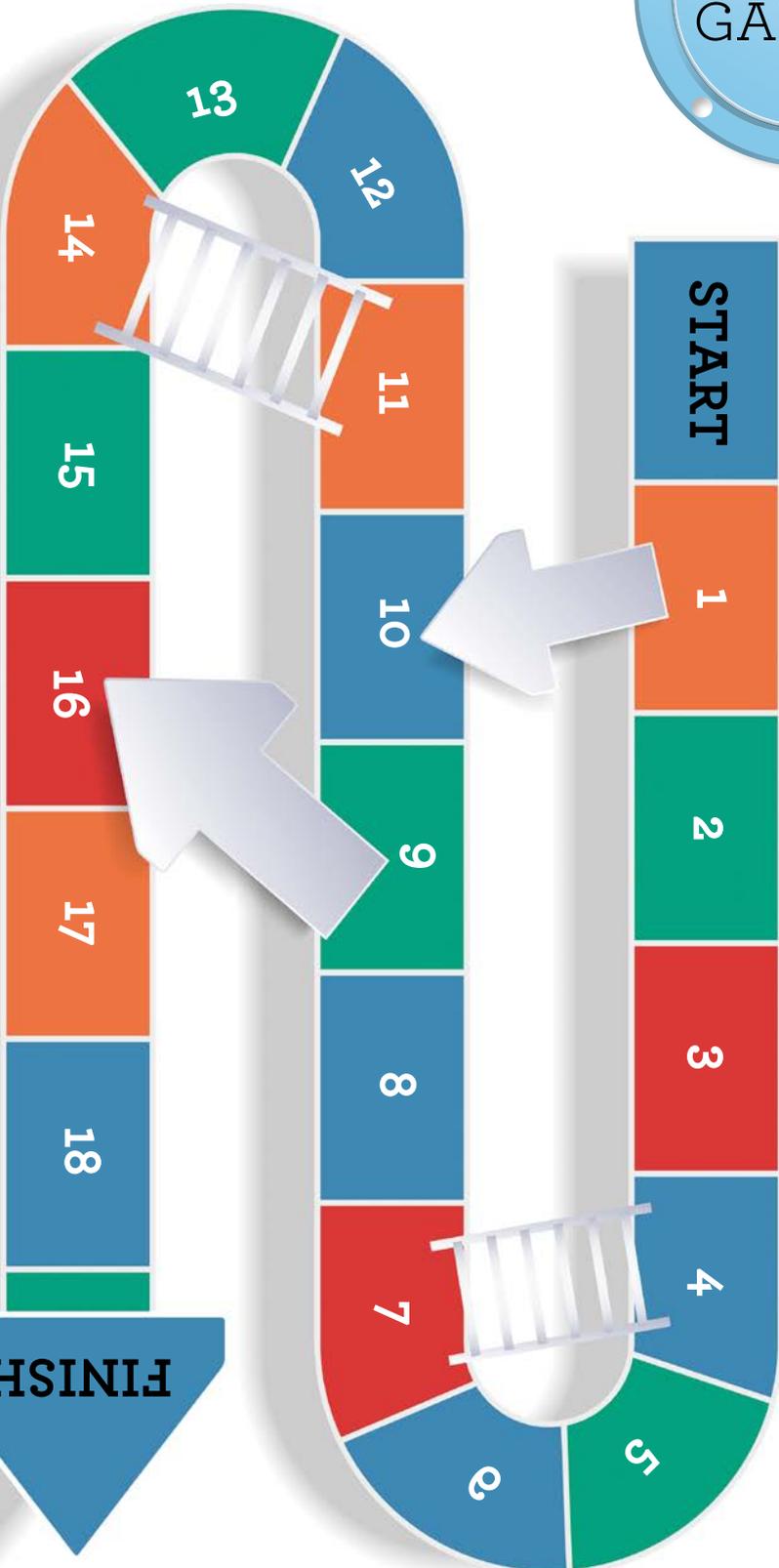
Throw the die, answer the questions and try to get to the finish before the other players.

Rules

Ladder: climb up and jump spaces

Red squares: miss a turn

Orange squares : go back two spaces



The answers are below.

Have you read **Let's Start?**
Let's play a game!

- 1 Give the name of five jobs
- 2 Choose two verbs related to jobs and conjugate them in the Present Simple third person
- 3 Where does the name 'Easter' come from?
- 4 What does a courier do?
- 5 What are the symbols of Easter?
- 6 Choose a verb to describe Ashima Shiraishi? Can you conjugate it in the Present Simple third person?
- 7 Make a sentence using the adjective 'good' in the superlative form
- 8 Adelheid and Aby want to take part in
- 9 Give the name of a spring flower you'll find in London
- 10 What does a vet do?
- 11 Describe a family member's daily routine using four verbs in the Present Simple
- 12 How do you decorate an egg for Easter? In Giethoorn the boats are called... and
- 13 they don't produce ...
- 14 Name two things that you can fish for in the canals of Amsterdam
- 15 Make a sentence using the adjective 'bad' in the superlative form
- 16 Name two animals that you can find at a pond or lake
- 17 Give a classmate an Easter greeting
- 18 What's the name of London's famous flower show?

Answers

Page 2: 1 green 2 Venice 3 The Netherlands **Page 3:** 1T, 2T, 3F, 4T, 5T, **Pages 4 - 5:** **A:** delivers, 2 puts out, 3 cooks, 4 cures, 5 visits, 6 takes, 7 arrests, 8 serves, 9 puts on, 10 files, 11 builds, 12 repairs, 13 catches; **B:** 1 packages, 2 a fire, 3 restaurant dishes, 4 sick animals, 5 patients, 6 photos, 7 criminals, 8 diners, 9 a mask, 10 a helicopter, 11 furniture, 12 a tap, 13 an octopus. **Pages 8-9:** Crossword: 1. Eostre, 2. spring, 3. eggs, 4. Simnel, 5. moon, 6. pagan. **Page 11:** 1 island 2 wave 3 fins, 4 life vest, 5 fish, 6 wind-surfing. **Pages 12 - 13:** **A:** the most beautiful, the best, the most popular, the world's most important, the oldest; **B:** WISTERIA; **Page 14:** free choice; **Page 16:** 1c, 2a, 3e, 4d, 5b



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How to ...

Decorate eggs for Easter



Here's how
to Dye Eggs:
Put the
instructions (a-e)
in order (1-5)

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____

- a. Protect the table surface by covering it with a sheet of newspaper or paper towel.
- b. Carefully remove the egg and set it aside to dry.
- c. Start with cool hard-boiled eggs.

- d. Place the egg on a large spoon and dunk, turning occasionally so both sides get color. Keep in liquid for up to 5 minutes, leave in longer for a darker shade.
- e. Fill container with a mixture of enough water to cover the egg, one teaspoon of white vinegar, and about 20 drops of food colouring. The more food colouring you add, the darker the colour of the egg will be.



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