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Pasta Disaster!

1. Answers will vary.
2. A 'signature dish' is a special recipe that a particular chef is well-known for.
3. Darcy's 'not-quite-so-amazing' creations were dishes he had made that were unsuccessful.
4. Darcy felt that his recipe needed to make a real impact because he knew that, if he was to be selected for the show, his recipes would need to be outstanding.
5. The adults had to wait in the viewing gallery because they weren't allowed to help the contestants prepare, and they would be in the way if they were in the kitchen.
6. An industrial-sized kitchen is one that is big enough to prepare a lot of food at once.
7. Safety officers are required at this type of event because the children are using cooking equipment such as hot ovens and cutting knives, which may cause injuries.
8. Ricardo Ravioli gave the contestants a pep talk before they prepared their dishes so that the contestants felt positive and enthusiastic to do their best.
9. The contestants had to work to a time limit to test whether they were good at cooking under pressure, or because if they were selected to appear on *Junior Chef* they would have to cook to a time limit on each episode.
10. Icing sugar would 'unite' Darcy's dish because it could be lightly scattered over or around all the different elements, without covering them up.
11. Answers will vary.
12. Answers will vary.

All About Football

1. *Cuju* was played by teams of soldiers, who tried to kick a ball into a small net.
2. Football spread in England and Europe when the Romans invaded those places because the Romans played a very similar game called *harpastum*.
3. 'Mob football' was named because it was played by teams with many players.
4. The Lord Mayor of London had a lot of authority because he was a leader of all of the people in London.
5. Leather was used for the outer case of the football because it is a very tough material.
6. All countries have to agree to a set of rules so they can compete against each other using the same rules.
7. Speed and skill are more important than height because the football goal contains a crossbar, which means the ball can't go through the goal when it is high off the ground.
8. Answers will vary. (They are fun to watch; they are exciting; people choose a favourite team to follow.)
9. Only the goalkeeper is allowed to use his or her hands, because he or she needs to be able to defend the goal in different ways.
10. Football is played on a grassy pitch rather than sand because it is easier to run and kick a football on hard ground than on soft sand.
11. Answers will vary. (honour, financial benefits, tourism.)
12. Pelé became a professional footballer at the age of 16 because he was very talented and he worked hard.



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A Freelance Journalist

1. A freelance journalist earns a living by selling the stories and articles they write to newspapers, magazines and websites.
2. Proofreading is an essential skill for a journalist so they can make sure their writing has no errors before it is printed.
3. Journalists create website portfolios of their best writing so they can show it to potential clients to give them an example of their writing quality and style, and to try to get more jobs.
4. News journalists work long, exhausting hours because they need to report on events as they are happening, which can be at any time of the day or night.
5. Publishing companies sometimes outsource work because there is too much work for their staff to do.
6. Journalists need a press card to verify their identity because the card confirms they are a professional journalist and allows them entry into places they might not otherwise be allowed to go.
7. A smartphone is a useful device for a journalist because it allows them to carry out a variety of tasks, such as recording conversations, taking photos, taking notes, making calls and sending messages quickly and easily.
8. It is important to spell and pronounce names correctly because it is a sign of respect to the person who is being written about, and a person may be offended if somebody spells or says their name incorrectly.
9. Journalists are sometimes given free passes to events such as award ceremonies or book launches, so the journalist can write an article about the event.
10. It is important for freelance journalists to acquire new clients so that they have many different sources of work to ensure they maintain a regular income.
11. Images improve the meaning of a written article as the images show what the author is describing in words, and can help form a clearer picture in the reader's mind.
12. The purpose of a signed contract or letter of agreement is to ensure both the journalist and the publisher are clear on the details of the job; for example, the set fee to be paid to the journalist, the timeframes involved, etc.

The Golden Bird

1. The old king's grandchildren never tired of hearing the story about the golden bird because it was very exciting.
2. The eldest prince was the first one sent to find the golden bird because in traditional stories, the eldest child is the first to do things.
3. The eldest prince was afraid to swim across Silver Lake because it was known that anyone who swam in the lake would become a fish.
4. The middle prince ignored the fox's warning because the flowers were so beautiful.
5. The fox helped the youngest prince because he needed the prince to help him in return.
6. Answers will vary.
7. The golden bird had stopped flying and singing because it was sad.
8. The old king was wearing a ring with a broken emerald because he was the prince from the story.
9. Many countries have their own traditional tales so that history and legends are passed on through the generations.
10. Many traditional tales are written about kings and queens because royal families were very important and influential.
11. Answers will vary.
12. Most traditional tales end with the main characters living happily ever after so that the person hearing the tale is happy at the end.

Movie Mayhem

1. The students thought they were in trouble because they were called to meet their teacher at the staffroom, which was unusual.
2. Teachers post student activities on the school website so parents can see them.
3. The producer requested a video that was five minutes in length because he was running a competition called *Five-Minute Kid Vids*.
4. The teacher wasn't allowed to help because it was a children's film-making competition.
5. A training video could help other students in the film club because they could see how a film was made.
6. Humour engages a film audience because people enjoy watching things that make them laugh.
7. The students agreed to make 'Our Town' the topic of their film because they could film different people and places around the town.
8. Answers will vary. (Organise the interview; tell the person about what is being filmed; have the person sign some paperwork.)
9. The mayor laughed because she knew the students were joking about making her birthday a public holiday.
10. Things started to go wrong because the students became overconfident and started to make mistakes when they had three weeks left to film.
11. When a person becomes tongue-tied during an interview, they are unable to properly speak the words they are trying to say.
12. Answers will vary. (Take more care to remember things; practise their interview; back up their work.)



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Technology Today: Three Debates

1. An adjudicator oversees a debate, and may be in charge of deciding which speaker presented the most convincing argument and won the debate.
2. Everyone would need to use a mobile phone when they join the workforce because they would need to be contactable during work hours, even when they travel or spend a lot of time outdoors for their jobs.
3. A stopwatch would be a useful function while doing schoolwork if a student was working on a timed assessment and needed to know how much time they had left.
4. Apps are used to teach skills in an exciting way because they are interactive and entertaining, so students learn new skills while having fun.
5. Answers will vary. (The students aren't interested in the lesson; the students don't like the teacher; the lesson is too easy for the students.)
6. Mobile phones are used as status symbols in schools because owning a new, expensive phone may make a student more popular than students who have older or less expensive phones.
7. Answers will vary. (By illustrating the events in the book; by allowing the reader to interact with the story.)
8. If an e-reader was damaged by water or chemicals, books loaded on the e-reader might not load properly, or may even be lost if the e-reader stopped functioning.
9. It would be important to a reader to have an author's signature on a book because the reader might admire the author, and feel that the book is more special if the author has signed it.
10. Todd believes that many famous musicians are wealthy because they make money from fans buying their music, and from touring and performing at concerts.
11. Answers will vary. (Music can make us feel different emotions; it gives us a way to express ourselves; it can inspire us to make our own music.)
12. The adjudicator said that Debate 3 was *"an interesting debate"* because both sides made strong and convincing arguments for their positions, which made it more difficult for the class to decide which argument was the most persuasive.

Tunnel Boring Machines

1. A tunnel boring machine is used to make round tunnels under the ground.
2. A tunnel boring machine makes tunnels that are round because the cutter head is shaped like a circle.
3. Underground roads are needed to build a road through a mountain or under the sea, or to reduce traffic congestion in a busy city.
4. Tunnel boring machines are expensive to use because they are huge, complicated pieces of machinery that are expensive to make, and require many workers who also need to be paid.
5. A tunnel boring machine used for boring through sand would have a different kind of cutter head to one used for boring through rock, with cutting teeth that gouge away soft sand rather than crack hard rock. The thrust ram would also not need to be as powerful.
6. If the soil in an area isn't suitable for the building of houses, material such as soil and rock that has been excavated from a tunnel, can be used.
7. A double-shield tunnel boring machine is used to make very long tunnels because long tunnels need to be reinforced with a concrete lining so they do not collapse.
8. Because the concrete lining segments are made at another site, they can be ordered in advance, so that they are completed in time for the tunnel construction.
9. The concrete lining segments need to be heavy and strong because the tunnel needs to be strong. All of the soil above the tunnel is very heavy, and the tunnel must be strong enough to support the weight.
10. If water leaked between the concrete lining segments, the tunnel could become muddy or even flood.
11. The small space between the walls of the tunnel and the concrete lining is filled with concrete to make the tunnel more secure, so that the lining segments cannot shift out of place.
12. It takes a long time to excavate a tunnel using a tunnel boring machine because the rock or soil is often very hard, and there is a lot of material that needs to be removed and carried away.



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The Anderson Shelter

1. The purpose of the Anderson shelter was to have a safe place underground where people could take shelter from bombs in air raids in World War II.
2. Double shifts were needed at the factory where Mr Walsh worked because once the war began, there was an increase in the supply of army uniforms for soldiers.
3. Mum had cried when she saw Alec in his army uniform for the first time because she was worried about her son's safety when he went to fight in the war.
4. When Grandpa said, *"Just never learn, do we,"* he meant that they had seen the terrible loss of life resulting from the First World War, and now a world war was happening again; he was questioning whether people had learned any lessons from World War I.
5. Many soldiers, such as Grandpa, had become ill after they returned from the First World War because they may have been injured or contracted diseases such as pneumonia or the flu and had not received medical attention, or they may have returned with what is known as 'shell shock' – psychological illness as a result of the trauma of war.
6. Grandpa only carried the smaller pieces of the shelter because he was weak and sick with a bad chest after he returned from the First World War.
7. Kitty felt 'invisible' when Terry was with his older friends because they ignored her and talked among themselves.
8. It was chilly inside the Anderson shelter because it was just a simple structure and there was no heating.
9. The Anderson shelter stood firm when houses in the area were destroyed because the shelter was dug into the ground, so it was a safe place for people to be when bombs were falling.
10. The 'Be Prepared' sign was so significant to Terry because 'Be Prepared' was the motto of the Scouts group that he belonged to.
11. 'Didn't come home' means that some soldiers died in the war.
12. Answers will vary. (Grandpa might have stored his gardening tools in the Anderson shelter after the war.)

Wild and Woolly

1. A hobby farm is a small farm run for pleasure rather than as a business.
2. Jessie felt that Marco would need to be entertained because he was from the city, which was full of exciting things to do.
3. Answers will vary.
4. Answers will vary. (People hadn't been to that part of the farm in a long time; the sheep had been hiding.)
5. Answers will vary. (There was enough grass to eat; there were no predators around.)
6. Emily injected Stanley with a mild sedative so that the sheep would be calm and then they could carry him back to safety.
7. An online forum is a type of website where people can discuss a particular topic.
8. The TV station wanted to film the event because Stanley was so enormous.
9. Mum suggested moving Stanley to the shearing shed next door because it held all the equipment that Mitch McPhee would need.
10. Antiseptic spray was used on Stanley's skin so the small nicks wouldn't get infected.
11. World records are important to news media because they are entertaining and positive, which makes them appealing to readers.



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William Barak

1. Artwork on a huge building was chosen as a tribute to William Barak because he was such a famous Australian, and a talented Aboriginal artist.
2. Answers will vary. (Storytelling keeps Aboriginal culture alive; it helps Aboriginal children understand their culture and their role in the community.)
3. Elders are the leaders of an Aboriginal community and the guardians of Aboriginal culture.
4. Aboriginal people preserve their land by only hunting and gathering the food and resources they need, and by travelling with the seasons to avoid taking too many animals or plants from one area.
5. Spiritual life affected William Barak by motivating him to fight for land and rights for Indigenous people, and to protect and pass on his culture to the next generation.
6. The Europeans forced Aboriginal peoples to sign treaties because they wanted access to their land to start a European settlement.
7. Answers will vary. (The pollution of waterways cut off the Indigenous people's source of clean water; it killed native fish and plant species that the Indigenous people relied on for food.)
8. Answers will vary. (The Wurundjeri people were more vulnerable to diseases because they were starving and homeless; they had no immunity to European diseases.)
9. Answers will vary. (Thousands of Europeans settled in Australia, so they eventually outnumbered the Aboriginal peoples; European settlers had more advanced weapons than the Aboriginal peoples.)
10. Local Aboriginal people were effective as trackers for the Victorian police because they had excellent hunting skills and knew the land very well.
11. Coranderrk was referred to as a 'reserve' because the area was reserved for use by Indigenous peoples only.
12. The traditional world of the Aboriginal peoples had the greatest effect on William Barak because he felt a strong connection to his Indigenous community and culture, and he believed it was important to keep Aboriginal traditions alive for future generations of Indigenous Australians.