

Plattsburg Public School
Learning from Home

Year 3

Group 1

LITERACY



Monday

Must do's have to be done first before the can do's.

Must Do	Can Do
Sort words into nouns, verbs and adjectives	Write synonym and antonym for each word
Choose 6 words and write a story underlining the spelling words	ABC and rainbow words
Sort words into syllable groups	Write each word around a shape you draw
Change spelling words by adding -ing and -ed	Write in bubble letters all words

Extension activity:

- Dictionary meanings for 5 of your spelling words
- 5 sentences using spelling words
- Acrostic poem using 2 words - the poem explains what the word means

Practise Your Words!



Look



Say



Cover



Write



Check

Words	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday

The Great Barrier Reef

Read the following paragraph:

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Pet Care of a Dog

Dogs are hugely popular pets. In fact, there are eight and a half million dogs being kept as pets in the UK alone.



They are known as 'man's best friend', but how should dogs be cared for and what do we actually know about them?

Food and drink

Dogs need a well-balanced diet of meat and plant-based foods. They need one meal a day, unless the vet gives different advice for your type of dog. Their teeth are well-developed, with sharp teeth for tearing meat and molars for grinding other foods.

They must be able to get to clean, fresh water at all times, or else they would become very poorly.

Environment

Dogs need a comfortable, clean and quiet environment to sleep, undisturbed.

Dogs need a place where they can go if they are frightened. They have different personalities, and rescue dogs might have had bad experiences, so some get scared more easily than others.



Did You Know?

Dogs descend from the wolf!



Dog behaviour

Dogs are intelligent, playful animals, and need to be exercised and have toys to play with. There are 400 different breeds of dog, and each breed has different traits particular to its breed. Some are bred to be small and fast, to find rabbits down their burrows; others are big and strong, bred for pulling things. From herding to hunting, retrieving and tracking, dogs have instincts, meaning they need to be able to play, fetch, run and jump to stay happy and healthy.



Did You Know?

Dogs can hear sounds four times quieter than humans can hear!

Changes in behaviour

A dog which is licking their lips with their ears back, and not looking at you, might be feeling worried.

A dog which is lying down, cowering with their ears flat, showing their teeth and their tail down between their legs, could be feeling unhappy or angry.



Training a dog

Dogs need to be given treats when they have done something well. They should not be shouted at, as they won't understand this behaviour. They need regular, clear instructions.

Dangers to dogs

Dogs are curious, and need to be watched to make sure they are safe at all times. Some items are poisonous to dogs:

- Foods like chocolate, onions, raisins, grapes and sultanas are very poisonous for dogs, causing them to become very ill if they eat them.
- Slug and rat poison can make dogs very ill and can even result in death!



Helpful dogs

Some dogs can be trained to be assistance dogs. They are trained to help disabled people around the house and with their shopping, and dogs that can find explosives, drugs and even detect illnesses like cancer.

Questions

1. How do we know dogs are a popular pet in the UK?

2. Describe what and how you would feed a dog.

3. Name two factors which might contribute to why some dogs might get scared.

4. What might a dachshund have the right characteristics for, and why?

5. Imagine you are a vet. An owner brings their dog in and says the dog keeps looking around, lies down a lot and is licking its lips more than usual. What might be wrong with it and how do you know?

6. Which two points in the section Training a Dog do you think are the most important, and why?

7. What word has the author used which means that dogs are interested in things?

8. Why should you not feed a dog chocolate buttons?

9. How could a dog help a person in a wheelchair in their home?

10. Instead of this text being called "Pet Care for Dogs", think of a different title.



Spiders

Spiders belong to the arachnid family because they have an exoskeleton. Spiders are invertebrates and are very fascinating creatures to study.

Spiders live all over the world. They do not live in cold regions. They are most likely to be found in dark and dry places including grasslands so they don't get washed away in the winter. Some spiders are even known to live in rubbish bins. Trap door spiders live in burrows, and many other spiders can be found living between the bricks in people's homes or even between wood piles in backyards.

Spiders come in many different and unique shapes and sizes. The largest spider is the tarantula. These spiders can grow up to 12cm long. The smallest is the money spider, which only grows to 1cm in size.

All spiders have two body parts consisting of a head and abdomen, and eight legs. Spiders are known to have a tough, hard outer covering called an exoskeleton. Their bodies are often hairy and they are able to cleverly camouflage their body from predators.



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Tuesday

Kakadu National Park

Read the following paragraph:

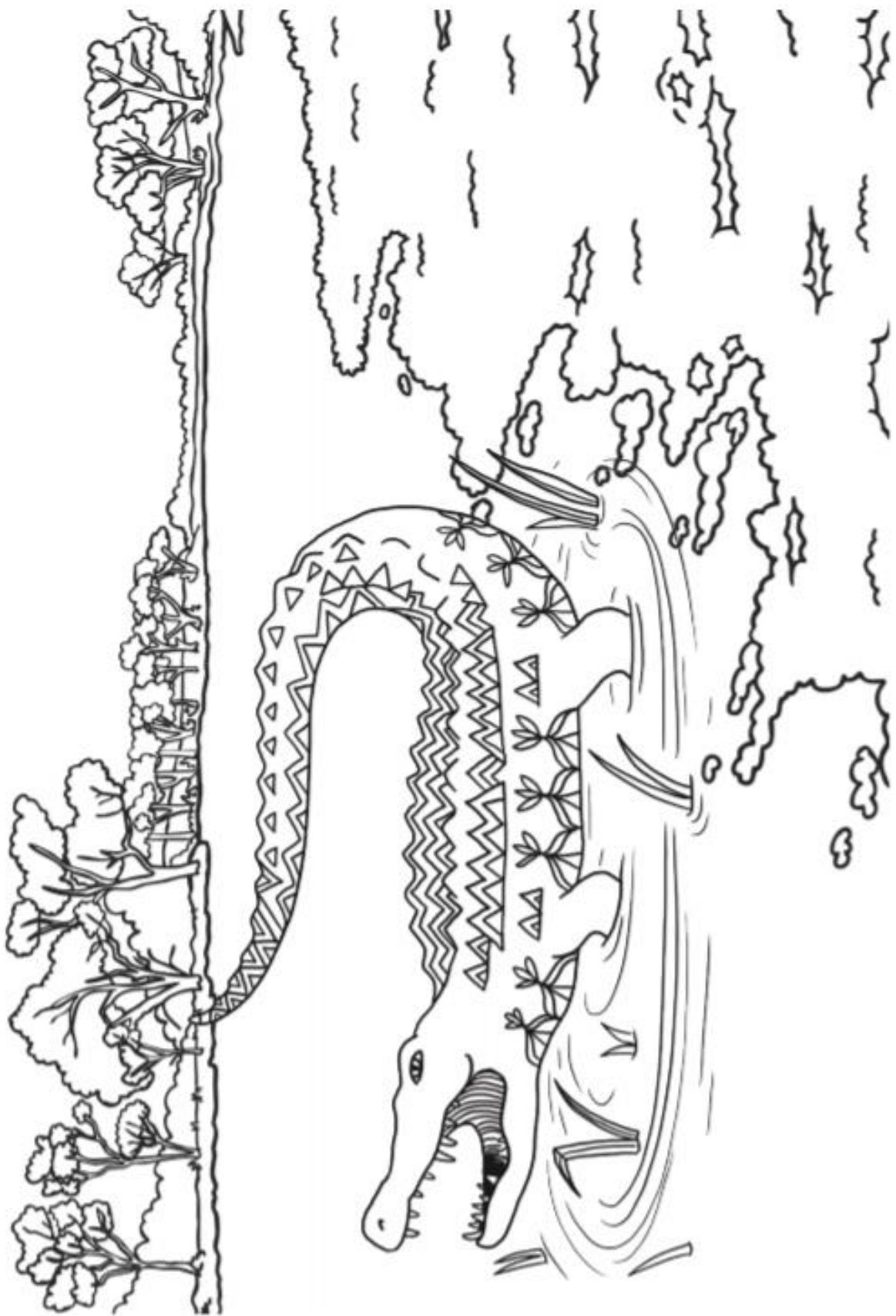
Kakadu National Park is located in the Northern Territory, Australia. The diversity of the wildlife in the park is immense and it is a UNESCO world heritage site. Sugar gliders, flying foxes, saltwater crocodiles, bandicoots and dingoes are just some of the animals that can be found in Kakadu. The area is rich in Aboriginal culture and history, holding many important sites dating back over 60,000 years.

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Read a book of your choosing and write a character profile on one character.

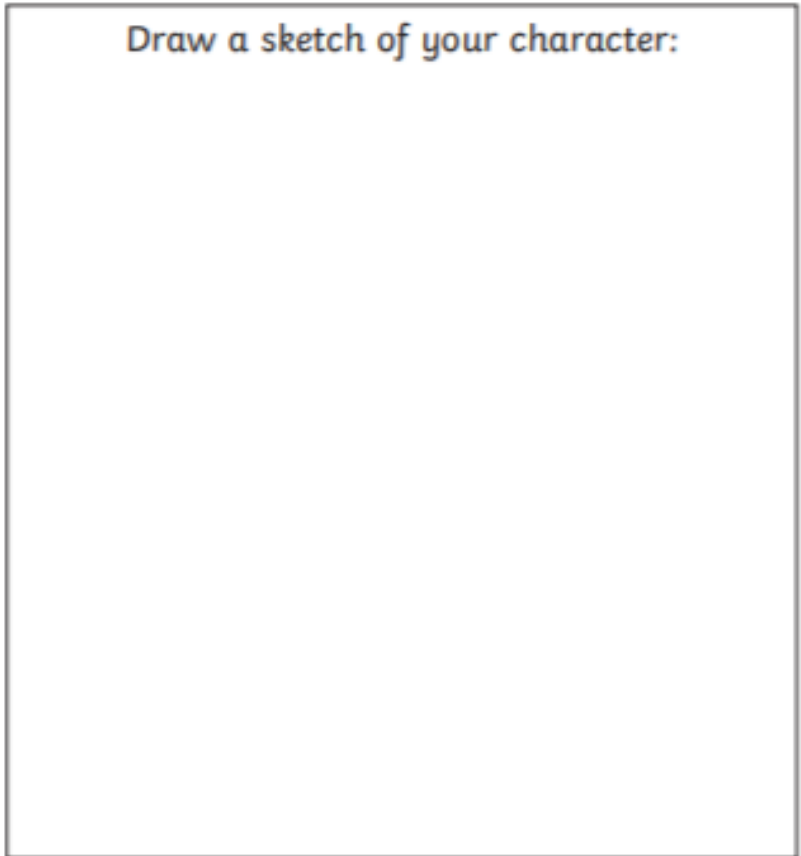
Character Profile

Character name

Appearance:

Personality:

Draw a sketch of your character:



Actions: What does your character **do** in the story?

Change:

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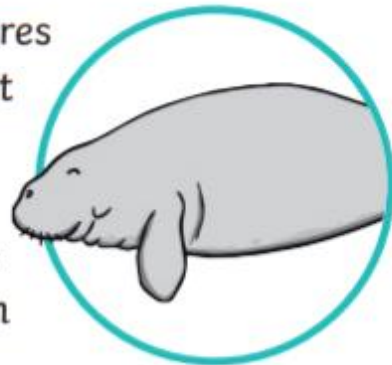
Where Is the Great Barrier Reef?

The Great Barrier Reef is a huge living formation in Australia. It has 2900 reefs and 900 islands. The Great Barrier Reef is in the Coral Sea, off the coast of Queensland, Australia. It runs along the Queensland coast, from near the southern town of Bundaberg to up past Cape York.



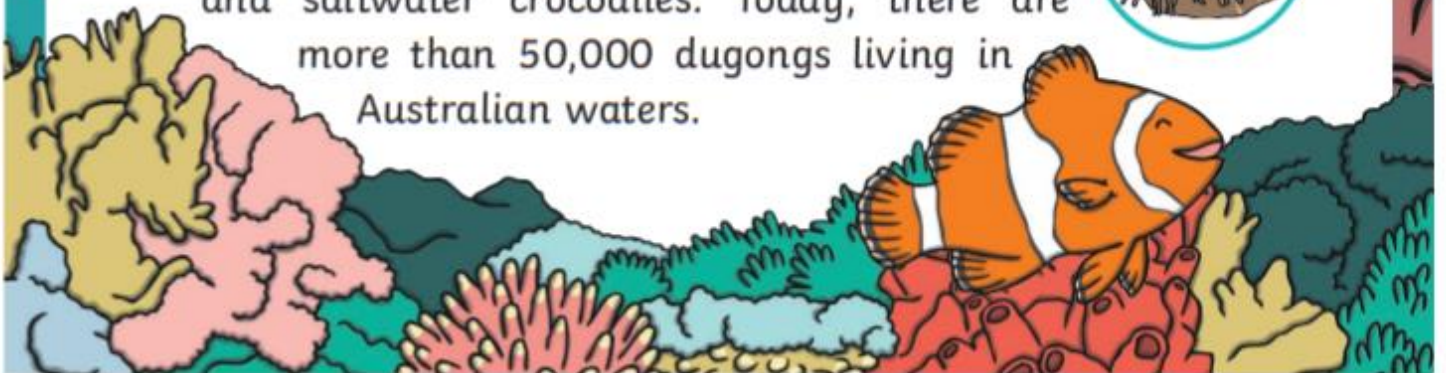
How Big Is the Great Barrier Reef?

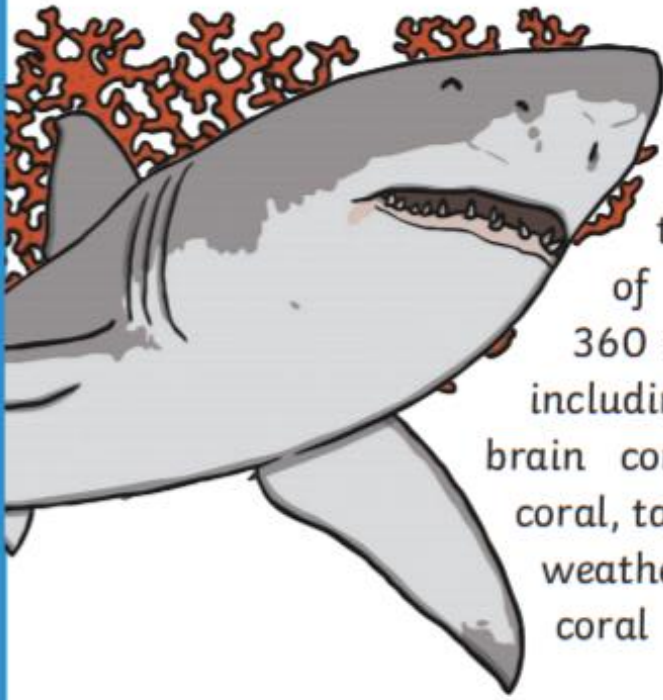
The Great Barrier Reef is 2600 kilometres long. It is not only the world's largest reef but also the world's largest living structure. The Great Barrier Reef is bigger than Tasmania and Victoria put together. Astronauts can even see it from outer space!



Which Animals Live in the Great Barrier Reef?

The Great Barrier Reef is home to many animals, such as fish, sea turtles, giant clam, seahorses, sea snakes, sea turtles, stingrays, sharks and more. One of the most interesting is the dugong. These unusual animals are closely related to dolphins and whales. They are large mammals and are herbivores. Dugongs feed on the many plants of the Great Barrier Reef. They are hunted by sharks and saltwater crocodiles. Today, there are more than 50,000 dugongs living in Australian waters.





Which Plants Grow in the Great Barrier Reef?

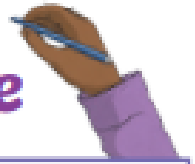
Many species of plants grow in the Great Barrier Reef; the majority of which are coral and sponges. 360 species of hard coral grow there, including bottlebrush coral, bubble coral, brain coral, mushroom coral, staghorn coral, tabletop coral and needle coral. Hot weather and warm water are bad for coral and causes 'coral bleaching'.

How Do Aboriginal People Use the Great Barrier Reef?

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people are the traditional owners of the Great Barrier Reef. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people have used the sea to give them food for thousands of years. Today, food from the sea is important to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, who still collect food and prepare meals using their traditional foods.



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Wednesday

Sydney Harbour Bridge

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3	At the zoo were lions and bears and zebras and tigers and snakes.
4	Winter is cold and dark and wet and long and miserable.
5	The bike was new and red and shiny and fast.
6	Fruit is healthy and sweet and colourful and tasty.
7	Her children were called Robbie and Deena and David and Simon and Tim.
8	The shop sold fish and chips.

Wallaby

Wallabies are members of the kangaroo family and so, just like kangaroos, they are **marsupials** or **pouched mammals**. Kangaroos and wallabies look very similar. The most noticeable difference between these animals is their size.



When compared to kangaroos, wallabies are quite a bit smaller and will usually have a shorter and slightly rounder looking face. Also, their fur often looks different. Wallabies have soft fur that can be any shade of brown, grey, red, or sometimes even a dark mix of all of these. On some wallabies, their fur is so dark that it almost looks black.

Fun Fact:

The **Tammar wallaby**, that lives in places where there is no fresh water, can survive on only plant juices and sometimes even salty sea water to drink!

Just like their kangaroo family members, wallabies have very strong powerful legs and a long tail that they can use to help them balance. Their tail can even be used to help them stand when they need to use their strong legs to kick, if they feel threatened.

Wallabies live in Australia, as well as on some surrounding islands. They will live in a variety of different habitats right throughout Australia, depending on the species. There are about 30 different species of wallabies all together. The three main types are shrub wallabies, bush wallabies and rock wallabies.

Wallabies are herbivores. They eat grass and plants and have strong flat teeth to help them chew their vegetarian diet.

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Sydney Opera House

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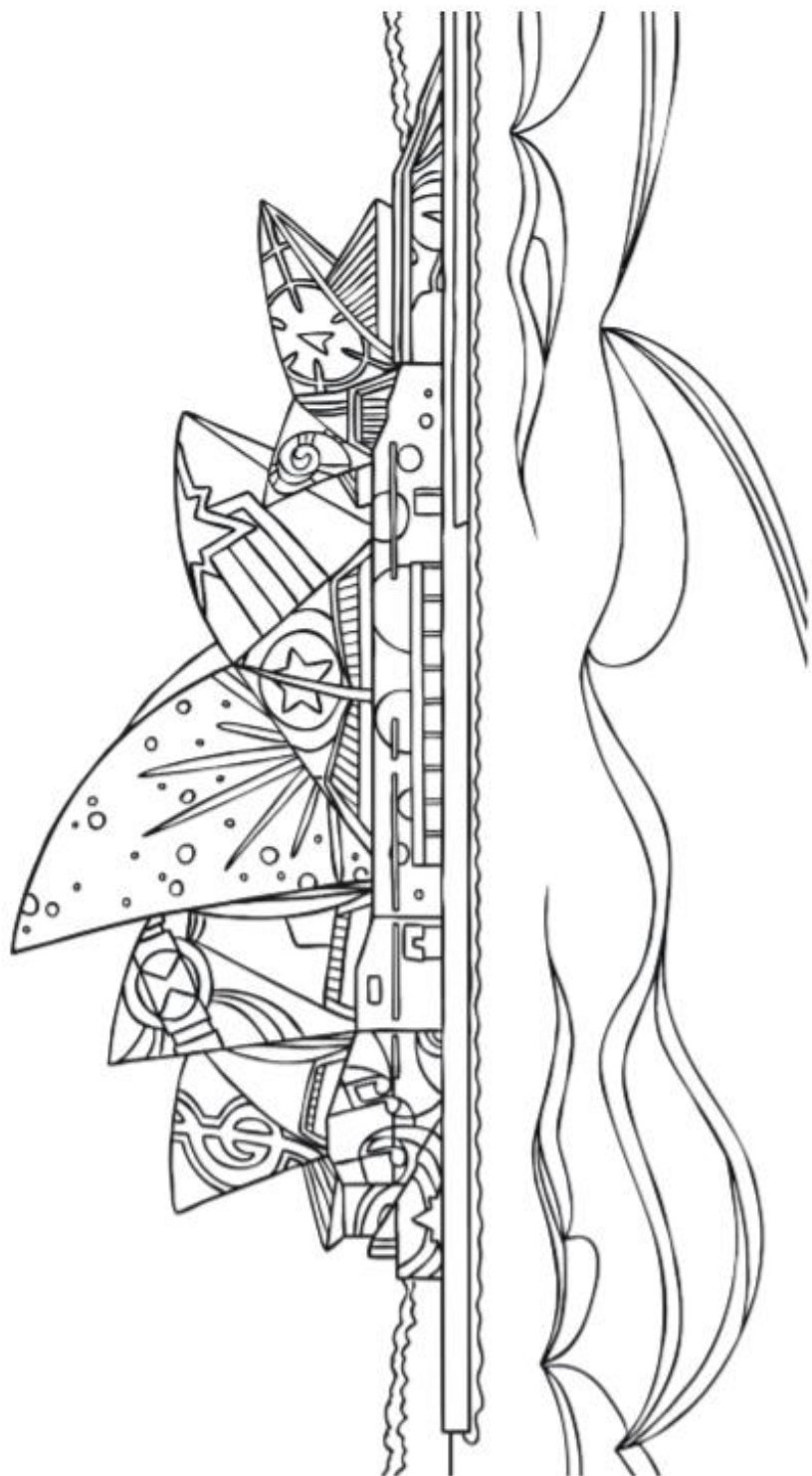
The Sydney Opera House is a world-famous building in Sydney, Australia. It was designed by Danish architect Jorn Utzon and is one of the most distinctive buildings of the 20th century. Construction began in 1959 and was finally finished in 1973. Around eight million people visit the opera house each year. In 1997, it became a UNESCO world heritage site.

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Carnival

World celebrations and festivities

There are many festivals and celebrations around the world throughout the year. However, carnival is one of the most famous and colourful festivities. Many carnivals take place in the build-up to the religious season of Lent, which is the six weeks before Easter Sunday. Therefore, many carnivals take place during February. Often during Lent, people give up something that they will find difficult to do. This could be a type of food or a bad habit.

What is carnival?

Carnival can be different depending on the country. Lots of countries focus on their own traditions and are often a celebration of the culture of their country. In most countries at carnival, you will see masks, colourful costumes, music and parades. Some Carnivals have special trinkets or symbols. In New Orleans, they have sweet and very colourful cakes called King Cakes as a symbol of their carnival (Mardi Gras).



The largest carnival

The most famous and largest carnival in the world takes place in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. Carnival in Brazil is not just a fun celebration; it is a chance to experience the different types of culture in the country. Brazil is often referred to as a 'melting-pot' of culture. This is because there are a variety of different cultural influences brought about by the diverse population. There are many European, African and American influences. Carnival is about the Brazilian way of life and their way of thinking. There are many parties celebrating the songs, music and dances typical of Brazilian culture. The most popular form of music and dancing at the Rio carnival is samba - a style unique to Brazil. Samba music is often played on drums and there is lots of traditional dancing. The 'Sambódromo' is an avenue made to host carnival in Rio. Every year, there are over 500,000 foreign visitors to this area.

Carnival is often linked to religious traditions; however, it is also a time of fun, with lots of colour, costumes and laughter. It is a time enjoyed by millions across the world.



Carnivals in Europe

There are several carnivals in Europe.

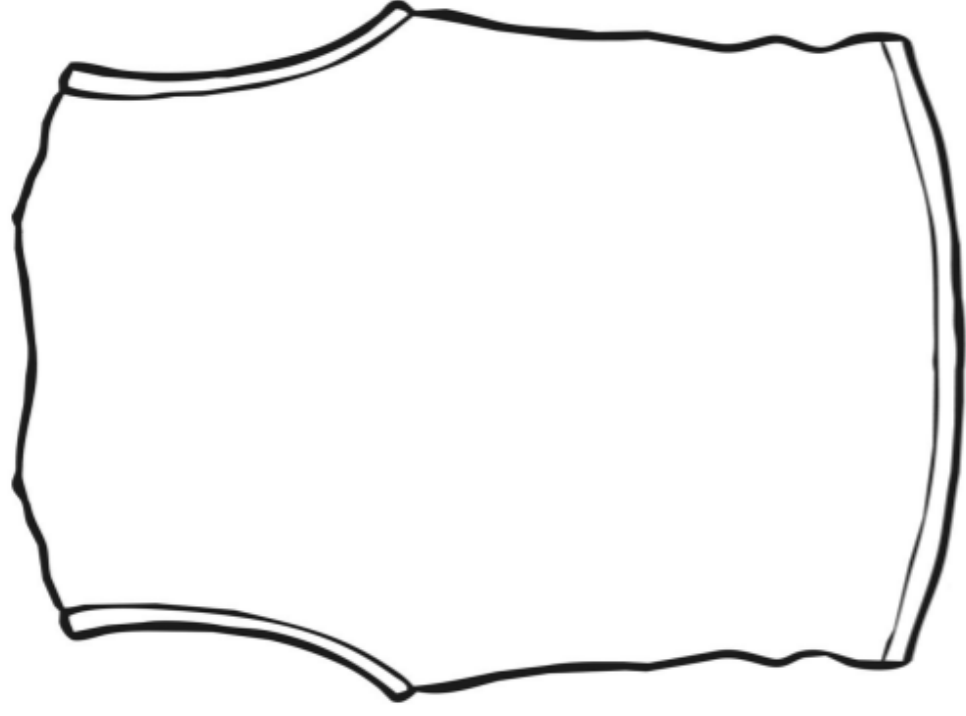
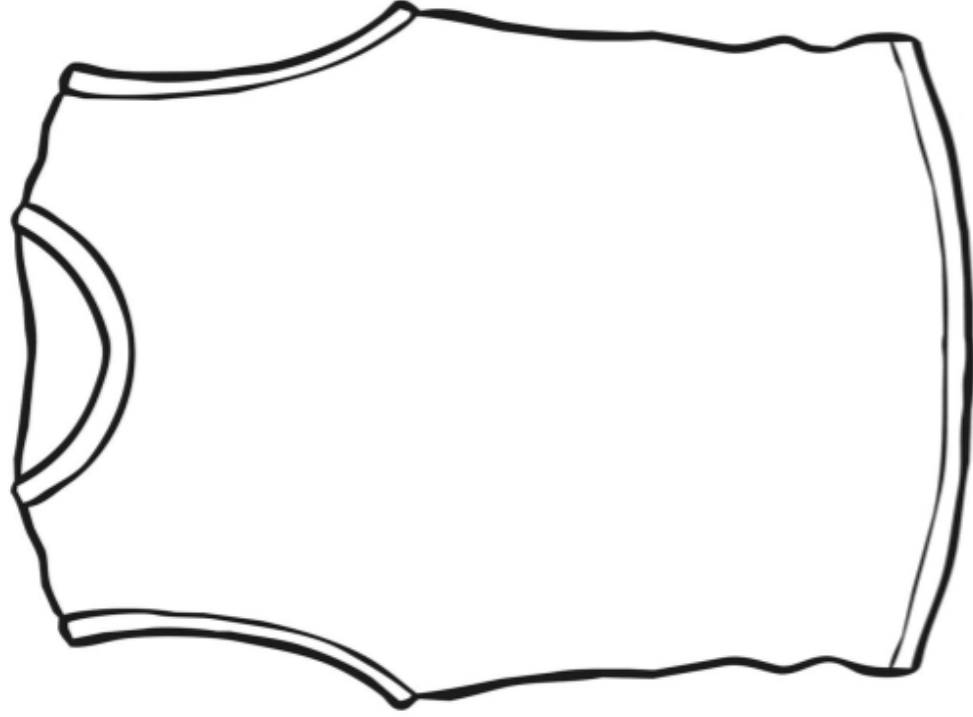
Cadiz is where the largest Spanish carnival happens. It celebrates local traditions along with current and political events. Like Rio, there are parades and floats with lots of music.

Nice in France, is heavily influenced by Catholic traditions, and people indulge in lots of rich food in the build up to Lent. One of the most popular street celebrations is the Battle of the Flowers where there are lots of floats and costumes brimming with plants and flowers.

Cologne is one of the main carnival cities in Germany. The carnival season actually begins in November here and culminates the week before (and including) Shrove Tuesday. There are lots of parades and people dress up - even at work and school. It is one of Germany's most important cultural events.

Design an Olympic Kit

The athletes representing your country at the Olympics will want to feel proud of a stylishly designed kit which reflects the national colours or symbols. Have a look at the designs which have been used at previous Olympic Games and see what you can come up with!



Friday

The Three Sisters

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5	The bike was new and red and shiny and fast. It had a bell and a basket and a light.
6	Fruit is healthy and sweet and colourful. It comes from countries like Spain, India and Thailand.
7	At break he played football and catch and hide and seek and dodgeball.
8	The shop sold perfect fish and fantastic chips.

Athletics Colouring Sheets

