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One day, a radio was left in the jungle.

The lion and the giraffe and the elephant wanted the radio.
How Some Flowers Are Pollinated

- Bats can pollinate bird-of-paradise plants
- Hummingbirds can pollinate hibiscus flowers
- Moths can pollinate honeysuckle
- Wasps can pollinate figs
- Australian honey possums can pollinate banksias
- Rock mice can pollinate proteas
- Australian honey possums can pollinate banksias
But the pumpkin had grown too big. Suddenly, it exploded.

The street was filled with bits of pumpkin.
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How do Fibres made by people help us?

Many fibres made by people last a long time and are easy to wash and care for.

Are there any problems with fibres made by people?

Because many fibres made by people do not rot, they can cause pollution.

They do not soak up our sweat like cotton and wool.

Some fibres made by people do not catch fire easily.

Fibres made by people are not usually as warm to wear as wool...

... or as cool to wear as cotton.

Some fibres made by people can keep you dry in the rain.
Backbone
All fish have a backbone. Many animals, such as frogs, crocodiles, birds and horses, also have a backbone.

Most fish skeletons are made of bone. Sharks and rays have skeletons made of cartilage, not bone.

Your nose and ears are made of cartilage. Shark cartilage is much harder than the cartilage in your nose.
Josh turned. There was a look of horror on his face. Old Jasper was in the shallows, a few metres away, slithering into the thick grass which covered most of the island. He was enormous. His knobbly, rippling body, was shining in the moonlight. Flashing yellow eyes. White arrowhead teeth. He swished his tail and made a rush for Josh. Jasper was old, but he wasn't slow. His snapping jaws grazed Josh's legs as the boy yelped and clambered onto a low branch of a willow tree. Josh balanced there, feeling the limb straining under his weight. His heart was thumping in his chest. Sweat dripped from his brow. Never in his wildest dreams did he believe the evening would turn out this way.
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Lost Underwater Worlds

Divers spend years searching for old shipwrecks. They want to find out how people used to live and why the ship sank.

The Mary Rose was the pride of King Henry VIII of England’s navy but sank during a battle without firing a shot. More than 400 years later, the Mary Rose was raised. Divers brought up shoes, dishes and weapons. They also found out what had gone wrong. The battleship had been so overloaded that it tipped over. The sea water rushed in, sank the Mary Rose and drowned its crew.
What causes happiness?

When we feel loved and secure, and when things are going well in our lives, we are happy. Happiness comes in many forms. A lasting feeling of happiness can lead to a sense of contentment, while a pleasant surprise can give us a sudden feeling of joy or excitement.

These are some of the things that make us happy.
- Getting presents
- Being complimented
- Being with someone you really like
- Being chosen for a special activity
- Winning a race
- Winning a prize
- Going somewhere you like
- Being liked

Some people are very happy when they make other people happy.

What do we do when we are happy?

When we are happy, we often like to show it to people around us.

We might
- Have a twinkle in our eye
- Smile a lot
- Move briskly
- Laugh
- Get excited
- Try to make other people happy, too
- Make an effort to be nice to people

Sometimes when people are really happy, their whole face lights up and they feel good all over.

What happens to our body when we are happy?

When we are happy, we may feel it right through our body in different ways.

For example:
- Our heart beats faster.
- We feel light on our feet.
- Our blood pressure increases.
- We feel more energetic.
As the hours went by the sea grew rougher. The storm was relentless and the wind screamed across the deck. Colossal waves crashed over the railings, flooding onto the deck. People staggered about, screaming and crying, as the ferry pitched helplessly in the churning turmoil of a violent sea.

Maria battled to hold on to Tavita and help the woman with her baby. She kept losing grip of him as the waves crashed over them and made everything slippery.

The waves covered her in salt water, blurring her vision and stinging her eyes. She struggled to stand upright and kept falling over. Suddenly, the boat lurched uncontrollably. Water crashed onto the deck in a great wall. Maria was pulled from the boat and thrown into the grip of the merciless waves.
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