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(SORRY – January – 20th Oleksandr A adults T)



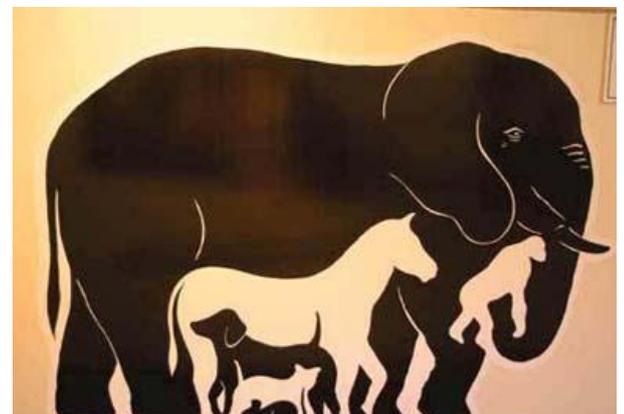
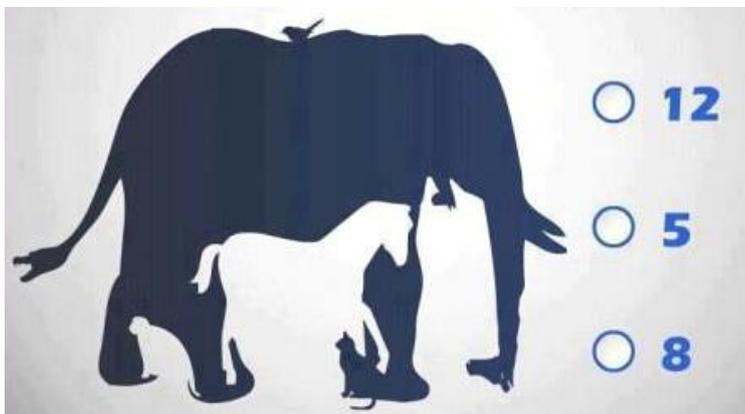
Happy Carnival and Valentine's Day



The last week of January you did mini tests. We, the teachers, all hope it went well. Carnival is coming up and you know what that means, don't you? YESSS! Three days holidays. We know it's not much, but it's better than nothing. ☺ Get dressed in your fancy dress costumes and have fun.

We also celebrate Valentine's Day this month. Don't forget that Valentine's Day is not only for boyfriends and girlfriends. It's for anyone you love or like a lot (including family). So, on this day, be nice to the special people in your lives. You don't have to spend money buying presents to show them you like them.

HOW MANY ANIMALS CAN YOU SEE?





Student's Work



Pets

There are a lot of good things about having animals at home - our pets (a dog, a cat, a bird, etc).

Firstly, these animals can be good companions, especially for old people or people who live alone. Secondly, they have someone who gives them food and love.

However, there are also some bad things about having pets at home.

I think they can feel like prisoners, because they only go out when their owners want.

Also, nowadays some people don't have time to take care of the animals, to give them the necessary attention, because they have to work and only arrive home at night.

Finally, when people go on holidays, they don't have anyone to take care of their animals and so, sometimes they abandon them.

In my opinion, I think that having a pet at home is really good, it can be a friend and we can play together, but we must be sure that we can take care of them properly, taking them to the vet when necessary and giving them our love.

(Ana Cristina B Teens - St Tirso)

My favourite activity

I am a creative young girl and I love working in a team, so about 5 years ago, I decided to start playing volleyball. It is a fantastic sport because there is cooperation from all members, from athletes and coaches.

My first experience was horrible, because I didn't know how to play, but in my next lesson I started to improve. Now I play in Ginásio Clube de Santo Tirso and my team and I are almost going to nationals. It has been a difficult journey, but union has overcome everything and everyone.

I don't want to take volleyball as a career, just as a hobby, because I want a better future. However I hope to grow in volleyball, as an athlete and as a person.

I LOVE VOLLEYBALL, IT IS AN AMAZING SPORT!!

(Bárbara - C Teens - St Tirso)

Music has always been an essential part of our lives. Most of the time we find ourselves searching for that specific kind of song or lyrics in our daily routine. The point is that it doesn't really matter what we are doing because unconsciously, there are times when we start singing or just having fun by making any kind of noise.

This refers to an interesting curiosity or ability that human beings have. After listening to a music several times it becomes easier to distinguish the different elements that make the whole final product memorable. Each of us can understand the connection between the melody and the lyrics and then, it remains in our memory for a period of time. This process is related to emotions. Frequently, many people have the tendency to choose what they want to hear according to how they feel inside. Whether you are having a whale of time or feeling depressed, the music you picked will tell others more about your emotions than your own words.

Furthermore, music has benefits for those who have an intrinsic relation with it. Personally, I endorse this idea because as a student I was always trying to find several ways to stimulate my focus and to relax at the same time. The best way for me was having a playlist by my side while I was studying because it would make me feel more happy and full of energy to accomplish my goal.

When it comes to other students, or even to the people who work from home, music can definitely help them. It would be great if some ideas came to light due to the inspiring songs that they are listening, right?

From my point of view, the ideal music for each situation is the one that the individual think is appropriate, no matter what concept of the right song people try to define. Hardly, people will have the same interests just because of their roots and life experiences.

To conclude, in my opinion, people should listen to what please them instead of any pre conceived idea of classical songs or the trendy hits because it's in fashion. As long as they feel comfortable with their own taste, their daily routines and chores will become a lot less harsh.

(Janine - C.P.E - Trofa)

My monster

My monster has got two heads.

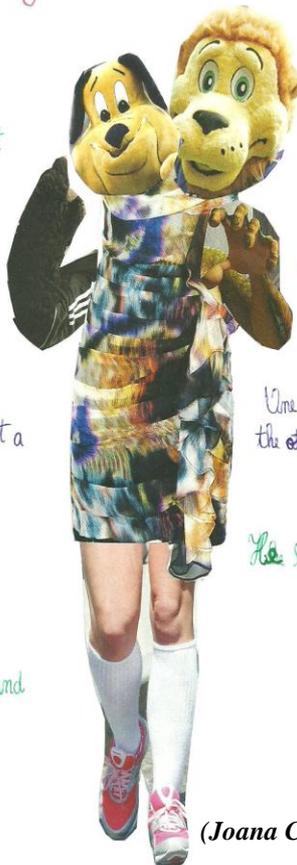
My monster has got two legs.

She has got a chess.

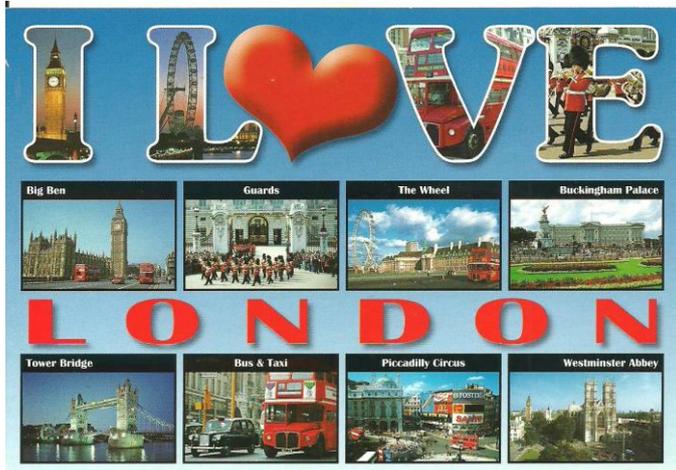
One head is lion and the other is dog.

She has got a two arms.

One arm is fish and the other is bird.



(Joana Couto - Aa - Trofa)



London Dear Anderson



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How are you? I'm having a wonderful time here in London. I've already visited Big Ben and I have just seen Buckingham Palace. It was fantastic. I want to eat London food. Yesterday I went on Bus and taxi in London, also I went to a shopping centre, where I bought a present for you. To night I'm going to visit the tower Bridge. Tomorrow I'm going to visit Piccadilly Circus and The London Eye. I have never gone to Westminster Abbey. send me a postcard from Brazil
hugs
Francisco.

(Francisco - B chn - Trofa)

London

Hello teacher Alex!
How are you?



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I and my family last month were 3 days in London, we stayed at a hotel.

On the first day, we went to see St. Paul's Cathedral then went by taxi to Harrods then we went to lunch. After eating we went to see the Tower Bridge.

On the second day, we went by bus to see Buckingham Palace and saw the guard's march outside the Palace, then we went to lunch. Then we saw the Parliament.

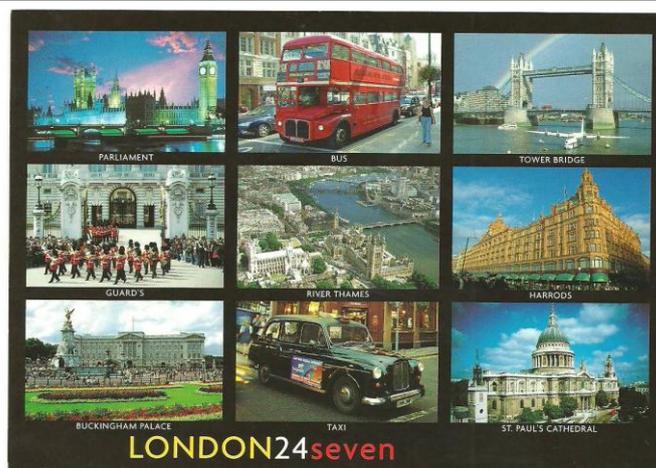
On the third day, we went away plane and crossed over the River Thames.

Bye!

Ana Rita

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(Ana Rita - B chn - Trofa)

"O Mistério da Estrada de Sintra" by Eça de Queirós and Ramalho Ortigão

Considered the first detective story in Portuguese, "O Mistério da Estrada de Sintra", or, in English, "The Mystery of Sintra Road" is written in letters, that were first published in a newspaper, and, for some months, fooled the readers as they thought it was a true story. Set in Sintra Road, in the end of the nineteenth century, the novel tells the story of two friends, a doctor, Dr.***, and a writer, F., who were kidnapped in that road. After being taken to an old house, it becomes obvious for the two young men that they were caught up in a dangerous situation: a British man is lying dead, in a sofa. This death, motivated by love, raises too many questions.

I was fascinated by the descriptions of the places and events, very characteristic of the main author, Eça, that make us feel like this was a real story.

The story is told, mainly, by three people: Dr.*** and F., two clever young men, and A.H.C., a honest young man, who, after hearing his cousin, the Countess of W., decides to help her. She and Captain Rytmel, a good-looking British young captain, had a magnificent, yet forbidden romance, as she was married, yet unhappy with her life. This love story wouldn't be completed without Carmen, a beautiful Spanish woman, who causes jealousy to the Countess.

I would seriously recommend this book, specially to the detective story lovers, as it is full of mystery throughout the story. Questions arise as you go further, and deepest secrets are unveiled, in a magnificent novel you would not want to miss.

Pedro Ferreira

(C.A.E - Trofa)

Advantages and disadvantages of keeping animals in zoos

I'm going to talk about the advantages and disadvantages of keeping animals in zoos.

The advantages are the people can see other animals in zoos like camels, elephants, zebras and monkeys, in some of zoos we can touch some of animals. The workers try to make the animals feel good and the zoos protect the endangered animals, but there are some disadvantages. They are: the animals can never go back to the wild, sometimes the cages are too small and the animals don't like little cages.

There are some bad things about animals keep in zoos but in my opinion the zoos are great places because this places protect the animals and I think this is the best action of the world.

(Marcelo - B teens - Trofa)

MY FREE TIME - I don't have much free time but the time that I have after school I spend it all on football. I love football because it's a magic sport where you never know what will happen and everything can change in a few minutes. I play on Trofense and I enjoy it a lot.

When I went for the first time, I was a bit lost because there were lots of children. They made a selection where divided us all in four teams by ages. It was difficult to start because I was used to play futsal and it was football.

I grew up and after five years I still play with some of my first partners. I am still a goalkeeper. It's where I can play in football game. I love football and this is the sport where it impossible to predict a result because it can change nay moment. In one minute you are winning and the next moment you are losing. It's magic!

Goalkeeping is the most difficult position in all sports because all depends on you and everybody is watching every single movement you do. One moment you are the beast, the next moment you are the best.

That's why I love what I do.

(João Carlos - C teens - Trofa)



Puzzle Page



The Circus



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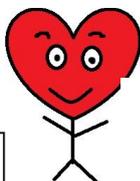
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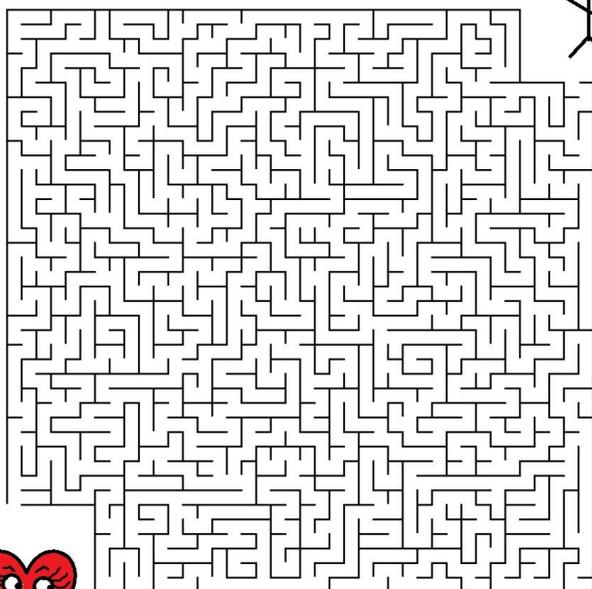
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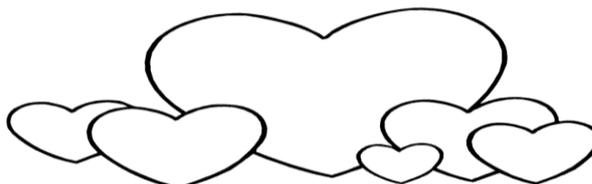
Happy Valentine's Day



Can you find the differences?



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