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Fun facts

1. Beasts of burden

Llamas are hardy, smart animals that are easy to train. Native to Central and South America, they are used as pack animals as they can carry a generous load of weight. However, when they are overloaded, they simply lie down and refuse to move. Did you know llamas spit and kick when provoked or threatened?

Q: llamas and alpacas look similar. How can you tell the difference between the two?

2. Wettest place on land

Mawsynram in Meghalaya is the wettest place, based on rainfall, in the world. Located in the Khasi Hills, it receives about 11,872 mm of average annual rainfall. According to the Guinness Book of World Records, the region received 26,000 mm of rainfall in 1985. The mountainous terrain of Mawsynram is known for its lush greenery and scenic beauty.

Q: Can you name the second wettest place on Earth?

Answers
1. Llamas are twice the size of alpacas and have longer ears.
2. Cherrapunji in Meghalaya

Picture story

Come up with a witty caption for this photo

Reuters

Oh Deer! The hoofed-animals are seen frollicking around the grounds of Raby Castle, Britain.

Can you sum up this picture in a few words? Be creative!

World tour

This week, let's focus on **Denmark.** Here are some facts.

- Denmark is located in northern Europe and consists of more than 400 islands in the North Sea. But only 72 of these islands are inhabited. The largest islands of Denmark are Greenland, Disko Island (off Greenland) and Zeeland where the capital city Copenhagen is located.
- Denmark belongs to the Scandinavian countries, which includes Norway and Sweden. (Finland and Iceland are sometimes included in a broader definition).
- The people of Denmark are known as Danes. Danes have one of the highest standards of living in the world.
- The form of government is unitary parliamentary constitutional monarchy. Margrethe II is the queen and Mette Frederiksen is the Prime Minister.
- Roe deer, large-antlered red deer, harbour porpoise, blue whales, humpback whales, orcas, walruses, polar bears, and musk oxen are some of the animals found here.

A view of Nyhavn district, home to many shops and restaurants. Photo: REUTERS

Choose the correct answer:

1. Denmark is the birthplace of which of the following writers?
A. Hans Christian Anderson
B. Charles Dickens
C. J.K. Rowling

2. Ole Kirk Christiansen was a Danish carpenter who founded a toy company in 1932. Which of the following is it?
A. Fisher-Price
B. Lego
C. Barbie

Answers: 1. A, 2. B

Math riddle

Take a number and add it to itself. Then, multiply the sum by four and divide the product by eight. You will get the same number again. What is the number?

Answer: Any number.

Earth watch

Match the description with the right word

1. The study of birds.	a. Rainforest.
2. Land used for cultivation.	b. Flyway.
3. The path used by migratory birds.	c. Ornithology.
4. The stage between the larva and the adult phase in an insect.	d. Arable.
5. Fertile region in tropical areas with high rainfall and biodiversity.	e. Pupa.

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Answers: 1. c, 2. d, 3. b, 4. e, 5. a.

Word of the day

Crestfallen

An adjective, crestfallen means disappointed and dispirited because of an unexpected failure.

Origin of the word: The term crestfallen was coined in the late 16th century in relation to fallen or defeated animals. A crest is a tuft of feathers or comb on the crown of some birds and mammals. Experts are divided over which animal gave us the word . Some believe that roosters with their crested heads are responsible for the word's origins. Others say that horses bowing their heads afer losing a battle inspired the term. Today, crestfallen refers to humans when they are in low spirits, typically with their head hanging down.

Usage: 1. Meena was crestfallen when she learnt that she did not win the scholarship. 2. The students were crestfallen on hearing that their school trip was cancelled because of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Activity: Use the word in a sentence of your own

The W Corner

WHO is he? His face might have been blurred out, but there are more than enough clues to point you in the right direction.

And if that isn't enough, here are more pointers to take you further towards the answer...

He plays as a pace bowler for his country and his wife Alyssa Healy (also in picture) is the wicket-keeper for the women's team.

"There needs to be something in place to keep that ball swinging," he said recently. "There needs to be an even contest between bat and ball, otherwise people will stop watching." This was his response after the International Cricket Council indicated it will be okay to use sweat, but not saliva, to polish the ball

PHOTOS: AP

Answer: Australian cricketer Mitchell Starc with his wife Healy.

Journal Writing

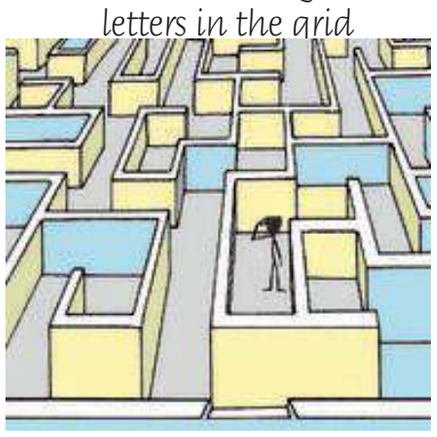
Dear Diary,

I think I'm beginning to look different after over two months of lockdown...

Imagine and write. Mail your diary entry to **school@thehindu.co.in.** We will select a few for publication in our In School Inbox column on page 3.

Word grid

Form a word using all the letters in the grid



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Hint: Maze

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Answer: Labyrinth