

## What do you know?

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1. According to Kate Messner, what should you do if you want to be an author?
  - o. Keep a notebook of ideas
  - b. Never stop being surprised by things
  - s. Read other people's books
  - h. All of the above
  
2. Which of these is the best category for "Middle School: Dogs' Best Friend"?
  - d. Fantasy
  - l. Thriller
  - s. Comedy
  - f. All of the above
  
3. With which of these statements about the lightrail's A Train would Van Brown agree?
  - n. It costs more to go from town to the airport than to go from the airport into town.
  - w. The train is more enjoyable because of the pleasant music on the loudspeakers.
  - i. The train station at the airport is exceptionally clean.
  - r. All of the above
  
4. According to the articles about them, how are Kate Messner and Lester Laminack alike?
  - a. They both believe in keeping notebooks.
  - d. They both write novels about a time-traveling dog.
  - p. They have both been inspired by memories of their mothers' cookies.
  - w. All of the above
  
5. According to the story, why is it important for the YMCA preschool in Gaza to use food as a teaching tool?
  - u. The kids get bored working in the school science lab.
  - o. Schools there don't have money for books and laboratory equipment.
  - i. Kids will not learn about things unless they can eat them afterwards.
  - a. One could not tell from the story.
  
6. According to the story, why did researchers want to find out how long elephants in the wild sleep?
  - k. They felt sleeping less would help protect them from poachers.
  - e. They felt elephants are probably better off in zoos and circuses.
  - j. They felt wild elephants have very different lives than captive elephants.
  - g. All of the above

***Fill in the letters to the correct answers above to solve this question:***

President Theodore Roosevelt's children had a pet badger in the White House named this:

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6            5            2            3            4            1

***What do you think?***

Both Kate Messner and Lester Laminack talked about the importance of noticing things and being curious. Write a brief essay about something you've noticed recently that made you curious. It could be something you saw in person, something on TV or the Internet or something you read about.

***Proofreading:***

There are five errors in this passage. Can you find them all? Correct each mistake in the space above it.

Those whom responded to our Question managed to split the answer's just about as evenly is possible.

***Summarize the story:***

Use three sentences to tell about elephants and sleep.

1.

2.

3.

***Look it up!***

For each of these stars, tell what constellation it is in and whether that constellation represents a person, an animal or a thing. We've done the first one for you.

Betelgeuse	Orion	person
Sirius		
Vega		
Antares		
Pollux		
Altair		