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key learning areas.

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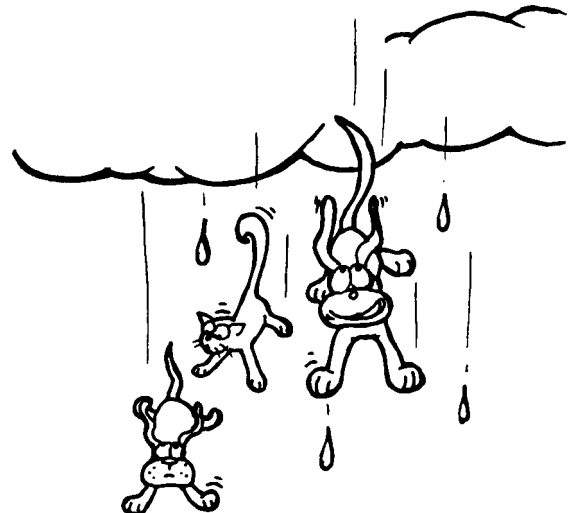
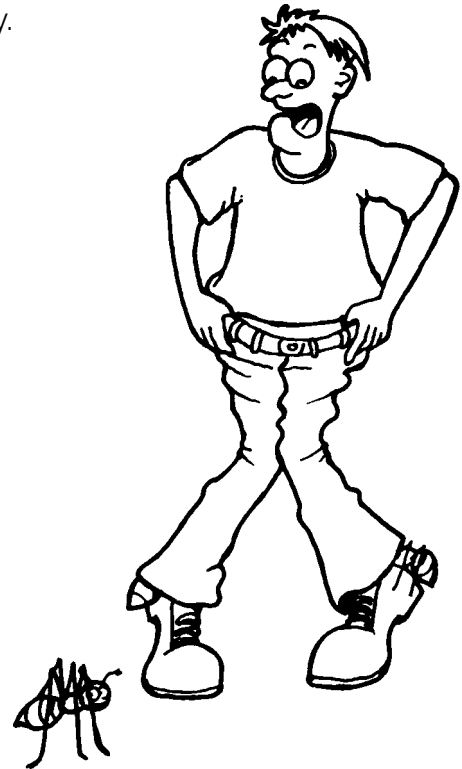
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Quiz 1  
**LANGUAGE**  
**Idioms**

An idiom is a phrase or expression the meaning of which cannot be determined by the words that make up the phrase. When you have “ants in your pants” or a “bee in your bonnet”, there are usually no insects in sight!

See if you can complete the following idioms correctly.

1. At sixes and .....
2. Nip it in the .....
3. Burn the candle at ..... ends.
4. Catch ..... winks.
5. Put all your eggs in one .....
6. Sit on the .....
7. Hit the ..... on the .....
8. Get the ..... rolling.
9. .... or swim.
10. Turn over a new .....
11. As ..... as a bat.
12. The ..... bird catches the .....
13. Raining ..... and .....
14. Let the ..... out of the bag.
15. Kill ..... birds with one stone.
16. A little ..... told me.
17. As snug as a ..... in a .....
18. .... tears.
19. As the ..... flies.
20. Birds of a ..... flock .....
21. As sick as a .....
22. No room to swing a .....
23. Take the ..... by the horns.
24. When the ..... away, the mice will play.
25. .... eat .....
26. Pop the .....
27. .... the ice.
28. .... grease.
29. Back-seat .....
30. Make ..... meet.



### Extra for Experts

#### Fun with Idioms!

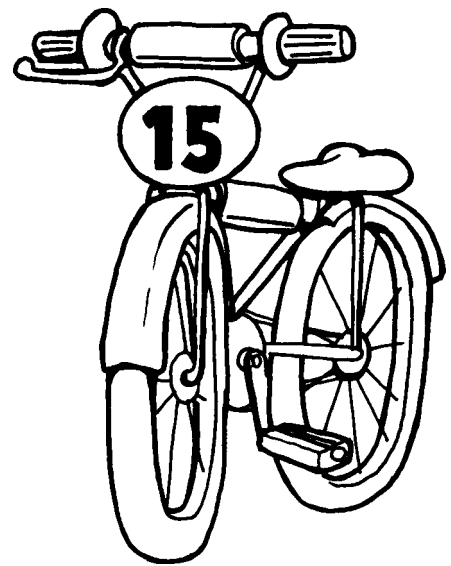
When idioms are used in writing a short play or sketch, the result can be very amusing. Using idioms, write your own play that can be presented to the class or as an assembly item. You will need to make or collect some simple props to use in your play.

Quiz 3  
LANGUAGE

# Abbreviations

Abbreviations are used for organizations, names of places, forms of addresses, different types of streets and for some mathematical terminology. What do the following abbreviations stand for?

1. a.s.a.p. ....
2. ATM .....
3. BYO .....
4. DJ .....
5. govt. ....
6. IOU .....
7. LBW .....
8. max.....
9. BMX.....
10. CD .....
11. cont. ....
12. ET .....
13. misc.....
14. PE .....
15. PJ's.....
16. UFO .....
17. vs. ....
18. WWW .....
19. VCR .....
20. PTO .....
21. BO .....
22. VIP .....
23. chap. ....
24. ref. ....
25. HQ .....
26. temp. ....
27. pop. ....
28. anon. ....
29. pl. ....
30. tbsp. ....



## Extra for Experts

### Acronyms

Acronyms are abbreviations which take the first letter of all the words in a title. The letters make up the abbreviation which is read as a word. An example is Qantas, which is an abbreviation for Queensland and Northern Territory Aerial Services. Make up a list of commonly used acronyms.

Quiz 4  
LANGUAGE

# Collective Nouns

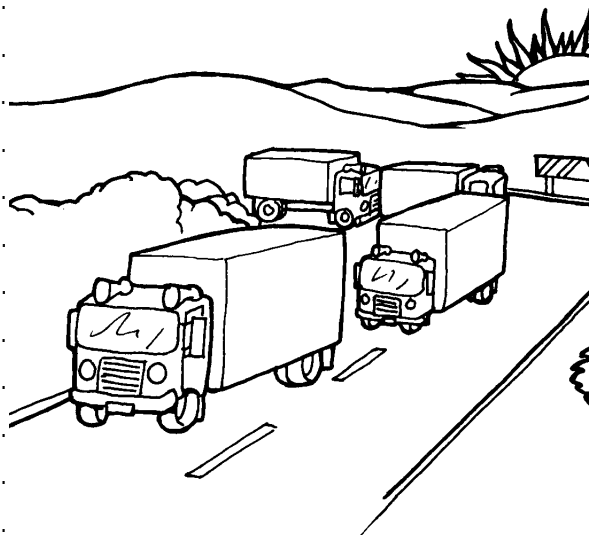
What collective nouns are used to describe the following groups?

1. insects .....
2. ships .....
3. trees .....
4. players of a game .....
5. cards .....
6. flowers .....
7. singers .....
8. sheep .....
9. elephants .....
10. directors .....
11. beehives .....
12. witches .....
13. actors .....
14. angels .....
15. chickens .....



What group does each collective noun below describe?

1. anthology .....
2. bunch .....
3. galaxy .....
4. tribe .....
5. suite .....
6. cluster .....
7. cast .....
8. congregation .....
9. convoy .....
10. punnet .....
11. volley .....
12. hand .....
13. fleet .....
14. batch .....
15. string .....



## Extra for Experts

### Make up your own collective nouns!

Some collective nouns have been created for amusement. Some examples are:  
a column of accountants, a goggle of tourists, a consternation of mothers.

Invent your own amusing collective nouns to describe the following groups:

flying birds; people swimming in a pool; children in a playground; a collection of jewellery;  
a selection of hats; a room full of computers; a pile of toys.

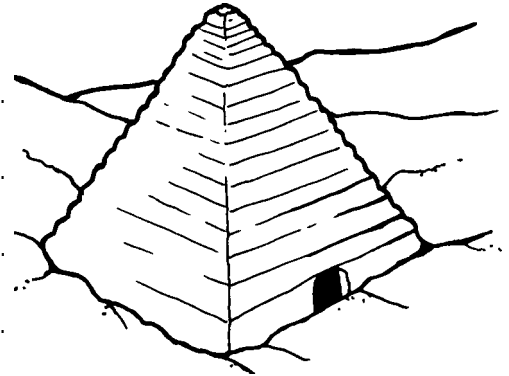
Quiz 6

SOCIAL STUDIES

Ancient Civilizations

Ancient Egypt

- 1. What is the study of ancient civilizations called? .....
- 2. For what purpose were the Egyptian pyramids built? .....
- 3. What is placed in a sarcophagus? .....
- 4. What was the name of the Sun god that the Egyptians worshipped? .....
- 5. What is the sphinx? .....
- 6. Which river passes like a highway through the whole length of Egypt? .....



Ancient Greece

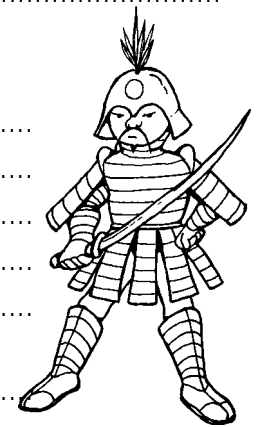
- 7. In which city was the Acropolis built? .....
- 8. Who was the Greek God of War? .....
- 9. Who was the greatest general of the Greek world? .....
- 10. Name a famous Greek philosopher or scientist. ....

Ancient Rome

- 11. Roman cities often had grand buildings. What was the building called a forum used for? .....
- 12. What were the men who fought in the amphitheatres in Rome called? .....
- 13. What river was Ancient Rome built on? .....
- 14. What was the most famous amphitheatre in Ancient Rome called? .....

Chinese and Japanese Civilizations

- 15. What were the kings and queens of Japan and China called in English? .....
- 16. What delicate lightweight fabric was invented by the Chinese? .....
- 17. In Japanese history, what is a shogun? .....
- 18. Who were the samurai? .....
- 19. What is the ancient Japanese religion called? .....
- 20. The early people of Japan ate mainly fish. Which grain was introduced from China in about 500 BC? .....



Aztec and Inca Civilizations

- 21. What South American country did the Aztecs live in? .....
- 22. What South American country did the Incas live in? .....
- 23. What unusual ritual did the Aztecs and the Incas perform to please their gods? .....
- 24. What was the largest city in the Aztec Empire? .....
- 25. What European nation invaded and overcame the Aztecs in the 16th century? .....

Extra for Experts

Illustrating Activity

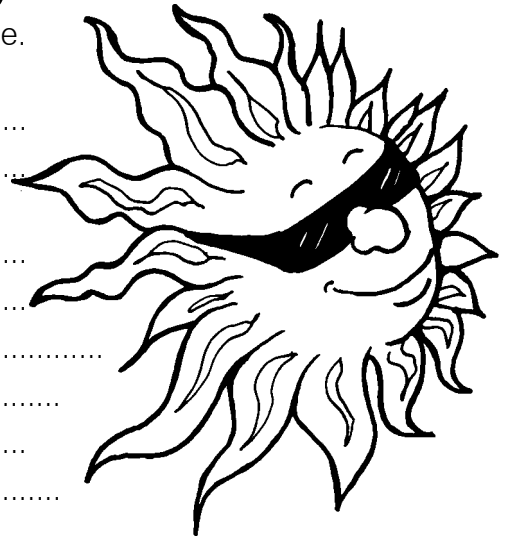
Do an illustration of one of the following- a Egyptian pyramid, the Acropolis, a Roman amphitheatre, a samurai or an Aztec temple.

Quiz 10  
SCIENCE

# Astronomy

Astronomy is the scientific study of all the objects in the universe.

1. What do you call the bodies, either natural or artificial, that orbit a planet or a moon? .....
2. What are "sunspots"? .....
3. A star is a heavenly body that generates its own ..... and .....
4. What causes a "black hole" in space? .....
5. What is the name given to Earth's galaxy? .....
6. What is a "nova"? .....
7. What is a "supernova"? .....
8. What is the evening star? .....
9. What is a solstice? .....
10. What is the eruption of radiation on the sun called? .....
11. What happens during a solar eclipse? .....
12. What term is used to describe the time of the year when the sun is directly over the equator? .....
13. What is the elliptical path of one celestial body around another called? .....
14. What is a hazy mass of gases and particles in space called? .....
15. What is the fastest speed of any object in the universe called? .....
16. What is the earth's only natural satellite? .....
17. What activity that occurs on the sun causes an aurora? .....
18. What is another term for "universe"? .....
19. What is a solar wind? .....
20. What is a light year? .....



### TRUE OR FALSE

1. The sun is not a star. ....
2. The layer of crimson gas around the sun is called the chromosphere. ....
3. Cosmos is another word for universe. ....
4. There are only a few galaxies in the universe. ....
5. The Milky Way is an elliptical shaped galaxy. ....
6. The sun is too bright to be able to observe safely without special equipment. ....
7. None of the planets in our Solar System can be seen without a telescope. ....
8. People who observe the night sky have the same view, no matter where they live. ....
9. Stars move rapidly across the sky at night. ....
10. Algol, Alpha Centauri and Capella are the names of stars. ....

### Extra for Experts

#### The Night Star

Use a star chart to observe the night sky. Try to identify some of the stars that you can see.