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### Chicago from above

Following a recent renovation, the new Hancock Observatory invites you to enjoy Chicago's best views from the city's highest open-air Skywalk. It has quickly gained \_\_\_\_\_ with both Chicagoans and visitors of the city.

POPULAR

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Skywalk is Chicago's highest open-air viewing area. It is 1,000 feet in the air. Everyone here can feel the strong wind and hear the dynamic buzz of the city below. The friendly staff will \_\_\_\_\_ tell the real story behind Chicago's "Windy City" nickname.

CERTAIN

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For those who feel \_\_\_\_\_ about such a great height there are more relaxing indoor audio Sky Tours.

COMFORT

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These 30-minute personal audio tours give a unique "overview" of Chicago's wonderful sights and \_\_\_\_\_. History! Sky Tours are available in English, Spanish and German.

REMARK

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History Wall is another popular \_\_\_\_\_. More than 100 photos on a great 80-foot display show Chicago's rise from a small settlement to a great city.

ATTRACT

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As a tour guide I have been to the Skywalk \_\_\_\_\_ times and still I can't help admiring it.

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### Ray Bradbury

Ray Douglas Bradbury is a US writer of fantasy, horror, science fiction and mystery. He is \_\_\_\_\_ considered to be one of the 20<sup>th</sup> century's greatest and most popular writers of science fiction.

WIDE

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His works have been translated into more than 40 languages and have sold tens of millions of copies in different countries. His \_\_\_\_\_ continues in the 21st century.

POPULAR

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During his long writing career, Bradbury has written almost 600 short stories, eleven novels, as well as \_\_\_\_\_ poems and plays.

VARY

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He first became famous for his *Martian Chronicles*, a collection of short stories concerning colonization of the planet Mars. In it, Bradbury portrayed the strengths and \_\_\_\_\_ of human beings as they encountered a new world.

WEAK

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Bradbury won \_\_\_\_\_ literary awards, the most important of them coming from the National Institute of Arts and Letters.

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Millions of science fiction readers all over the world are grateful to Ray Bradbury for his outstanding \_\_\_\_\_ in the field of fantasy and science fiction.

ACHIEVE

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## Animals

The importance of animals in British life is reflected in many ways. In the past, landowners liked to be portrayed with their dogs and horses. \_\_\_\_\_ pictures of this kind can be seen in art galleries and private residences.

26 COUNT

27 Animals are \_\_\_\_\_ used in advertising in magazines and on television. WIDE

28 The Royal Society for the \_\_\_\_\_ of Cruelty to Animals (RSPCA) is one of the largest charities in Britain. PREVENT

29 RSPCA is a part of a more general \_\_\_\_\_ in support of animal rights that has emerged recently in Britain and the USA. MOVE

30 Animal rights organizations use \_\_\_\_\_ tactics: picketing stores that sell furs, harassing hunters in the wild, or breaking into laboratories to free animals. VARY

Their main aim is to ban the cruel treatment and killing of animals both in laboratory experiments and in factory farming. The irresponsible and neglectful treatment of animals by some zoo and pet \_\_\_\_\_ is also their concern.

31 OWN

## Why do we sleep?

A recent study may have an answer to one of the greatest unsolved mysteries in science - what is the purpose of sleep? The work suggests it's \_\_\_\_\_ about making animals function more efficiently in their environments.

26 REAL

27 \_\_\_\_\_ from the University of California, Los Angeles, conducted a study of the sleep times of a broad range of animals. They discovered much variation.

28 You may think it \_\_\_\_\_ but some migrating birds can fly non-stop for up to 90 hours. POSSIBLE

29 Pythons and bats are among the longest \_\_\_\_\_ at over 18 hours a day.

30 Human babies need 16 hours and their health and intellectual \_\_\_\_\_ depend on sleeping properly.

31 DEVELOP

Most of us probably feel we need around eight hours sleep to function well. Some people have \_\_\_\_\_ in getting enough sleep and this may lead to serious health problems.

31 DIFFICULT

## Future population

The United Nations (UN) has published its prediction about the size and age of the world's population three hundred years from now. This report can help environmental \_\_\_\_\_ and policy-makers to understand dramatic changes in the world's population in the future.

The report suggests that if the birth rates stay the same, there'll be a huge expansion of the \_\_\_\_\_ population.

You may think it is \_\_\_\_\_ but three centuries from now there may be over one hundred and thirty trillion people.

The report says that the world's population is likely to be \_\_\_\_\_ older. The average age will be fifty while today it is twenty six.

Almost a quarter of all the \_\_\_\_\_ of the planet will live in Africa.

\_\_\_\_\_ think that India, China and the United States will continue to be countries with the biggest population.

SCIENCE

GLOBE

POSSIBLE

SIGNIFICANT

INHABIT

RESEARCH

## Tourism in Britain

Tourism is already Britain's fifth most important industry and it is also the fifth largest tourist industry in the world. It's growing \_\_\_\_\_: the number of people employed in the industry increased by more than 50,000 a year.

RAPID

Britain has a rich and varied cultural heritage. \_\_\_\_\_ royal ceremonies attract millions of visitors each year.

COLOUR

London has an international reputation for its historic sites, museums and famous institutions. A city of infinite colour and \_\_\_\_\_. London is both historic and unceasingly modern, at the forefront of fashion, music and art.

VARY

Historic cities such as Oxford, Cambridge and Bath are visited by large numbers of \_\_\_\_\_.

FOREIGN

People who travel to Scotland, the Lake District and other areas of upland Britain find unique \_\_\_\_\_ places and scenery which can vary over short distances.

EXCITE

Some of the most popular \_\_\_\_\_ outside London are the Jorvik Viking Centre in York, the Tudor ship in Portsmouth and National museum of Photography in Bradford.

ATTRACT

## Wild Animal Park

26 The wide, wild world of animals interests many people. But, as civilizations crowd animals out of their natural habitats, \_\_\_\_\_ and concerned citizens ask, "What is going to happen to animals?"

SCIENCE

27 One place that has pioneered research in the \_\_\_\_\_ of rare animals is the Wild Animal Park of San Diego, California. Its special concern is endangered species.

CONSERVE

28 Although people can visit the Park, it is a 720-hectar preserve where animals walk \_\_\_\_\_. Many people have a unique opportunity to take photos of rare wild animals in their natural environment.

FREE

29 People all over the world have helped with the \_\_\_\_\_ of the Park. It was planned in 1959; it was opened in 1972. So it took 13 years to build it.

DEVELOP

30 Divided into \_\_\_\_\_ sections, the Park has areas similar to the animals' natural habitats in Africa and Asia.

GEOGRAPHY

31 Since the Wild Animal Park opened, it has become famous for its captive breeding work. More than 86 per cent of animals born in the park survive. Many \_\_\_\_\_ travel to California to watch wildlife and enjoy beautiful nature.

FOREIGN

## Chemistry or no chemistry

I was planning a career in biology but was not looking forward to taking chemistry in my first year at Carleton University in Ottawa. However, the professor of chemistry was a famous \_\_\_\_\_.

SCIENCE

27 He made the course interesting with his many small \_\_\_\_\_ explosions and crazy quizzes.

CHEMISTRY

28 Once, he posed the question: "What in the world isn't chemistry?" and offered a prize to the student who answered \_\_\_\_\_.

CORRECT

29 A couple of weeks passed. \_\_\_\_\_, he announced in class that the contest was over. A student had gone to his office to ask if she could try her hand at the question. "What in the world isn't chemistry?" she asked.

FINAL

30 "My \_\_\_\_\_ with my last boyfriend - that wasn't chemistry."

RELATION

31 By default, she became the \_\_\_\_\_.

WIN

## Christmas

Christmas is the most important annual festival in both Britain and North America. In its origins, it combines the Christian \_\_\_\_\_ of the birth of Christ, on 25 December, with the ancient tradition of a winter feast during the darkest period of the year.

CELEBRATE

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Christmas carols - a special kind of religious songs - are an important part of it. You may hear them \_\_\_\_\_ times over the radio but it is quite different when you listen to people sing carols around you in church.

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At this time, too, many carol \_\_\_\_\_ make door-to-door visits to people at home, collecting money for this or that charity.

SING

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Many weeks before Christmas, shops start selling \_\_\_\_\_ Christmas cards and Christmas gifts.

VARY

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Shop \_\_\_\_\_ decorate their shops with holly, mistletoe, candles and colourful paper chains and lanterns.

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All kinds of traditional Christmas food are also \_\_\_\_\_ available.

WIDE

## Morse Code

Before phones, computers, and telegraphs were invented, messages would take months or even years to reach their destination. Samuel Morse was born in Charlestown, Massachusetts, in April 1791, not knowing that he would be a famous \_\_\_\_\_.

INVENT

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Since the age of four, Morse had been interested in \_\_\_\_\_ and he wanted to become a painter. Mr. and Mrs. Morse were afraid that he couldn't make a living as a painter, so they made him a bookseller. He worked as a bookseller but at night he would paint.

DRAW

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\_\_\_\_\_ his parents realized how he loved art, so they found the money for Morse to study art in London.

FINAL

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After a \_\_\_\_\_ artistic career (first painting historical scenes and then portraits), Morse built the first American telegraph around 1835.

SUCCESS

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Morse patented a working telegraph machine in 1837, with help from his \_\_\_\_\_ partners, Leonard Gale and Alfred Vail.

BUSY

Morse used a dots-and-spaces code for the letters of the alphabet and for numbers. It was later improved to use dashes with dots and spaces. Since then, it has proved its \_\_\_\_\_ many times.

EFFECTIVE

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