

Text 1: The cave that talked

Kharanakhara was a lion who ruled over a certain part of a jungle. One day, he could not *prey*¹ upon a single animal after *wandering*² around the jungle in search of food. It was almost sunset, and the lion started returning in spite of being very hungry.

On his way, he saw a big cave, and thought to himself: "It is for sure that some animal must be living in this big cave. Such a nice cave cannot be uninhabited. At sunset, whatever animal lives here *is bound to*³ return. I shall hide inside the cave and wait for my dinner to arrive."

The cave was the home to a *jackal*⁴, who arrived a while after the lion had hidden himself inside. As he was entering, he noticed the footprints of a lion leading into the cave, but could not find any footprints coming out. He thought: "If a lion has indeed entered, I will be dead as soon as I enter. But, how can I be sure? There is no reason for me to stay away from my home if there is no lion inside. I must find out a way to confirm if the lion is still inside."

The jackal thought of a plan, and standing in front of the cave, began to shout: "Hello, Cave! Hello, Cave! Can I come inside?"

For a moment, he waited in silence and shouted again: "Hello, Cave! Have you forgotten our understanding of all these years? I always wait for your reply before I enter. Why are you silent today? I shall then go to some other cave if you do not reply."

On hearing this, the lion thought: "The cave must reply to the jackal when he returns at sunset. It is because I am inside that the cave is not replying today. I must call in the jackal on behalf of the cave, or he will go away."

So, the lion replied from inside the cave: "Hello, Jackal. You may enter. It is safe inside."

The reply was even more frightening due to the echo from the walls of the cave. The jackal at once knew that the lion was waiting for him to enter and make a meal out of him. He ran off as fast as he could and saved himself.

¹ to prey: to hunt

² to wander: to walk around a place in a casual way

³ to be bound to: to be sure that something will happen

⁴ jackal: a wild animal that looks like a dog

Source: *The cave that talked - Tales of Panchatantra*
<http://www.talesofpanchatantra.com/the-cave-that-talked>

TASK A ▶ Read TEXT 1 “*The cave that talked*”. For items 1-5, choose the best option (A, B or C). Write your answers in the grid provided below, as shown in example 0.

5 points

0. (EXAMPLE) At the beginning of this tale, a lion named Kharanakhara...

- A. had been looking for some food, but he could not get any.
- B. had managed to hunt some animals, but he was still hungry.
- C. was returning home after having spent an amazing day hunting.

1. When the lion found the cave, he thought that...

- A. an animal had lived there in the past.
- B. the place seemed to be inhabited.
- C. there would be plenty of food inside.

2. When the jackal got back to the cave, he...

- A. saw some footprints and determined that there was an animal inside.
- B. had no solid evidence that there might be another animal inside.
- C. developed a strategy to check if there was another animal inside.

3. Which of these adjectives best describes the jackal's attitude in this tale?

- A. Ambitious.
- B. Trusting.
- C. Clever.

4. Which of these adjectives best describes the lion's attitude in this tale?

- A. Naive.
- B. Lazy.
- C. Loyal.

5. Which of these sentences best describes the moral of this tale?

- A. Smaller creatures are more intelligent than larger creatures
- B. The young are more successful at surviving than the old.
- C. Being thoughtful and clever can help you get out of trouble.

0	1	2	3	4	5	SCORE: ___ / 5
A						
✓						

Text 2: You can't Google this?!

Google, Google, Google... You can find everything in the world on Google, right? Wrong! There are - 0 - some things in the world that you can't find on Google. That's why I went on a(n) - 1 - around the world to the countries of Turkey, Senegal, United States and Cyprus. And it all started in a remote village in Turkey.

A LANGUAGE IN TURKEY

In a remote village in the mountains of Turkey, and because the houses of this village are far from each other, locals decided that, - 2 - communicate, it was easier to *whistle*¹. This village has developed a new language that has over 250 unique words. It is taught at schools to kids and it's been around - 3 - over 500 years. These conversations can happen at a 2.5 km distance.

A BEACH IN SENEGAL

In the country of Senegal, hundreds of people are working out in perfect harmony on the beach. Turns out these guys don't even know each other. There is a public beach in Senegal - 4 - anyone can work out with other people. This is the best example of people pushing each other to become healthier, better and stronger. - 5 - out by yourself is hard, but when you have hundreds of people pushing you to be better, you become better yourself.

A COMMUNITY IN THE USA

There is a community in Puerto Rico that - 6 - by a hurricane six months ago, and until now these guys have no electricity, no rooftops, no cell service and some don't even have clean water. These are American citizens who have served their country and that are now living on car batteries, basic water filters, ice coolers and patience. This is an American - 7 -. If a country is as strong as its most vulnerable members, then how strong is an American citizenship?

A FRIENDSHIP IN CYPRUS

This is the incredible story of Fatih and Iannis, who - 8 - killed each other without even knowing each other. 44 years ago, Iannis served in the Greek army, and on his last day in the army he was called to battle. And in that battle, Iannis was shot in the head by Fatih in the Turkish army. He was taken to hospital and he survived. And 34 years later he wrote about his story in a book. That book made its way to Fatih, and to his surprise, the same guy he had shot was - 9 -! He called up Iannis asking for forgiveness, and Iannis forgave him.

At the end of the day, a language in Turkey, a community in Puerto Rico, a beach in Senegal and a friendship in Cyprus are all - 10 - things that you can't just find on Google.

Because the world is bigger than a search engine...

¹ to whistle: to make a series of musical notes by using your mouth, lips or teeth.

Source: NasDaily, "You can't Google this"
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=g6odYx2dgnM>

TASK B ▷ Read TEXT 2 “*You can’t Google this?!*”. For items 1-10, choose the best option (A, B, C or D). Write your final answers in the grid provided below, as shown in example 0.

10 points

0.	A. still	B. though	C. yet	D. already
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1.	A. travel	B. journey	C. excursion	D. trip
2.	A. so	B. in order to	C. for	D. as
3.	A. for	B. since	C. from	D. during
4.	A. who	B. that	C. when	D. where
5.	A. Work	B. To work	C. Working	D. Worked
6.	A. hit	B. was hit	C. hitting	D. being hit
7.	A. icon	B. profit	C. dream	D. issue
8.	A. almost	B. seldom	C. well	D. barely
9.	A. live	B. life	C. alive	D. lively
10.	A. annoying	B. amazing	C. ambiguous	D. amateur

0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	SCORE: ___ / 10
A											
✓											

Text 3: Secret rooms found & strangers living in other people's houses

WOMAN IN THE ATTIC

Joe Cummings kept finding food missing from his Manhattan apartment. He asked his girlfriend if she'd been having a few late-night snacks but she denied any knowledge of the missing food. So now, thinking that his girlfriend was *pulling a prank*¹ on him, Joe set up a hidden camera one night to try to catch her in the act. What he found was truly frightening: turns out a woman had been living in a small hidden storage area in his apartment attic for weeks. She would come out when he was away or asleep to steal food and go to the toilet in his kitchen. Upon reviewing the footage, Joe immediately left his apartment and called the police. The cops showed up and arrested the woman.

FRIENDS IN THE WALL

*Imgur*² user Donovan Peters posted a strange picture that his daughter had drawn. It showed him, his wife, his daughter Sophia and his son Tim all standing outside their house. Eerily, there were also two extra figures that were smaller than the rest, with no faces and with names written in an unidentified script. Even creepier, his daughter's drawing showed a crude diagram of their house showing where the two smaller figures lived. It was a room that was not an actual part of the house. When Donovan asked, his daughter insisted that the room was real, so he decided to investigate. He got a small chunk from the lower wall of the bathroom where his daughter claimed the other two figures in her drawing lived. Since the hole was very small, he asked his daughter to crawl inside with his cellphone and take a picture. Donovan was shocked by this frightening image of a crawlspace that contained not only a light that was turned on but also carvings in the wall around the light that seemed to be in the same odd language that his daughter had used in her drawing. Donovan Peters said that he would cut a bigger hole in the wall the next day and investigate the strange little room but he's never posted back to *Imgur* since.

CELLAR DWELLER³

Mark Hartmann and his Ohio State College roommates moved into an old house just off campus. Soon they began to hear strange noises and bumps in the night. When they woke in the morning, doors that had been closed would now be open. Things seemed to have been moved around the house and cupboards and microwave doors were open. They simply laughed it off and joked to their friends that their new rental house was haunted. One night, after repeatedly hearing loud noises from below the house, the roommates decided to do an extensive search of the premises. Two flights of stairs down, behind what they had thought was a storage cupboard, Mark found a locked door. When they reported it to the *realtor*⁴ who had rented them the house, he came over and unlocked the door. Inside, they found that someone had actually been living in the small basement room the whole time they had been there. Apparently, the mystery tenant was named Jeremy, and he was believed to also be a student at Ohio State University. The realtor and police posted a notice for Jeremy to leave and he hasn't returned to the house since, leaving behind all of his belongings. It goes without saying that Mark and his roommates have changed all of the locks on the house.

¹ to pull a prank on someone: To carry out a trick, deception, or practical joke (against someone).

² *Imgur*: An Internet image sharing website.

³ a dweller: An inhabitant or a person who lives somewhere (formal).

⁴ a realtor: In the US, a realtor is a person whose job is to sell houses, buildings and land.

Source: *Secret rooms found & strangers living in other people's houses*
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=A-slA5Oa9qg>

TASK C ▷ Read the three stories in TEXT 3 “Secret rooms found & strangers living in other people’s houses”. Mark the sentences below TRUE (T) or FALSE (F). Write your answers in the boxes provided next to each sentence, as shown in example 0.

10 points

0.	(EXAMPLE) Joe Cummings was completely sure about the reason why food was disappearing from his apartment.	F	✓
1.	The woman who was found living in Joe Cumming’s apartment attic was arrested right after Joe’s girlfriend called the police.		
2.	Donovan Peters shared with his whole family the strange picture that his daughter had drawn.		
3.	The strange picture Donovan Peters’ daughter had drawn showed his whole family plus two unidentified creatures.		
4.	Donovan Peters had always been aware that there was an extra room in the house.		
5.	When Donovan’s daughter went into the small room, she found a text on the wall that had been written in a strange language.		
6.	Donovan decided to share on a popular website some photos of the strange little room he had recently found.		
7.	When Mark Hartmann and his roommates found out about the weird incidents that had been happening in their rented house, they were scared.		
8.	Mark Hartmann needed some assistance to open the new door he had found in his rented house.		
9.	Mark Hartmann and his roommates were completely sure that the mystery tenant was a fellow student from their same university.		
10.	Mark Hartmann and his roommates did not bother to change the locks on the house once the mystery tenant had left the house.		
		SCORE : ___ / 10	