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**WORKSHEET**

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# THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
MENTAL MATHS CHALLENGE	MENTAL MATHS CHALLENGE	MENTAL MATHS CHALLENGE	MENTAL MATHS CHALLENGE	MENTAL MATHS CHALLENGE
DAILY QUIZ	DAILY QUIZ	DAILY QUIZ	DAILY QUIZ	DAILY QUIZ
FUTOSHIKI PUZZLE	FUTOSHIKI PUZZLE	FUTOSHIKI PUZZLE	FUTOSHIKI PUZZLE	FUTOSHIKI PUZZLE
WORLD TURTLE DAY	PARAGRAPH PROJECT	HAVE YOUR SAY	DEAR MINISTER	POETRY: WAITING
32-QUIZ PART IV	EDIT THE EDITOR	CLOZE TEST TIME	MATHS STORY	VOCABULARY CONSTABULARY

Answer Sheet for your daily

# MENTAL MATHS

15 mental maths questions read aloud. You write down the answers as quickly (and correctly) as you can! If we are going too fast for you, just play it again, and again, until you get all completed. We'll reveal the answers tomorrow, before we begin the next one.

Ready? Let's go!

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# JUST-2-MINUTES QUIZ

Right, before anyone asks you to do anything, be ready to shout: **IN TWO MINUTES!**

As that's how long it will take you to complete this, we're thinking.

OK, enough of the intro, we want answers ... **NOW!**

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# TURTLE TIME!

This week's report writing activity invites you to read through the information text below and, using your report writing skills, describe, classify, order and summarise a report on turtles. This must contain key and useful information. Here are some guidelines on what report writing involves:

*Reports are written to describe or classify the way things are or seem to be. They organise and record information.*

*Reports are often organised by classification, description and summarising comments.*

*The features of report writing are almost always written in present tense and use specific vocabulary.*

**So, with those tips in mind, read the information below and begin to sequence and order it to make a clear report. For example, the first sentence: Turtles can drown is not a good example of a starting sentence for a report about turtles in general, is it?**

*Turtles can drown. However, it is difficult for scientists to determine the age of a turtle, so it's possible some sea turtles are even 400-500 years old! However if a turtle is stressed, for example from getting stuck in a fishing net, it can use its oxygen faster and even drown within minutes. Every species of turtle lays their eggs on land. Antarctica is the only continent turtles don't live on. Being the adaptive creatures they are, turtles can survive in pretty much any conditions. The leatherback turtle is the most widely distributed turtle, venturing into the Arctic Circle, and as far south as the bottom of New Zealand. This might not seem THAT crazy – until you take into account that there are over 300 species of turtles! It is only if the turtles have no other option, that they might lay their eggs in the water, but that is only as a last resort. In general, turtles can hold their breath for 30 minutes. But of course with hundreds of species, this can vary. One species, the loggerhead turtle, has been observed at staying underwater for 10 hours! While underwater, turtles don't swim very fast unless they are threatened. If they did, they would run out of air much faster. The most dangerous turtle is entirely carnivorous.*

*Turtles are sensitive to the earth's magnetic field, which is like a map to turtles. In a magnetic field, there is the strength of the field, and the angle of which the field lines cross the earth. Turtles can detect both components and figure out where in the ocean they are, so really their sense of direction is even stronger than a compass! Turtles live about twice as long as humans. However, wild sea turtles take a really long time to grow up! They don't reach reproductive maturity for almost 50 years. Generally, sea turtles can live to around 150 years.*

# 32- QUIZ (PART IV)

Pens out, guys! This month's 32-quiz is based on the 42 pages of TPP's May issue.

E.g. The answer to Q.33 can be found on page 33.

This week, Part IV features the pages 31-42.

## QUESTIONS

31. Who has made a ventilator called CoVent?
32. When did Malta gain independence?
33. Around the world what percentage do men earn more than women?
34. What is the name of Clover Moon's stepmother?
35. According to Ellie's friend Emma What comes first?
36. Tom Simons kicked his dad after losing a game of \_\_\_\_\_?
37. What did the liz-eagle offer to every pupil in 5th class?
38. Who is the President of the GAA?
39. How many Six Nations Grand Slams has Rob Kearney won?
40. How many times has Messi won the Ballon d'Or?
41. Which country won the 2014 World Cup?
42. \_\_\_\_\_Mané plays for Liverpool.

## ANSWERS

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Don't forget, you can also enter your answers online, in the comment box provided.

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# EDIT THE EDITOR

This grammar activity is based on an article from an issue of *The Primary Planet* about a New York sign that caused a lot of headaches.

Read through the article and see if you can spot the 10 spelling mistakes, the 5 missing capital letters and the 5 missing full stops.

## COSTLY SPELLING MISTAKE

A bridge in New York City, which has been named incorrectly for more than 50 years, finally gets its correct title.

The Verrazano-Narrows Bridge connects Brooklyn to Staten Island. It was opened in the 1960s and was, for a while, the world's longest bridge of its type. In fact, the 211-metre high towers, each weighing 24,500 tonnes, made it a world-renowned structure.

The bridge was named in honor of an Italian explorer by the name of Giovanni da Verrazzano. In 1554 he became the first European to sail into the harbour where New York City now stands. However, for some strange reason, the explorer's surname was misspelled with just one z instead of two. This was never corrected since the bridge was opened.

It is not clear how the mistake came about, or who made it. Now, more than 50 years later, it is finally fixed, thanks to the governor of New York, Andrew Cuomo. The bridge will now be officially known as the Verrazzano-Narrows Bridge. The only downside is, over one hundred signs containing the wrong spelling will also need replacing. This may end up costing New York over four million dollars. That's a lot of money for one z!

SPELLINGS		CAPITALS	WORD BEFORE FULLSTOP
1.	6.	1.	1.
2.	7.	2.	2.
3.	8.	3.	3.
4.	9.	4.	4.
5.	10.	5.	5.

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Cloze Test Activity: Wednesday, May 27

# COUNTY FACT-IVITY

Each week we present a county of Ireland in all its facts and glory. The only trouble is, 10 words are needed to complete the piece. Have a careful read and see if you can figure out the missing words to complete the facts.

When you do, fill in the blanks below or list them 1-10 in the online comment box provided.

## WICKLOW

trail            lectures            word            east            hectares  
towns            maritime            groups            suburbs            granite

County Wicklow takes its name from the town of Wicklow which was founded by the Vikings around AD 795. The name comes from the Norse \_\_\_\_\_(1) VÍkingalág, which was called Wykynlo in English, and means either Viking's meadow or Viking's lake.

Wicklow is a \_\_\_\_\_(2) county in the east of Ireland. It is in the province of Leinster and is bordered to the north by Dublin, to the south by Wexford and to the west by Carlow and Kildare. Wicklow measures 65km from north to south and 50km from \_\_\_\_\_(3) to west.

The Wicklow Mountains dominate the landscape of the county and are Ireland's most extensive mountain range. These \_\_\_\_\_(4) mountains divide the county and most of the large \_\_\_\_\_(5) are in the low-lying east coast and less mountainous southern areas. The magnificent valleys at Glendalough, Glenmalur and the Glen of Immal are among Ireland's most scenic places.

Thousands of walkers visit Wicklow each year. The Wicklow Way is a marked \_\_\_\_ (6) that runs through the Wicklow Mountains for 130km, from the \_\_\_\_\_(7) of Dublin City to County Carlow. A combination of suburban parkland, forest trails, wild and scenic mountain landscape and rolling countryside offers a wonderfully varied, 8 to 10-day experience for the hill walker.

The Wicklow mountains National Park covers an area of 20,000 \_\_\_\_\_(8), provides protection for the landscape and wildlife and covers areas such as Lugnaquilla and Liffey Head Bog complexes and Glendalough Wood Nature Reserve.

Wicklow Mountains National Park runs a wide variety of activities for \_\_\_\_\_(9) and individuals of all ages. Activities are free of charge and include field trips, nature walks, \_\_\_\_\_(10), and workshops.

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# MATHS STORY

Read this news article and answer the questions below.

## PALACE GHOSTS

The Queen of Sweden has said that the royal palace she lives in is haunted. Drottningholm Palace is filled with 'ghosts' according to Silvia, wife of King Carl XVI.

However, she added that the paranormal activity is 'pretty friendly' and nothing to be afraid of.

Queen Silvia was speaking as part of a documentary made by Swedish TV about the royal residence, which was built in the seventeenth century.

'You sometimes feel that you're not completely alone,' Silvia told the documentary team. 'It's really exciting but you don't get scared'.

Originally from Germany, 76-year-old Silvia is the longest-serving Queen in Sweden's history. She married King Carl in 1976. The royal couple have lived at Drottningholm since 1981.

Stories about the Palace being haunted are renowned in Sweden. Famous sightings include a 'grey man' and 'white lady'.

Silvia was supported in her claims by her sister-in-law, Princess Christina.

'There are stories about ghosts in all old houses. They have been filled with people over the centuries. The energies remain,' stated the princess.

### Questions

- 1. Queen Silvia's birthday is on December 23. In what year was she born?**
- 2. The Drottningholm Palace Theatre remains the same as it was when completed 244 years ago this year. In what year was it finished?**
- 3. Admission tickets to the opera at the Drottningholm Palace Theatre cost €45 for adults while children's tickets are 20% cheaper. How much will a night at the opera cost two adults and three children?**
- 4. How long did the opera last if it started at 7.47 p.m. and ended at 10.13 p.m.?**
- 5. One Swedish krona is worth 0.095 euro. If you had 10,000 Swedish kronas, how many euros would you have?**
- 6. The Queen divided €1000 between two of her subjects giving one of them three times as much as the other. How much did each get?**
- 7. A rectangular room at Drottningholm Palace is 34m long and 22m wide. Carpet cost €100 per square metre. How much did it cost to carpet the room?**
- 8. The installation of solar panels has reduced Drottningholm Palace's daily electricity bill by 60%. How much would the Queen save on a bill which cost €120 before the panels were installed?**



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Today's theme:

# WAITING

We want your poems -- long, short, exciting, sad, fun, scary, unbelievable, thrilling ... so we can share them with all our TPP readers. This week's challenge is to compose (write) a poem (any type) centred around the theme of waiting. You have acrostic, alphabet, haiku, limerick, sonnet, cinquain or free verse to choose from.

Sometimes, creating rhyming pairs related to the topic can help. Here are some that may help.

<b>BORED</b>	<b>WAI</b>	<b>NOTIC</b>	<b>PATIENCE</b>	<b>END</b>
<b>IGNORE</b>	<b>T</b>	<b>E</b>	<b>SURVEILLAN</b>	<b>DEPEN</b>
<b>D</b>	<b>GAT</b>	<b>QUOTA</b>	<b>CE</b>	<b>D</b>
	<b>E</b>	<b>S</b>		



# VOCABULARY CONSTABULARY

**Are you a good detective? The Vocabulary Constabulary needs your help.**

You can often detect the meaning of a word or phrase by reading it in context, that is, by reading the other words around it in a piece of text. Find the page, article or paragraph in TPP and then detect the word or phrase that solves the clue to its meaning. The number of letters and the starting letter of the solution are in brackets after each clue.

LOCATION	CLUE (number of letters, first letter)	SOLUTION
1. P5 Contact Tracing ...	Required by law or a rule; obligatory. (10,c)	_____
2. P5 Motor Insurers ...	An amount or quantity of something. (6,v)	_____
3. P6 Spreading ...	Extraordinary, outstanding, amazing. (10,p)	_____
4. P8 Locusts ...	Highly destructive or damaging. (11,d)	_____
5. P8 US ... Moon	A hard silvery-white magnetic metal. (6,c)	_____
6. P12 Artist's Haven	Visually attractive, scenic. (11,p)	_____
7. P13 A Royal ...	An elaborate, formal meal for many guests. (7,b)	_____
8. P13 Facetime ...	Promises, commitments, assurances. (7,P)	_____
9. P20 Blonde	Compliant, obedient, manageable. (6,d)	_____
10. P23 The Louvre	A work of great artistry or skill. (11,m)	_____

**Now, sort your answers into alphabetical order!**

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