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Beatbox Brothers

1. Mum suggested that Logan should demonstrate a range of moves so he could display flexibility and variety.
2. Logan gave Jack the idea to be a proper beatboxer.
3. Jack tried to steady his nerves before the audition by practising deep-breathing techniques.
4. Answers will vary. (They like performing; they want to be actors.)
5. Jack was able to make drum effects by cupping his hand over his mouth to amplify the sounds.
6. Logan was embarrassed when Jack was mimicking a siren at the bus stop because he was worried it was a strange thing to do.
7. Jack didn't think it was easy being Logan's brother because Logan was good at everything.
8. Jack was alarmed when his name was called first because everyone would be watching him and comparing their acts to his.
9. Answers will vary. (He was impatient; he was too nervous to sit still.)
10. Answers will vary. (He didn't want to look at the judges; he was scared to compare his acts to others.)
11. Entrants for a talent quest would require the consent of a parent or guardian because children need permission to perform in front of people they don't know, and because it's important that parents know their children are participating in a talent quest.
12. Answers will vary. (Television, magazine, catalogues.)

Unusual Buildings

1. Some architects want to design unusual buildings to draw people's attention to the finished buildings.
2. The design for the Sydney Opera House was chosen as the result of an international design competition.
3. The Lotus Temple would be photographed for magazines all around the world because it looks stunning and unique.
4. The lotus flower would have been chosen as the basis for the design of the temple because it is the national flower of India.
5. If there was a build-up of snow on top of the Basket Building, the roof could collapse.
6. People might want to disguise a car park with a frontage that looks like a bookshelf because the car park is not visually appealing.
7. The living area of each Cubic House would be on the lower level because it is more convenient, as the people living in the apartments would probably spend more time in this area.
8. Answers will vary. (So they can remember them, so they can show their friends and family.)

The Woodland House

1. The family built the woodland house because they wanted to create a sustainable lifestyle that had little impact on the environment.
2. Passers-by wanted to help because they were interested in the project.
3. The straw lines the floor, walls and roof of the house, and helps keep the house warm when it is cold outside.
4. A compost toilet was chosen because it doesn't use water, which makes it an environmentally friendly option.
5. Answers will vary.

Megafauna Mega-Fright!

1. The time machine looked like a flat and grey rock, with a digital screen on one side.
2. Tim initially escaped from the Megalania by climbing a tree.
3. The Megalania couldn't use its powerful claws to climb the rocky wall because it was too heavy.
4. Mum thought the stone was just a piece of rubbish because she didn't have time to look at it properly and it was unusual to find a clock in that location.
5. Raff thought they were in a bit of trouble when Tim scratched the screen because he could see the date 53 232 BCE.
6. The boys climbed the tree when they saw the footprint in the mud because it looked fresh and was from a very large animal.
7. The boys were desperate to get the time machine out of the ravine because they knew it was their only chance to get home.
8. The boys were terrified of the Megalania because it was a giant carnivore.
9. If the Diprotodon trampled the time machine, the boys may have been stranded back in time.
10. Palaeontologists can tell what animals ate by studying fossil remains by looking at what food remains are present in the fossils.
11. Palaeontologists are careful when they work with fossils because the fossils are very old and delicate.
12. No one knows why saltwater crocodiles survived when other megafauna went extinct, but their adaptability, intelligence and strength are suggested reasons.



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Thea and the Think-it-arium

1. Thea used the special headset to see her imagined creatures in the think-it-arium.
2. The cacto-pus charged at the crabbit because the crabbit was eating the peanuts.
3. Thea caught the lamp because it had been her great-grandmother's and she didn't want the creatures to break it.
4. Answers will vary. (Max was the sort of older brother who liked to play pranks, for example, with an exploding flower, or a fake ice cube; Max was an irresponsible older brother because he left Thea alone when he was supposed to be supervising her.)
5. The cacto-pus made the strange smell in Thea's bedroom.
6. Answers will vary.
7. Answers will vary. (Because it couldn't eat it.)
8. The people in Zingtown would have been in danger if the creatures got into the peanut warehouse because the creatures would have grown even bigger if they had eaten more peanuts.
9. Maggie had six people wearing headsets at the pool because their combined thinking would be stronger than one person.
10. Mum's micro-specs were in the drainage vent because the cacto-pus had carried them to the pool.
11. This story is called an 'imaginative' narrative because it is not about real events.
12. Answers will vary.
13. Answers will vary.

The Orange Grove Mystery

1. Mrs Boots was the head of the Orange Festival Committee.
2. As Mrs Boots was giving her speech, Marmalade ran up her leg.
3. Patrick King was the man who the children called 'Bushy Beard'.
4. Charlie meant that the ABC Gang would be investigating the mystery.
5. A 'fairy tale' is a traditional story told to children that is usually make believe.
6. Bushy Beard's appearance made the gang feel apprehensive because they thought he looked scary.
7. The mystery seemed even more mysterious because Mrs Boots was the manager of the caravan park.
8. Everyone dressed up in their party clothes for the Orange Festival because it was a special day for Orange Grove.
9. A Rottweiler would be advertised as having a leash and muzzle because they are big, strong dogs.
10. Charlie's face turned white because he thought Bushy Beard would harm Marmalade the kitten.
11. Rules are necessary for places such as caravan parks so they are safe, tidy and enjoyable places for guests to stay.
12. Many annual festivals have themes and mascots because it makes them more fun and memorable.
13. Answers will vary. (People get a pet kitten and then decide they don't want it any more.)

How Animals Communicate

1. Snakes identify scents by tasting the air with their tongue, then touching a special gland in the roof of their mouth.
2. A peacock attracts a mate by spreading his bright-green tail feathers into a gigantic fan. As he ruffles his feathers, his tail also makes a low-pitched sound.
3. The waggle dance of the Honey Bee is a special dance performed by worker bees to show the other bees where food can be found.
4. Soldier ants need to guard the queen ant because she is the most important ant in the colony.
5. Answers will vary. (For company, to hunt together, for safety.)
6. Large grazing animals would have been a threat to rattlesnakes because they might step on or frighten them.
7. If a male gorilla is frowning or pouting it is likely to be angry or upset, so it might be about to attack.
8. Male Fiddler Crabs hide away after moulting because they don't have the protection of their hard shell.
9. Answers will vary. (Instinct, the penguins on the outside tell them, they get too warm.)
10. Elephants stroke each other's faces to comfort and reassure each other.
11. Ants have been able to exist on Earth for millions of years because they evolved to be able to survive in almost all environments.
12. The speed of sound is greater in water than on land because water molecules are very close together, so they transfer sound energy quickly.
13. Trust is important to animals for the same reason it is important to humans: it is important for some animals to know that they are safe and loved.



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Motorbikes

1. Motorbikes differ so much in their designs because they are used for different purposes.
2. Standard motorbikes are ideal for beginner riders because they are not very powerful, they are cheaper than other types of motorbikes, and they are comfortable to ride.
3. Off-road motorbikes are used for off-road activities.
4. Touring bikes have a relaxed seating position because they are designed to be ridden long distances.
5. Trial bikes have a small engine because the bikes do not need to be powerful.
6. Track racing bikes race on an oval track.
7. Bad weather can affect a rider's safety by making the road slippery and/or by making it difficult to balance because of strong wind.
8. Bikes need the following features to be legal to ride on public roads: brakes, speedometer, horn, number plate, rear view mirrors and correct tyres.
9. Skills including how to respond in an emergency, how to avoid unsafe situations and how to maintain motorbikes are taught in motorbike training courses.
10. Motorbikes are mostly used for recreation in developed countries because people have other methods of transport, such as cars, so they can use motorbikes for fun activities instead.

An Unforgettable Day

1. The riders went around the first bend in a single line because they were so close to the start that there was not much space between them yet.
2. The leader of the race changed often because many good riders were racing.
3. Answers will vary. (They were all very fast; the conditions were perfect for racing.)

Working High and Low

1. High-rise window cleaners enjoy that they work outdoors, no one bothers them when they are so high off the ground, and they have the best views in the world.
2. Deep sea divers sometimes lay and mend underwater pipes and cables, help to salvage wrecked ships, work with scientists to make new discoveries, work for offshore gas and oil companies or work as scientific photographers.
3. Underground miners wear protective clothing such as gloves, earplugs, steel-capped boots and safety glasses.
4. Bad weather such as strong wind, heavy rain or hail would prevent window cleaners from working.
5. Tree trimmings need to be lowered carefully to the ground so they don't land on anyone or anything below the tree.
6. Aisles on aircraft need to be kept clear so people can quickly move through the plane if there is an emergency.
7. Showering is impossible on the International Space Station because the micro-gravity environment means the water would float around rather than falling downwards.
8. Answers will vary. (If someone on the train is unwell, if there is an emergency such as a fire.)
9. Visitors are encouraged to speak quietly inside caves so they don't disturb the animals living there.
10. Slippery conditions inside a cave could be caused by water dripping from the ceiling.
11. People cleaning windows on the Burj Khalifa need to work out of direct sunlight because Dubai is a desert city and the sun is very hot.
12. It is important that sunlight filters to the ground below trees so that light reaches the ground plants below so they are still able to grow.
13. Astronauts on the International Space Station see the sun rise every 92 minutes because that's how long it takes for the International Space Station to circle Earth.



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The World's Greatest Trails

1. Hikers on the Appalachian Trail protect themselves from attacks by bears by making a lot of noise and keeping their belongings well away from their campsites.
2. The Pennine Way is famous for having many historical sites.
3. The landscape on the Pennine Way is very green, while the landscape on the Tongariro Crossing is volcanic.
4. Answers will vary. (To get exercise, to see amazing scenery.)
5. Some people choose to just walk sections of the Appalachian Trail because the trail is very long and it takes a long time to walk the whole way.
6. The greatest challenge when walking the Pennine Way would be the extreme weather.
7. Less experienced trampers need a guide in winter when walking the Tongariro Crossing because the weather makes it more dangerous during that period.
8. If there is a strong volcanic eruption on the Tongariro Crossing, trampers should leave the trail, if possible.
9. Most people walk the Overland Track in Australia between November and April because the weather is warmer during those months.
10. Sturdy boots protect walkers from snake attacks because snakes can't puncture the skin through the boots.
11. People like to set world records because world records are seen as great achievements.
12. It is important for the local people that trails pass through villages and towns so hikers spend money.
13. People who walk in the wild should always be well prepared to ensure that they are safe at all times, and have plenty of supplies of food and water.

Fool's Gold

1. Ally was concerned because the boys were wrecking the forest environment and they could have fallen down an old mine.
2. Pyrite is harder and lighter than gold, and a slightly different colour.
3. 'Foolish Jed' was a man who worked a mine near Ally's grandparents' property, but never found any gold.
4. Petra sighed because she thought Ally's grandparents' property was beautiful.
5. It was called a 'gold rush' because a lot of people moved to the area at the same time to search for gold.
6. Petra enjoyed looking at the old black-and-white photographs because she found them very interesting.
7. People swirl the water around in the pan so they can see if there is any gold amongst the stones and mud.
8. Metal detectors are used today to prospect for gold because they are very effective and efficient at finding buried metal objects.
9. Petra's mother wanted her to keep the gold nugget in a bank vault because it was very valuable.
10. Photographs of important events today can be stored safely on electronic devices, such as computers, tablets and USB sticks.
11. Answers will vary. (Ensuring people don't litter, declaring forest areas as national parks.)
12. Answers will vary. (Because the miners left in a hurry, because some people still wanted to mine for gold in the area.)



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Gadget Girl

1. Alex had never seen inside the laboratory because the door was kept locked, and it looked like a cleaning closet.
2. *NICE* stands for the National Institute for Counter-Espionage.
3. Director Jones was seeking assistance from Alex's dad because she needed an antidote to Dr Slime's formula.
4. Mum sounded tense during the phone call because Director Jones was telling her that Alex's dad had gone missing.
5. Alex wasn't aware of her parents' previous jobs because they had kept them a secret from her, perhaps as a matter of national security.
6. Dad threw his watch into the bin because he knew it would be taken out of the room with the other rubbish, so that it could be found and his secret message could be heard.
7. The children in the lobby were wearing clothes that were too big because they had been adults before Dr Slime used his formula on them, and they were still wearing the same clothes.
8. Alex told the two small boys she was "*checking the fence*" to explain why she was standing so near to it, so that they wouldn't realise she had snuck in.
9. Dr Slime wanted Alex's dad to make a batch of the antidote for him so that he would have a way to reverse the effects of his formula if he needed to.
10. Dad told Alex the laser was perfect for destroying the formula because he had been studying the formula in order to make the antidote, so he knew what would destroy it.
11. Answers will vary. (She's brave; she's resourceful; she's a quick thinker in a crisis; she's good at using gadgets.)
12. Answers will vary. (She might make the inventions she thought of at the botanical gardens; she might make a remote control based on the one Dr Slime used.)
13. Answers will vary.

Special Effects: Bringing Movies to Life

1. Special effects in movies can be made using computers and software, or by using machinery and props on a film set.
2. A 3D movie is one that gives the audience the impression that the action on screen is three-dimensional.
3. Artificial help is help given using a human-made method.
4. Props are the objects on a film set used by actors while filming a scene.
5. Answers will vary. (Seeing blood on screen can be scary, but fun, too, because the blood is in a movie, not real life.)
6. Answers will vary. (Children love the characters and storylines in Disney movies.)
7. Answers will vary. (Some actors are used to working with mo-cap technology and are very good at it.)
8. Answers will vary. (Animatronic characters such as E.T. are unique. Animatronic figures can be made to do things that can't be done in real life.)
9. Answers will vary. (People expect to see real-life explosions, especially in action movies, because real-life explosions are very realistic.)
10. Answers will vary. (Computer technology allows film-makers to add visual effects; computer technology has made movie-making easier.)

Experts in Special Effects

1. Weta Workshop is a special-effects company, based in New Zealand.
2. Answers will vary. (Weta Workshop created some amazing and impressive costumes, armour, weapons and prosthetics for *The Lord of the Rings* trilogy.)
3. Answers will vary. (Layout of the city, size of the houses.)



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Banding Together

1. Joel and his family were moving to a new home in the country because Joel's dad had a new job as the local vet in Wilchna.
2. Joel didn't tell the class about his love of music because it was special to him and he didn't want to blurt it out like a kid in kindergarten.
3. Nathan put the notice on Joel's back because he thought it would be a funny joke.
4. The family argued for weeks about their departure to Wilchna because Joel hadn't wanted to leave his home in the city and all his friends, to start afresh in an unfamiliar place.
5. Joel had a sick, hollow feeling in his stomach when he thought about the new school because he missed his old school, teachers and classmates, and was uneasy about starting a new school with children he didn't know. He also wondered whether he would like the teacher or know how to do the schoolwork.
6. The class laughed at Nathan's interruptions when Joel was being introduced because the children were amused by Nathan's rude jokes, though they were inappropriate.
7. Nathan upended his palms when the teacher was scolding him because Nathan wanted to indicate that he was only joking around and having fun, and he put his hands out to try to lessen his scolding.
8. Nathan constantly targeted Joel throughout the school day because Nathan may have been taking out his insecurity and anger on a new person, who he felt might not have fought back.
9. The buildings and grounds at the school were so run down because the school didn't receive much funding for maintenance or new equipment.
10. Nathan may have been grieving for the sudden loss of his mother and this was the reason for his anger and bad behaviour.
11. Music made both Joel and Nathan happier, and more calm and relaxed.

Play On!

1. Sam's coach reminded Sam about being punctual because the coach wanted everyone to arrive on time for basketball practice as they needed to train hard in order to reach the finals.
2. Sam was having doubts about basketball because he felt he didn't have the same passion and drive for basketball as some of the other players, and he had an increasing interest in acting.
3. Miles got the role of Waldo in the play because he was a gifted actor who could sing as well as act, and he performed well in his audition.
4. Sam had become a skilful basketball player because he had been practising hard for a long time.
5. The play required so many weeks of rehearsals because there were lots of lines, actions and songs to learn for all of the characters in the play.
6. Miles meant that breaking his leg and not being able to have a main part in the play became a lucky break for Sam, as Sam got a bigger part in the play as a result.
7. Sam waited until his parents were relaxed before he told them about the play because he was hoping they would be in a good mood and understand Sam's desire to act, and would therefore need to miss some basketball practices.
8. Sam's father believed that Sam was the best player in the basketball team because he was very proud of Sam's basketball abilities and had faith in his son.
9. Both Sam and Miles were eager readers and especially enjoyed the mystery novels of the Great Waldo series. Reading these stories encouraged the boys to bring the characters to life through acting.
10. Children are often impressed by athletic ability and the role sports stars play in winning competitions and representing their team and their school. Sports stars can be role models and inspire others to achieve the same level of fitness and skill.
11. Sam's father felt that Sam should uphold his commitment to the basketball team and not let his team-mates down. He may have felt that commitment to sport is an indication of a strong, determined and sportsmanlike character. Sam's father himself had also been a basketball champion when he was young, and may have wanted Sam to follow in his footsteps.



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The Power of Wind

1. A cold front develops when a mass of cold air collides with a mass of warm air.
2. Wind energy is called 'clean' energy because it does not pollute the air or the water.
3. The Beaufort scale is used to describe how strong the wind is.
4. The foam that can appear on a wave is called a whitecap.
5. The Netherlands needed large numbers of windmills because a lot of the country's land was covered in shallow water. The windmills were used to pump water away so that the land could be used.
6. The Beaufort scale was first developed for use at sea because at the time it was developed, sailing ships were a very important mode of transport, and the speed and safety of sailing ships depended on how strongly the wind was blowing.
7. Sand dunes are formed when the wind shifts sand along the shore, piling it up into mounds.
8. Tornadoes are often referred to as 'twisters' because the air in a tornado twists, or spirals, in a long column.
9. The basement of a house is the safest place to go when a tornado hits, because it is below the direct path of the wind, and there are no windows that can be shattered by the tornado.
10. It is essential to pack health-care items in an emergency kit because people may be injured during a natural disaster such as a hurricane, and because people who take prescription medicine will need to have access to it.
11. A device called a barometer is used to measure air pressure.
12. Wind turned the blades of the windmill, which were attached to machinery inside the structure, which ground the grain.
13. The USA experiences more tornadoes than anywhere else in the world because the weather conditions are very favourable for tornado formation, especially in the area of the USA known as 'Tornado Alley'.

Time and Clocks

1. Thousands of years ago, people told the time by observing the changes in the natural world.
2. The sand clock would measure a longer period of time if it had more sand in it.
3. It is important to burn the candle for exactly 15 minutes so that the pins are placed in precisely the right places, making the candle clock as accurate as possible.
4. The word *approximately* was used in the conclusion of the candle clock experiment to indicate that the times measured were not *exactly* 15 minutes.
5. The sand clock would measure a specific period of time more accurately than the candle clock. It could be turned over repeatedly, to measure times longer than two minutes.

Famous Clocks

1. Big Ben is often featured in movies that are set in London, meaning that many people around the world can recognise it even if they have never been to London.
2. Saudi Arabia's Coat of Arms is displayed at the centre of each of the clock faces of the Mecca Clock.
3. Big Ben's pendulum is located in a wind-proof box so that strong winds do not interfere with the pendulum and make it swing slower or faster.
4. Answers will vary. (Shovels, trowels, secateurs.)
5. A full-colour sketch is made for each design on the Floral Clock so that the design's final appearance can be approved, as it is too late to make changes after the seeds are planted.
6. People visit the observation deck of the Mecca Clock because the view is impressive from such a high place.
7. Stainless steel is a suitable material for the hands on the Floral Clock because they are exposed to the rain, and stainless steel does not rust when it gets wet.
8. People who live in outlying areas are able to see the lights on the Mecca Clock, even though they cannot hear the sound coming from the speakers, because light travels further than sound.



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Amazing Stories of Survival

1. In a dangerous situation, a person should consider:
 - What do I have that could help me to survive?
 - What can I do to assist rescuers who may be on their way?
 - Is there any shelter, warmth, food and water?
 - Is it possible to signal to rescuers?
2. Initially, the teleloader cage saved the lives of the Beaconsfield miners because it stopped them from being crushed in the rockfall.
3. All the survivors in this book shared a determination to survive.
4. Answers will vary. (The car provided shade for Karl Hardt; a car is easier to find in the desert.)
5. Answers will vary. (It would have been even more difficult to see; it would have been even colder; the snow Jake had to walk through would have been even deeper.)
6. Answers will vary. (The buddy might have been able to find Jake's ski; they might not have been forgotten; they would have been able to share body warmth.)
7. The two trapped miners agreed to share the muesli bar because that was the only food they had, so it was fair that they should share it.
8. The rescuers provided the miners with a camera so that they could record how they were surviving.
9. The greatest risk to the trapped miners was that they would run out of food or water before they were rescued.
10. Concrete was used to secure the area close to where the miners were trapped so that there wouldn't be another rockfall.
11. Some people seek challenging adventures because they enjoy the feeling of happiness and relief when they succeed.
12. Kim Hardt was unprepared for travelling the Canning Stock Route because he had only heard about it in Germany, and didn't understand the requirements of travelling in the Australian outback.
13. Messages from their families would have helped the two trapped miners by reminding them of why they were trying to survive.

Wildfire

1. Spot fires develop when blowing embers are carried by gusty winds.
2. When Scott went back inside to check the news, the fire was around the corner from his house, on Kelvin Avenue.
3. After going to the Andersons' house, the firefighters drove Scott and the Andersons to a safe evacuation area in their truck.
4. The helicopter dropped flame retardant on the fire instead of water because flame retardant contains chemicals that coat the surface of the burning matter and cool it down, whereas there is the risk that water will evaporate too quickly.
5. Scott may have found it exciting, in an eerie way, to be in the middle of a fire because it's an out of the ordinary, dramatic situation, and his emotions may have been heightened.
6. The cat, Mittens, reacted by hiding under the bed because she would have been scared of the noise and heat of the huge fire nearby.
7. The firefighters went from house to house to tell people to leave their houses as it wasn't safe to stay any longer.
8. The firefighters closed the road and stopped Scott's parents because they didn't want anyone else to go into the area where the fire was, as it was unsafe.
9. The Andersons took so much time getting ready to evacuate because they were packing all their belongings into their car.
10. Answers will vary. (The Pells might have been out and not known about the fire or unable to come back for the dog; they might have evacuated quickly in a panic and forgotten about Remy.)
11. The weather presenter meant that there had not been much rain in the last four years and that had made the bush very dry and more prone to fire.
12. A wildfire skips some houses in a street while others are burnt because a fire can move in a random way because of the changing wind direction; it also depends on the position of the houses and the surrounding vegetation.
13. TV reporters and camera crews arrive at the scene of a disaster because they report the details to the media, who then broadcast the story on TV, newspapers and the internet to inform the public.



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Southern Skies

1. The brightest star in the sky is Sirius.
2. Alpha Centauri A and Alpha Centauri B appear to be one star in the night sky because they are so close together.
3. The Small and Large Magellanic Clouds are galaxies.
4. The star patterns seen from the Northern Hemisphere are different from those seen in the Southern Hemisphere because some stars can only be seen from one hemisphere, and because the star patterns that can be seen from both appear flipped.
5. The planets can be seen from both hemispheres because they travel around the Sun, so they appear in different regions of the sky depending on where they are in their orbits.
6. If a massive asteroid collided with Earth, it could cause huge natural disasters such as earthquakes and tsunamis.
7. Halley's comet will next pass close to Earth in about 2062. (The actual projected year is 2061.)
8. A star can appear to shine brightly for several reasons: because it is actually very bright; because it is very large; because it is close to Earth.
9. The constellation Scorpius was given that name because it looks like a scorpion with a curled tail. *Scorpius* means 'scorpion' in Latin.
10. Māori and Indigenous Australian peoples could tell when it was the right time of year to hunt for the eggs of different birds or to plant crops by observing which stars could be seen in the sky at night.
11. Scientists know that comets are made of ice because of their tails, which are made up of dust and gas released when the ice begins to melt.
12. Answers will vary. (So that astronomers in different countries could share knowledge; to set official names and definitions for astronomical objects and ideas.)
13. Telescopes are put into space to orbit Earth because they can take clearer photographs than telescopes that are inside Earth's atmosphere.

Shipwrecked!

1. The living conditions below deck were dirty, dark and overcrowded.
2. John knew a lot about animals because he used to visit his uncle's farm.
3. John tethered the goat near the horse so that the goat could be a companion for the horse, to keep her from getting scared.
4. The doctor was kind to John because he felt sorry for him, as John was so young to be a convict.
5. The convicts had to wear chains on board the ship so that they could not escape by swimming to land.
6. Saving the turkey helped ensure there would be food in the new settlement because this turkey would have other turkeys, which could be eaten.
7. Many different kinds of animals were brought on board the ship because each kind of animal would be useful in the new settlement.
8. John's heart raced because he was frightened that the captain would punish him.
9. When the captain roared "ALL HANDS ON DECK," it was an order for every sailor on the ship to come to the ship's deck to help during the emergency.
10. Answers will vary. (He had proven he was good with animals; it was a reward for saving the captain's horse.)
11. Answers will vary. (Tradespeople did not want to leave their homes to go to a new colony; convicts did not need to be paid to work; something had to be done with the convicts because British prisons were too crowded.)
12. Answers will vary. (The new settlement was in a better location than the old ones; the old settlements were getting too crowded as new people came.)
13. Convicts as young as John could be transported far away because the British justice system at the time was very severe.