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Max's idea

Max had a pet fish called Fin.

Max looked into the fish tank and saw that Fin was sad.

'I have an idea,' said Max.

Max cleaned all of Mum's shoes—Mum gave him a dollar.

Then Max helped Gran in the garden—Gran gave him a dollar.

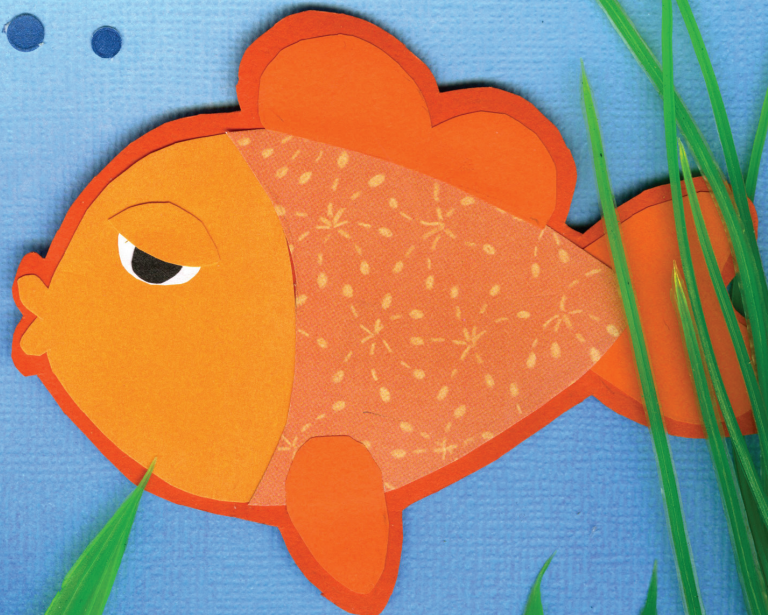
Next, Max washed Dad's dirty dishes—Dad gave him a dollar.

Finally, Max cleaned the dog bowl—he found a dollar under it.

Max took the money to the pet shop and bought another fish.

He put the new fish into the fish tank.

'Now Fin will be happy,' said Max.



The best smellers



Bear

A bear has the best sense of smell of any mammal. It has a large nose, and a big part of its brain is used for smelling.



Kiwi

Most birds use their eyes to hunt for food but the kiwi is different. It uses smell to find worms buried underground.



Shark

A shark can smell a drop of blood from over one kilometre away. More than half of its brain is used for smelling.



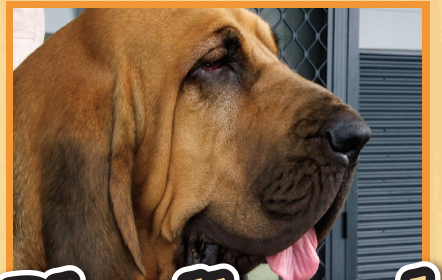
Snake

A snake uses its tongue to smell. Its tongue is split in two and this helps the snake to detect whether a smell is stronger on the left side of its body or the right side of its body.



Moth

Using its long antennae, a moth can sniff out another moth from over ten kilometres away.



Bloodhound

A bloodhound can follow the smell of a person who left the area two days earlier. It can even trace someone who has walked through crowded streets.

Geronimo Zero

A new attraction at **Bambidi Water Park**

Ride Australia's only vertical-drop water slide.

Your breath will be taken away as you:

- jump into the revolving cone
- travel through the twisted tube
- drop into the splash pool.

Have your photo taken underwater when you have splashed down.

Buy a souvenir T-shirt to remember this awesome experience!



Bambidi Water Park opening hours

Normal hours

Mon-Fri: 3 pm-9 pm
Sat: 10 am-8 pm
Sun: 10 am-6 pm

During school holidays

Mon-Fri: 12 pm-9 pm
Sat: 10 am-9 pm
Sun: 10 am-6 pm

Free ride

Bring along this voucher to claim your free ride on **Geronimo Zero**.

This voucher may only be used once.
Not valid on weekends.



Trumpet troubles



Tilly woke to the sound of pouring rain, noisy and relentless like factory machinery. Tilly groaned.

It was very early, but the band was leaving for the competition at 8 o'clock. She dragged herself out of bed unwillingly and dressed. There was hardly time for breakfast but her dad insisted. She gobbled down some toast, hauled her backpack onto her shoulders and stood at the door like a soldier ready for combat.

It was so very wet but the bus was coming and she had to run for it. She took off through the deluge, reaching the bus stop just in time. She struggled up the slippery metal steps, leaning forward to rescue her backpack from the doors as they closed.

'Move down the back of the bus,' called the driver, repeating the same plea he made at every stop.

The bus was very full, as it always was on wet days. Tilly shuffled down the aisle resting the base of her trumpet case on the floor and pushing it along with her foot as she went.

The bus lurched from side to side, winding its way through the narrow suburban streets. Having claimed the last seat, Tilly soon drifted off to sleep. She didn't notice the trumpet case slipping under the seat in front of her.

Tilly was woken by the sudden silence of an empty bus. She jumped up from her seat and stumbled down the aisle and out through the door.

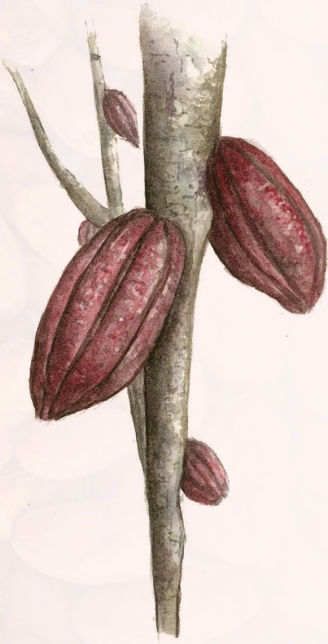
It was only as she ran through the dripping school gates that she realised her right hand was empty. No trumpet!

She turned back in panic, looking out to the street just as the bus disappeared from sight.



Chocolate trees

Wouldn't it be great if chocolate grew on trees? Well, in a way, it does! The main ingredient used to make chocolate comes from the fruit of the cacao tree.



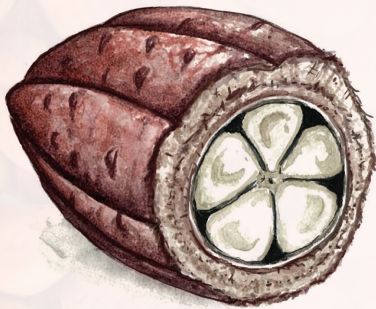
Tree to pods

The fruit, known as cacao pods, grow straight from the tree's trunk. They are oval-shaped like footballs and contain about 30–40 seeds. These seeds are used to make chocolate, but if you were to eat one straight from the pod, it would taste very bitter.

One cacao tree can produce 2000 pods a year, but collecting the pods is a difficult job. Cacao trees are delicate and cannot support a person's weight, so the pods are knocked to the ground using a long stick with a blade attached to one end.

Pods to beans

Once picked, the pod is split open. The seeds, which are covered in a sticky, white pulp, are scooped out and left in piles for about seven days. This helps to improve their flavour. They are then dried out in the sun for another five to seven days to become hard. Once they have reached this stage, the seeds are called cocoa beans.



Beans to chocolate

The cocoa beans are taken to factories where they are processed. Extra ingredients like sugar and milk are added to turn the beans into chocolate.

Cacao trees were originally found only in the warm, tropical rainforests of Central and South America, but as people developed the taste for chocolate, other countries began growing and harvesting large crops of cacao trees. In fact, most of the world's cocoa beans are now produced in West African countries. Depending on which area of the world the cocoa beans are grown, the taste of chocolate is slightly different.



Mammoth surprise

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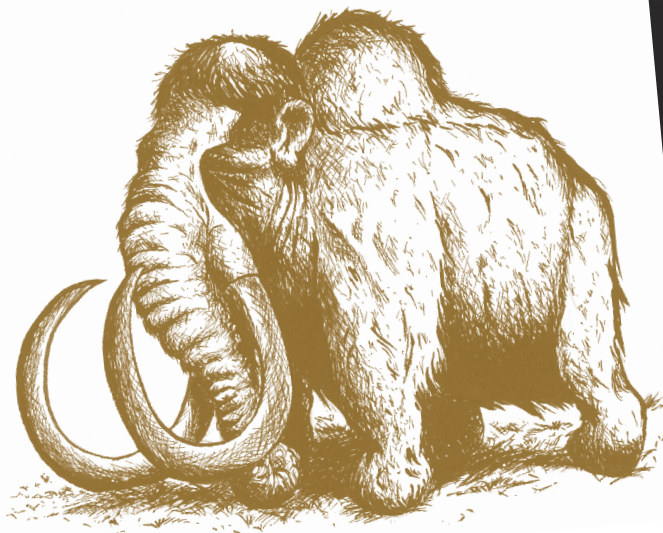
A boy in Siberia has stumbled upon one of the best-preserved woolly mammoths ever found. Yevgeny Salinder, 11, was walking along the banks of a river when he noticed an unpleasant smell and saw some bones sticking out of the frozen ground. He told his family who then contacted scientists.

Though global warming had caused some of the frozen ground to melt, it still took the scientists a week, using axes and steam, to fully remove the animal. It had been trapped in the ground for 30 000 years.

Scientist Alexei Tikhonov said it was the first time an adult mammoth had been found with a fat hump on its back. It is now believed that mammoths stored fat in their humps much like camels do. Previously, it was unclear whether the huge humps were made from fat or bone. Tikhonov said the mammoth was male, and was aged between 15 and 16 when it died. It was 1.8 metres tall and weighed about half a tonne, which is small considering some mammoths grew to be almost 4 metres tall and weighed as much as 10 tonnes.

Fossil experts in Moscow and Saint Petersburg will study the mammoth before it goes on display in the Taymyr National History Museum. Informally, the mammoth is being called Zhenya, which is Yevgeny's nickname, but its official name is the Sopkarginsky mammoth.

Woolly mammoths have been found in Siberia since at least 1929, but Zhenya is one of the most intact specimens. The woolly mammoth population was thought to have died out about 10 000 years ago.



Sara's early morning

On Saturday morning, Sara got up early to play football.

She put on her football shirt and black shorts. Then, she pulled on some long socks. Next, she carried her football boots to the door and put them on.

'I thought you played football on Sunday, not Saturday!' said Sara's dad.

'Oh, yeah!' said Sara, and she went back to bed.



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