

# JENGA HERO

**IF, like us, you love a good family game, you'll love this impressive Jenga record.**

Twelve-year-old Auldin Maxwell, from British Columbia, Canada, has set a new Guinness World Record for the most Jenga blocks stacked on one vertical block.

Auldin successfully stacked a whopping 693 Jenga blocks atop one block, beating the previous record of 485, set last year.

We're not sure about you, but we're totally going to try stacking our Jenga blocks at home during lockdown now.

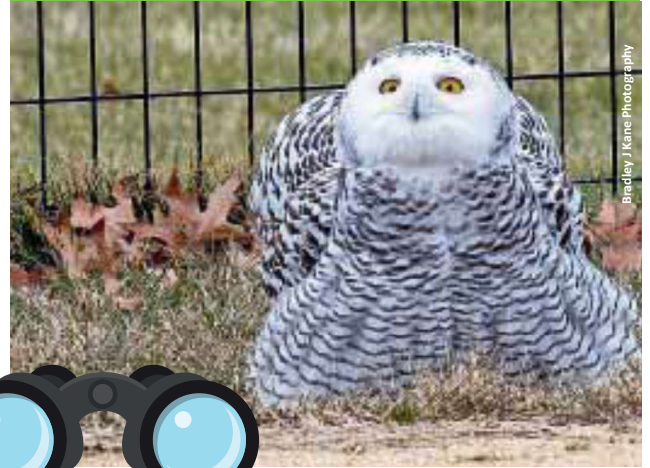
Though something tells us it's not as easy as it looks!



## FUN FACT!

JENGA was first introduced to the public at the famous Harrods department store in London in 1982!

# RARE SIGHTING



**A SNOWY owl has been spotted in New York's Central Park for the first time since 1890.**

The owl delighted birdwatchers when it landed on a baseball field in the famous park, more than 130 years after one was last seen there!

The majestic white owl attracted nearly 100 people, who gathered to take pictures and witness its antics.

Snowy owls are native to the Arctic tundra (cold and flat areas), which makes this sighting in Manhattan incredibly rare.

# ZZZ WANTED! SLEEPING BEAUTY



**FANCY getting paid to sleep?**

A website team in America is on the hunt for a real-life Sleeping Beauty. That's right, folks!

The lucky candidate will get paid a whopping \$3,000 (£2,219) just to get a good night's kip. The catch? They'll have to take on the role of the site's Official Mattress Tester.

The unusual job post on sleepjunkie.com says all the successful napper needs to do is test out different mattresses, then report on their sleep quality, mood and the comfort of the mattress.

At the end of the job, the candidate will not only take home the cash but they'll get to keep their favourite mattress too. Result!

# A SWEET JOB

**WILLY Wonka eat your heart out!**

A company in Canada is looking for people to become candyologists. Sounds pretty yummy already!

Candy Funhouse is offering \$30 (£21) an hour to taste test and review some of the company's 3,000 sweet and chocolate products.

All the candidates have to do is try out the goodies and share their honest opinions. Where do we sign up?!



Written and illustrated by Paul Palmer



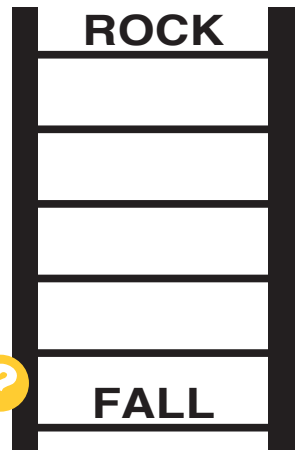
# SUDOKU!

CAN you complete our sudoku puzzle, filling in the numbers one to nine?

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		2				1		
	8	1	6		2	3	5	
	3		9		1		7	
8	2	5				4	1	9

# WORD LADDER

SEE if you can get from the top of the ladder to the bottom by changing one letter at a time to make a new word.



# WIN! STIB PENCILS

CAN you complete our crossword puzzle by using the clues below? Send in your answers and three lucky winners will win a set of Stib colouring pencils.

Artists will love these 12 vibrant colouring pencils, each printed with a positive word to spark ideas. Each pack includes a double wooden pencil sharpener and sheet of stickers. 10% of profits go to charity.

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**ACROSS**

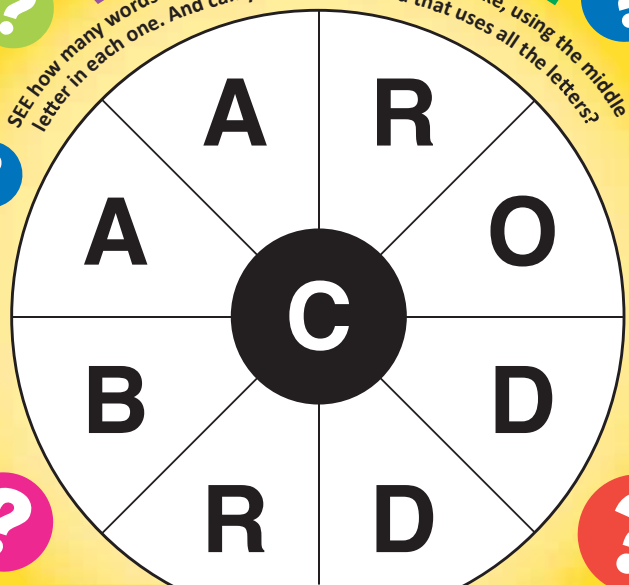
- 1 Small mammal with a spiny back (8)
- 6 Place where grain is crushed (4)
- 7 Sport played by Andy Murray (6)
- 9 Glue together; twig (5)
- 11 A type of snake (5)
- 12 Enter data into a computer (5)
- 13 Famous baddie in Doctor Who (5)
- 16 Spectacular birds of prey (6)
- 18 The joint between the thigh and the lower leg (4)
- 19 Enter without permission (8)

**DOWN**

- 1 English county where one finds Southampton (9)
- 2 New \_\_\_\_ : Indian capital (5)
- 3 Items of headwear (4)
- 4 A boat used on Venetian canals (7)
- 5 Move over snow on runners (3)
- 8 Handheld fireworks (9)
- 10 Two lines in a poem that rhyme (7)
- 14 Sri \_\_\_\_ : country off the coast of India (5)
- 15 Area of land surrounded by the sea (4)
- 17 Creative school subject (3)

# WORD WHEEL

SEE how many words of three or more letters you can make, using the middle letter in each one. And can you find the word that uses all the letters?



**HOW TO ENTER:** Send your finished puzzles by email to [win@firstnews.co.uk](mailto:win@firstnews.co.uk). Don't forget to put **Puzzles 764** in the subject box. We're afraid we can't accept postal entries for now. The closing date for puzzle entries is **Thursday 11 February 2021**.

# SPOT THE DIFFERENCE

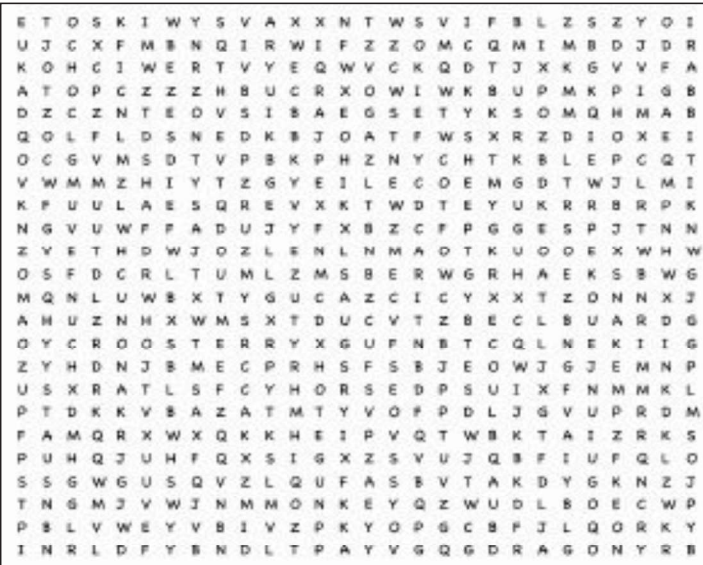
CAN you spot the five changes we've made to this picture from Disney's upcoming film *Raya and the Last Dragon*?



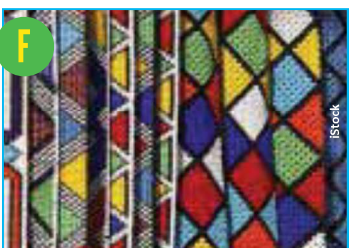
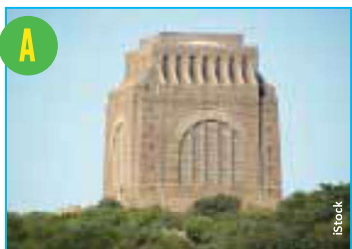
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# WORDSEARCH WHERE ON EARTH?

CAN you find the words in our Chinese New Year-themed wordsearch? Remember that the words can be horizontal, vertical or diagonal.



- Ox
- Rat
- Snake
- Horse
- Sheep
- Tiger
- Pig
- Dog
- Rabbit
- Dragon
- Monkey
- Rooster



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**LAST WEEK'S ANSWERS:**

**Spot the difference:** head is bigger, yellow circle in background is now blue, microphone has been removed, stripe on YolanDa's trousers is green, keyboard is longer.

**Word ladder:** best, pest, past, pass, pals, palm.

**Word wheel:** overheard.

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# ANNE DE VAREILLES ARCHAEOBOTANIST



IF you can imagine a nature and history lover crossed with a detective, that's the pretty cool job that Anne does for Historic England!

### ● WHAT I DO

I'm an archaeologist who studies the segments of plants left behind by ancient people – so I'm an archaeobotanist. Before the age of plastics, humans used plants in so many ways: as construction materials; to build furniture, hunting traps, ropes and nets; to make clothing, baskets and agricultural tools, and for food, of course. My job is to sample for plant remains during excavations and identify them in lab conditions. It's a bit like detective work – once you have all the 'clues', the most interesting part can begin: understanding what the remains tell us about how people lived, what they ate and how they interacted with their natural environment.

### ● HOW I GOT MY JOB

I've always been interested in how the present has been shaped by the past, so I took a degree in archaeology. I did a master's and then worked in commercial archaeology as an excavator and archaeobotanist. I decided I wanted to focus on research, so I returned to university to do a PhD.



### ● WHAT I LOVE ABOUT MY JOB

It's a privilege to handle remains that were once used thousands, sometimes tens of thousands of years ago. You get to travel and work abroad on excavation sites, which can be really fun. I love that we can discover stories about the past and learn from them. On a day-to-day basis I really enjoy being able to use scientific methods to understand human behaviour.

### ● WHAT'S DIFFICULT ABOUT IT

Finding a permanent job in archaeology can be hard. Spaces are limited, especially within academia (working in a university), and competition is high.

### ● WHAT SKILLS I NEED

You need to be passionate about the past. For archaeobotany it also helps to be a budding botanist.

### ● USEFUL QUALIFICATIONS

Universities encourage you to take at least one science at A Level, though specific techniques will be taught during your degree. It helps to think about which part of the human story you're most interested in and which sciences might be most useful.

### ● WHERE YOU SHOULD START IF YOU WANT TO DO THE JOB TOO

Getting involved in a 'dig' is a good idea. It's good fun and will give you an idea of what archaeology is really like. You should also go to university open days and talk to specialists about their line of work.

### ● HOW DO YOU THINK YOUR JOB COULD CHANGE IN THE FUTURE?

I think archaeology will become increasingly scientific as techniques develop.

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- b) Japan c) China



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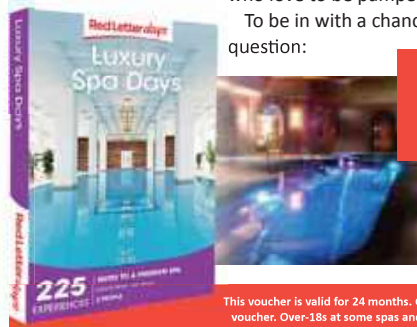
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  - c) Bath



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