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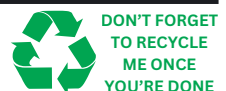
In this edition:

- Find out which animals are back from extinction
- Discover which island has been overrun by crabs
- Meet the teen inventor that is helping older people
- Plus, all of your favourite games and puzzles!

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# GOOD NEWS FOR NATURE: 20 ANIMALS MAKE A COMEBACK!



*A Rodrigues Fody*

Finally, some good news for the planet! Scientists from the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) have shared that 20 animal species are now safer from extinction. This includes birds, fish, snails, and even the famous green sea turtle.

The IUCN keeps a record called the Red List, which shows which animals are at risk of disappearing. Thanks to people working hard to protect them, many of these animals are now recovering and doing better than before.

Two of the happiest success stories come from the small island of Rodrigues, near Mauritius. The Rodrigues fody and Rodrigues warbler, once just a few pairs left, are now thriving with over 20,000 birds of each species! Local groups planted new forests to give them homes again — and it worked!

Another comeback story is the Guadalupe junco, a tiny bird that lives only on a small island off Mexico. It was nearly wiped out by goats that ate all the trees, but after the goats were removed, the birds and forests started growing again.

And the biggest win? The green sea turtle has officially moved from “endangered” to “least concern”! Conservationists have protected their nesting beaches and stopped people from taking their eggs, helping their numbers grow around the world.

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## OTHER ANIMALS BOUNCING BACK:

 Shark Bay  
bandicoot – a  
small Australian  
marsupial



Roman seabream  
and seventy-four  
seabream –  
colourful fish from  
South Africa

A species of land  
snail, *Idiomela  
subplicata*



# NAME THE COUNTRY

Can you figure out the different countries from the clues below?



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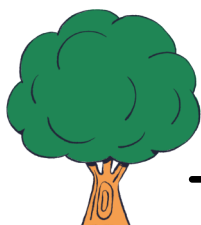
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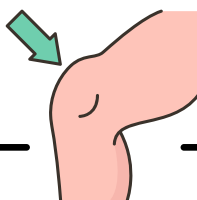
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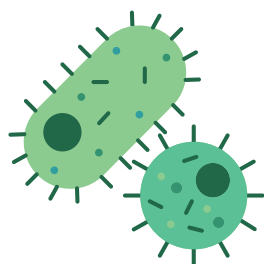
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# CRAB INVASION! MILLIONS MARCH ACROSS CHRISTMAS ISLAND

It's one of the wildest sights in nature — millions of bright red crabs crawling across roads, beaches, and even up walls on Christmas Island, a tiny Australian island in the Indian Ocean.

Every year, around October and November, the crabs leave their forest homes and begin their great migration to the sea. The males lead the way, and the females follow, all heading to the ocean to lay their eggs. During this time, it's impossible to miss them — there can be up to 100 crabs per square metre of sand!

Locals have learnt to share their island with these colourful travellers. Roads are closed, and people even carry rakes and leaf blowers in their cars to gently move crabs out of the way. "Everyone loves them here," said park manager Alexia Jankowski. "We help make sure they get to the ocean safely."

Once at the shore, the females release up to 100,000 eggs each into the waves. A few weeks later, the baby crabs hatch and start their journey back to land — although sadly, many don't survive, becoming food for fish and rays.

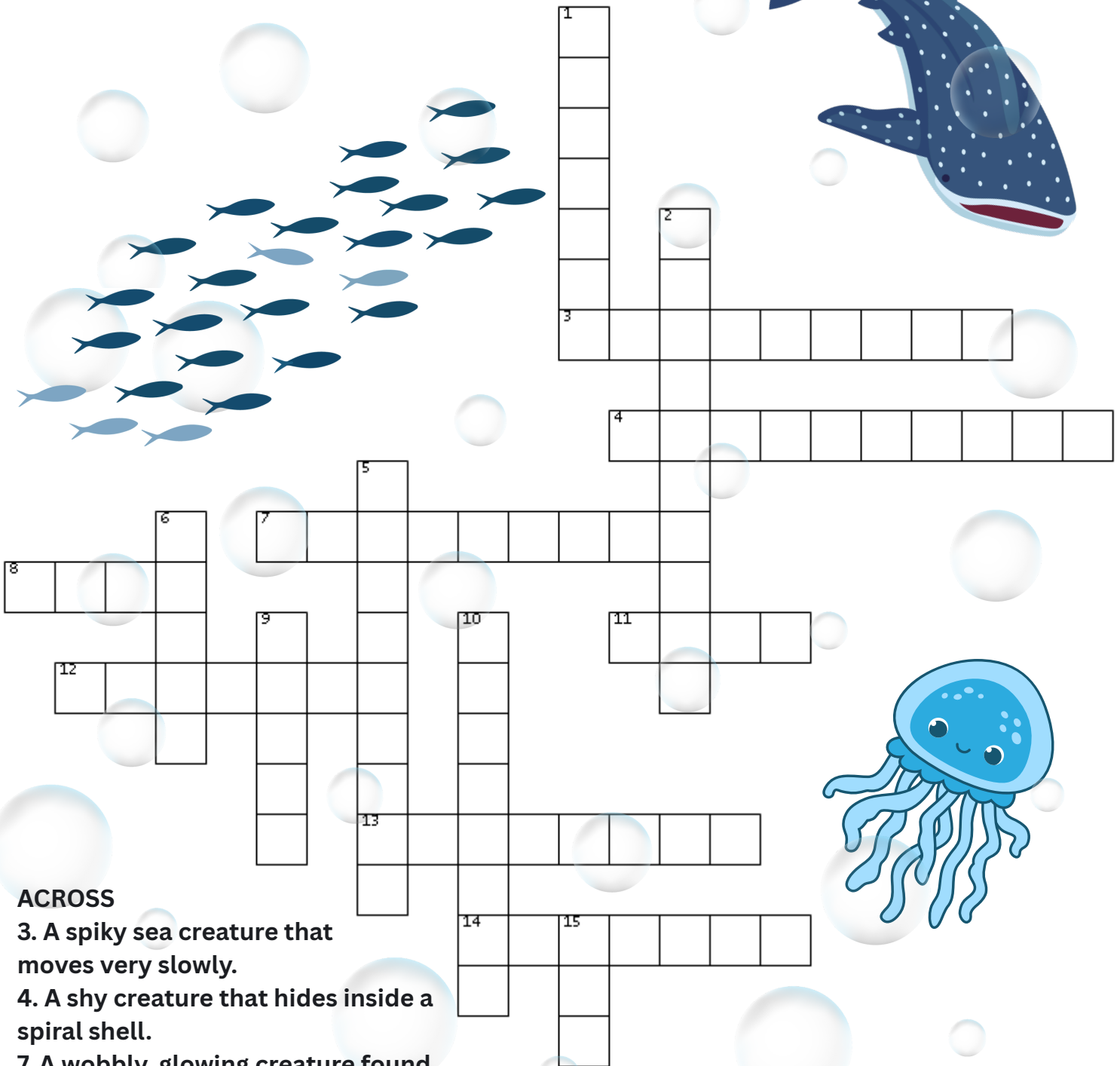
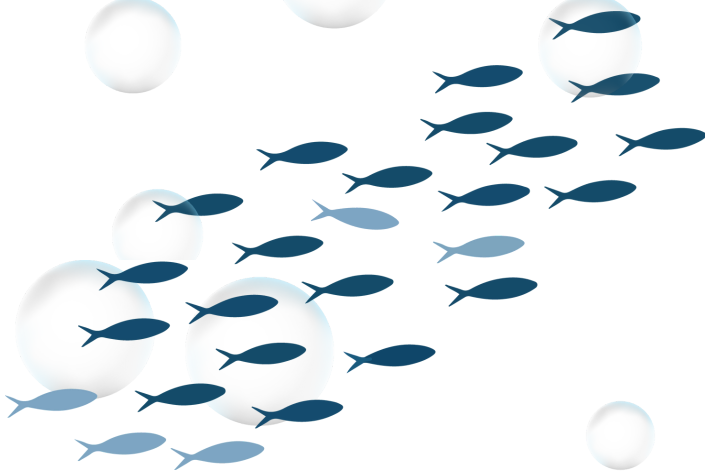
Still, this amazing event is a reminder of how nature works in perfect rhythm with the moon, tides, and weather.



## FUN CRAB FACTS:

- The migration happens every year between October and December.
- The crabs' red shells make the island look like it's covered in a moving carpet!
- Locals call it "crab season" and celebrate it as a natural wonder.

# CROSSWORD: SEA CREATURES

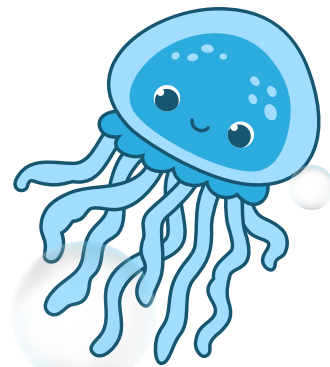


## ACROSS

3. A spiky sea creature that moves very slowly.
4. A shy creature that hides inside a spiral shell.
7. A wobbly, glowing creature found deep in the sea.
8. Swims in large groups called schools.
11. Has a hard shell and walks sideways.
12. A clever mammal that clicks and whistles.
13. A colourful creature that lives on the seabed.
14. Has waving tentacles that can sting small fish.

## DOWN

1. Has eight arms and squirts ink when scared.
2. The biggest fish in the ocean.
5. Bright orange with stripes — like Nemo!
6. A huge sea mammal that sings underwater.
9. Known for its powerful bite and sharp teeth.
10. A gentle giant with fins shaped like wings.
15. Long and slippery with a shocking surprise.



# TEEN INVENTOR CREATES LIFE-SAVING TECH FOR HIS GRANDMA

At just 13 years old, Kevin Tang from California has invented something amazing — a clever device that can detect falls in elderly people without them needing to wear anything.

Kevin's idea, called FallGuard, uses small cameras placed around a home to spot if someone falls down. The cameras are linked to a computer that runs an algorithm (a special set of instructions) Kevin wrote himself. It can even work at night and in low light!

He came up with the idea after his grandmother suffered a serious fall when no one was home. "I wanted to make sure that never happens again," Kevin said. His invention won him the title of America's Top Young Scientist and a \$25,000 prize!

Most fall detectors are worn like watches or necklaces, but FallGuard doesn't need to be charged or carried — it's always on and ready to help. It's also affordable, costing less than £25 to make. Kevin hopes one day every home with elderly people can have one installed.

His project impressed judges because it could save millions of lives. In the United States alone, one in four older adults experiences a fall each year.



Kevin's story proves that young people can change the world — one clever idea at a time!

## DID YOU KNOW?

- Kevin built his first prototype in his bedroom!
- Over 10 families are already waiting to try his invention.
- He hopes to sell it one day to hospitals and care homes.

# WEIRD BUT TRUE

Get ready to say WOW — and maybe EWW — with these amazing facts! Which one do you think is the weirdest?



A snail has about 14,000 teeth!



Bananas are berries, but strawberries aren't.

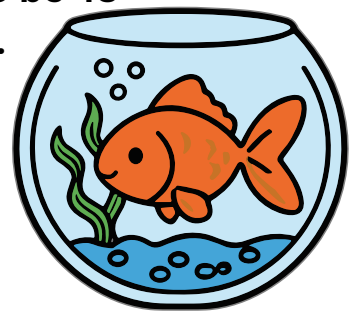


Hummingbirds are the only birds that can fly backwards.



An ostrich's brain is smaller than its eyeball.

The world's oldest pet goldfish lived to be 43 years old.

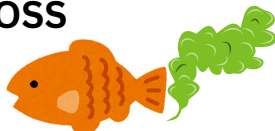


A rabbit's teeth never stop growing

GET FACT-EWW-AL



AND FOR OUR MOST GROSS  
FACT OF THE WEEK:



Some fish communicate  
by farting.



# EWV! SCIENTISTS DISCOVER ANCIENT POOP IN A CAVE!



Scientists in Mexico have made a rather stinky discovery — they’ve found 1,300-year-old poop in a cave and used it to learn about what ancient people ate and the illnesses they faced!

The cave is deep in the Rio Zape Valley in northwestern Mexico. Long ago, it was home to the Loma San Gabriel people, who grew crops, made pottery, and lived in small villages. Archaeologists discovered piles of old waste buried deep inside the cave — perfectly preserved by the dry air.

Using modern technology, scientists studied ten samples of what they politely call “paleofeces” — that’s a fancy word for ancient poo! They found traces of worms and bacteria that caused stomach problems, like the ones humans still get today. This showed that even people who lived over a thousand years ago had to deal with tummy troubles.

Researchers also discovered bits of food and plant material inside, which helped them understand what ancient people used to eat. It’s like opening a time capsule — only a little smellier!



# THE GIRL WHO RACED THE WORLD

By Louisa Reid

Imagine being told you can't do the one thing you love most. That's what happens to Poppy, a 13-year-old girl who dreams of becoming a champion runner. But when her family faces big changes and her confidence takes a hit, Poppy has to find her own way to get back on track – literally!

The Girl Who Raced the World is an inspiring story about friendship, determination, and believing in yourself, even when things feel impossible. Poppy isn't perfect – she makes mistakes and gets nervous before races – but that's what makes her so real. Readers will cheer her on as she learns that true courage isn't just about crossing the finish line first, but about never giving up.

Author Louisa Reid writes in a way that makes you feel every emotion – the pounding heart before a race, the sting of losing, and the joy of finding your strength again. It's a brilliant read for anyone who's ever tried hard for something they love – whether it's sport, music, or anything else.



## WHY YOU'LL LOVE IT:

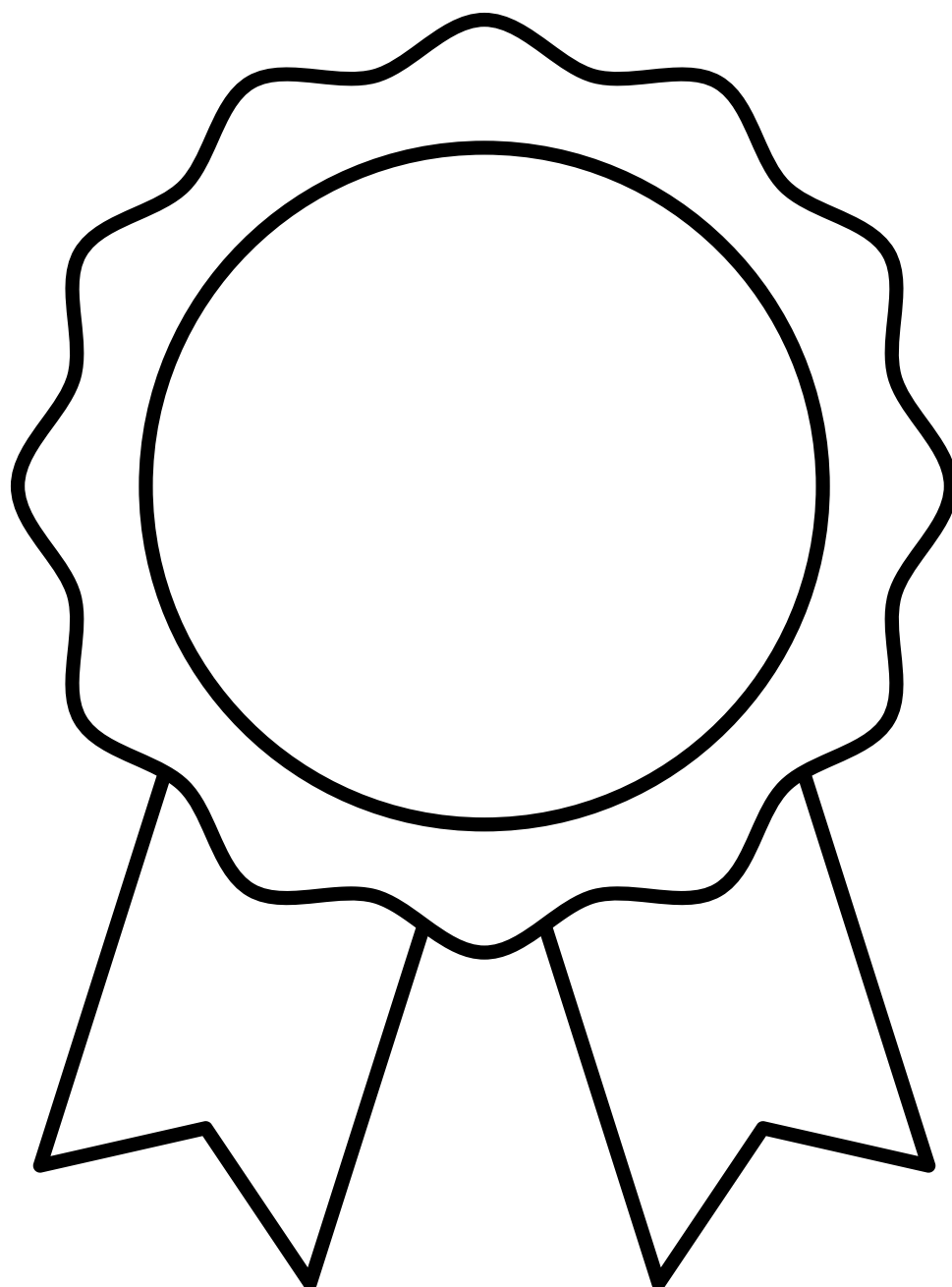
- 👧 It's full of heart, hope, and running shoes!
- 💬 Great for readers who enjoy realistic stories about growing up and self-belief.
- ★ Perfect for fans of Front Desk or The Boy at the Back of the Class.

# DESIGN YOUR OWN MEDAL

Every great athlete deserves a medal — now it's your turn to create one!

## HOW TO DO IT:

1. Think about what your medal is for. Is it for bravery? Kindness? Never giving up?
2. Draw your medal design. Add stars, wings, or even your initials!
3. Colour it in with your favourite shades.
4. Punch a small hole at the top and thread the ribbon through.
5. Wear it proudly — you've earned it!




# HOW THE WEEK WENT....

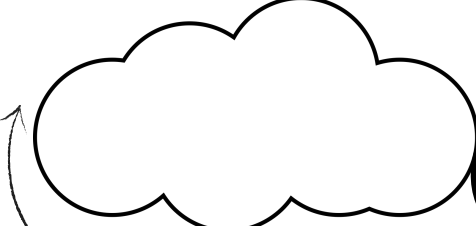
Our thoughts are like seeds — what we plant in our minds grows in our lives. Positive thoughts help us feel braver, kinder, and happier, turning challenges into chances to learn and shine. Let's have a look at how your week went.

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun

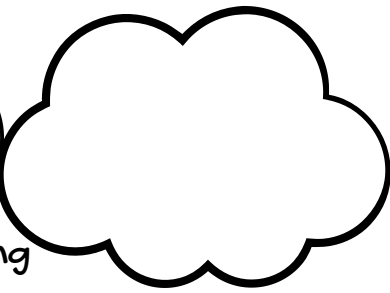
  




Thought Tracker



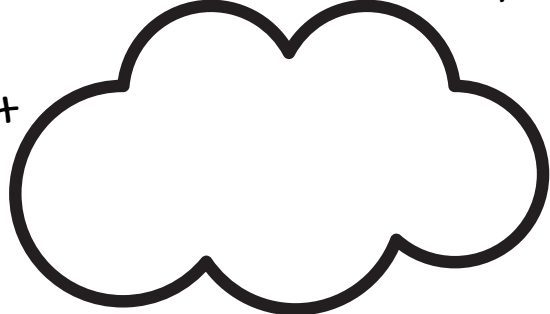
First thing in the morning



People on my mind



Happy Thought



Thought about yourself

Draw a line from A to B that represents how the week went

**A**

**B**

HOW MUCH TIME THIS WEEK  
IN SECONDS/MINUTES/HOURS  
DID YOU SPEND...

ONLINE	
OUTSIDE	
SEEING FRIENDS	
BEING ACTIVE	
RELAXING	

Word of the week

Word of the week

One thing I want to take into next week