

FOUND ONLY HERE

Some animals are found only in a small area of the world. Such species are said to be endemic to the area. We are, of course, talking about geographical areas, which sometimes straddle more than one country.

Read about these animals and name the place where each is found.



1. The Aye-aye, a type of lemur, lives on trees, and is related to chimpanzees, apes and humans. _____



2. Protected by the local Maori people, the kiwi is a flightless bird that is the national bird of this country.



3. The tree kangaroo is well adapted to life on trees and, unlike its close cousin, has limbs that are all about the same size. _____



4. Primarily a fruit-eater, the orangutan is the largest arboreal animal. It is a very intelligent ape and is able to use a variety of tools. _____



5. The bumblebee bat is an insectivorous creature, and is one of the smallest mammals in the world. It is also known as Kitti's hog-nosed bat. _____

DEFINING MOMENTS IN SPORTS

FACTPAGE

A sports event in which the best teams or players participate not only inspires and motivates, but also provides joy and entertainment. Sometimes the fight between opponents is long and difficult, and sometimes easy and quick. But there is a point in every event when the eventual winner takes the lead, on the basis of skill, determination or sheer luck.

Here are some defining moments of sports. Read about them and relive the excitement.

1. Longest singles final: On July 6, 2008, during the Wimbledon Men's Singles final, the number 1 and number 2 ranked players fought over a five-set match that lasted over 4 hours and 48 minutes. It was the longest singles final in the history of the game, and was the third occasion that Rafael Nadal and Roger Federer were meeting in the finals. Nadal eventually won. The scoreboard read 6-4, 6-4, 6-7, 6-7, 9-7.



2. Goal of the Century: On June 22, 1986, the FIFA World Cup quarter-final match was played between Argentina and England. Diego Maradona, the talented Argentine footballer wearing jersey number 10, scored a goal which replays later showed was made by hitting the ball with the hand. The referee did not notice this at the time and the goal was allowed. Maradona did not admit his action either and evasively said that it was struck "a little with the head of Maradona and a little with the hand of God". The goal, eventually, came to be called the "Hand of God" goal.



Just a few minutes later, in the same match, Maradona scored what came to be known as the "Goal of the Century". Maradona dribbled the ball from his own half to the other side past five English players and took just ten seconds to score this goal. Argentina won the match 2-0. The match was made more exciting because of the Falklands war being fought between England and Argentina at the time.





MIXED BAG

Can you answer these questions? The first letter of the answer is given to help you.

1. Which international leader ends his personal posts on Twitter with the signature: BO?
B _____
2. In which Indian city can you witness a procession comprising of vehicles named Nandighosh, Taladhwaja and Darpadalana? P _____
3. Which Indian cricketer was the first man to be given out by the Decision Review System (DRS) in 2008? V _____
4. The headquarters of which global giant are located on a street named Infinite Loop?
A _____
5. Which residential school was founded by Rabindranath Tagore in 1918?
S _____
6. Which member of the giraffe family, native to Africa, has distinct white stripes on its legs? O _____
7. Which Indian author's short stories are compiled in a book entitled *Mansarovar*?
M _____
8. Pope Francis is the 266th and the current pope of the Catholic Church, and also heads the Vatican City State. What is his real name? B _____
9. Which folk theatre form popular in Maharashtra means "fun" in Persian?
T _____
10. Which part of the human body is studied by otologists? E _____
11. Which city in Gujarat is believed to be the birthplace of Lord Krishna's friend Sudama?
P _____
12. Which Mughal emperor was born in the fort of Dohad in 1618? A _____
13. The memorial of which Indian prime minister is called Shanti Van?
J _____
14. What is the name of the Giant Panda in the film titled *Kung Fu Panda*? P _____
15. In which country is the city of Casablanca? M _____

NEW WORDS AND PHRASES OF THE 21ST CENTURY (FACTPAGE)

Here are some words and phrases that were coined, or acquired a new meaning, because of events that happened in the last few years. How many of them have you heard?

1. Climate change: The change in long-term weather patterns, either local or global, supposed to be caused by both natural events and human activities.

2. Chinglish: The English language as influenced by the Chinese, as Chinese influence spreads around the world.

3. Global warming: The theory that the average temperature of the earth is increasing causing changes in weather and other natural phenomena.

4. Ground Zero: The site of the 9/11 terrorist attack in New York City.

5. War on Terror: The Bush administration's response to 9/11, mostly in the form of a military campaign led by it.

6. H1N1: A strain of virus, popularly called swine flu, that caused an influenza pandemic in humans in 2009.

7. Carbon footprint: The amount of CO² that an activity produces.

8. Jai Ho!: Hindi song from the film Slumdog Millionaire, it won a Grammy and an Oscar; the phrase means "May there be victory".

9. Cloud computing: Using the Internet like a large computer to run different applications for us so that we do not have to use so much hardware and software on our individual computers. If you have an email account, you are already cloud computing because the software that makes all the mail features possible is not stored on your computer, but on the service's computer "cloud".

10. Truthiness: The quality of being considered to be true based on one's gut-feeling, without regard to any logic or facts.

11. Greenwashing: A false image projected by a company that its policies and products are environment-friendly.

12. To pluto: A verb that means to demote or devalue, coined after the fate of a former planet.

13. God particle: A hypothetical particle (according to particle physicists) that is supposed to hold the secrets of the Big Bang and, therefore, of all creation; also called the Higgs boson.

Have you heard of any other such words or phrases?