

Task 10

The suffix "-er" changes verbs into nouns that mean "a person who..."

Example: A person who sings is a singer

- works _____
- writes _____
- speaks _____
- runs _____
- reads _____

Check your dictionary for spelling changes.

Words like these are often used to form noun compounds.
"A taxidriver" is someone who drives a taxi.

A person who plays basketball is a: _____

A person who teaches English is an: _____

A person who drives a truck is a: _____

A person who writes scripts is a: _____

A person who produces movies is a: _____

2 Wonders: Natural and Man-made

Time to read! (1)

Let's talk about records:

What is the biggest living animal on Earth?

What is the name of the tallest tree on Earth?

What is the longest river in the world?

Now, what do you know about the Nile?

What continent is it in?

What culture is usually associated with it?

What country is the Nile mostly associated with?

Before reading the text, the "River Nile", tick (✓) what you think the article will be about.

- History of the Egyptian culture.
- Geographical description.
- Importance to the Judeo-Christian religion.

In the text, underline the words you know because they are similar in Spanish. Do not underline the same word twice.

I have a total of _____ words

Check with members of your team who underlined more and increase your list.

Compare the total words of your team with other teams.

The River Nile

The world's longest river, the Nile, traverses 35 degrees of latitude in eastern Africa, from below the equator northward to the Mediterranean Sea. Measured from the source of its remote headstream, its length is about 6600 kms. The Nile system gathers its waters from nine countries: Burundi, Rwanda, Tanzania, Kenya, Uganda, Zaire, the Sudan, Ethiopia, and Egypt all share its basin of some 2,978 sq km.

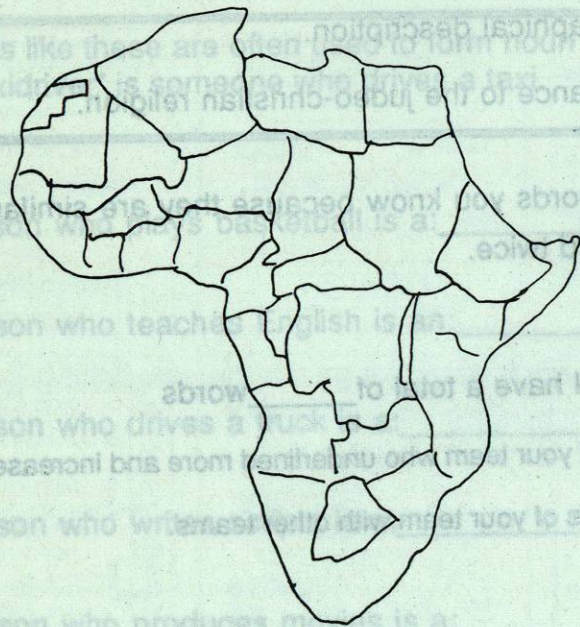
The source of the Nile is in the highlands of southern Burundi. From there, the Ruvironza river flows northward to become the Ruvubu. This river is joined by the Nyabarongo, which has tributaries from the southern side of the Virunga range in Rwanda. Together, they form the largest stream flowing into Lake Victoria, called the Kagera River, which enters Uganda from Tanzania. The distance along the Kagera-Ruvubu system is more than 800 km.

From Aswan northward to Cairo, the Nile irrigates Upper Egypt. For these 960 km, it flows between steep, rockwalled desert cliffs, and human settlement is virtually confined to the floodplain.

Although downstream from Aswan the river is no longer a natural system, but one controlled by human beings, the words of the ancient Greek historian Herodotus are true today: "Egypt is the gift of the Nile."

Task 1

On the map, darken the surface of countries where the Nile River passes through.



Task 2a

Find words in the text that mean more or less the same as these and write them on the lines.

- oriental _____
- origin _____
- affluents _____
- old _____
- Grecian _____

Task 2b

Fill in the blanks with the words you wrote in task 2a.

The River Nile is in the _____ region of Africa.

The _____ culture in Egypt developed along the Nile.

Many important _____ make the River Nile the longest river in the world.

The Nile has its _____ in Burundi.

Herodotus was _____.

- Working in pairs, find out about the longest river in Mexico, and write a short description of it. Use the description of the Nile as a model.

Time to read! (2)

Do you know where these waterfalls are?

Iguazu _____

Salto del Angel _____

Niagara _____

Cola de Caballo _____

Tzararacua _____

Victoria _____

What differences are there between the Niagara Falls and the Cola de Caballo?

Work in small groups.

In the text **Niagara Falls**, underline the words you know because they are similar in Spanish. Do not underline the same word twice.

I have a total of _____ words

Check with members of your team who underlined more and increase your list. Compare the total words of your team with other teams.

Niagara Falls

This natural wonder consists of two waterfalls on the border between the United States and Canada, and lies between the cities of Niagara Falls, N.Y. and Niagara Falls, Ontario. The spectacular beauty of these waterfalls makes them a major tourist attraction in North America.

The falls, whose name come from the *Neutre* Indians and means "thundering water," are located at about the midpoint of the Niagara River, which separates the United States and Canada.

The total volume of water of the river varies with the seasons (more in summer and less in winter) but averages about 6,000 cubic meters per second. Of this, 2,830 cubic meters per second are allowed to flow over the falls during daylight hours of the tourist season and half that amount at other times. The rest is diverted for the production on hydroelectric power. The flow is regulated by an elaborated control system completed in 1963.

Task 1

Underline the best answer, according to the text.

The Niagara River is located in North America The USA Canada

The origin of the word "Niagara" is French Canadian English Native American

The quantity of water in the Niagara River is higher in January December July

The term "Thundering Water" means that the water runs flows roars

Part of the water is used for the production of gas electricity nuclear weapons

Task 2

Complete the table with information from the text.

Number of waterfalls forming the "Niagara Falls."	
Average cubic meters per second of water that flows over the Niagara Falls.	
Number of cubic meters per second allowed to flow over the falls during daylight hours in July.	
An elaborate control system was completed this year.	

Task 3

Answer Yes or No.

YES NO

The flow has no variation in quantity all year round at Niagara Falls.

Niagara Falls is also a borderline between Canada and the United States.

Ontario is in the United States.

Working in pairs, investigate about falls near the region where you live. Write a short description of it.

Time to read! (3)

What do we celebrate on February 14th?

Why are love and death related in "Romeo and Juliet"?

Do you know how love and death are linked to the "Taj Mahal"?

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The Taj Mahal at Agra, India

- When the Mohammedan invaders from Persia (called Mongols) invaded India in the 16th century, they carried many ideas with them that resulted in the construction of the incredible work of art called Taj Mahal. This nearly perfect structure was completed at Agra in the 1600's by Shah Jehan as a tomb for himself and his wife, who had borne the title "Taj Mahal" ("Crown of the Palace"). Shah Jehan loved his wife so much that he built this unusual tomb as a symbol of their love. This main construction rises on a walled platform surrounded by an immense park with a long reflecting pool and orderly rows of shrubs and trees. The main dome is shaped like a rose-bud, a style that became a major element of Mohammedan mosques. Four smaller domes cover four sides of the eight-sided structure, but do not support the main dome.

Although the Taj Mahal was constructed late in Mohammedan history, it is a perfect example of Mohammedan style. The Hindus, whose religion predominates in India, have never erected a religious or historical structure to

- match the magnificent splendor and classic symmetry of this monument.

Task 1

Which line(s) tell(s) about...

- _____ an invasion of India.
- _____ the meaning of the expression "Taj Mahal".
- _____ a technical explanation of the Taj Mahal structure.
- _____ the most important religion in India.
- _____ the purpose of constructing the "Taj Mahal".

Task 2

Match the following concepts:

Mohammedan style () 1 Means "Crown of the Palace."

Shah Jehan () 2 A place in India.

Persia () 3 Invaders of India in the 16th century.

Taj Mahal () 4 Home country of Mongols.

Mongols () 5 Creator of Taj Mahal.

Agra () 6 Classification of the Taj Mahal construction.

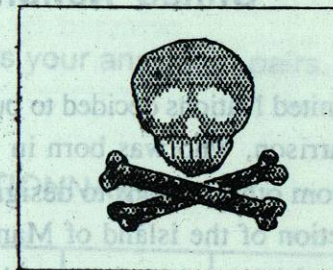
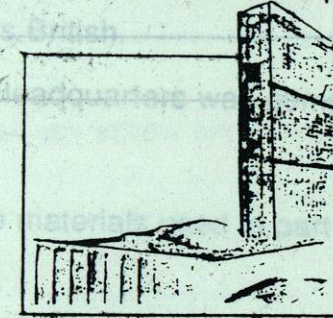
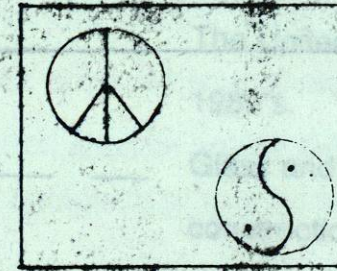
Which monuments as magnificent as the Taj Mahal are there in Mexico?
What do you know about their history?

Write a description about one of them for a tourist guide, using the Taj Mahal as a model.

Time to read! (4)

Choose a title for each drawing:

- A) World War II
- B) Death
- C) Peace symbols
- D) United Nations Flag
- E) United Nations Headquarters



Who is the present General Secretary of the United Nations?
There will be a prize for the first right answer!