

OC Read Newsletter



Literacy Fact: The longest word consists of 189,819 letters. The word is considered to be the longest in any language of the world.

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VOCABULARY

Click on the [purple](#) words to learn more.

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We All Scream for Ice Cream Cones!

The 1904 Louisiana Purchase Exposition—otherwise known as the famous World's Fair—screams ownership for inventing a portable way to indulge in ice cream while viewing the fair attractions. The edible cone has delighted ice cream lovers for over a century, although many argue that the idea of a waffle rolled into the shape of a cone was only popularized at the World's Fair and not invented. *The Interior of the Café Frascati*, French artwork dating back to 1807, displays a woman [feasibly](#) eating ice cream out of a cone, while London street-vendors served ice cream in glass-shaped, reusable cones called [penny-licks](#). The first edible cone can be traced back to an [1887 British cookbook](#) that refers to a dessert called “Cornets with Cream”, while black and white images of the World's Fair reveal modern-looking “waffle cornucopias.” Regardless of the cone's origin, we all scream that ice cream tastes delicious on a cone!



Learner Successes

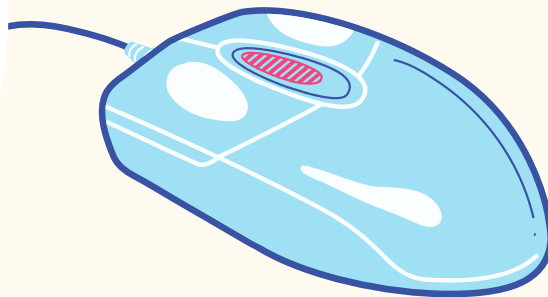
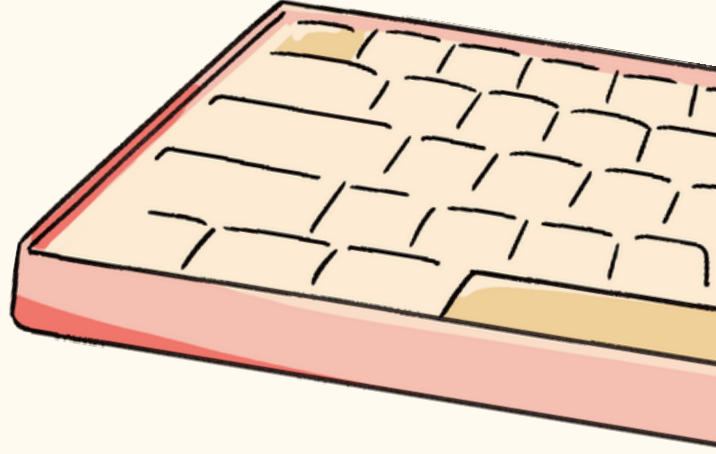
We want to take a moment to recognize the hard work our learners put in, not just with OC Read, but as family members, professionals, and students. Thank you for making space in your life to participate in the OC Read literacy program. We are humbled and grateful to have the opportunity to support you on your literacy journey.

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Next month, we will be rolling out a new opportunity to showcase the many achievements of OC Read learners.

Stay tuned for details!

Device Advice!



Available to OC Read Learners and Tutors.

To reserve a 30-minute appointment, call OC Read at 714.566.3070.

Appointments can be online or in person at the Tustin branch.

Chromebooks and iPads are available for borrowing.

We can assist with:

- Computer and iPad basics
- Email
- Internet basics
- And much, much more!

We cannot assist with:

- Repairing broken, locked, or infected devices
- Repairing/Restoring email accounts or email managers
- Filling out forms with personal information

TUTOR CLASSES

These classes are open to OC Read tutors. To register for a class, follow the "To RSVP" instructions below each description.

Beyond Boundaries Tutoring

On break for July
Next meeting will be in August
Date to be determined

BBT meetings will be taking a short break in July as we evaluate this program.

Tutors, please keep an eye on your email for a short survey coming this month. Thank you in advance for helping us provide better training opportunities.

As a reminder, all OC Read tutors are asked to complete four hours of tutor training throughout the year. Tutor training hours can be acquired through:

- Attending a BBT meeting
- Going to a webinar hosted by SCLLN or CLLS

OC Read will also email other training opportunities as they arise.

Tutoring Tip

If you have been using the free version of Zoom for tutoring sessions, the new 40 minute time limit might be causing you frustration. Fortunately, there are options! Google Meet is an easy to use alternative.

Give us a call for help getting started or to discuss other options!

Reminders

Monthly reports open on July 20 and close July 31. Log in to your tutor account at americalearns.net/ocread to complete your report.



LEARNER CLASSES

These classes are open to OC Read learners. To register for a class, follow the "To RSVP" instructions below each description.

Learner Leadership Table

Wednesday, July 13 @ 6 PM

Virtual Event

To RSVP, contact OC Read

Become a Learner Leader in this 1-hour Zoom meeting where you will:

- Get to know your fellow learners
- Share successes
- Discuss challenges
- Shape the direction of OC Read adult programming

Your ideas can pave the way for future adult learners like you. All learners are encouraged to attend this program whenever possible. For more details, contact the OC Read office.

This program is for adult learners only.

Writing Prompt

Write a review of a movie. Pretend the audience has never seen the movie, and talk about what happens, who the characters are, and why you liked or did not like it.



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Family Literacy Tip

Don't let learning slide!

Did you know that kids can lose up to three months' worth of learning during the summer? This [phenomenon](#) is called "The Summer Slide," and it happens when children don't read or learn enough when they aren't in school.

But don't worry – there are a lot of things you can do to keep Summer Slide from happening. One great way you can keep your kids reading is to join the Summer Reading Program at your library! Kids, teens, and adults can read, complete activities, and attend fun events.

You can go on a nature walk in your neighborhood and look for plants, bugs, and animals to learn about. Playing board games can teach math skills, strategy, and critical thinking. Having kids keep a journal about the fun things they do will help them practice writing skills. Keep the learning and reading going all summer long!

[Source](#)



LITERACY EVENTS

These events are open to the public.
To register for an event, follow the "To RSVP" instructions below each description.

Coming Soon: Back to School

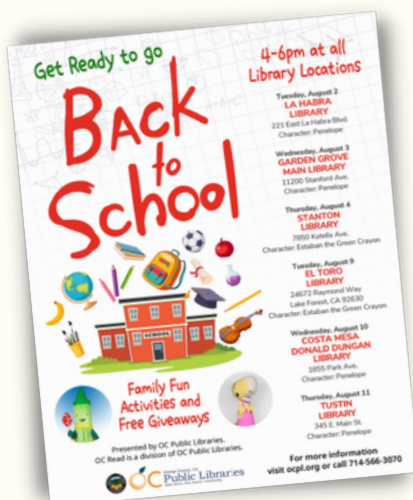
August 2, 3, 4, 9, 10, 11 @ 4-6 PM
In-Person Event
No registration required



Celebrate the start of the school year with fun activities and free giveaways! Join us in August for a series of Back to School events at six different OCPL branches.

Mark your calendars for the first two weeks in August, and [keep an eye on](#) this page for more information.

Click here to see the flyer!



Reading Comprehension

Check next month's Newsletter for the answers!

Watch Out for Spit!

We have spit in our mouths to help us chew and swallow food. Some animals use spit in different ways, though. Spit can help [protect](#) (pruh-tekt) them from other animals. It can even help them get lunch!

Llamas (lah-muhs) like their personal space. If a llama feels annoyed or [threatened](#) (threh-tend), it will spit slime at you to make you leave it alone. Llama spit smells bad, so it usually works! Sometimes, they even use spit to steal food from other llamas.

The archer fish uses spit to catch its lunch. It closes its [gills](#), pushes the water with its tongue, and spits out a stream of water. This knocks bugs down into the water, where the archer fish [gobbles](#) them up!

Spitting cobras also have good aim. They spray [venom](#) (ven-uhm), or poison, in the eyes of anyone who attacks them. The venom hurts a lot and can cause blindness, so the cobra gets away. Humans might think spitting is rude, but it helps these animals stay safe and find food.

1. What does spit help humans do?

- a. Fight predators
- b. Chew and swallow
- c. Breathe

2. When do llamas spit?

- a. When they are annoyed or threatened
- b. When they want to attract a mate
- c. When they are hunting

3. Which animal uses spit to catch bugs?

- a. Humans
- b. Llamas
- c. Archer fish

4. What is venom?

- a. Something to shout at kids
- b. An animal's tongue
- c. Poison

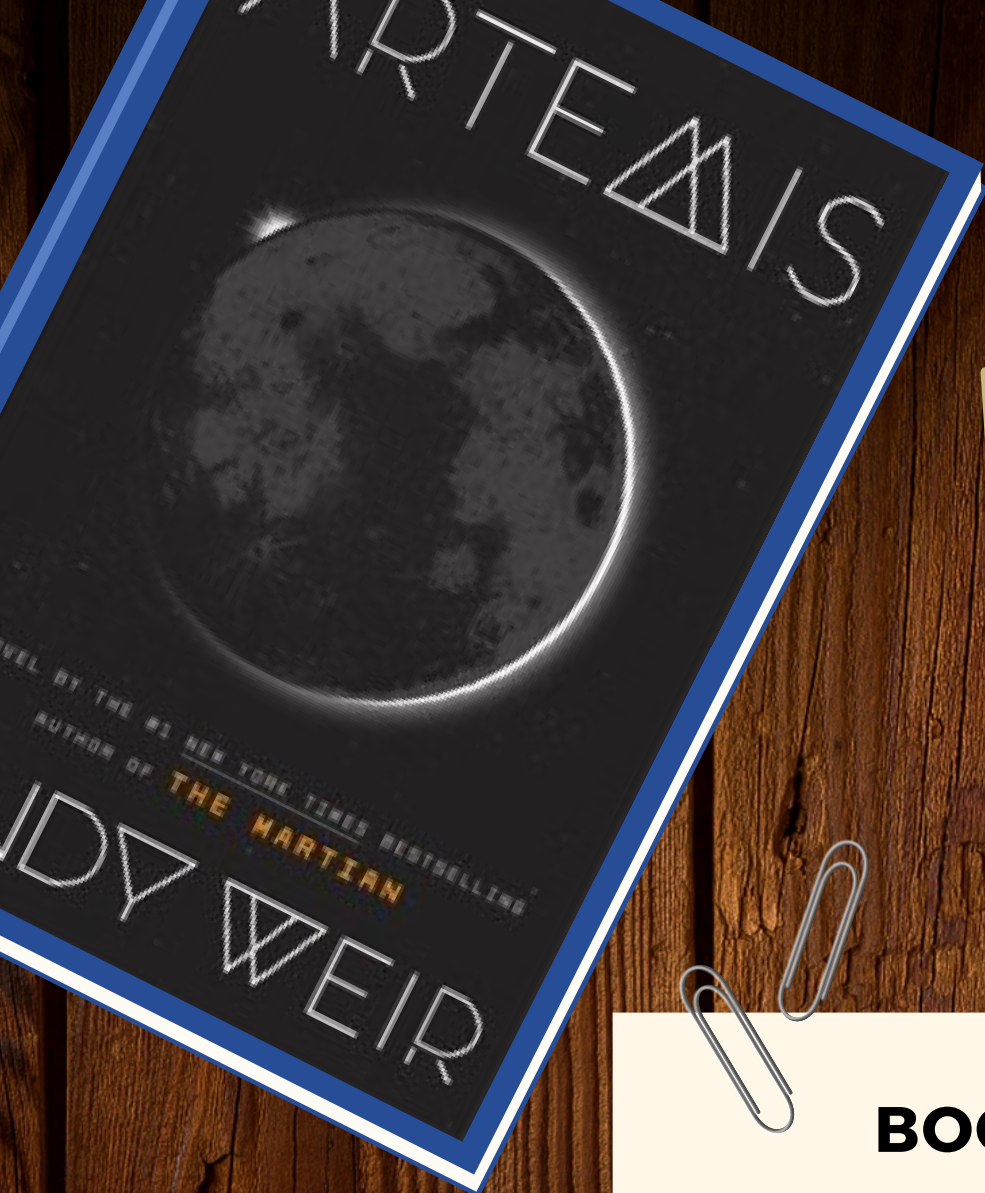
5. What does cobra venom do?

- a. Hurts and causes blindness
- b. Smells bad
- c. Knocks you out

6. What does spit help animals do?

- a. Talk
- b. Stay safe and find food
- c. Find a place to sleep





Title: Artemis
Author: Andy Weir

Text Difficulty: 2-3
Lexile Measure: 580
[*Click here for Lexile measure chart](#)

BOOK NOOK

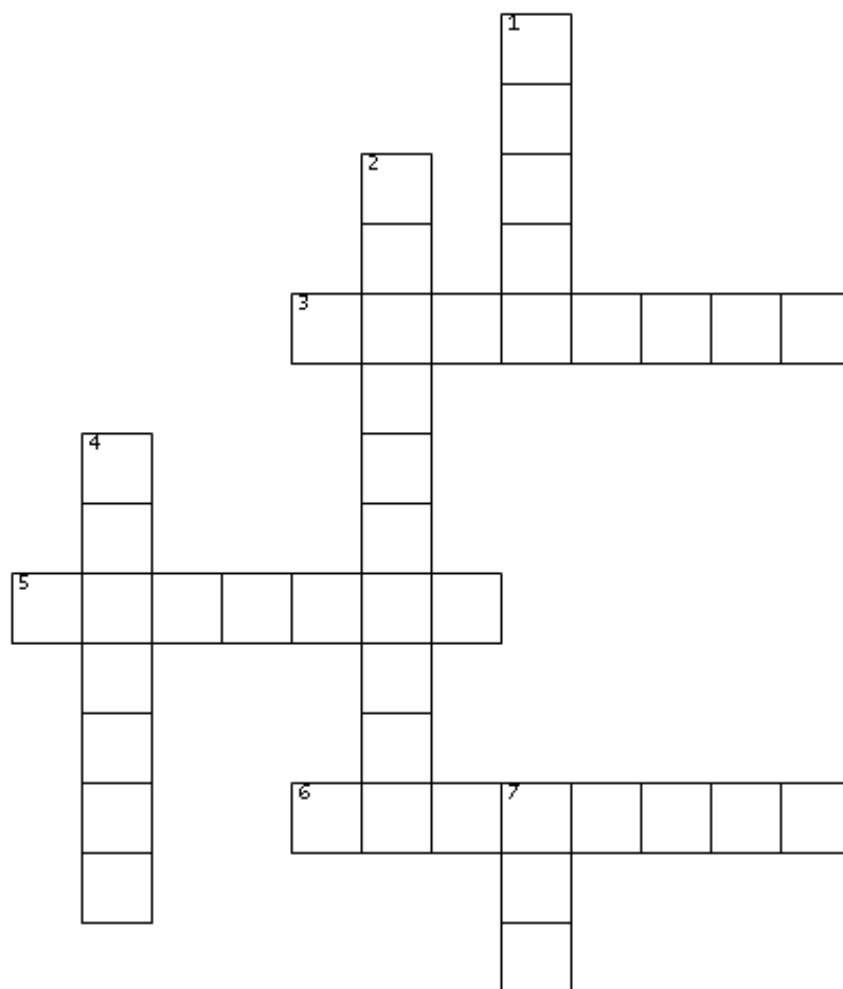
"Weir's second book does not disappoint! The setting is Artemis, a city on the moon where a young woman named Jazz is a smuggler and a courier trying to eke out a living. Adventure unfolds as Jazz is asked to do a different sort of job by her millionaire employer. He asks her to sabotage the mining operation that provides the city's entire oxygen requirements. She works out a plan, but several calamities befall and all is not what it seems. Jazz must risk her life to save the city that is her home. A fast paced adventure from start to nail-biting finish!"

-- Cynde Suite, Bartow County Library, Cartersville, GA.

[Click here for the discussion questions!](#)

This is an ebook. You can find it here:
<https://ocpl.overdrive.com/media/3280473>

Word Game



ACROSS

- 3. able to be done
- 5. eats eagerly or quickly
- 6. affected with a disease or virus

DOWN

- 1. the organs that fish breathe through
- 2. an observable fact or something that happens
- 4. defend or shield from attack
- 7. to make a living

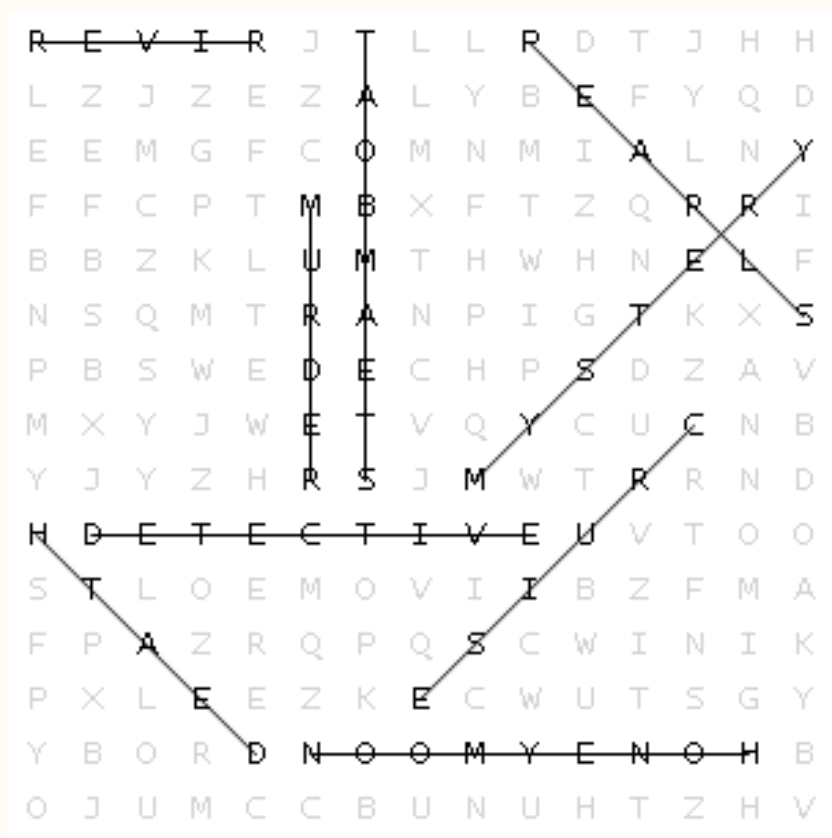
Hint: All of these words can be found in this month's newsletter.

Check next month's newsletter for the answer key!

June Answer Key

Word Game

Did you guess it? The movie was *Death on the Nile*, a 2022 movie based on the Agatha Christie novel of the same name! [You can find a copy of the book here.](#)



cruise
death
detective
honeymoon
murder
mystery
pearls
river
steamboat

Reading Comprehension – Galileo and His Telescope

1. c. Italy
2. b. Mathematician
3. a. Testing different ideas
4. c. 1 day
5. a. Another inventor made something similar
6. b. 13 billion light-years

Spotlight: More programs from OC Public Libraries

Career Online High School

Earn your high school diploma by taking classes online during times that are convenient for you. For more information, click on the flyer, or visit ocpl.org/page/career-online-high-school.



English Conversation Clubs

Are you learning English as a second (or third, or fourth) language? Join one of OC Public Libraries' many ESL conversation clubs. These clubs are a fun way to meet new people, learn new words, and share your skills. All levels of English speaking ability are encouraged to attend.

Click on the flyer for more details about the club at Aliso Viejo, or contact OC Read to find out if there is an English conversation club at a branch near you.



2022 Summer Reading Program: Read Beyond the Beaten Path

Sign up for your reading log at ocpl.beanstack.org or download the free Beanstack app. You can set up one account and add all the readers in your family!

Everyone is encouraged to log 20 or more days of reading to be entered into an opportunity drawing for a gift card courtesy of your branch's Friends of the Libraries.

For more information about the 2022 Summer Reading Program, visit ocpl.org/summer2022.

