

This Month in

OC READ

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Mon - Thurs 10 AM to 7 PM
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Turning Over a New Leaf

Fall marks a new season and the changing of colors in leaves can be seen in California, especially in the mountain regions. Three factors contribute to these color changes: leaf pigments (natural coloring), period of night, and weather.

Sunlight produces more sugars in leaf veins, but these veins close when it becomes cooler at night, preventing sugars from exiting. The combination of excess sugar and light produce pigments of deeper reds and blues. During the longer nights, chlorophyll (which gives leaves their green color) production slows down until it dies out. This allows non-green colors to display! Lastly, the amount of moisture or wetness in soil affects the colors- a dry summer will delay colors from changing. If you see any brilliant color changes wherever you are, please do share them with us!



Literacy Fact

During its lifespan, a pencil can draw a 35 mile long line and write around 45,000 words.



Programs and Events

Strategic Tutoring (Formerly, Beyond Boundaries Tutoring) Thurs. Oct. 12 @ 10 AM

Continue your tutor training at this one-hour Zoom meeting where OC Read staff and tutors discuss topics related to literacy and tutoring adults. This month's topic will be the Writer to Writer Challenge. Sign up for Strategic Tutoring reminders with this form: forms.office.com/g/CVqUHLg8Nt

Literacy Storytime (Founders Park) Wed. Oct. 25 @ 10 AM

Join OC Read staff and the Mobile Library for a fun and educational storytime at the Founders Park in Brea. Literacy storytimes are excellent resources for caregivers of young children. No registration is required.

Financial Literacy 101 (Tustin Library) Mon. & Wed. Oct. 16, 18, 23, 25 @ 5:30 PM

Get financially savvy at the Tustin Library with this four-night event from the Financial Planning Association of Orange County. This program is for ages 16+ and registration is required. OC Read tutors and learners can call the OC Read office to sign up. Please invite your friends and family to register!

Device Advice Available during business hours

Technology help is available to all OC Read tutors and learners, regardless of your meeting status! If you have a tech question, call our office to schedule an appointment at your nearest OC Public Libraries branch, or online.

More Info

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READING PRACTICE

Read the article, "We Should Look at More Sunrises and Sunsets, Study Finds" on *News For You*, then complete the following exercises for a full reading skills workout.

Article: newsforyouonline.com/we-should-look-at-more-sunrises-and-sunsets-study-finds

Password: 0d1d44

EXERCISE

Think of a time when you saw a wonderful sunrise or sunset. Describe it below. Share the description with a partner, if you can. Then talk about the discussion questions.

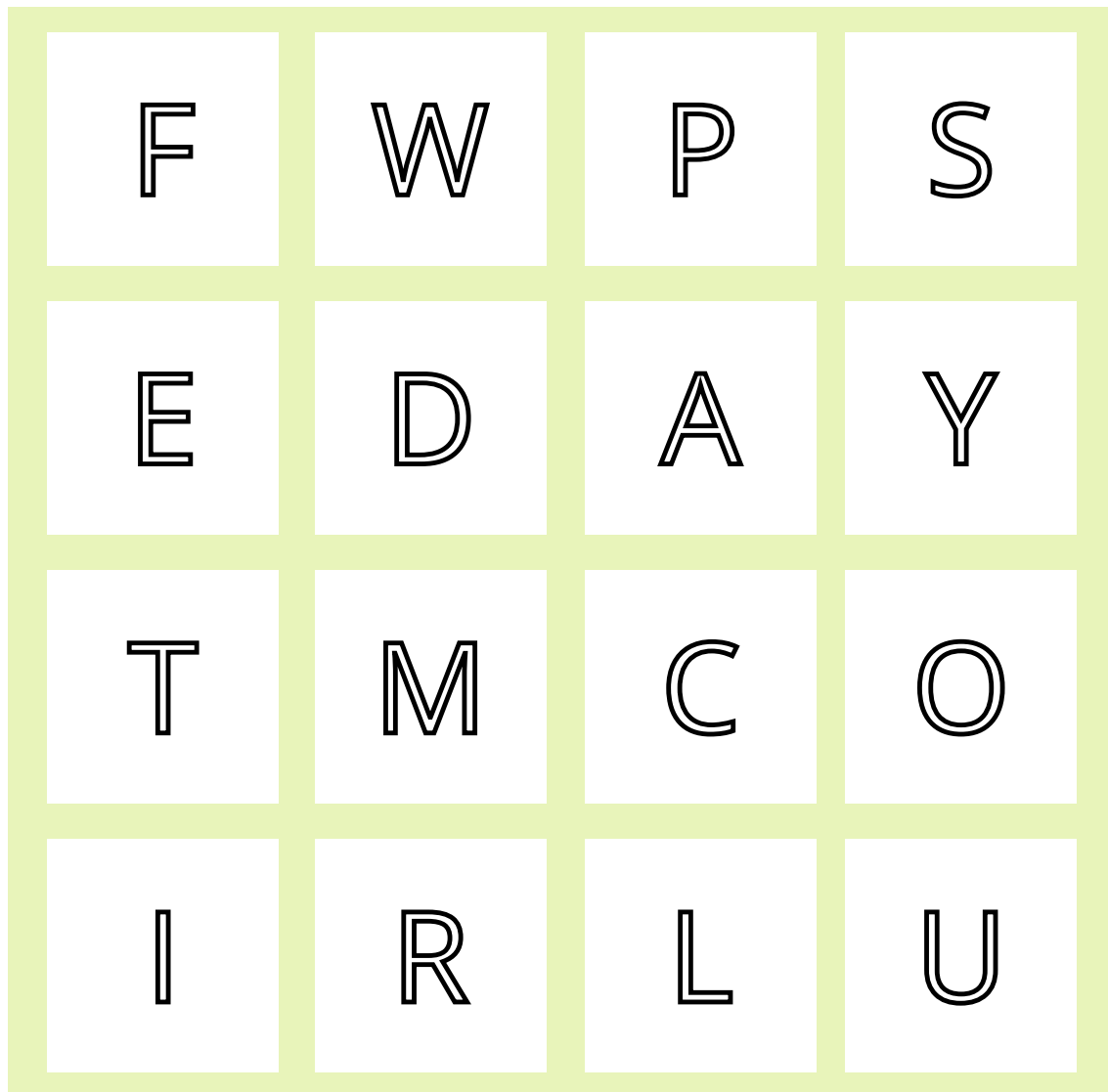
DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Do you watch a lot of sunrises or sunsets?

Does your area have good sunrises or sunsets?

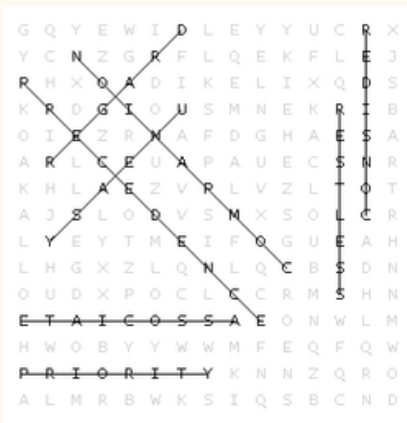
What are some other things that make you feel awe?

SPELLING BOGGLE



How many words can you make from the letters above?

_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____



LAST MONTH'S WORD GAME ANSWERS

regard
companion
precedence
consider

associate
priority
restless
uneasy

LAST MONTH'S READING PRACTICE ANSWER KEY

Answer the questions and put the paragraph number where you found the answer.

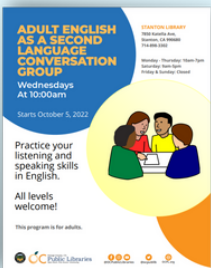
1. They kill native plants. Paragraph 5.
2. It is from Europe and Asia. Paragraph 6.
3. Flames can climb up the tall stems like ladders. Paragraph 7.
4. She makes dyes from them. Paragraph 12.
5. There are ways to turn the plant into paper, plant food, and mustard. Paragraph 13.

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

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. Contact OC Read to find out if there is an English conversation club at a branch near you.