

This Month in

OC READ

APRIL 2024

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Mon - Thurs 10 AM to 7 PM
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Celebrate Poetry with a Haiku

Letters on a page

Words grouped like train cars moving

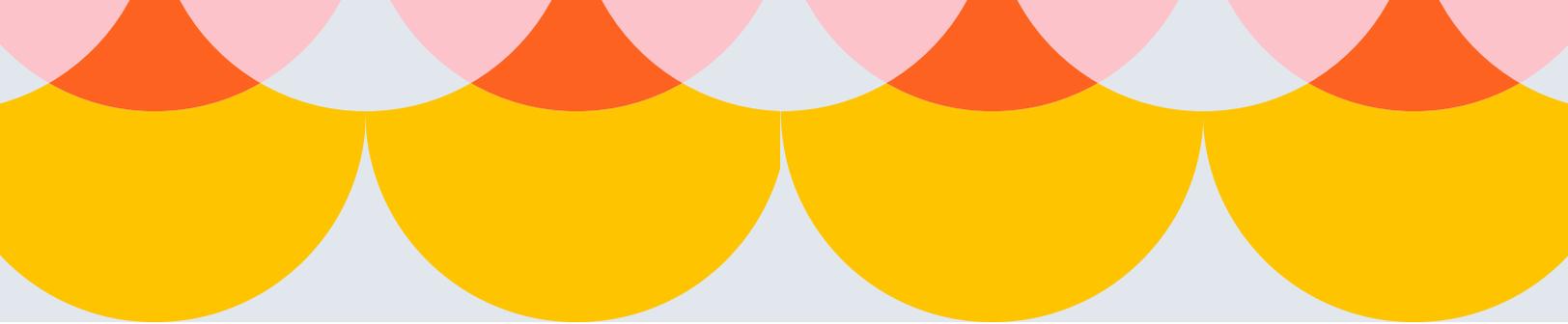
Stories of our world

April celebrates National Poetry Month and April 17 is National Haiku Day. Haiku, also known as hokku, is a poetry form from Japan. During the Heian period (700-1100), there was a social requirement to appreciate and recite poetry; therefore, making short forms of poetry popular. Originally, a haiku was divided into 17 mora (Japanese unit of syllable weight) in a single line. Because there is no equal of mora in the English language, three lines of 5 syllables - 7 syllables - 5 syllables make up the haiku format we know today. A syllable represents the unit(s) that make up a word, containing a vowel sound and usually one or more consonants. Get poetic and write your own haiku today. We would love to read them!



Literacy Fact

York University found that people who enjoyed reading fiction learned and developed their emotions alongside the characters whose stories they read. Reading therefore equips readers with greater emotional understanding and empathy.



Programs and Events

Strategic Tutoring

Thurs. May 2 @ 10 AM

Continue your tutor training at this one-hour Zoom meeting with OC Read staff and your fellow tutors. This month's topic is *Writing Worksheets*. We'll have an interactive session where we practice using a writing worksheet provided by the Southern California Library Literacy Network. This exercise is something we encourage you to use with your learner to get them excited about creative writing. Please have a piece of paper and a pencil handy. Sign up for 2024 Strategic Tutoring reminders with the following form. You do not need to sign up more than once to receive reminders: forms.office.com/g/CVqUHLg8Nt Meeting notes will be sent to attendees.

One-on-One Reassessments

By Appointment

OC Read staff will be reaching out to One-on-One program participants to schedule yearly reassessments! Reassessments will be available in-person and online. Learners who have just started tutoring in 2024 do not need to be reassessed.

Tutor Training on Demand

By Appointment

Tutors are welcome to revisit the foundations of the program in bespoke training sessions with OC Read staff. Training recaps OC Read's services, introduces basic adult reading theory, introduces the One-on-One curriculum, and explains the steps required for submitting monthly reports. Individualized refresher training is also available for Walk-in tutors. Contact the OC Read office to schedule your refresher training.

Device Advice

By Appointment

Technology help is available to all OC Read tutors and learners. If you have a tech question, call our office to schedule an appointment.

More Info

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READING PRACTICE

Read the article, "Medals for Paris Olympics Include Pieces of the Eiffel Tower" on *News For You*, then complete the following exercises for a full reading skills workout.

Article: <https://www.newsforyouonline.com/medals-for-paris-olympics-include-pieces-of-eiffel-tower>

Password: 0d1d44

EXERCISE

Pair work! Tutor and learner each read three numbers below. When it is your turn, read each number to your partner. Have them find and write down what the number represents in the story. Then it's your turn to find the answers as they read you the numbers. Check your work when you are finished.

First Partner: Read these numbers to your partner. They need to find what each number represents in the story.

135 _____

36,600 _____

2.5 million _____

Second Partner: Read these numbers to your partner. They need to find what each number represents in the story.

5,084 _____

1,083 _____

20 _____

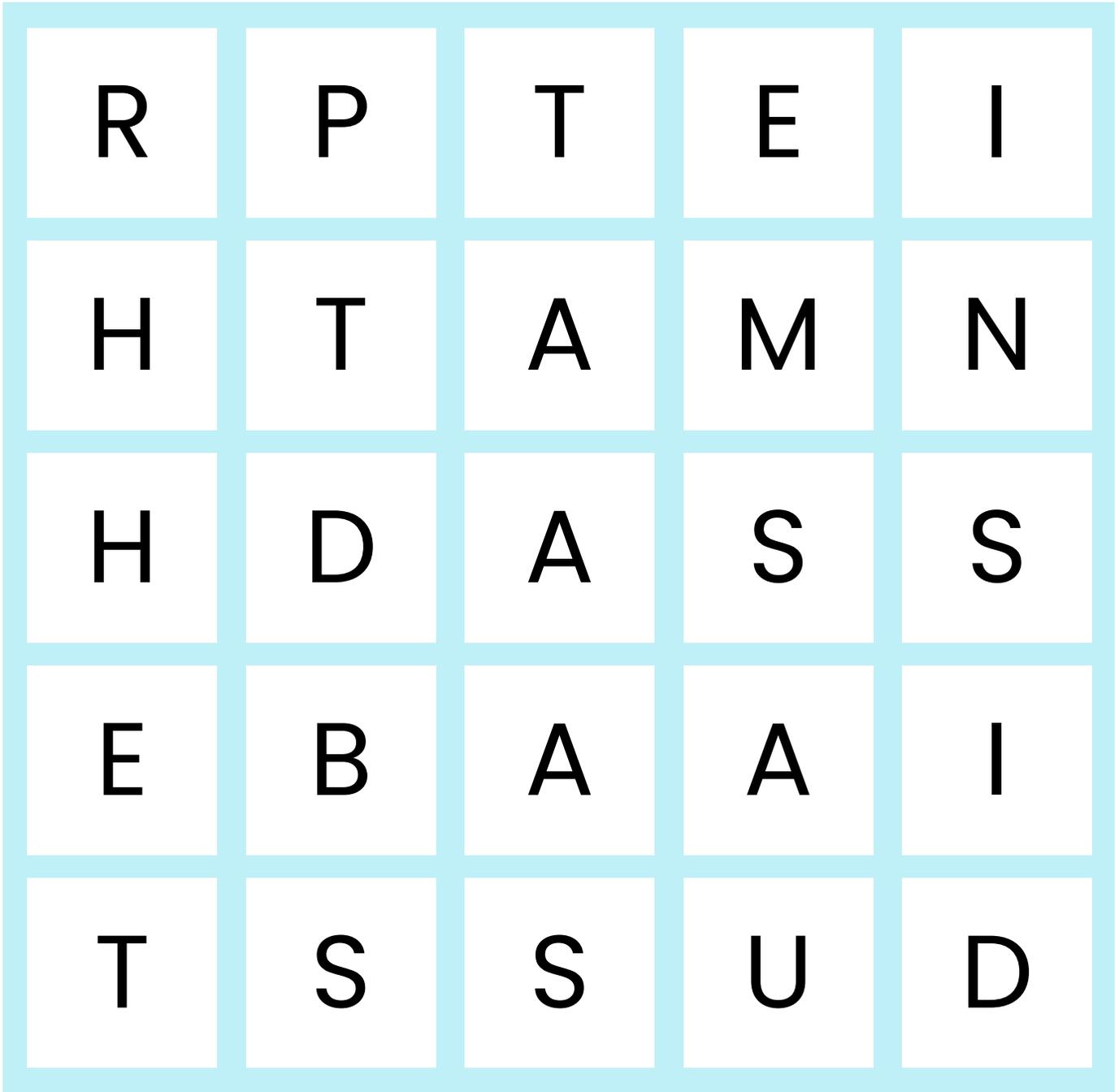
DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Have you ever been to Paris or the Eiffel Tower? Would you want to visit?

Do you know anyone who has been there?

What are some famous landmarks in your area?

SPELLING BOGGLE



How many words can you create?

Answer Keys & More

LAST MONTH'S NEWS FOR YOU ARTICLE

You were asked to write about a trip you have taken in the past, describing where you went, how you got there, and what you saw. An example of what you could have written is:

Last year, I visited the San Diego Zoo with a friend. We left early to avoid any traffic and drove down in my little red car. When we got to the zoo we immediately went to see the koalas. The koalas looked so peaceful resting under misters and soaking up the sun. I love their fluffy ears and their large noses!

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. Click on the image to see a list of all ESL conversation clubs.

