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## Henry the Adventurous Tooth

By Katie W., Grade 3

Henry was a tooth. He lived in a kid's mouth. The kid was named Larry. One dark and scary night, Henry was starting to wiggle and wasn't too sure about what was going on. Henry felt like screaming for help because it hurt a little. When Henry started to scream, all the other teeth said, "Hey we're trying to sleep here, man. Quit making all that racket!"

Henry said, "Why should I stop screaming? I'm wiggling and it hurts!"

The other teeth replied, "That happened to Alex once and we never saw him again. He must have gone on an adventure."

Just at that moment, an alarm went off. Larry, mumbled "The T.V. is warm....."

"Shh! Quit talking, everybody, or Larry will hear us! Do you want him to hear us? No!" said the Elder Tooth.

Henry said, "You're just trying to ridicule us (which means tease), aren't you?" "SHH!!" said Ed, the Elder Tooth.

This time they obeyed and even Henry listened. But then a terrible thing happened to Henry and without warning, he was yanked out of Larry's mouth, and fell through midair tumbling, flipping, flopping, crashing down to the furry carpet. Then he thought THIS is the end of me. But because his arms were up in the air he caught something squiggly and warm (which was a flake of dust). The window was open, and suddenly, Henry flew up and out, flying to the bright orange-pinkish-purple sunset. The more he held on, the more his hands started to slip.

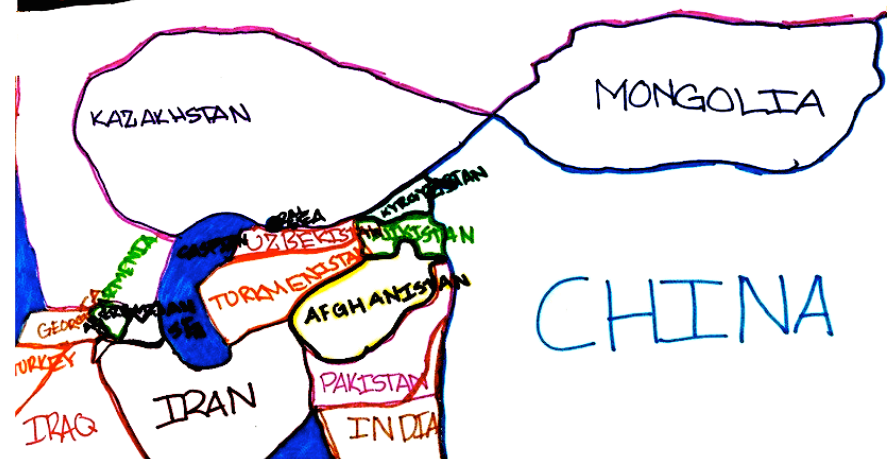
*Follow Henry's adventure throughout this edition...Continued on page 5!*

## Geography: Central Asia

Article and Map by Keefe I., 5th Grade



CENTRAL ASIA ± RUSSIA



Central Asia consists of 16 countries and a lot of "states." The major countries are Russia, China, Mongolia, Kazakhstan, and Iran. Russia has very architectural churches and great rural land in Siberia. China has many landmarks, a lot of fish, and big cities. Mongolia has deserts, and small tribes. Kazakhstan has farmland in the south. Iran has oil, deserts, and a variety of big and small cities, usually the big cities have the landmarks. In where Azerbaijan and Georgia are, they have a lot of ancient architecture, and old ruins of Russian towns. Where the Middle East meets Central Asia, oil is produced, and there is more Arabic and tribes than in Central Asia. Where Central Asia meets Southern Asia, there are more mountains, and Kashmir is up for leaders, either Pakistan or India will take it over. Where the heart of Central Asia is, Uzbekistan holds Samarkand, an ancient city in which Genghis Khan went through. Samarkand holds really middle-aged buildings with great food and architecture. In Kyrgyzstan and Tajikistan, there is a lot of rural land, and some pretty small towns. Where Afghanistan is, they have Kabul, which is interesting. People still wear traditional "burkas" which are covers in which women put over their face, and it covers all of the body except legs. Where China is, they have big cities, millions of people, not many nomadic tribes (unlike Mongolia), and a lot of landmarks. Central Asia is just one of the many cool places in the world.

*Use this report to help you with the Central Asia quiz on page 8.*

## *Shimmer and the Bubble Adventure, Part 2*

Written & Illustrated by Ellie U., Grade 3

Editor's Note: Be sure to read [Shimmer and the Bubble Adventure, Part 1](#) on our web site!

Ellie and her cats were at the market one morning. Dodo, with her good eyesight, spotted a wanted poster of a bat with red stingers and red eyes. The bat had ears like goblins and it had sharp claws. It was dark blue and had a tail like a lion. The cats exchanged excited looks. You see, the cats got into mischief a lot while Ellie was doing stuff. The excited cats ran as fast as they could back home. Ellie didn't even notice! Sky picked the lock to her home with her tail. Then the cats ran in and Dodo, with her tiny paws opened Ellie's laptop and Dodo was small enough to type on Google: "Bat on wanted poster." A window popped up that said "Scientists Find Prehistoric Bats." Immediately Dodo clicked on the window. It showed a picture of the same bat on the wanted poster. They exchanged excited looks once again. They ran out of the house and Sky almost forgot to lock the lock again.

"Let's look in the desert," said Pinky, "When Ellie and I were watching T.V., a channel popped up about dinosaurs. It said that most dinosaur bones were in the desert." Then the cats all jumped up on Sky's back and Sky ran to the airport. Dodo was at the top, and she saw a blue thing hovering over her. It looked sort of like a blue swirly portal. Before she could get down or say anything about it, Dodo was falling head first into New York! A delicious looking taco was just walking under her and caught her. The big taco said "Hi, little kitten." Then he said, "Wait a minute...kitten!?" Immediately, the taco dropped Dodo and screamed.

"Wait," said Dodo. "I won't hurt you."

Then the taco said, "Ok. My name is Taco."

"I can see why," said Dodo, "My name is Dodo" and they shook hands.

Just at that moment, Shimmer pulled Dodo out of the portal bringing Taco with her. By the time they got to the airport, the plane to the desert had already taken off. They saw a big colorful hot air balloon and the cats exchanged excited looks again. They all hopped into the hot air balloon and dragged Taco with them.

After Dodo told them how she met Taco, Sky said, "What's the use of having a talking Taco with us!?" Sky stomped, sending Taco falling off the balloon. *(To be continued...)*



### Who's Taco???

It seems that our characters can't keep to their own stories. Read more about Taco, who originally appeared in two stories by Katie W.:

**The Flying Taco**  
([edisonlightbulb.edublogs.org/2012/05/07/the-flying-taco/](http://edisonlightbulb.edublogs.org/2012/05/07/the-flying-taco/))

**The Flying Taco, Part 2**  
([edisonlightbulb.edublogs.org/2012/09/26/the-flying-taco-part-2/](http://edisonlightbulb.edublogs.org/2012/09/26/the-flying-taco-part-2/))



## Christmas and New Years in Japan

By Sarah S. Grade 3



Image from punahoujapoki.blogspot.com

I was in Japan for Christmas. In Japan, Christmas is not a big family thing. Still, there are a lot of decorations outside and in the malls. Some families give gifts to their children on Christmas. In the bakeries there are special Christmas cakes that have lots of frosting on them. Some people eat the cake on Christmas Eve. Many people eat Kentucky Fried Chicken for Christmas! One week after Christmas is New Years and that's the time aunts, uncles, grandparents and parents give money to the kids in little special envelopes. Each envelope may have \$30, \$50, \$100 or more in it! Relatives get together and have special meals. In the stores, a little before New Years, they sell special surprise bags for about \$10 each. You can't pick what's inside them. In my bag there were stamps, Legos, mini kites, notebooks, silly bands, and scrunches. My cousins and I got 3 bags and traded the stuff inside it. My favorite part is the Christmas lights. And that's a regular Christmas and New Year in Japan.

Happy Winter!

## Plane Spotting

By James W., Grade 5

Do you want to see a plane landing right over your head? Well, if you do then read on. In St Martin, which is in the Caribbean, planes fly in around 10-15 feet above you. It's a perfect place to take pictures of planes. (Don't try to touch the plane.) But it's not over yet. That's just the landing. When the planes take off there's a fence you can hang on to. When the planes take off you're in for the ride of your life. There's rocks flying at your face at 60 mph! It sounds scary but I'm going there I'll tell you more when I get back!



This is a Boeing 747 (from jetphotos.net)



A map showing St. Martins  
(from operationworld.org)



But don't do stupid stuff you could regret it.  
(from nycaviation.com)



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# Interviews



Tom Horn, Edison Principal



Carrie Ann Naumoff,  
5<sup>th</sup> Grade Teacher



John Benson,  
3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Teacher



Rose Turtura, Secretary

## What Do You Know about Tom and his Co-workers?

Interviews and Photos by Avery M. and Natalie H. 5<sup>th</sup> Grade

Have you ever wanted to know more about our principal Tom Horn or his co-workers? Well, we did, so we decided to interview him and also fifth grade teacher Carrie Ann, Rose the secretary (and sometimes nurse!) and John, one of the third grade teachers. We wondered if some of them might have similar answers to the same questions. Can you find any answers that are the same?

**Q: What do you do on your free time?**

*Carrie Ann: I read, garden, go outside, and play with my two cats, Sage and Piper.*

*Rose: I visit my grandchildren, walk dogs and work in the yard.*

*John: I go to Duck games, read, and I go to concerts.*

*Tom: I surf, hangout with Chloe and Ella, make music with my guitar, and I'm a bee keeper.*

**Q: If you could invent anything what would it be?**

*Carrie Ann: A grader so I don't have to grade papers.*

*Rose: I would invent a cure for cancer and other diseases.*

*John: I would make shoes so short people can dunk a basket.*

*Tom: A hover board.*

**Q: What did you do before you were a teacher?**

*Carrie Ann: I went up to the woods and planted trees.*

*Rose: I was a mom and a gardener.*

*John: I was a checker at the grocer store.*

*Tom: I was a bread baker.*

**Q: What's your favorite children author?**

*Carrie Ann: Lois Lowry.*

*Rose: E.B. White.*

*John: Roald Dahl.*

**Q: What's your favorite home-cooked meal?**

*Carrie Ann: Indian food.*

*Rose: Grilled shrimp.*

*John: A big fat deli sandwich, with a smoothie.*

*Tom: Lasagna.*

**Q: If you could have any job in the world besides what you are, what would you do?**

*Carrie Ann: Marine Biologist*

*Rose: I would be a CEO of a rich company so I would earn millions every year.*

*John: I would be a helicopter pilot.*





Image: kidsports.org

## An Interview with Bev Smith *By Jordan L. 4th grade*

Bev Smith was a famous basketball player and coach. She played for the U of O and went to the Olympics. I had a chance to interview her. In this interview you will hear her feelings about events and at the bottom there will be advice for kids who want to get better at sports.

When Bev was a kid she lived in Canada and played sports all year long including hockey, basketball, softball, and soccer. Her family liked playing sports together. There was not a lot of organized sports so kids played sports on their own. Bev wanted to play hockey, but they did not have hockey teams for girls back then and her mom wanted her to play a more ladylike sport. Who knew a famous basketball player wanted to play hockey! Bev watched her older sister play basketball.

She saw how fun it looked to be part of a team and wanted to be part of that. She joined the basketball team because she loved the social aspect of playing with friends.

Bev said that attending the University of Oregon changed her life, both getting her college degree and being on the basketball team. She has very special memories of the great crowds cheering for her team at games. It was hard for her to describe being in the Olympics where everyone is a champion. She worked so hard to get there and was trying to do her best, but also wanted to watch the other athletes who were the best in the world. In 1984 they came in 4th place and they did not do very well in the 1996 Olympics. At the time that was disappointing, but now she looks back on how special it was to even be at the Olympic level.

Bev loves this quote: To play the game is good, to win the game is better, but to love the game is the best. Some of her favorite memories are of being with her team and having to face challenges and get through them. For example, when they were trying to qualify for the 1984 Olympics, Bev was recovering from a knee injury and her team was very supportive. Bev admits that she loves playing even more than coaching, but she also enjoys coaching because she watches how much fun us kids have and sees that we have a lot to teach her as well.

Bev thinks that sports are important for kids because kids get to make their own decisions. Sometimes they are successful and sometimes they are not and either way they learn a lot. You are challenged in both ways and can learn in both ways. She also thinks kids need to be active and release energy so you can focus better in the classroom. She also thinks "it is just fun to move your body with other people."

Bev's advice for kids who want to improve at sports: You have to love what you do and do what you love. You should go for it and don't let anyone tell you that you can't do it. Focus on practicing just like you study for school. Enjoy it and don't worry about whether you win or lose, just worry about giving it your best. Sports and life don't ask you to be your best, they just ask you to give your best.

A really cool thing about Bev is that she is right here in Eugene and she coaches my basketball team! She does it very well and I am thankful that I have such a close relationship with her. A shout out to my basketball team, the Gray Wolves.

### **Henry...** *Continued from page 1*

"EEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEK!" screeched a bat nearby. Henry was so scared, he let go of the dust and fell.

"Caw! Caw caw!" said a crow, scooping up Henry.

"W-who a-are y-you?" said Henry.

"Cedar. Anyway *you* should be at the *Tooth fairy's house*," replied that crow who saved him.

"May I please live with you? Please?" said Henry desperately.

"OK," said Cedar.

Together they flew, higher and higher, and finally, they were in the crow's nest.

"Ouch! *This* nest is prickly!" said Henry as a twig poked him.

"Oh, I'll gather some moss and other soft things," said Cedar happily. Henry was so glad he would not be poked by twigs. He couldn't stop thanking Cedar.

In about 5 minutes Cedar came back. You know when you're really excited, right? Well that's how Henry felt.

"HOORAY! YIPPY!" said Henry joyfully.

"Here's your bed, and there's the carpet," said Cedar who was laying down.

"Thank you!" said Henry happily. Cedar did not reply. Calming down, Henry said "Are you OK?" But before she could answer, there was a 'popping' noise underneath Cedar!

"I'm laying eggs!" said Cedar excitedly. When Cedar stood up, 5 eggs were where she was sitting! On Sunday, at noon, one by one, the chicks came out of the eggs. Henry was stepping back but then, Henry fell off of the nest! When Cedar looked back, Henry was nowhere to be found! ...*Continued on page 10*



## Scratch Programming

By Megan G., Grade 4



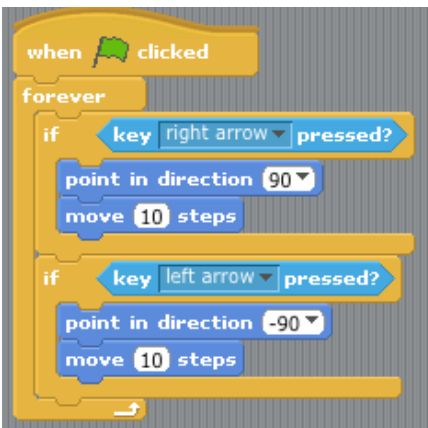
This is what the game looks like.  
Screenshot from Megan's family.

What is *Programming*? Furthermore what is *Scratch Programming*? Programming is commands put together to form software. In this case for Scratch, you could make: games, mazes and quizzes. Though Scratch is not meant to do complicated quizzes you still can do them. There are many different

programming languages, and Scratch is one of them, a beginner app. The things you can do on Scratch are a little limited but there's a lot of color blocks that help you to build different programs. Each block has a specific command, like there's a block that says 'move' which you can use to tell the sprite (the object you want to control) to move as many steps as you say.

I *love* Scratch, and am presently working on an OBOB\* Quiz which I will be talking about. I have a link to my game below for you to play! My OBOB game has a narrator (Jacinta) who asks questions and me (Megan) to play against for the main sprites. The narrator asks Megan a question first. Then you have to answer. She picks an answer, the percent of a correct answer is chosen from the level you chose at the beginning of the game. Next it will be your turn! You do not have to answer the IWB questions with the author name and if you don't answer the question correctly then the question bounces over to the other competitor. Each person has 4 questions to answer. If you visit the Scratch web site, you can try my game ([scratch.mit.edu/projects/HoodooGirl/3116569](http://scratch.mit.edu/projects/HoodooGirl/3116569)).

I am also (right now) working on a game called *Mort's\*\* Game*. For Christmas I got a *Scratch* programming book that helps me learn more about how to program and also think of ideas for games! The OBOB game was not made from the book because the book is a beginner book and the OBOB game is more advanced. But I have made various games from the book. They are named: *A Space Odyssey*, *the Louvre*, *Hack Attack*, *Rio Shoot-Out*, *Desert Rally Race*, and *Escape the Maze*.



This is some simple code I made.  
Screenshot from Megan's family.

If you would like to see a simple program from *Scratch*, I have included a picture!

This code is a program you could put together to make a sprite move. There are many ways to do this, but this is a way to program a sprite to move left or right (after the green flag is pressed) by pressing the right or left key. This is saying when the green flag is clicked forever it will check if the player has pressed the left or right key. If so, it will point in the direction of the key (right is 90, left is -90, up is 0 and down is 180) and move ten steps.

\* OBOB. stands for Oregon Battle of the Books.

There are 16 good books chosen by librarians. If schools choose to do OBOB, then teams chosen by the kids will compete. The best ranked team will move on to the regionals."

\*\* Mort is a character in the Madagascar movies and he is a mouse lemur.



This is what some of the code for the OBOB game looks like.  
Screenshot from Megan's family.

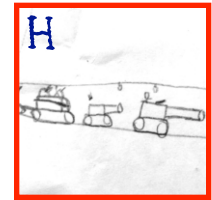
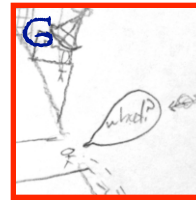
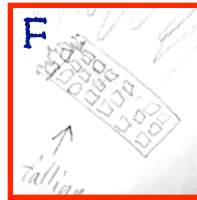
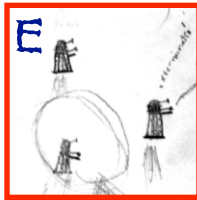
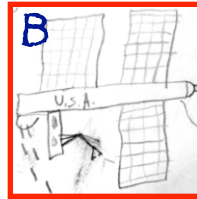
ALEX'S  
TECH  
BYTES

By Alex K., 4<sup>th</sup> Grade

Terminal is a like a heart or brain for the computer. When you type "say" into terminal, you can hit return and then type whatever you want. Then, hit return again and the terminal will say the words that you typed. They sound like a girl computer voice.



This is four pages of a really weird nine-page drawing that Alesh and I made together. It took us about an hour or two a day for about five days. Try to find where the close ups fit in this picture and have fun!!! The answers are on page 8.



## DOGS: HOW MUCH DO YOU KNOW ABOUT THEM?

By Jordan L. & Lea F., 4th Grade

How much do you know about man's best friend? You can find out by taking this quiz. We hope you learn a lot! There are answers at the end of the page. Let's get started!

1. Which is the **biggest** dog breed?

- a. great dane
- b. golden retriever
- c. newfoundland
- d. mastiff

2. Which dog breed is the **smallest**?

- a. pug
- b. chihuahua
- c. yorkshire terrier
- d. toy poodle

3. Which is the **slowest** dog breed?

- a. pekingese
- b. dachshund
- c. pug
- d. vizla

4. Which is the **fastest** dog breed?

- a. greyhound
- b. whippet
- c. border collie
- d. vizla

5. Which of these breeds is **not** a lap dog?

- a. yorkshie terrier
- b. maltese
- c. toy poodle
- d. bichon frise

6. Which of these breeds is a **herding** dog?

- a. australian shepard
- b. welch corgi
- c. black tailed collie
- d. golden retriever

7. Which dog breed is the **least** intelligent?

- a. papillion
- b. beagle
- c. doberman pincher
- d. maltese

8. Which dog breed is **best** with babies?

- a. poodle
- b. labrador retriever
- c. golden retriever
- d. red necked cattle dog



Image from: K9katellynn.com

### Weirdest Drawing Answers

Here's where you can find the close ups from the Weirdest Drawing on page 7:



### Central Asia Quiz

Use the report on page 1 to help you with this quiz:

1. In what country do women still wear traditional burkas?
2. In what country does the ancient city, Samarkand, live?
3. In what country has a lot of nomadic tribes?
4. In what countries are Russian ruins found?

**Dog Quiz**  
Answers:  
Id 2b 3a 4a  
5c 6a 7b 8c

**Central Asia**  
Quiz Answers:  
1. Afghanistan  
2. Uzbekistan  
3. Mongolia  
4. Georgia & Azerbaijan



## FOOD DUDE

By Alesh F.,  
Grade 4

### Words

french fries

hot dog

chicken

hamburger

soda

jellybeans

root beer

beef

J	E	L	L	Y	B	E	A	N	S	S
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## 4 Amazing Facts

1. Instead of money, a cash machine in Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates, dispenses 24-karat gold bars and coins.
2. Dazzled with 300,000 crystals, a Mercedes Benz is worth \$1 million
3. Traffic lights were invented before cars.
4. By measuring brain activity, a device called MineSet allows you to control video games with your thoughts.

These facts came from the National Geographic [Ultimate Weird but True](#). I totally recommend this book. It's full of great facts.

By Alesh F., 4<sup>th</sup> Grade



Image from: [dailynewsdig.com](http://dailynewsdig.com)

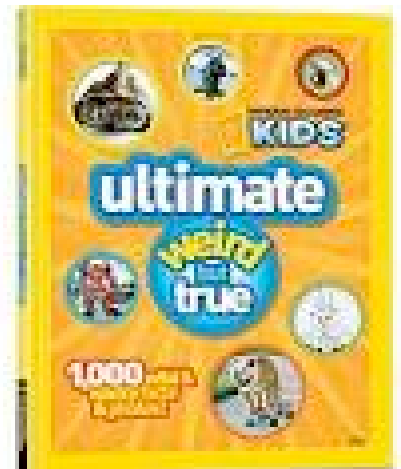
## THE DUBSTEP!

By Alex K., 4<sup>th</sup> Grade

Dubstep is a type of electronic music and many cool people think it's the best electronic music in the world! I thought that dubstep was the last name of a great electronic music composer, but it's not. Some people like it and some people don't like it. One dubstep composer is **Doctor P**, who I really like! **Doctor P** composed a song called "Sweet Shop," and it's broadcasted to the whole world!!!!

[playlist.com/search/Sweet+Shop#a/r\\_02/8mr/](http://playlist.com/search/Sweet+Shop#a/r_02/8mr/) - you can listen to any type of music on playlist.com. This is a link to "Sweet Shop" by **Doctor P**.

**KDUK (kduk.com or 104.7 FM)**  
- This is a radio station where you can listen to music or find out about music, including Dubstep.



[indiebound.org](http://indiebound.org)

# The Last Word

## Henry... Continued from page 5

"Henry!" yelled Cedar.  
"I'm down here!" said Henry, talking from a far away cave.  
"What are you doing?!" yelled Cedar.  
"Living, what else do you think I'd be doing, hm?" replied Henry.  
"I'll say no more." said Cedar sighing.  
"Good-bye Henry."  
"There's no good-bye and there's plenty enough room and there's a bunch of worms, and 30 rooms too!" said Henry.  
"Caw! But it's dirty!" said Cedar.  
"Never mind that! I'll clean up! Here! Take these!" Henry said happily.  
"Don't read them, it's a surprise!"  
"Uh, OK." said Cedar. When Cedar came back, she had 15 crows behind her.  
"Hello! There are dances, feasts, and a make your own ice cream sundae station. Please enjoy the party." said Henry happily.  
"OK," said the 15 crows and then they started to party. One crow went to the make your own ice cream sundae station. One crow put almonds, chocolate sauce and every single color of sprinkle that exists. Five other crows played Hot Potato together, four crows formed a circle and sang and danced to the music and five helped themselves to seasoned herbs and seeds. When everyone left, Henry thought, *how will I go from place to place? I can't ride Cedar because I'm afraid of heights, I can't walk on foot, so maybe I should ask Cedar.*  
"Hey, Cedar! How do I go places?" Henry asked.  
Cedar asked "Are you afraid of heights?"  
"Yes. I am," said Henry.  
"Jump onto my back." said Cedar.  
As soon as he jumped on, Cedar took off. Henry was now not afraid of heights. Henry stayed with Cedar, and everyone was happy.

~ The End ~

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