

Sylfonia

Sylfonia is a magical land unlike any other, filled with vibrant colours and magical creatures. The air is thick with the scent of exotic flowers, and the trees are taller than any building you could ever imagine. The land is ruled by a powerful, ancient fairy queen named Fae who could make your dreams come true. With the wave of her hand, Sylfonia would transform from a beautiful valley into a sparkling city with glass towers that touched the clouds. Sylfonia was filled with mystical creatures, too. There were beautiful unicorns with velvet coats that shone in the sunlight and majestic dragons that flew high in the sky, blazing a trail of fire behind them as they roamed the land.

The waters of Sylfonia were just as beautiful as its forests and valleys. The rivers and streams shimmered like diamonds. The sea was electric blue and sparkled as waves crashed against the shore. The fish were rainbow-coloured and would swim close to the shore, allowing the children of Sylfonia to run and play with them.

This mystical land was a place of magic and wonder. The children of Sylfonia believed that anything was possible in their colourful, magical world, and they were right.



1 'The land is ruled by a powerful, ancient fairy queen named Fae...'

Give **two** reasons why Fae might be considered powerful.

1. she could make dreams come true
2. she was able to transform the land

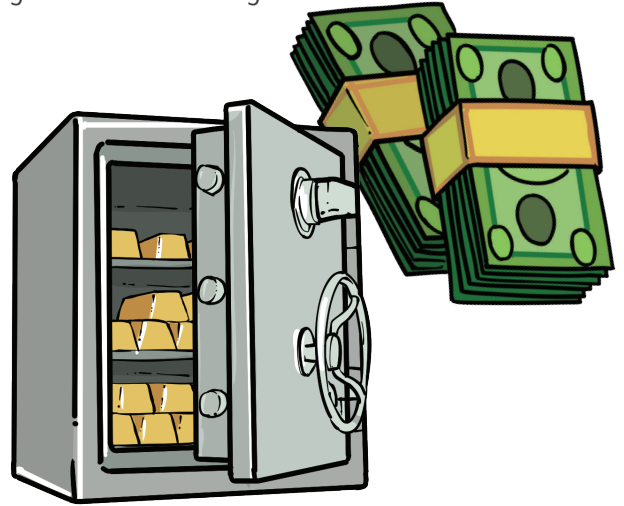


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The UK Economy

The UK economy is one of the strongest in the world. It includes many different industries, like farming, manufacturing and banking. This means there are lots of different jobs available for people, and many opportunities to start businesses and create new products. The economy also helps to fund important services like healthcare and education, which benefit everyone in the country.

A strong economy can bring many benefits to people's lives. When the economy is doing well, businesses can make more money, which means they can hire more workers and pay them better wages. This can help to reduce poverty and improve people's standard of living. A strong economy can also lead to more innovation and technology, which can create new products and make our lives easier and more enjoyable. Overall, the UK economy is an important part of our lives, and it can bring many positive changes to our society.



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'A strong economy can bring many benefits to people's lives.'

Give **two** reasons how a strong economy can benefit **businesses**.

1. they make more money
2. expand or hire more staff



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Break time!

Dear Headteacher,

I am writing to you today to request an additional break time for the Year 6 students at our school. As you know, Year 6 is a crucial time for our students as they prepare for their upcoming SATs exams, which can be a very stressful time for them. With so much pressure on them to perform well, they often attend additional learning after school as well as during lunch times. This can make them feel overwhelmed and exhausted by the end of the day. I believe that an extra break time during the day could be of great benefit to these students. It would give them a chance to refresh their minds and bodies, allowing them to focus better during class and to perform better in their exams.

As a teacher who cares deeply about the well-being and academic success of my students, I believe that this additional break time could make a real difference in their lives. I hope that you will consider my request and take action to support our Year 6 students during this crucial time.



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Give **two** reasons why Year 6 students might feel ‘stressed’.

1. upcoming SATs exams
2. the additional work completed in order to prepare for their exams



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Ronaldo

Cristiano Ronaldo is a Portuguese professional footballer who was born on February 5, 1985, in Madeira Portugal. Ronaldo began playing football at a young age and became famous for his incredible skills on the field.

He has played for some of the world's most famous football clubs, including Manchester United, Real Madrid and Juventus. Ronaldo is often considered one of the best soccer players in history. He has won numerous awards, including multiple Ballons d'Or. In addition to success on the football pitch, Ronaldo is also known for his philanthropy and is a UNICEF Goodwill Ambassador. Through his charity work and his incredible football skills, Ronaldo has become a hero to many people around the world.



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'...Ronaldo has become a hero to many people around the world.'

Give **two** reasons why Ronaldo might be considered a hero.

1. his significant contributions to charity

2. his football skills



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Autumn

Sophie woke up to the sound of birds chirping outside her window. She rubbed her eyes and stretched her arms before getting out of bed. As she walked towards the window, she noticed that the sky was cloudy, and there was a chill in the air. She decided to put on her favourite sweater and go for a walk in the park.

Sophie walked along the path and noticed that the leaves on the trees were turning yellow and red. She kicked some fallen leaves and watched them scatter across the ground. As she walked deeper into the park, she noticed that the air smelled like smoke. She looked around and saw a small bonfire in the distance. She wondered who could have lit it, as it was still early in the morning.



5 The title of the story is Autumn.

Give **two** ways in which the season is suggested while Sophie is walking.

1. the leaves have changed colour
2. the leaves had fallen from the trees



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Grief

Lily had been feeling down for a while. She missed her grandma, who had passed away a few months ago. Whenever she thought about her, she felt a lump form in her throat and tears prick at the corners of her eyes. Lily's mum tried to cheer her up by taking her to the park and buying her favourite ice cream, but nothing seemed to work.

One day, Lily's mum found her sitting on the couch, staring blankly at the TV. She had been like this for a while, and her mum knew something was wrong. Lily's mum sat next to her and asked if she wanted to talk about it. Lily nodded and told her how much she missed her grandma. Her mum held her close and listened as Lily cried. It was then that her mum knew that Lily needed some time to grieve and that it was okay to feel sad.



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'Lily needed some time to grieve...'

Give **two** reasons why Lily's mum knew that she needed time to grieve.

1. she got upset when she thought of her grandma

2. she sat staring at the TV



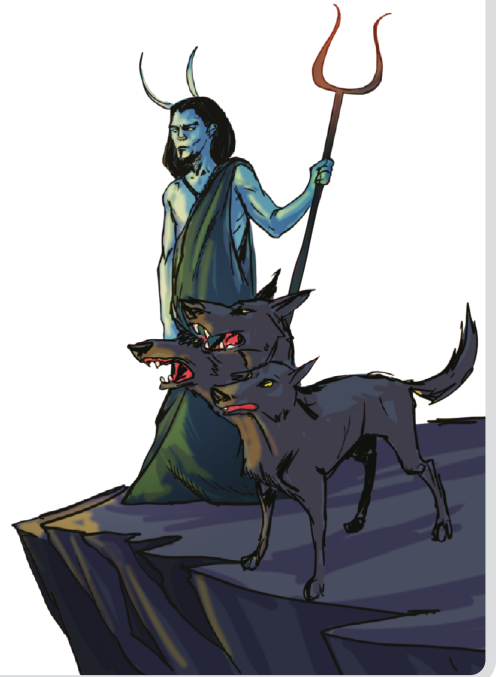
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Land of the Dead

Far from civilisation ... across the outer limits of the ocean... onwards to Earth's furthest periphery, there is an otherworldly realm known as the House of Hades. It is a paranormal location where no mortal wishes to visit... yet... when the last breaths of life dwindle, it lies patiently waiting to receive everyone's separated spirit. Reaching down an ethereal hand to claim a lock of hair from a cooling temple, Thanatos – god of death – permits the journey to begin.

What lies in wait on this final voyage? Functioning as a barrier between the Overworld and the beyond, a circle of five rivers swirl like menacing ribbons, awaiting their next guest. Each is respected and feared in equal measure for its unique character – a symbol of its associated god. Where the waterways converge, a vast, untamed marsh sprawls.

Like a nightmare, an ominous sense of foreboding descends: a suffocating layer of algae makes discerning land from water impossible; shrouding the view ahead, a wispy veil of fog curls over the gurgling surface; knitted tangles of reeds choke and darken the depths. This dark mirror into the afterlife swallows the past... refuses to reflect the present... drowns all hope of a future.



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'Each is respected and feared in equal measure...'

Give **two** reasons why the five rivers are respected and feared.

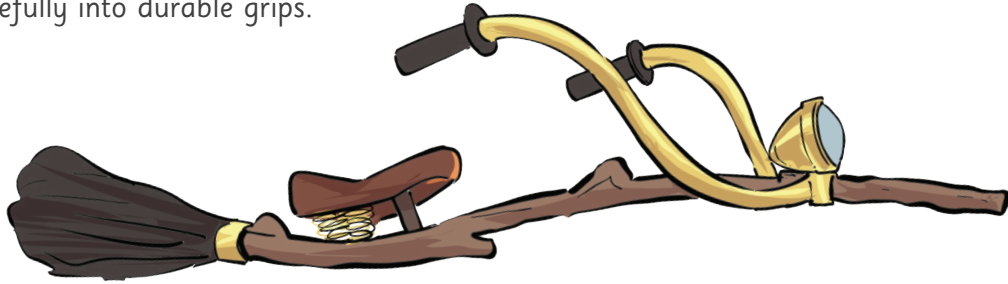
1. where they meet, they are very strong
2. they behave differently, like each of the gods they represent



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Retro ZX5

Who wants to fly with the crowd when you can levitate in style? Sorcerers' Sweepers stock an unbeatable assortment of brooms; you're sure to find exactly what you require. Whilst some flying brushes are perfectly suited to laquitch competitions, others befit the 'wizard-about-town image'. As a discerning customer, you'll be looking for something refined, classical and characterful. The voice activated Retro ZX5 is just the broom for you! The chrome detailing tastefully complements the vintage style handlebars that sweep gracefully into durable grips.



For maximum comfort, the leather seat is cushion sprung and the lightweight frame is finished to the highest standard: no blisters here! This nostalgic, novelty vehicle is even equipped with a useful headlamp; although, you're sure to dazzle your admiring crowds without the aid of a spotlight!

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'...although, you're sure to dazzle your admiring crowds without the aid of a spotlight!'

Give **two** reasons why the Retro ZX5 might 'dazzle your admiring crowds'?

1. its stylish features / voice activation

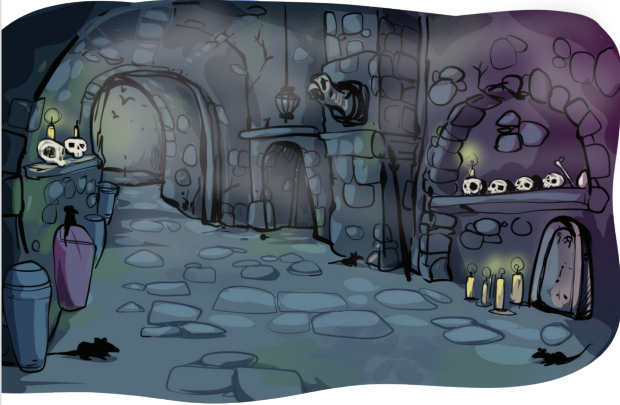
2. how comfortable it is



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Haunted Mansion

It was a dark and stormy night when I decided to explore the abandoned mansion on Mount Hill. As I walked through the creaky old door, I couldn't help but feel as though someone, or something, was watching me. Suddenly, a chilling wind blew through the open door, making me shiver with fear.



I heard noises coming from upstairs, so I crept up the stairs to investigate. As I reached the top of the staircase, I was met with an eerie figure looming in front of me. Its eyes glowed bright red as it let out ear-splitting scream.

I ran as fast as I could back down the stairs, but I couldn't shake the feeling of being followed. From that moment on, I knew the mansion was no place for someone like me.

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'...I couldn't shake the feeling of being followed.'

Give **two** reasons why the feeling of being followed remained, even when the explorer left the house.

1. several things had scared them inside the house
2. they were still scared, even though they had left the house



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Fair Trade

Fair trade is a system that aims to improve the lives of farmers and workers in developing countries. In many places, people who grow crops or make products are paid very little for their hard work, which makes it difficult for them to support themselves and their families. Fair trade helps to address this by ensuring that these workers are paid a fair price for their goods and services. This means that they can earn a decent income and have better access to healthcare, education, and other essential services.



In addition to providing fair wages, fair trade also promotes sustainable and environmentally friendly practices. For example, fair trade farmers are encouraged to use organic farming methods and avoid harmful pesticides and chemicals. This helps to protect the environment and ensures that future generations will be able to continue farming and producing goods. By supporting fair trade, we can help to create a more equitable and sustainable world, where everyone has the opportunity to thrive.

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‘By supporting fair trade, we can help to create a more equitable and sustainable world...’

Give two ways in which fair trade helps to promote ‘a more equitable and sustainable world’?

1. ensures farmers are paid appropriately for their goods
2. promotes organic and more sustainable farming



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