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Teacher/Parent Resources



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Insider

What It's Like to Speak an Isolated Language: A Strong Nation Is Rising to the Challenge

This month, OWL readers learn about the Haida language, which is spoken by some Indigenous Peoples on the islands of Haida Gwaii and beyond. Read the article and then answer or discuss the following questions:

Discussion Questions

1. What are some of the reasons languages become at risk of extinction?
2. What role does colonization play in putting languages at risk?
3. What do you think is lost when a language dies off?
4. Why might an oral language be at greater risk of extinction than a written one?
5. Do you think at-risk languages can be saved? Can you think of ideas for saving at-risk languages?

Follow-up Activities

Research to find three other at-risk languages and roughly plot them on a world map. How many speakers does each language have? What are people doing to preserve those languages? How many of the languages are Indigenous?

Classroom Connections: Language Arts: reading comprehension; understanding informational text; Social Studies: heritage and identity; Indigenous cultures; communications and languages; ethics





Picture This Ride the Wave!

Look closely at this month's Picture This photo and answer the following questions:

- What do you see in the photo?
- How does this picture make you feel?
- What do you think it would take to capture a photo like this one?

Photography is a great form of personal expression. Once you've examined and discussed the photo, take a picture of something that catches your eye. Your shot should be creative and meaningful, and it should represent something to you. Then explain your photo and write a short paragraph about its meaning and context.

Follow-up Activity

1. Research the art of photography in books, online, and in YouTube videos. Take some time over the summer to practise your skills by shooting from different angles or perspectives, and playing with lighting.
2. Send us your photos! We may print them in the magazine or online: owl@owlkids.com

Classroom Connections: Visual Arts: photography, artistic perception, creative expression; Language Arts: writing





Snapshot Ride On!

This month's Snapshot rolls into the world of bicycles. Read the article, then answer the questions in the reader response below.

1. What makes fat tire bikes a good choice for winter cycling?

2. How did the penny-farthing bicycle get its name?

3. What is a handcycle?





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4. How are e-bikes a great way to get more out of a cycling journey?

5. What's special about a Reuleaux polygon?

Follow-up Activity

Check out Guan Biahua's unusual bicycle in action here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ebRI4kFmR7U>

Why do you think he decided to build it? What do you think he discovered?

Classroom Connections:

Language Arts: reading comprehension; understanding informational text

Science: technology; structure and function; inventions

Physical Education

