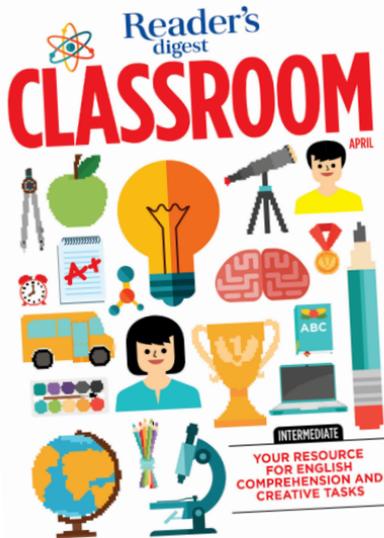


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ANSWERS FOR 'MIGHTY MONARCH' (PAGE 38)

1. What is significant about April 21, 2016?

It is the day on which Queen Elizabeth II celebrates her ninetieth birthday.

2. When and where was Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II officially crowned Queen?

Though Her Majesty became Queen immediately upon the death of her father, King George VI, on 6 February 1952, she wasn't officially crowned Queen until June 1953 during her Coronation at Westminster Abbey.

3. Does the Queen have a passport? Why or why not?

Though the Queen frequently travels and visits other countries she does not need a passport. This is because all British passports are issued in her name, so it wouldn't make sense for her to grant herself a passport.

4. Why was September 9, 2015, an important date? After this date, who became the second-longest reigning British monarch? And how is she related to Elizabeth II

This was the date when Queen Elizabeth II became the longest-reigning British monarch in history. Before this day, Queen Victoria held the record for being the longest-reigning British monarch. Queen Victoria is Queen Elizabeth's great-great grandmother.

ACTIVITY The article refers to the Commonwealth throughout. What is the Commonwealth, which countries are involved and what is the Queen's connection to it? To help you research and answer the question, use books, the internet and any other materials. Write down your findings and share them with someone else.

Use your own knowledge and the article to answer this question, but feel free to research the topic further to enhance your understanding. Award yourself a point for each of the following facts covered in your answer. The Commonwealth, known officially as The Commonwealth of Nations, is a voluntary

association of 53 independent and sovereign states with a population of more than 2 billion people worldwide. Except for two countries (Mozambique and Rwanda), they were formerly colonies of the British Empire, and share this common history. As the reigning head of state of the United Kingdom, Queen Elizabeth II is the Head of the Commonwealth. Despite big cultural and geographical differences, Commonwealth countries are united by a shared commitment to the values of democracy, good governance, world peace, liberty, human rights, equality and free trade. Among the Commonwealth nations are Singapore, Malaysia, Canada, Australia, New Zealand, Papua New Guinea, Kenya, India and Sierra Leone.

ANSWERS FOR 'INSTANT ANSWERS: RETROFUTURISM' (PAGE 76)

1. What is retrofuturism?

Retrofuturism looks to the past to see how people imagined the world would be decades or centuries into the future.

2. How are 'steampunk' and 'retrofuturism' different?

Though there is a crossover with these two terms, steampunk refers to a more Victorian style or trend, while retrofuturism concentrates on aesthetics and philosophies based in the period from the 1920s to the 1950s.

3. Is Disneyland's Tomorrowland an example of retrofuturism? Why or why not?

Disney's Tomorrowland is a perfect example of retrofuturism. When Tomorrowland was built in 1955, it was a carefully imagined vision of what the future (originally 1986) would look like. Some of the park's ideas (the Space Race, easy international communication) have come true. The mid-20th century 'space age' look of Tomorrowland is classic Retrofuturism.

4. Give three other examples of retrofuturism from the article.

You can choose any three of the following: *The Jetsons* (TV

show), *Fallout 4* (video game), *Sky Captain and The World of Tomorrow* (film), *Tomorrowland* (film).

ACTIVITY Technology is always changing. What are your predictions for the future? How might a TV, car or family home look and work in 20 years? Pick a common object, such as one of the previous examples, and give your predictions of what it will be like in the future. Or invent a new object that could be useful in our daily lives. Draw a picture of your idea and write a paragraph to explain your thoughts.

There is no wrong answer for this task. You are encouraged to be as creative and imaginative as you like! Give yourself full points if you drew and wrote down your ideas, and additional bonus points if you spent time practically considering the likelihood of your vision of the future working and what may help it along or stand in its way.

If you are particularly proud of your work, we'd love to hear from you. Turn to page 6 of the magazine for how to contact the editorial team.

ANSWERS FOR 'THE SECRET LIVES OF PASSWORDS' (PAGE 84)

1. The attack on the World Trade Center was a tragic event. But it caused an additional problem for Howard Lutnick, chairman and CEO of Cantor Fitzgerald. What was this problem?

Six hundred and fifty-eight of the company's 960 employees died during the attack. The fact that such a big proportion of the company's workforce died all at once created a big problem for the company because these people's passwords were not known and were lost when they died. The passwords were needed to access important files, accounts and projects, and to keep the company functioning.

2. What two facts did the Microsoft technicians use to try and figure out workers' passwords? How long did it take them?

They took advantage of two facts: many people use the same

password for multiple accounts, and passwords are typically personalised, and so can often be guessed or figured out by learning about people's personal lives. It took the technicians two days to crack the passwords of the workers.

3. Overly personal passwords can cause problems for some people. Two people mentioned in the article were unhappy with another's choice of password. What were their reasons?

The article gives two examples. One woman found out that her sister's name – and not hers – was the basis for all their mother's passwords. Another woman found out her husband was still using the date of his ex-girlfriend's birthday in his debit card PIN.

Answers should reflect upon these examples and how they made the people involved feel negative emotions, that is, upset, jealous, angry, etc.

4. Many people ignore the advice to make passwords hard to crack by using a mix of letters and numbers, and instead pick a word or phrase that is meaningful to them. Have you ever used something from your personal life in a password? (Make sure you don't give away your password itself!)

Your answer should describe examples from your own life. If you have done this, perhaps you used the name of a pet, or the name of the street on which you lived, a favourite holiday destination, or a special date such as a birthday or anniversary. If not, you are clearly very good at IT security!

ACTIVITY Passwords are important! Why should you have a strong password that is hard for other people to guess? Why shouldn't you share this information? Can you brainstorm some ideas for strong passwords? Remember not to give any of your personal information away!

Your answer should contain your thoughts about the importance of passwords and how they are used. Answers could mention the fact that we live in an era when so much personal information is accessed and stored online, and where online fraud and identity theft are a risk. Strong passwords are particularly important when

doing online banking, or accessing websites where sensitive personal information is stored, especially when people use public computers. Answers should show that you have understood the article and know how to make a password hard to crack, for example, by using a random combination of letters (in a mix of upper and lower case) and numbers, rather than actual words or meaningful dates, which are much easier to guess.