

### 3. Peculiar Animals

Some animals have certain peculiarities in their habit or body. Some such peculiar animals are being mentioned here. Fill in the blanks with correct words choosing from the clue box.

1. The birds \_\_\_\_\_ their feathers during extremely cold weather to keep their body warm.
2. It is the fastest breed of the dogs. \_\_\_\_\_
3. Some insects such as ants, honey-bee and termites live together in big group called colonies. These insects are called \_\_\_\_\_.
4. This deer has a gland that secretes valuable liquid which is used in perfumes and several medicines. \_\_\_\_\_
5. It makes pitcher-like nests with the help of mud. \_\_\_\_\_
6. It has ears on its front legs. \_\_\_\_\_
7. This bird never builds its nest and lays eggs in the nests of other birds. \_\_\_\_\_
8. It is a fish that has no jaw. \_\_\_\_\_
9. It can mew like a cat and also barks like a dog. \_\_\_\_\_
10. It sleeps with its one eye open. \_\_\_\_\_
11. This bird has the largest wingspan among the flying birds. \_\_\_\_\_
12. It has sticky tongue which is joined on the front side and free from behind. \_\_\_\_\_
13. It is a bird which can stand on its one leg to give rest to the other. \_\_\_\_\_
14. Each eye of insects is made-up of about thousands of tiny eyelets. That's why their eye is known as \_\_\_\_\_.
15. The shell of the egg of this bird is strong enough that a small baby can easily sit over it. \_\_\_\_\_



#### Clue Box

Musk	Cricket	Albatross	Flamingo
Hagfish	Ostrich	Cuckoo	Potter wasp
Frog	Social Insects	Compound eye	Greyhound
Dolphin	Fluff	Mocking bird	



#### File O Facts

Sharks may have up to 3000 teeth at one time. Each time a tooth is damaged or lost, it is replaced by a new one.



4.

# Plants with a Difference



There are various kinds of plants around us. Plants have the most ingenious methods of trapping prey and defending themselves. Some are poisonous, some produce chemicals, while others are sticky or have spines that sting.

Identify these plants and write their names with the help of the clue box.

1. It is a common biennial garden plant that contains digitoxin, digoxin and other cardiac glycosides. It is a poisonous plant. The drug, digitalis, is prepared from it and is used to treat patients for certain heart conditions. \_\_\_\_\_
2. Its leaves and berries are highly toxic. It is also known as 'belladonna' or 'dwale'. \_\_\_\_\_
3. It is a poisonous Eurasian plant that has an unpleasant odour and funnel shaped greenish yellow flowers. By the 14th century, this plant was being used in medicine as a tranquilizer. \_\_\_\_\_
4. It is a slender, erect, poisonous herb native to northern Europe having violet flowers. \_\_\_\_\_
5. This tree releases unpleasant chemicals when an animal tries to eat the leaves. It grows in the hot African savanna. It also produces ethylene which stimulates nearby trees to produce the chemicals too. \_\_\_\_\_
6. It is a creeping vine with white purple tinged flower and orange berries. This vine is found in tropical America and contains poison that deters most creatures from eating its leaves. \_\_\_\_\_
7. It is a small plant. A leaf of this plant is covered with red hair that secretes drops of clear, sticky liquid. The leaves roll inwards to trap the insect that sits on the leaf. \_\_\_\_\_
8. It is a poisonous plant. It is known as the 'Greek death sentence'. Socrates was its most eminent victim. Its fruit induces paralysis, inability to breathe and heart failure. \_\_\_\_\_



## Clue Box

Deadly nightshade	Monkshood	Acacia
Sundew	Hemlock	Foxglove
Passion flower	Henbane	



## File Facts

The roots of floating rafts of hydroponically grown sunflower plants were able to extract radioactivity in the water caused by the 1986 Chernobyl nuclear power plant disaster.

# 5.

# From the Past



A. Here are some fascinating events from the world's history. Fill in the blanks.

1. \_\_\_\_\_ was the main organization responsible for unification of Italy. It founded the 'Young Italy' in the 19th century.
2. Pope Urban II encouraged the Christians of Europe to take control of their holy places. These wars were called \_\_\_\_\_.
3. After the civil war in 1911, Manchu dynasty was overthrown in China. \_\_\_\_\_ became the first President of the Republic of United China.
4. French emperor Napoleon Bonaparte fought many battles. He was defeated and exiled to the island of St Helena. Napoleon died in \_\_\_\_\_.
5. During \_\_\_\_\_ war, Florence Nightingale attended the injured soldiers and improved sanitary conditions in military hospitals.
6. Yoritomo was the first Shogun (military ruler) of Japan. He was appointed by the Japanese emperor. Later, he came to rule Japan. Japan came under the Shogunate (military rule) in \_\_\_\_\_.
7. \_\_\_\_\_ was the first 'Nation State' that emerged on the European continent.

B. Write the year when these famous wars were fought in the world.

1. Battle of Waterloo
2. Civil War in England
3. The Hundred Year War between France and England
4. World War I
5. World War II
6. Arab-Israel War
7. Indo-China War
8. Vietnam War
9. Iran-Iraq War
10. Iraq War
11. Gulf War
12. Falklands War



## Clue Box

Crimean	Yuan Shikai	Great Britain	Joseph	Mazzini
Crusades	1959	1337	1192	1914
1642	2003	1973	1991	1815
1939	1980	1982	1962	1821