

1. Fill in the gaps with a word from the box. You will **NOT** use all of the words.

Rio - chase - struggles - painter - around - joy - path -  
paintings - admire - documentary - art - sci-fi

### The Path Maker

This movie, made in 2013, is a **documentary** about Gabriel, a 10-year-old boy who lives in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. He is very poor. He lives with his six brothers and sisters and his old, sick father. Even though Gabriel **struggles** a lot, there is one thing that brings him **joy**. It is painting.

While the other kids **around** him laugh at his dream of becoming a great **painter**, Gabriel does all he can to follow his heart. They tell him he isn't good enough and make fun of his **art**, but he continues to paint. He begins to hang his **paintings** everywhere, like on dirty street walls and on garbage cans. Kids begin to **admire** his courage, so they begin to follow their hearts and do what they love to do.

One of the children, Melanie, begins to sing more because she has always wanted to become an opera singer. Another child, Juan, loves to cook and wants to be a great chef. They all begin to **chase** their own dreams and choose a **path** towards happiness. Gabriel is "The Path Maker".

### **2. Choose the correct answer:**

1. Gabriel comes from .....

- A. Janeiro
- B. Brazil**
- C. Dubai

4. Melanie's passion is .....

- A. cooking
- B. painting
- C. singing**

2. Why does Gabriel enjoy painting?

- A. Because it's easy
- B. Because it makes him happy**
- C. Because he's poor

5. Juan would like to be .....

- A. a cook**
- B. a cooker
- C. an opera singer

3. Where did Gabriel exhibit his pictures?

- A. In museums
- B. On walls**
- C. On TV

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breathe - dive - deserts - hunters - amazing - lungs - pigeons - edge -  
diet - towards - falconry - except - prey

### The Peregrine falcon

The word peregrine means traveler. These **amazing** birds can be found all over the world. They are also commonly used for the sport of **falconry** in many countries including the UAE, Saudi Arabia and Bahrain.

#### Habitat

Peregrine falcons can be found all over the world, except Antarctica. They can live near the coast, in dry forests and at the **edge** of mountains. They are especially found in deserts and other open spaces.

#### Diet

The peregrine falcon's **diet** is made up mostly of other birds, including mourning doves and **pigeons**. When they hunt, they fly very high and then **dive** down very fast **towards** their prey. These expert **hunters** are able to catch these birds in mid-air.

#### Speed

Peregrine falcons can reach speeds of 198 miles per hour. These birds can fly fast because they have extremely strong **lungs** that help them **breathe** easily, even at their top speed. These birds are used a lot for the sport of falconry because of their speed. Falconry involves training falcons to hunt other animals for competition.

## **2. Choose the correct answer:**

1. Where does the peregrine falcon live?
    - A. wet forests
    - B. deserts**
    - C. Zoo
  2. Why does the peregrine falcon fly fast?
    - A. Because it's easy
    - B. Because it has a small body
    - C. Because it has powerful lungs**
  3. Peregrine falcons feed on .....
- A. cheetahs
  - B. small birds**
  - C. dead animals

Fill in the gaps with a word from the box. You will **NOT** use all of the words.

festivals - flown - recommend - penguin - celebrate - bonfire - exploring  
- sculptures - entertaining - tradition - activities - castles

### Fun around the World

We know that many of our readers like adventures and **exploring** the world. Today, some of our writers want to share three of the most interesting **festivals** and activities that they have visited this year. Some of these are very famous, others are less known. However, they are all very **entertaining** for everyone who attends.

#### Rashid Al Marzouqi – Castles made of ice:

Many of my readers know that I like to travel to China. I really enjoy the culture and the beautiful nature. Last January, I visited Harbin, a large city in the northern region of China. Many people do not know that northern China gets very cold in the winter. Local people **celebrate** by making giant sculptures from ice. They are made by 10,000 workers. The huge event area has some of the largest ice **sculptures** in the world. The tallest are 46 meters tall! It is a beautiful place to visit. If you are in China between January 1st and February 15th, I **recommend** that you become one of the 10 – 15 million visitors to this wonderful event.

#### Zainab Al Shamsi – Fire, Family and Fun:

When people think of Scotland, they often think of beautiful mountains and wonderful, old castles. People don't usually think about big festivals and bonfires. Many cities in Scotland have big festivals every year that end with a big **bonfire**. On the Isle of Skye, an island in western Scotland, people have fireworks and burn a large wooden boat at the Dunvegan Castle bonfire. I was also excited to attend the Biggar Bonfire in Biggar, Scotland. This **tradition** is thousands of years old, and is a very special celebration for the small city. The most important part of these celebrations is that they bring together cities and families for a night of safe fun!

#### Sultan Al Kaabi – Flying over the Desert:

I love traveling, which means that I have to fly all over the world. However, I have never **flown** in a hot air balloon before! This year, I decided to travel to Albuquerque, New Mexico to experience the colorful Albuquerque International Balloon Fiesta. This is not just a balloon ride, it is an entire event. It is a 9-day festival, with over 500 hot air balloons every day. I wanted to start my experience as early as I could, so I joined the 'Dawn Patrol'. This is a group of hot air balloons that leave before sunrise. It was amazing seeing the sunrise over the Southwest American desert. For the rest of the trip, I tried to go on as many hot air balloons as I could, including a strange balloon shaped like a **penguin**!

