

TRAVEL

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ations, Jagat and Chandra, both in their 40's, have sent their daughters to the US to complete their final 2 years of high school. Upon her return, Jagat's daughter will attend medical school in Kathmandu and eventually lead the clinic for the next generation. We learned from other sources that studying abroad provides important credibility in their culture which will be much needed as she fills her ultimate role.

Three patients sought care at the clinic while we were there. The first was the mayor of Kumari who'd been suffering from pneumonia. The second arrived by Kumari ambulance (that is, carried for an hour on a friend's back), writhing in pain from the area around his liver. In both of these cases the PA consulted with Jim Pennington who was able to help each of them. The final patient arrived shortly after we left, a child who was too sick for the clinic to treat so had to endure the long carry to the bus and on to the government hospital in Kathmandu.

The school, which is also part of Jagat and his team's

development efforts, was doing very well by all appearances. Not long ago the handful of students in attendance met under a tree. Today, more than 600 children, grades Kindergarten to junior high, are receiving a quality education in classrooms with desks, a library and even a computer lab. Granted, these are mud and stone buildings and the desks might seem cramped to many American students, but it's all good. The teachers are engaged and the kids are lively and not at all unlike kids here at home or anywhere in the world. Daniel, an aspiring teacher from our group, took command of a class where we were all astonished at the kid's grasp of English, their third language. We were even more astonished to see the hill they climbed to get to school, often after walking from home as many as 2 hours.

Each of us in our group have traveled extensively around the world yet by all accounts, for us and anyone who visits, Kumari is a magical place filled with amazing people. Goodbyes were sad, even after our short visit. Certainly the world has no shortage of worthy causes and deserving people. For us, now more than ever, we recognize these humble people in this virtually unknown



spot on Planet Earth as simply friends. Good friends, and not only of ours but of our greater Hood River community. As we bounced our way back to Kathmandu, my thoughts were becoming clear about what we can do. A roadmap is in place for quality, sustainable health care. We have committed to

spearhead the purchase of the farm with the goal of having it underwrite most, if not all, the clinic costs. We will also present the opportunity to local NGO's who have experience operating clinics to see if they can help the staff identify and overcome the apparent obstacles they currently face. As the sim-

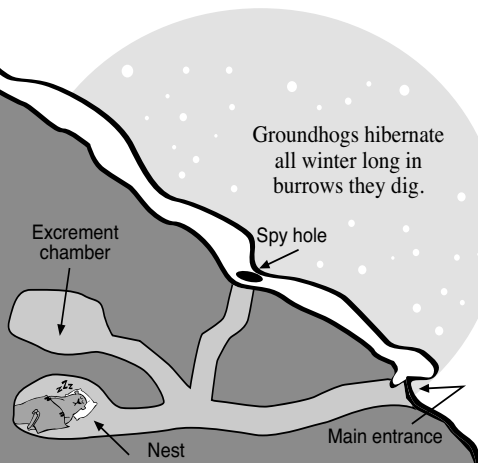
mering orange glow of Kathmandu slowly emerged under the setting sun in the distance, it was unmistakable to us all how blessed we were for the privilege of this experience.



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WAKE UP, PUNXSUTAWNEY PHIL!



On February 2, weather forecasters all over the United States look to the town of Punxsutawney, Pennsylvania for a little advice. Legend says that the groundhog named Punxsutawney Phil can foretell the weather!

On February 2, the town of Punxsutawney begins the big Groundhog Day celebration before sunrise.

As the sun rises, I get ready to emerge from my stump. All eyes are on me!

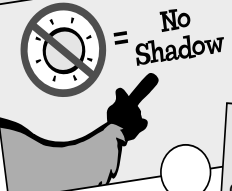


Once my prediction has been made, the crowd cheers for me. Then I go back to sleep until spring!



The legend says that if the sun is out, I see my shadow, get scared, and hide back in my burrow, and spring will not arrive for another six weeks...

... but if the sun isn't shining, then there are no shadows to be seen. I stay out looking for food, and spring will arrive very soon!



Uh oh! Phil's snoring shook this story out of order. Number the panels from 1-5 in the correct order.

Shadow Search

Find the shadow that matches Phil exactly.

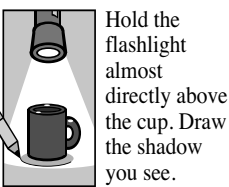


Why do shadows change size?

Robert Louis Stevenson said a shadow is like a rubber ball because it grows and shrinks throughout a day. Try this experiment to find out why shadows change size.

Stuff you'll need:

- cup
- pencil
- flashlight
- paper



Hold the flashlight almost directly above the cup. Draw the shadow you see.



Hold the flashlight near the bottom of the cup. Draw the shadow you see.

Think About It: What time of day would Punxsutawney Phil have his long shadow?

- Early Morning
- Noon

Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Follow multiple-step directions.

Extra! Extra!

Guess What!

Here is a guessing game to play with one or more friends. Each player cuts out shapes and pictures of objects from the newspaper and holds them up, one at a time, in front of a light source. What turns guessing what kind of shape or object is casting the shadow.

Standards Link: Physical Science: Objects can be described in terms of their physical properties (shape).

Number Cruncher

Spell a message to Punxsutawney Phil by solving these math problems. Use the number code to see what letter belongs under each answer.

$$\begin{array}{r} 1,190 \\ + 530 \\ \hline \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{r} 169 \\ + 362 \\ \hline \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{r} 2,222 \\ + 1,211 \\ \hline \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{r} 521 \\ + 213 \\ \hline \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} \bigcirc \\ + 234 \\ \hline \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{r} \bigcirc \\ + 1,226 \\ \hline \end{array}$$

Number Code
 531 = A 3,989 = P
 734 = E 1,931 = U
 3,433 = K 1,720 = W

Standards Link: Math/Number Sense: Find the sum of whole numbers to 10,000.

Double Double Word Search

GROUNDHOG WEATHER SHADOWS BURROW BROWN LOUIS CHAMBER SPRING SOURCE FOOD WEEKS PHIL FEBRUARY SIX WAKE

Find the words in the puzzle, then in this week's Kid Scoop stories and activities.

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E	K	A	W	O	P	N	R	C	
C	S	I	U	O	L	I	O	N	H
R	X	I	D	D	R	U	M	W	A
U	C	A	X	P	N	R	G	O	M
O	H	B	S	D	Y	X	U	R	B
S	R	E	H	T	A	E	W	B	E
Y	S	O	W	E	E	K	S	X	R
F	G	Y	R	A	U	R	B	E	F

Standards Link: Letter sequencing, Recognized identical words. Skim and scan reading. Recall spelling patterns.

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Weather Adjectives

Look through the newspaper and choose five adjectives that describe weather. Then look through the newspaper for a picture or cartoon to illustrate each of these adjectives.

Standards Link: Grammar: Identify and use adjectives in writing.

Write On!

When is it spring?

How do you know when winter is over and spring has begun? Write a paragraph to explain.

SMART FUN AT HOME

One important thing to understand when you read is **cause and effect**.



For example, in the legend of Groundhog Day, when the groundhog sees his shadow, he goes back in his burrow. In this case, the **effect** is that the groundhog goes back in his burrow. That is what happens. What **causes** him to go back in his burrow? Getting frightened by his shadow.

Try It!

1. With a parent or learning buddy at home, select an article from today's newspaper. Read the headline. Discuss what you think caused the news reported in the headline.

2. The headline usually tells what happened. This is called an **effect**. Read aloud to your learning buddy the first paragraph of the article. Does this tell you the **cause**? Read the rest of the article aloud. After each paragraph, stop and discuss what you have learned about what caused the news reported in the headline.

Complete the following:

HEADLINE (effect):

CAUSE(s):

NAME:

NAME OF LEARNING BUDDY:

Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Distinguish between cause and effect in text.