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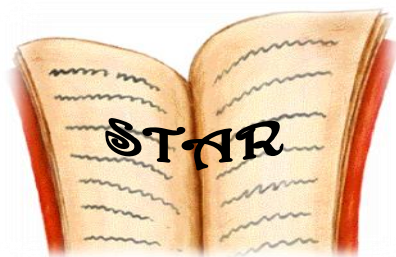
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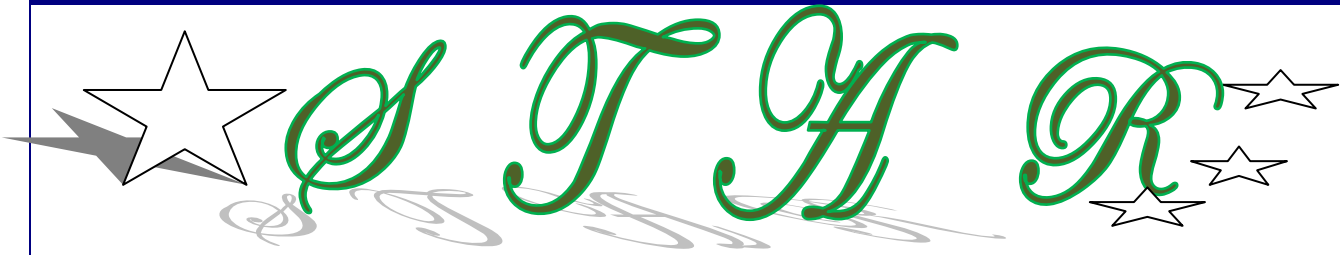
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*You will find
interesting things this is the
place for you to express your
opinions, to find out interesting
facts from all around the world.*

Read us!

Officially spring starts with the equinox in March which lets us know through an astronomical event that the cold days are over and we can enjoy warm weather again. Well, we are in May now and the air is filled with the anticipation of summer; and if we speak about summer we must take into consideration the most expected moment by all the students: the beginning of the summer

vacation. It is the well deserved reward after a long school year, full of tests and evaluations, full of activities and lessons, sometimes moral lessons, too.

Some days were cold and dreary, some others were warm and sunny but our students' enthusiasm was the same; think of all the activities they were involved in: school contests, festivals, workshops and many other extracurricular events.

So they are looking forward to their summer vacation as the trees in spring await the ripeness of fruit.

Star's Editorial Team

Where is England?



England is in north-west Europe and is in the southern part of Great Britain. It is an island country and also part of the United Kingdom (UK).

England is the largest country in Great Britain and the UK. It is sometimes, wrongly, used in reference to the whole United Kingdom, the entire island of Great Britain, or indeed the British Isles.

Who are the English?

The name "England" comes from "Angle-land". This was the name the Angle and Saxon people gave it. They came here from Europe in the fifth and sixth centuries. Before them, the Romans lived here for four hundred years or more. They made houses and roads. And they made a town next to the River Thames, and called it Londinium. Today its name is London.

What is England famous for?

ENGLAND is famous for many things - David Beckham, Fish and Chips, Big Ben, Red Buses, black cabs, Oasis, Blur, the Beatles, London and tea.

England is famous for its Royal Family.

England is famous for its Castles and Historic houses Windsor Castle is the oldest royal residence still in use.

England is famous for its educational institutes. It has some of the most famous universities of the world like Oxford, Cambridge and London universities.

England is famous for some of the world's greatest pop stars - the Beatles, the Rolling Stones, David Bowie, Queen, Phil Collins, the Spice Girls and Oasis.

England is famous for William Shakespeare. Hamlet, Othello, and Romeo and Juliet were written by him.

England is famous for its green hills and fertile lowlands.

England is famous for its rain and the lush green of its countryside

England is famous for its breakfasts.

England is famous for its pubs.

(English pubs are a part of everyday life here. They're pretty much a community gathering place. Many people go there to watch a football game, play pool or just have a beer.)

England is famous for Wimbledon.

England is famous for an ancient circle called Stonehenge.

It is the most important prehistoric monument in England.

England is famous for Big Ben

England is famous for the first parliament in the world, which was established in the thirteenth century in England.

England is famous for the legend of Robin Hood, Sherwood Forest and its notorious sheriff.

About Romania



Did you know?

The name "Romania" comes from the Latin word "Romanus" which means "citizen of the Roman Empire."

The empire expanded into what is now Romania in 106 AD, under the rule of Emperor Trajan (98 to 117 AD) when the Roman Empire reached its greatest territorial extent through his conquests in the east.

It took the Romans seven years and two long wars to conquer Dacia (today Romania).

The Romanian occupation lasted until the end of the third century.

During the Middle Ages Romanians were also known as Vlachs, a blanket term ultimately of Germanic origin, from the word Walha, used by ancient Germanic

peoples to refer to Romance-speaking and Celtic neighbours.

The meaning of the word "Transylvania" is the land beyond the forest.

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Transylvania was first referred to in a Medieval Latin document dating from 1075 as *Ultra Silvam* (*Ultra* meaning "beyond" or "on the far side of ..." and *Silva* meaning "wood or forest").

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The ruins of Sarmizegetusa Regia - the capital of Dacia (present-day Romania) prior to the wars with the Roman Empire - are located in Hunedoara county - central Transylvania.

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The Roman capital of Dacia, Ulpia Traiana Sarmizegetusa, was built by Roman Emperor Trajan, some 25 miles away.

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The people who inhabited the area of modern Romania were called "Getae" (Geti) by the Greeks, and Dacians (Daci) by the Romans.

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The earliest reliably dated European modern human fossils, up to now, were discovered in 2002 in

southwestern Romania (at Pestera cu Oase - translated as the "Cave With Bones").

The fossil's age is estimated at 37,800 to 42,000 years old.

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The oldest cave drawings in Central and Eastern Europe were found recently in Romania's Coliboaia cave. Discovered by chance during a routine expedition in a very remote area in Apuseni National Park, the 13 drawings, which represent animals such as rhinos, buffalos, horses and cats, are approximately 32,000 years.

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Ancient Tomis (present-day Constanta) has been associated with the legend of Jason and the Argonauts who embarked on a long voyage from Greece to Kolchis (Georgia) on the Black Sea coast in search of the Golden Fleece.

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Tartaria Tablets: Three clay tablets, dated to around 5300 BC, discovered in the village of Tartaria (central Romania), have been the subject of considerable controversy among archaeologists, some of whom claim that the symbols represent the earliest known form of writing in the world.

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The Carpathian Mountains are home to one of the largest undisturbed forests in Europe. 400 unique species of mammals, including the Carpathian chamois, call the Carpathian Mountains home. 60% of European brown bear population lives in the Carpathian Mountains.

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Some 1,350 floral species have been recorded in Romania's Carpathian Mountains, including the yellow poppy, Transylvanian columbine, saxifrage and edelweiss.

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Inside the old Turda Salt Mines (Salina Turda) located in Transylvania, Romania, stands the world's largest salt mine museum. Originally established in the 17th century, the massive mines were formed completely by hand and machine rather than by using explosives. Visitors are invited to descend as far down as almost 400 feet into the Earth in order to witness the history of the trade.

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Romania features the youngest continental land: (the Danube Delta) in Europe.

The mighty Danube River flows 1,788 miles from its springs in Germany's Black Forest to the Black Sea. Just before reaching the sea, it forms the Danube Delta - second largest and best preserved in Europe - 2,200 square miles of rivers, canals, marshes, tree-fringed lakes and reed islands.

The Danube Delta is a wildlife enthusiast's paradise (especially a bird watcher's). It is home to the world's largest reed bed and hosts rare species of plants and animals, including endangered sturgeon, otters, wildcats and European mink.

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The Iron Gates (or the Gate of Trajan) - a natural river channel between the Carpathian and Balkan mountains- are the Danube River's narrowest point (492 ft).

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The second largest underground glacier in Europe (in terms of volume) can be found in Transylvania - Romania. The 3500-year old Scarisoara glacier, located in the Bihor Mountains - 90 miles southwest of Cluj Napoca. It has a volume of 2,649,000 cubic feet (75,000 cubic meters).

The 154-foot deep entrance shaft leads to some impressive ice structures, including spectacular 20 foot high ice stalagmites.

Scărișoara ice-cave is open to the public.

The statue of Dacian king Decebal, carved in the rocky bank of the Danube river, is the tallest rock sculpture in Europe (135 feet tall). The monument celebrates audacity and pride. It is a homage to the last king of Dacia (today's Romania), from Prof. Dr. Iosif Constantin Drăgan.

Source:

<http://romaniatourism.com/did-you-know.html>

Things I Bet You Didn't Know About Romania

= Romanian inventors have changed the world.

Romania gave birth to some extraordinary scientists and engineers, most of whom have actually changed the world. Some of these include: Nicolae Constantin Paulescu - discoverer of insulin; Eugen Pavel - inventor of Hyper CD-ROM; Aurel Persu - the first engineer and car designer to build a car with the wheels inside its aerodynamic line; Petrache Poenaru - inventor of fountain pen; Emil Racovita - founder of biospeleology (the study of

organisms living in caves); Anastase Dragomir - inventor of parachuted chair, an early version of today's ejection seat.

Furthermore, Romanian engineers have successfully contributed to the history of flight. Henri Coanda, Traian Vuia and Aurel Vlaicu - all of them have played an important role as pioneers in aerodynamics and aviation.

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= Romanian is the only Romance language in Eastern Europe.

Romanian is a Romance language closely related to Italian, French, Spanish, Catalan and Portuguese.

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= Romania has 7 UNESCO World Heritage Sites

These include: the Churches of Moldavia; the Dacian Fortress of the Orăștie Mountains; the Historic Centre of Sighișoara; the Monastery of Horezu; the Villages with Fortified Churches in Transylvania; the Wooden Churches of Maramureș; the Danube Delta.

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= Romania boasts the world's largest administrative building.

Built by former Romanian dictator - Nicolae Ceaușescu, Bucharest's Palace of the Parliament - also known as People's House - is the largest, heaviest and most

expensive civil administration building on the planet.

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= *Romania has the best-preserved Delta in Europe.*

Although the second largest river delta in Europe after the Caspian Depression's Volga Delta (Russia/Kazakhstan), the Danube Delta in Romania is the best preserved on the continent. It features no less than 23 natural ecosystems, boasting an amazing variety of unique flora and fauna.

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= *The largest population of brown bears in Europe lives in Romania.*

= *The Statue of Decebalus, Europe's largest rock sculpture.*

Somewhere along the Danube, near the small city of Orșova, in southwestern Romania, lies a 55-m high rock sculpture depicting Decebalus, the last king of Dacia. The monument is the largest rock sculpture in Europe and can only be reached by boat.



= *The only Gold Museum in Europe.*

Also known as the Mineralogical Collection of Brad, The Gold Museum in the small Romanian city of Brad is the only one of its kind in Europe. Founded 100 years ago, the gallery contains a mind-blowing collection of over 2000 pieces of gold gathered here from across the world. A highlight of the museum, however, is the native gold which is displayed exactly as found in the mines of the Romanian mountains.

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= *The first city lit by electric street lamps in continental Europe.*

Timisoara, one of the most beautiful and vibrant Romanian metropolises, was the first mainland European city to be lit by electric street lamps, back in 1884. As per international standards, it was second only to New York City.

Source: <http://travelaway.me/things-you-didnt-know-about-romania/>

Now you know!



English language did you know

Did you know the most commonly used letter in the alphabet is E

Did you know the least used letter in the alphabet is Q

Did you know dreamt is the only word that ends in mt

Did you know there are only 4 words in the English language which end in 'dous' (they are: hazardous, horrendous, stupendous and tremendous)

Did you know the oldest word in the English language is 'town'

Did you know 'Bookkeeper' and 'bookkeeping' are the only 2 words in the English language with three consecutive double letters

Did you know the word 'Strengths' is the longest word in the English language with just one vowel

Did you know the first English dictionary was written in 1755

Did you know 1 out of every 8 letters written is an e

Did you know the longest one syllable word in the English language is 'screeched'

Did you know all pilots on international flights identify themselves in English regardless of their country of origin

Did you know the word 'almost' is the longest in the English language with all the letters in alphabetical order

Did you know the most commonly used word in English conversation is 'I'

Source: <http://www.did-you-knows.com/>





Students' Writing Corner

***Where is it better for a child to grow up, in the city or in the countryside?**

In my opinion it is better for children to grow up in the countryside than in a city because there are more benefits.



First of all, there is not so much pollution in the countryside than in a big city, so the children can have a healthier lifestyle.

Second of all, the villages are more peaceful and quiet than the urban areas. There are also beautiful landscapes.

In conclusion, in my opinion, it is better for children to grow up in the countryside because they can benefit from the peaceful and healthier environment.

Alexandru Vasile Ifrim - XII B

***My favourite place in
Piatra-Neamț**

My favourite place in Piatra-Neamț is the Cozla Complex.

You can go there by car but it is not recommended because the road is not very good; you can also go there by cable car and you have the opportunity to admire the beautiful landscape of the town. I like this place because once you get there you can see all the beautiful panorama of Piatra-Neamț from

the suburbs up to the Batca Doamnei dam. It is located right on the peak of Cozla Mountain, in the middle of nature and there is no way you wouldn't like the place or the view.

Sergiu Florea -XII B

**Friendship can be damaging when you do not know who your friends are.*

I have read a lot of books and I grew up surrounded by many wise people and what I have learned is that you cannot trust everybody who shows up in your life.

We really must choose well our friends, otherwise we will become disappointed at a certain moment in our life.

I think that it is not necessary to have many friends; I think that that one best friend is enough as long as that person will never

abandon us and he will always support us.

Liviu Şchiopu- XII B



* Hi! My name is Radu Ionuț. I am 18 years old and I have just graduated from The Technical College Piatra-Neamț.

I chose this high school because I love nature and I want to become a forest engineer . My father is a forest engineer and I want to continue a family tradition. Ever since I was a little boy I went with him in the forest and I started to like nature. I also love hunting and fishing and I want to learn more about different species of animals.

After four years of high school I have reached my educational goal

because of the very well trained teachers.

The high school years were great, I had wonderful classmates and I will remain friends with some of them for the rest of my life.

In the future I want to attend the Forestry Faculty in Braşov and I am looking forward to it.

My message for the students of the Technical College Piatra-Neamţ is to enjoy their high school years because they represent one of the most wonderful times in their life.

Ionuţ Radu -XII B



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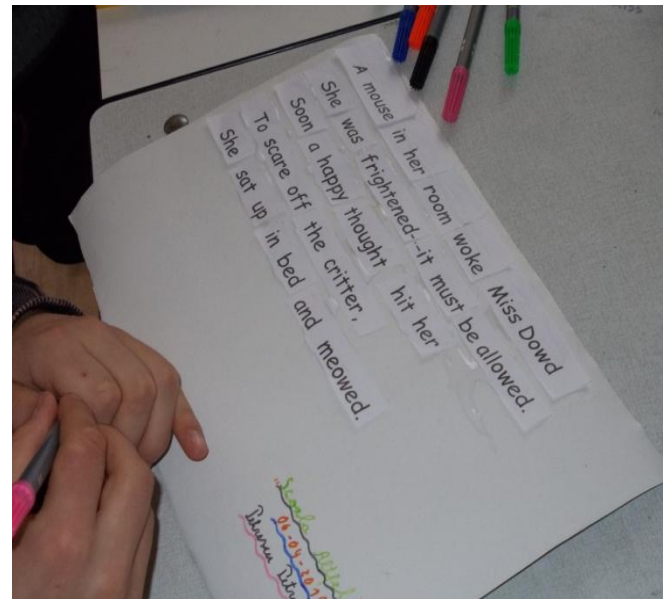
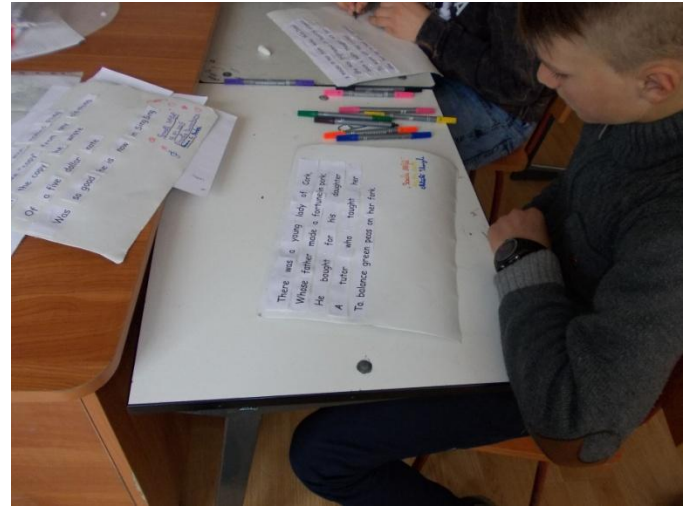
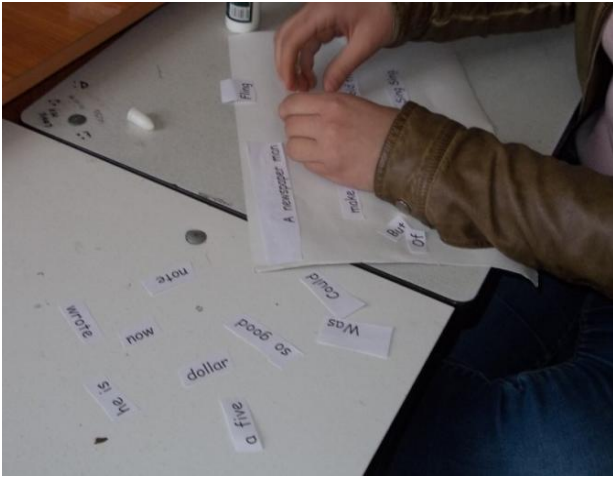
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