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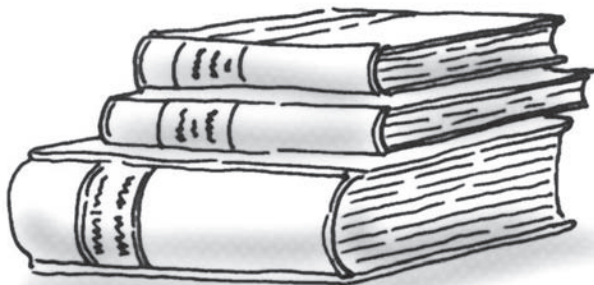
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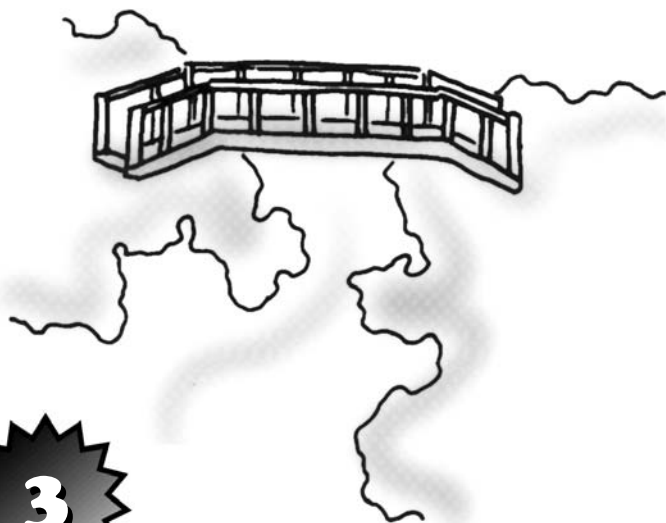
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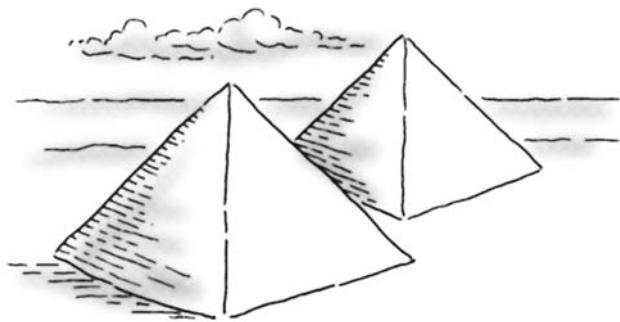
Scientists believe that many years ago there was a land bridge connecting Russia to Alaska. People probably traveled across it and entered North America. What separates Russia and Alaska now?

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The Bering Strait

Really?

Pyramids built by Indians in South and Central America were shaped differently than those built in Egypt. How were America's pyramids different in shape from those in Egypt?



America's pyramids were stepped and had flat tops. Egypt's pyramids had sloped sides and were pointed.

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Listen!

The Great Sphinx in Egypt was constructed about 4,500 years ago. In Greek mythology the Sphinx asked passersby this riddle: What has one voice, but becomes four-footed, is then two-footed, and then becomes three-footed? What is the answer?



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A human—as a baby crawling on the ground, then as a person walking freely, and finally as a person using a cane

Weird!

A ring of huge stones was erected in southwestern England between 3100 and 1500 B.C. People probably used the ring for their religious ceremonies. What is the place now called?



Stonehenge

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Listen!

Herodotus, the famous Greek historian, described Persian messengers in these words: "Neither snow / nor rain / nor heat / nor gloom of night stays these couriers from the swift completion of their appointed rounds." On what federal building in New York City are these words inscribed?



New York City

The central post office building in

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Really?

The Great Wall of China, designed to stop Mongol invaders from the north, is some 4,000 miles (6,400 kilometers) long. Now that the wall is not used for defense, what purpose does it serve?



It is a tourist attraction.

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Who Knew?

A trade route connected the ancient civilizations of Rome and China, allowing goods and ideas to travel between them. What was this route called?



The Silk Road

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