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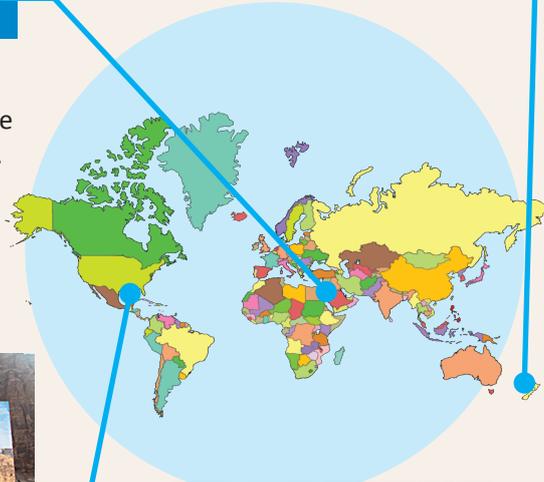
## WORLD NEWS

### SAUDI ARABIA



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### NEW ZEALAND



#### ● Taxis for the birds!

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### USA



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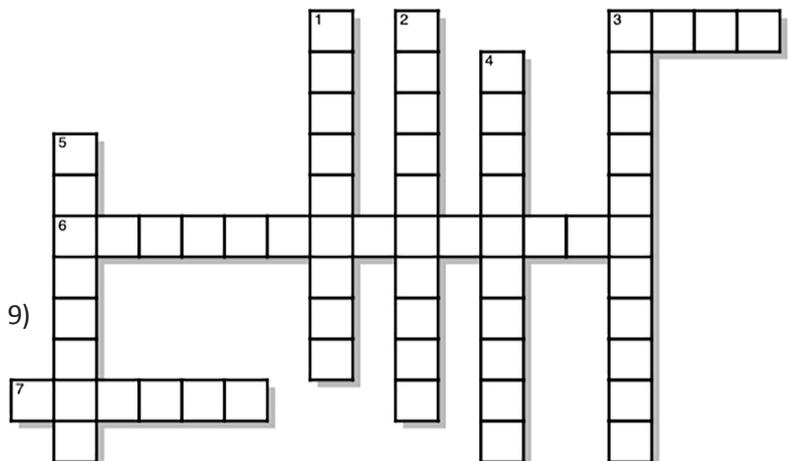
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### ACROSS

- 3) An achievement that requires great skill (noun 4)
- 6) A type of centre where animals can be treated and looked after, then returned to the wild (adjective 14)
- 7) A unit of length in the metric system that is equal to 100 centimetres (plural noun 6)

### DOWN

- 1) Continuous bouncing in basketball (present participle 9)
- 2) People who work for an organisation without being paid (plural noun 10)
- 3) Luckily; happily (adverb 11)
- 4) Performing an activity or exercising a skill repeatedly or regularly in order to acquire, improve or maintain proficiency in it (past continuous 10)
- 5) Having a surface like a mirror; reflective; fitted with mirrors (adjective 8)



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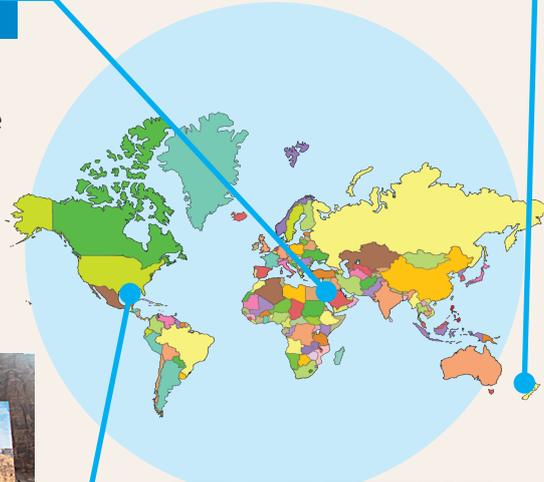
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