**DO YOU KNOW?**

1. Which is the longest river in the world?
2. Which is the longest canal in the world?
3. Which is the longest bridge in the world?
4. Which is the largest lake in the world?
5. Which is the largest island in the world?
6. Which is the largest desert in the world?
7. Which is the largest plain in the world?
8. Which is the largest peninsula in the world?
9. Which is the largest freshwater body in the world?
10. Which is the longest railway in the world?
11. Which is the lowest lake in the world?
12. Which is the highest mountain in the world?
13. Which is the tallest building in the world?
14. Which is the deepest lake in the world?
15. Which is the oldest olive tree in the world?

**Answers to "Do you know?"**

1. River Nile
2. Suez Canal
3. Suez Canal
4. Lake Superior
5. Greeland
6. Sahara
7. Dead Sea
8. Dead Sea
9. Red Sea
10. Dead Sea
11. Dead Sea
12. Dead Sea
13. Dead Sea

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**AN EXCITING MOMENT**

There were many people on the wharf. Farther away I could see a group of soldiers looking at the harbor. White clouds were floating in the sky and the sea horizon. I could see the boundary between the two blues.

About half past two, I saw some columns of smoke emerging from the water. Then I called aloud, "Farther, look! That's the ship!"

"Yes, but don't get excited," Farther held my arm tightly.

"Seven years have we parted," I thought. "Will mother's hair be more gray? Does she wear spectacles?" She bent her back, "..."... The whistle awakened me. A huge ship lay alongside the wharf. A lot of people were watching. "Where is my mother?" Farther drew me forward and said, "Look! That's mother." She was coming down the gangway, and seeing us, "Ah, kids, it is you!"

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**THE MEANING OF "GET"**

1. I got a letter every week.
   Get=succeed, i.e. I received a letter every week.

2. I am going out to get a newspaper.
   Get=buy, i.e. I am going out to buy a newspaper.

3. Go and get your hat and coat.
   Get=fetch, i.e. Go and fetch your hat and coat.

4. It is getting late.
   Get=become, i.e. It is becoming late.

5. What time did you get here?
   Get=arrive, i.e. What time did you arrive here?

6. I do not get your meaning.
   Get=understand, i.e. I do not understand your meaning.

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**ON FRIENDSHIP**

by Cicero

The right course is to choose a friend one who is frank and sincere, and who is likely to be influenced by the same motives as yourself—those that are most likely to be loyal. It is impossible for a man to be loyal to one who is not loyal to himself, and one who is not loyal to himself cannot be loyal to others.

Since happiness is our best and highest aim, we must, if we would attain it, give our attention to virtues, without which we cannot obtain friendship, or any other desirable thing. On the other hand, those who are virtuous and who are not thus affected by the same motives, cannot be loyal to each other, and when they have made mistakes at least when something involves misfortune come to terms to put the facts to the test.

Virtue both creates the bond of friendship and preserves it. Fons virtutis, in harmonia, is imperfect, in the absence of friendship. And when she has raised her head and shown herself in her own light, no ray reaches to her heart, no ray reaches to the heart, no ray reaches to the heart, no ray reaches to the heart, no ray reaches to the heart, no ray reaches to the heart, no ray reaches to the heart, no ray reaches to the heart, no ray reaches to the heart.