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# ESCAPE ROOM

**Station 1: Multiple Choice**

6. What is the hottest continent in the world?  
A. Mexico  
B. United States  
C. Canada  
D. All of the above

7. What is the largest continent?  
A. Africa  
B. Europe  
C. Asia  
D. South America

**Station 2: Paragraphs**

First, number ALL the paragraphs on your reading passage. Then, read each statement below and determine which paragraph NUMBER the statement can be found in. Paragraph numbers MAY be used more than one time or not at all. Use the directions below to reveal the 4-digit code and letter clue.

A. China and India are the first and second most populated countries in the world.  
B. The country of Chile has the world's driest place called the Atacama Desert.  
C. Australia is part of a larger area called Oceania/Australasia.  
D. Water takes up about 70% of the Earth's surface, while land covers the other 30%.

**Station 3: True or False**

Read each statement below and determine if it is true or false. If the statement is true, color the coin on YOUR answer sheet that corresponds with that question. If the statement is false, cross out that coin value. When you are finished add the TOTAL of ALL TRUE coin values to reveal your letter clue. One digit of the code has been provided for you. If the total is 625, a 6 would go in the first box, the 2 in the second box and so on.

A. The Nile River in Africa is the world's longest river.  
B. Australia is part of a larger area called Eurasia.  
C. Angel Falls in Venezuela is the world's highest waterfall.  
D. Russia is the largest country on Earth with 6.6 million square miles.

**Final Challenge: THINKE TANK**

Water takes up about 70% of the Earth's surface, while land covers the other 30%. Of that 30% of land, roughly 33% is mountains. That leaves only about 15% of the surface where people live. Each section of continents is a continent. There are 7 continents: North America, Europe, Australia, Asia, Africa, Antarctica, and South America. The largest continent is Asia with 44 million square miles and the smallest is Australia with 9.5 million square miles. Africa and India are the first and second largest mountains on Earth is Mt. Everest. The lowest point on Earth is the Dead Sea is the lowest point on Earth below sea level. The largest continent is Asia with 44 million square miles.

**Code Decoding Station:**

are on Earth MINUS 1.

The FIRST number of the lock is the percent of the Earth's surface covered by land MINUS 21.

The THIRD number of the lock is the number of countries in Asia MINUS 50.

Once you determine the 4-digit code, decide if the code uses all EVEN #s, all ODD #s or a combination of both.

ALL EVEN: J, K, P  
ALL ODD: B, M  
COMBO: N

**Final Answer Sheet:**

2103 1302  
J N

# WHAT'S INCLUDED?

- ✓ READING PASSAGE
- ✓ 5 STATIONS
- ✓ TEACHER GUIDE
- ✓ ANSWER KEY
- ✓ STUDENT DIRECTIONS
- ✓ TEXT MARKING OPTION
- ✓ PROP SIGNS

## STATION 1: FILL IN THE BLANK

Use your reading passage to determine the missing words in the paragraph below. Each missing word has a corresponding NUMBER. The 4-digit code for this station will be the NUMBER for each missing word, in the same order in which they appear in the paragraph. Then, record the clue LETTER on your answer sheet.

## STATION 2: PARAGRAPHS

First, number ALL the paragraphs on your reading passage. Then, read each statement below and determine which paragraph NUMBER the statement can be found in. Paragraph numbers MAY be used more than one time or not at all. Follow the directions below to reveal the 4-digit code and letter clue.

## STATION 3: TRUE OR FALSE

Read each statement below and determine if it is true or false. If the statement is true, color the coin on YOUR answer sheet that corresponds with that question. If the statement is false, cross out that coin value. When you are finished add the TOTAL of ALL TRUE coin values to reveal your letter clue. One digit of the code has been provided for you. If the total is 625, a 6 would go in the first box, the 2 in the second box and so on.

## STATION 4: COMBINATION

Use your reading passage to determine the combination to the 4-digit lock for this station. You're going to have to use your critical thinking skills and do a tiny bit of math. Pay attention because the "clues" below are NOT in order. There is room on your answer sheet to do the math.

## STATION 5: MULTIPLE CHOICE

Answer each multiple-choice question below. Then, count the number of times you used each letter answer (ABCD) to reveal your 4-digit code. Letters may be used more than once or not at all. If a letter option is not used, put a zero in that box on your answer sheet.

## ANSWER RECORDING SHEET

Record your answers for each station on this sheet. Then, use the directions below to determine final 4-digit ALPHA code. Ex: HBDR

STATION CODES

LETTER CLUE

STATION 1	→	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	CODE
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A	B	C	D	E	F	
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STATION 2	→	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	CODE
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# ENTER

1

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3

## TEACHER DIRECTION

- 1 Print the reading passage found on [pages 5-6](#) for EACH (front and back).
- 2 Print the answer recording sheet on [page 12](#) for each student group of students.

RECAP: Print pages 5, 6, and 12 for students.

# STATION

# 5

# BLUE

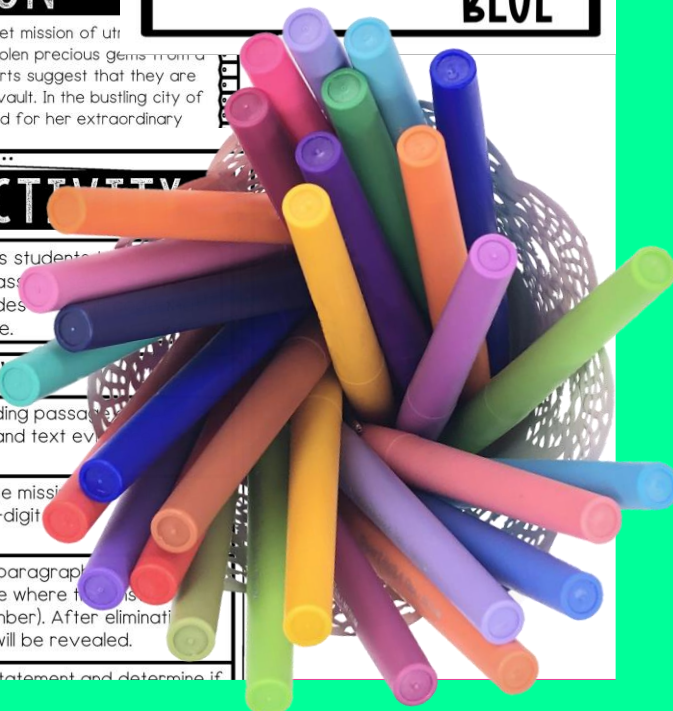
## THE MISSION

You have been assigned a top-secret mission of utmost importance. A notorious thief has stolen precious gems from a prominent lady, and intelligence reports suggest that they are hidden in a heavily guarded secret vault. In the bustling city of Oakville, Lady Victoria was renowned for her extraordinary

## ABOUT THIS ACTIVITY

The reading passage in this packet allows students to practice comprehension skills after reading the passage. Students will be searching for evidence. Each station includes a question that will reveal a letter clue.

	OVERVIEW
READING PASSAGE	Students will use the reading passage at each station seeking answers and text evidence.
STATION 1	Students will determine the missing word in the paragraph to reveal a 4-digit code.
STATION 2	Students will number the paragraphs in the reading passage to determine where the missing words can be found (paragraph number). After eliminating the incorrect numbers, a 4-digit code will be revealed.
STATION 3	Students will read each statement and determine if it is true or false.



# 5 STATIONS

## STATION 5: MULTIPLE CHOICE

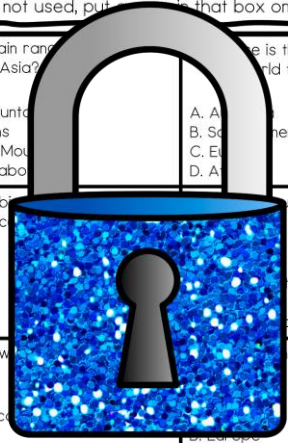
Answer each multiple-choice question below. Then, count how many times you used each letter answer (ABCD) to reveal the code. Letters may be used more than once or not at all. Option is not used, put an X in that box on your answer sheet.

1. What mountain range is the largest in Europe and Asia?  
 A. Pyrenees Mountains  
 B. Ural Mountains  
 C. Appalachian Mountains  
 D. None of the above

2. What is the largest country in South America?  
 A. Brazil  
 B. Venezuela  
 C. Chile  
 D. Argentina

3. What is the warmest continent?  
 A. South America  
 B. Africa  
 C. North America  
 D. Asia

Count how many times you used each letter answer to determine the 4-digit code and record it on your answer sheet.



## ANSWER RECORDING SHEET

Record your answers for each station on this sheet. Then, use the directions below to determine final 4-digit ALPHA code. Ex: HBDR

STATION CODES	LETTER CODE
STATION 1: [ ] [ ] [ ] [ ] [ ]	[ ]
STATION 2: A B C D E F	[ ]
STATION 3: A 75 B 25 C 50 D 100 E 100 F 75 G 50 H 25	[ ]
STATION 4: Do your math in this area: [ ] [ ] [ ] [ ] [ ]	[ ]
STATION 5: 1 2 3 4 5 6	[ ]

Final Code: A# [ ] B# [ ] C# [ ] D# [ ]

## STATION 4: COMBINATION

Use your reading passage to determine the combination to the 4-digit lock for this station. You're going to have to use your critical thinking skills and do a tiny bit of math. Pay attention because the "clues" below are NOT in order. There is room on your answer sheet to do the math.

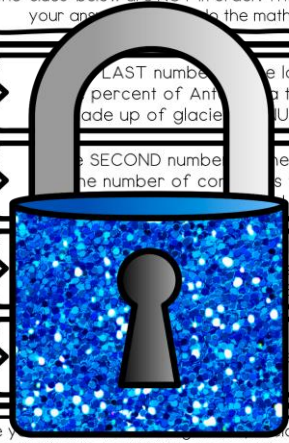
1. LAST number of the lock is percent of Antarctica that is made up of glaciers. (US 90)

2. SECOND number of the lock is the number of continents there are.

3. First number of the lock is the number of states in the US.

4. Once you determine the 4-digit code, decide if the code uses all EVEN #s, all ODD #s or a combination of both.

ALL EVEN    ALL ODD    COMBO



## STATION 1: FILL IN THE BLANKS

Use your reading passage to determine the missing word in each paragraph below. Each missing word has a corresponding NUMBER. The 4-digit code for this station will be the NUMBER of each missing word in the order in which they appear in the paragraph. The code will be recorded on your answer sheet.

1. 249    4. fifth    7. hot

2. coldest    5. third    8. 10

3. Asia    6. Europe    9. Africa

Antarctica was discovered by James Cook in 1771. Up until 1840, Antarctica was considered a "terra incognita" which means unknown southern land. The continent is surrounded by ice and is one of the most uninhabitable places on Earth. It can reach temperatures as low as -129 degrees Fahrenheit. It is the only continent that does not have a permanent population. Russia is the largest country on Earth, with 6.6 million square miles. While Vatican City, the world's smallest country, only sits on 44 acres.

Once you determine the 4-digit code, decide if the code uses all EVEN #s, all ODD #s or a combination of both.

ALL EVEN    ALL ODD    COMBO

B    H    M



## STATION 3: TRUE OR FALSE

Read each statement below and determine if it is true or false. If the statement is true, color the coin on YOUR answer sheet that matches that question. If the statement is false, cross out that coin. Once you are finished coloring the coins, add up the TRUE coin values to determine the final total. One digit of the code will be provided for you. Use the remaining digits to determine the final code.

A 75    A. The Nile River in Africa is the world's longest river.

B 25    B. Australia is part of a larger continent called Eurasia.

C 50    C. Mount Everest is the world's highest mountain.

D 100    D. The Amazon River has the largest discharge of water in the world.

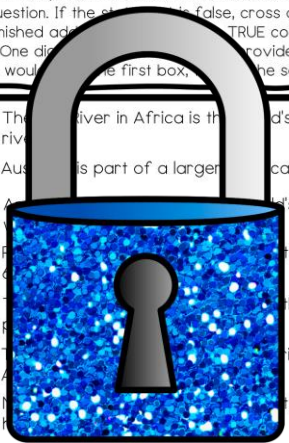
E. The Mississippi River is the longest river in North America.

F. The tallest mountain on Earth is Mt. Everest, which towers 29,035 feet above sea level.

After shading the coins on your answer sheet, add up the values of the TRUE statements to get the final total.

275    350    3

G    D



## STATION 2: PARAGRAPHS

First, number ALL the paragraphs on your reading passage. Then, read each statement below and determine which paragraph NUMBER the statement can be found in. Paragraph numbers MAY be used more than once or not at all. Follow the directions below to determine the 4-digit code and letter clue.

A. China and India are the first and second most populated countries in the world.

B. The country of Australia has the world's driest place on Earth, the Atacama Desert.

C. Australia is part of a continent called Australasia.

D. Water takes a long time to evaporate from the ocean, which means that the ocean is a source of fresh water.

E. Each section of a continent is called a continent.

F. The Missouri River is the longest river in North America.

ELIMINATE the highest and lowest used paragraph numbers and record the remaining 4-digit code on your answer sheet. Decide which paragraph number was NOT used as a CODE answer.

NO 2    NO 5    NO 8

L    C    W



# STATIONS

## ABOUT THIS ACTIVITY


The reading passage in this packet allows students to work on comprehension skills after reading the passage several times searching for evidence. Each station includes a 4-digit code that will reveal a letter clue.

### OVERVIEW

READING PASSAGE	Students will use the reading passage at EACH station seeking answers and text evidence.
STATION 1	Students will determine the missing words in the paragraph to reveal a 4-digit code.
STATION 2	Students will number the paragraphs and browse the passage to determine where the answers can be found (paragraph number). After eliminating numbers, a 4-digit code will be revealed.
STATION 3	Students will read each statement and determine if it is true or false. They will then ADD all TRUE values to find the 4-digit code.
STATION 4	Students will do some basic math here, read the passage to find the answers and then determine the 4 digit code.
STATION 5	Students will answer 6 multiple choice questions which lead them to a 4 digit code based on the number of times they used each "ABCD" answer.
TEXT MARKING	OPTIONAL: A color code chart is included in case you want students to mark the text, citing evidence of where they found their answers. (This will increase completion time)

**STUDENTS WILL  
USE THE SAME  
READING  
PASSAGE AT  
EACH STATION  
SEEKING  
ANSWERS AND  
TEXT EVIDENCE.**

# HOW IT WORKS



ENGAGING READING  
COMPREHENSION PRACTICE!

- 1 Students work individually (or in pairs) and visit 5 stations, answer questions, decipher a 4-digit code at each station and grab a "letter" clue for the final alpha code.
- 2 Students will answer the questions (found directly in the passage) on their own recording sheet. Students will have to revisit their reading passage several times at EACH station skimming for answers.

**STATION 1: FILL**

Use your reading passage to determine the missing word in each paragraph below. Each missing word is represented by a NUMBER. The 4-digit code for this station is \_\_\_\_\_. Write the number for each missing word, in the same order as they appear in the paragraph. Then, record the clue L

1	249	4	fifth
2	coldest	5	third
3	Asia	6	Europe

Antarctica is the \_\_\_\_ largest continent on Earth. Antarctica was called "Terra Australis Incognita" because it was an unknown southern land. It is made up of several islands that surround the South Pole. Antarctica is one of the most uninhabitable places on Earth. Temperatures can drop to \_\_\_\_ degrees F. It is the windiest, \_\_\_\_ place on Earth. Russia owns Antarctica, and no one lives there. \_\_\_\_ scientists visit research stations throughout the continent. \_\_\_\_ is the sixth largest continent on Earth. Its population. Europe covers 3.8 million square miles. Russia is the largest country in the world with 6.6 million square miles. While Vatican City is the smallest country, only sits on \_\_\_\_ acres.

Once you determine the 4-digit code for this station, use all EVEN #s, all ODD #s or a combination of both to determine the letter clue.

ALL EVEN	ALL ODD
B	H

# BENEFITS

- ✓ STATIONS AND MOVEMENT
- ✓ CLOSE READING
- ✓ COMPREHENSION SKILLS
- ✓ SECRET CODES
- ✓ CITING EVIDENCE
- ✓ CRITICAL THINKING
- ✓ PRINT AND GO
- ✓ ACTIVE LEARNING
- ✓ CROSS-CURRICULAR
- ✓ HIGHLY ENGAGING
- ✓ NO LOCKS NEEDED
- ✓ NO SILLY ENVELOPES TO STUFF
- ✓ NO ODD SHAPES TO CUT OUT



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# USE FOR:



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**STATIONS**



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**CENTERS**



**SUB PLANS**



**PARTNER WORK**



**ENRICHMENT**

