Birds in Paradise
Trinidad and Tobago is famous for its beautiful birds. One man has made it his life’s work to study them. He’s trying to photograph all of the 460 types of birds on the island. But there’s one special bird that’s difficult to find. Will he succeed?

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In an Okavango wetlands area, a young serval cat is going out for his first night hunt. These cats catch small animals for food. However, they must be very careful. There are many larger animals that want to hunt them! Will the young serval be safe and successful?

Cambodia Animal Rescue
In some areas of Cambodia, there are few people around. Because of this, people go there to catch and kill animals illegally for food or for sale. If these animals don’t get help, there will soon be none left! Who will save the animals before it’s too late?

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In the past, it was popular for rich people in England to have servants, or people to help manage their homes. The most important servant was the butler. Today, there are fewer butlers, but the job is still important. What skills make a good butler? Where does one learn them?

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One Boy’s Journey
The Fulani are a group of people who live in Africa. Yoro is a young Fulani Boy. Before he can become a man, Yoro must make a long and difficult journey. The journey is a test for him. What challenges will Yoro meet? Will he succeed?

Living with a Volcano
A volcano is a mountain with a large hole at the top. Active volcanoes can be dangerous because they can erupt, or produce very hot, melted rock. In Sicily, there are several towns near a large volcano. Why do people live in such a dangerous place? Is it safe?

Making a Deal
There have been souks, or markets, in Middle Eastern and Arab cities for hundreds of years. People can buy food, clothes, shoes, and much more in them. But, there are no prices on the items. How are prices decided? What’s the best way to get a good price?

Dangerous Dining
The puffer fish is a famous type of fish in Japan. If it’s prepared properly, it’s a safe and delicious meal. If it’s not, it can kill those who eat it. How do chefs prepare the fish correctly? What are scientists doing to protect people who eat puffer fish?

Flying Pumpkins!
Every year, a group of people in Delaware have a pumpkin throwing contest. They use machines to throw pumpkins very far. The winner is the team that throws a pumpkin further than anyone else! How do they throw the pumpkins? Who’s going to win?
Blue Cows?
Farmers in India are having a serious problem. A local animal is eating their food. However, the farmers cannot hurt the animal because it has a special name. How can a name protect an animal? What will the farmers do?

Cupid the Dolphin
Dolphins are intelligent animals that live in the ocean. Every year thousands of dolphins swim too close to beaches by mistake and get caught. If left outside the water, they can die. This happened to a dolphin in Texas named Cupid. What happened to Cupid? Was he saved?

Wild Animal Town
In the town of Kariba, Africa, people and animals live together happily. The town was built in a place where wild animals live. As long as both humans and animals obey certain rules, they can live peacefully. What are the rules in Kariba? How dangerous is it there?

Mount Fuji
Mount Fuji is a famous mountain in Japan that has become a symbol of Japanese culture. Thousands of people climb the mountain every year. Some do it to take pictures and buy gifts. Others climb it for other reasons. Why do so many people climb Mount Fuji? What kind of experience is it?

The Lost Temples of the Maya
Archaeologists study old cities and buildings to learn about cultures and people. An archaeologist in Guatemala has searched for one city for twenty years. He thinks the buildings there may tell him about one of the great cultures of the world: the Maya. Will he find the lost temples of the Maya?
The Three Rivers of Zambia
Zambia, Africa, is nowhere near an ocean, but it is heavily influenced by water. Three great rivers flow through Zambia which impact the lives of the people and animals near them. How do the rivers impact life around them? How can humans protect these valuable rivers?

Orangutan Language
Orangutans are animals that are similar to humans in many ways. One similarity is their ability to communicate through language. This ability is being studied in a program at a zoo in Washington, D.C. What is the purpose of this program? How does it work?

Solar Cooking
Two people from the United States have developed an efficient and healthy way to cook using the sun. Solar cooking is good for the environment and is also extremely helpful to people in certain countries. Why is solar cooking important to some countries? How can solar cooking help save lives?

Saving the Pandas!
Giant Pandas are considered the national treasure of China. Unfortunately, these animals are becoming extinct. The people of China are working hard to save pandas from disappearing. Why are they becoming extinct? What are the Chinese people doing to save them?

The Olympians
The Olympic Games originated in ancient Greece where men from all over competed in sporting events. Over the centuries, the Olympic Games have developed and today top players from around the world compete to try and achieve their dream of winning an Olympic gold medal.

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Flora grew up in a large city in Tanzania. Then she married and moved to a small village where she and her husband hunt and farm to live. She dreams of going back to the city but doesn't want to leave her family. Will Flora stay in the village? Will she move back to the city?

**One Woman's Choice**

Two dentists in California treat some very special patients. Their patients are animals! Animals can develop dental problems just like humans. These dentists help them, but sometimes it can be dangerous. Have they ever been hurt by an animal? How do they treat dangerous animals?

**Zoo Dentists**

There is a silk factory in Florence, Italy, where workers use ancient machines to create beautiful silk cloth. Other factories have modernised and use newer machines but the workers here continue to weave silk from machines that are centuries old. How is this silk made? What makes it special?

**The Art of Making Silk**

**Capoeira: The Fighting Dance**

Capoeira is a Brazilian art that involves dancing and fighting. Capoeira was invented in the 1800s and it has become a popular activity today. Capoeira is now being used to help street children in Brazil to stay away from trouble. How does it help these children? What do they learn from capoeira?

**Gliding across the Gobi**

Two National Geographic explorers take an exciting and difficult trip to the Gobi Desert. When they finally get there, one explorer wants to take pictures of the desert in an interesting way. Why is it so difficult to cross the desert? How does the explorer take pictures of the Gobi?
Incredible Animals

Beagle Patrol
Beagles are dogs with an extremely powerful sense of smell. They often work at airports to find illegal or unsafe items. Before they can do the job, they must go through training. What does it take to be on the Beagle Patrol? What happens to dogs that don’t make it?

Giant Cave Crocs!
Most crocodiles live above ground but an unusual group of crocodiles in Africa lives underground, in caves. A team of scientists will go to Madagascar to learn more about these crocodiles. Will they find any crocodiles? What will happen if they do find a real giant cave croc?

Fascinating Places

Opal Town
People from around the world travel to Coober Pedy, Australia, with hopes of getting rich. This town is full of valuable stones called ‘opals’. Some opals are worth millions, but they are extremely hard to find. What influences the value of an opal? What does it take to find them?

Confucianism in China
Confucius (551-479 B.C.) is a well-known person in Chinese history. He had many followers who believed in what he taught and who spread his ideas throughout the country. Confucius continues to influence many parts of Chinese life. What were his ideas? How do they still affect China today?

Amazing Science

The Mystery of the Crop Circles
Several strange signs called ‘crop circles’ have been discovered in the fields of southern England. These mysterious circles are puzzling to everyone, even scientists. There are several theories about who—or what—made them. Could it be humans who did it? Or could it be something else...?
Tornado Chase

Tornadoes are large storms that can cause huge amounts of damage and destruction. Most people run from tornadoes, but some researchers chase them! They want to study the storms to develop better methods for predicting them. How do they find these tornadoes? How do they collect their information?

Bird Girl

Mary Lou Robertson is a young girl in Florida who has an interesting hobby; she watches birds. In fact, she loves birds so much, that at age 13, she’s even writing a children’s book about them. Why does Mary Lou love birds so much? How did she write a book at such a young age?

The Life of a Geisha

In Japan, a young woman named Umekichi dreams of becoming a geisha and has left home to follow her dream. This mysterious Japanese profession requires years of difficult training. What happens during the training of a geisha? Why does Umekichi want to be one?

Chuckwagon Racing

Every year, over 500 cowboys and cowgirls gather in western Canada. They want to test their rodeo skills at the famous Calgary Stampede. This year, two cowboys intend to win one of the most exciting – and dangerous – events: chuckwagon racing! Which cowboy will win? Will he do it safely?

Para-Life Rescue!

In Brazil, a man has discovered a new way of saving, or rescuing, people from drowning in the ocean. This new rescue method involves a person using a motor-powered aircraft to work with lifeguards on the beach. How do these people work together? Is this an effective way of saving lives?

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Polar Bears in Trouble

Polar bears are some of the largest and most dangerous hunters in the cold regions of the North. Their bodies are built for winter and they do best in the coldest areas. Unfortunately, polar bears are becoming threatened due to changes in the world’s climate. How does global warming affect polar bears? What must be done to save them?

Cheetah in Focus

A National Geographic team in Botswana sets out on the difficult task of filming one of the most beautiful creatures on earth; the cheetah. Cheetahs are presently endangered and the team’s goal is to show how important these animals are through photographs.

The Black Diamonds of Provence

In France, some people earn money by selling a special food called a ‘truffle’. Truffles can be found in the woods; however they are very rare and expensive. That’s why they are sometimes called ‘black diamonds’. What is this unusual food, and why is it so expensive?

Shark Alley

In Shark Alley, South Africa, people often go underwater in protected environments to watch great white sharks in their natural surroundings. Some people believe that this makes the sharks more violent, others feel there is no change in behaviour. Two researchers want to find the truth. How do they study the sharks? What do they find out?

Aquarium on Wheels

People often visit aquariums to see sea creatures in their natural environment, but in Baltimore, a local program brings aquarium exhibits to people. Local teenagers travel to schools and libraries to educate children about sea life and conservation. How do people react to Aquarium on Wheels? What do the teenagers learn from their work?
How’s the Weather?

The weather on Earth is always changing. One day it’s cloudy, the next day it’s sunny, and the day after that - who knows? Meteorologists are scientists that can predict the weather. But how do they do it? What causes these changes in the weather?

A Chinese Artist in Harlem

Ming is an artist from China who now lives and works in New York City. He teaches children in the public school system how to draw and paint. However, he also teaches them something else that’s very important. What does Ming teach the children and why is it so important?

The Gauchos of Argentina

In Argentina, there is a group of men who live a unique life; the life of a gaucho. This special type of cowboy has been continuing the old traditions for centuries. What type of lifestyle do these men have and what does it mean to be a gaucho?

The Great Kite Fight

Every year, the city of Shirone, Japan, goes ‘kite crazy’ during a five-day local festival. In this highly competitive contest, teams fly kites and fight to force each other’s kites from the sky. This tradition began 250 years ago and people of all ages still enjoy the celebration. How do teams fight with kites? What does it take to win?

Extreme Sky Diving

Most people enjoy the sport of sky diving because they get to fall at extremely high speeds, but some people want to go even faster. One man is even experimenting with various methods of increasing his speed. What is he doing to go faster? Is it working?

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Koalas
Koalas are recognized around the world for their cute and lovable appearance. But unfortunately the koala population is rapidly declining because their natural home in the thick forests of Australia is being destroyed. What can be done to help the koalas? Who is working to save them?

The King of the Spiders
Goliath tarantulas are the most enormous spiders in the world. Most people consider them to be extremely dangerous and avoid them, but not tarantula expert Rick West. He seeks out tarantulas because he has an important story to tell. What information does West want to share with the world? Are tarantulas as dangerous as people think?

The Hidden Treasures of Egypt
The Egyptian Museum in Cairo, Egypt contains an extraordinary collection of ancient art, but even more of its treasures are hidden away in its basement. Museum workers are now preparing to show these valuable pieces in a new exhibition. What pieces will they exhibit? How will they decide what to display?

Exciting Streets of Barcelona
People from all over the world love to visit a street in Barcelona, Spain called 'the Ramblas'. This walking-only street is centrally located and full of interesting artists, performers, and other entertainers. What happens on the Ramblas? What makes this street so exciting?

The Amazing Human Body
The human body is an amazing ‘machine’ made up of different systems that allow us to do things like run, eat, and even breathe. These systems work together to keep the body functioning normally and healthily. How does the human body actually work? What jobs do the systems perform?
Saving the Amazon
The Amazon rain forest is in crisis. Illegal miners are destroying the homes of millions of plants and animals; however, one group of scientists is exploring the far off regions of a newly formed national park to stop the destruction. How can they help to save the rain forest? Who will they get to help them?

Dinosaur Builder
Peter May has the unique job of reconstructing dinosaurs for museum displays. He works with a team using real dinosaur bones as well as artificial bones to create these giant creatures. How did Peter May become a dinosaur builder? How does he know what these long-extinct animals looked like?

The Snake Detective
A snake park in the Sultanate of Oman has a serious problem: all but one of their snakes have died. The owner of the park has hired a ‘snake detective’ to uncover the mystery of the dying snakes. Why did the snakes die? Will the snake detective be able to save the new snakes?

Canyaking Adventure
A group of young athletes have travelled to the Indian Ocean to visit Reunion Island for a unique challenge: canyaking. This tough outdoor activity is a combination of two different sports and requires the cooperation of all team members. What two sports does canyaking involve? Will the team succeed in canyaking Reunion Island?

Spacewalk
The first trip outside of a spacecraft, or ‘spacewalk’, was completed in 1965. Since then many astronauts have participated in spacewalks, but spacewalking does not come without its risks and challenges and astronauts are in constant danger when in space. What are the risks and challenges of spacewalking? How do astronauts overcome them?

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The Perfect Swarm

In the 1800s, the Rocky Mountain locust brought massive destruction to Western settlers. Then, they suddenly disappeared—almost without a trace. Today, scientists hope to find a reason for the locust's extinction. What caused the Rocky Mountain locust to disappear? Where will the scientists look?

Red Devils!

Humboldt squid, or 'Red Devils,' are the world's largest animal without a backbone. These sometimes dangerous creatures live in the deep waters of the Gulf of California. A researcher and professional diver have come to the Gulf to learn more about them. Will they find any 'Red Devils'? Will they be able to observe them safely?

The Varied Cultures of China

For thousands of years certain remote groups of native Chinese have existed in near isolation. Separated from the mainstream world, these deeply cultural communities have maintained the old ways of life. Now, with the introduction of today's modern conveniences, they could disappear. What are these cultures? Can they be preserved before it's too late?

The Orient Express

Running from Paris to Istanbul, the Orient Express is a first-class 'hotel on wheels.' Once a year, travellers can ride the luxury train across Europe just to enjoy the journey, but it's hard work to make the grand train run smoothly. Who is responsible for the train's success? What unique difficulties do they face?

Mars on Earth

The arctic region of Canada is home to a huge depression in the earth called Haughton Crater. A group of explorers has come to the area to have an opportunity to face challenges similar to those expected when travelling to Mars. What challenges will they meet? What preparations are being made for Mars—on Earth?
Alternative Energy
Global warming and a lack of available traditional fuels have created an environmental crisis. In Colorado however, scientists in the windy Rocky Mountains have found alternative fuel sources that could provide a solution. What are these new sources of energy? How can they be used in everyday life?

Natacha’s Animal Rescue
Fish River Canyon, a beautiful region in southern Namibia, was once a place where wild animals ran free. However, hunters, and farmers have claimed the lives of thousands of these animals and left the land bare. Natacha, a conservationist, now plans to bring the animals back to the canyon. What kinds of animals will she bring? How will she do it?

Afghanistan’s Heroic Artists
When the Taliban took control of Afghanistan, the religious group aimed to destroy any artistic expression that violated their strict interpretation of Islamic rules. A group of Afghan artists risked death by disobeying the Taliban to preserve the important artwork of their country. Who are the men that saved Afghanistan’s art? How did they do it?

Living in the Slow Lane
Greve, Italy, is one of the many cities around the world that is part of the ‘Slow City’ movement: a way of living designed to fight the negative effects of globalization. The ‘Slow City’ movement has also inspired individuals to start a ‘Slow Food’ movement. What does it mean to be part of these groups?

Firewalking
In a small village in northern Greece, local residents participate in an annual religious festival called Anastenaria during which they walk across fire. This firewalking tradition tests believers’ faith and serves as a means of receiving blessings. Will all the participants make it across the fire? How will their firewalk affect them?