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For each text, follow these steps:

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1. Read it through once.
 2. Read it again and underline the most important parts.
 3. Code the text with the following symbols.
 - W: this information answers one of the 5 Ws
 - ✓ : I already knew this information
 - ! : this is surprising or interesting
 - ? : this is a confusing word, phrase or idea
 4. Fill out the 5 Ws.
 5. Summarize what the text is mostly about in 3-5 sentences!

Cockroaches

People don't think too highly of cockroaches. There's something about their long antennae and quick movements that makes them easy to mistrust. Yet unlike spiders, wasps, or ticks, most roaches are not a threat to people. So why do we hate cockroaches so much?

It could be because there are so many of them. The number of cockroaches in the world is constantly increasing, because they reproduce very quickly. There are about 3,500 different kinds of cockroaches in the world. The only place cockroaches are not found is at the polar ice caps!

We could hate cockroaches because they are hard to kill. Some types of roaches are able to resist poisons that are made to kill them. They also move quickly: Some adult cockroaches can run up to two miles per hour. Although this might not sound very fast, consider this: If cockroaches were the size of lions, they would be able to run at 50 miles per hour!

It could be because we know they will probably outlast us. Cockroaches have survived for 320 million years. That is much older than humans. It is even older than dinosaurs! Cockroaches have existed from before dinosaurs were around until dinosaurs went extinct, all the way up until today!

But none of those reasons really explains why most people hate cockroaches. Most people hate them because they just look creepy! The next time you feel this way, keep in mind that it could be worse. Most cockroaches in America are less than one inch long. One type of cockroach found in Borneo grows to more than four inches long! Now that's creepy!

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👉 Festivals from around the World 👈

A festival is a type of party to which everyone is invited. For thousands of years, people have thrown festivals. Many of these festivals are connected to religious holidays. For example, Mardi Gras (pronounced: Mar-dee Graw) is a famous annual festival in New Orleans, Louisiana. Mardi Gras happens the week before Lent, a Christian holiday.

During Lent, people give up certain things, like eating their favorite foods, for a few weeks. Mardi Gras is their last chance to do the things they enjoy before Lent. People are permitted to eat and drink whatever they want during the week of Mardi Gras. They have parades in the streets. The entire city contributes to the fun.

Many festivals are much stranger than Mardi Gras. In one city in Spain, there is a baby-jumping festival! During this festival, people set their newborn babies down on the ground, and men dressed as devils jump over them! It is believed that the devils take the evil out of the babies.

Some festivals don't have anything to do with religion. In Finland, they have a wife-carrying festival. Hundreds of years ago, men would sometimes steal the wives of men from other towns. People don't do that anymore, so today they celebrate this tradition in a much sillier way: Men have to carry their wives through an obstacle course. The fastest racer wins!

Some festivals center around food. In Gilroy, California, there is a Garlic Festival. People at the garlic festival eat garlic ice cream, drink garlic soft drinks, and suck on garlic lollipops! In New Zealand, they have a festival of strange foods. There, you can eat such tasty treats as cricket stew, slug spaghetti, and boiled sheep's eyes. If you plan to go to this festival, you'd better have a heroic stomach!



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