Episode #1 - Lost in the Library



Benji the Bunny - Episode #1 Quiz

What did Benji do before crossing the street?
 Into what building did Benji go?
 What did Benji do just before falling asleep?
 What old city did Benji dream about?
 Who chased Benji after they landed?
 What is the name of the big arena where Benji fought
 Who was Benji supposed to fight?
 What did Benji ride in the arena?
 What signal did the King give at the end?

11. Who did Benji see after waking up?

12. What was Benji given after waking up?

1. Where did Benji originally live?

Benji the Bunny - Episode #1 Survey

1. What did you like about the story? Why? 2. What didn't you like about the story? Why? 3. Who was your favorite character besides Benji? Why? 4. Did you feel sorry for any of the characters? Why? 5. What was the best or funniest part? 6. What was the worst or scariest part? 7. Did Benji accomplish their goal at the end? What was it? 8. Did anyone try to stop Benji from accomplishing their goal? How? 9. Can you remember any of the words that rhymed? 10. Did this story remind you of any others? 11. If you wrote this, what would you do differently? 12. What would a prequel or sequel (story before/after this one) be like?

<u>Lesson - Episode #1 History Lesson</u>

Based on -

Real-life old-time Gladiators in the Roman Colosseum.

The **Colosseum** is an oval-shaped amphitheatre in the centre of the city of Rome, Italy. It is just east of the Roman Forum and is the largest ancient amphitheatre ever built. It is still the largest standing amphitheatre in the world. Construction began under the emperor Vespasian in 72 AD and was completed in 80 AD.

The Colosseum is built of limestone, volcanic rock, and brick-faced concrete. It could hold up to 80,000 spectators at various points in its history, but averaged 65,000; it was used for gladiatorial contests and public spectacles including animal hunts, executions, re-enactments of famous battles, and dramas based on Roman mythology, and (briefly) mock sea battles. The building ceased to be used for entertainment in the early medieval era. It was later reused for such purposes as housing, workshops, quarters for a religious order, a fortress, a quarry, and a Christian shrine. Although substantially ruined by earthquakes and stone robbers, the Colosseum is still a renowned symbol of Imperial Rome and was listed as one of the New 7 Wonders of the World. It is one of Rome's most popular tourist attractions.

A **gladiator** (Latin for "swordsman") was an armed fighter who entertained audiences in the Roman Republic and Roman Empire in violent confrontations with other gladiators, wild animals, and condemned criminals. Some gladiators were volunteers who risked their lives and their legal and social standing by appearing in the arena. Most were despised as slaves, schooled under harsh conditions, socially marginalized, and segregated even in death.

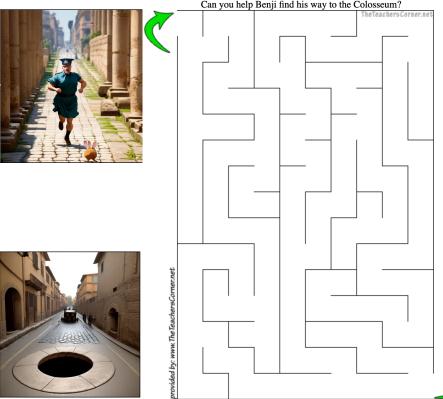
Irrespective of their origin, gladiators offered spectators an example of Rome's martial ethics and they could inspire admiration and popular acclaim. They were celebrated in high and low art, and their value as entertainers was commemorated in precious and commonplace objects throughout the Roman world. The gladiator games lasted for nearly a thousand years, reaching their peak between the 1st century BC and the 2nd century AD. Christians disapproved of the games because they involved idolatrous pagan rituals, and the popularity of gladiator contests declined in the fifth century, leading to their disappearance.

Source - Wikipedia

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Lost in the Library Can you help Benji find his way to the Colosseum?

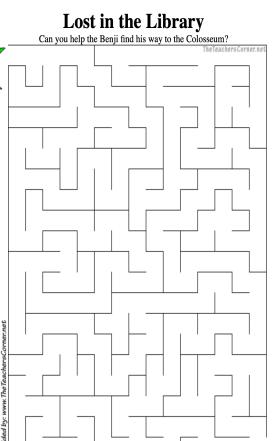










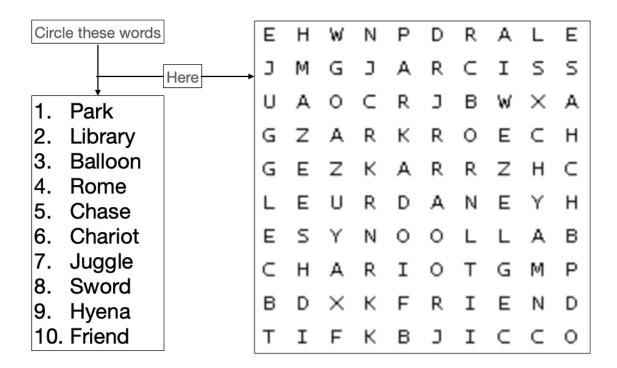




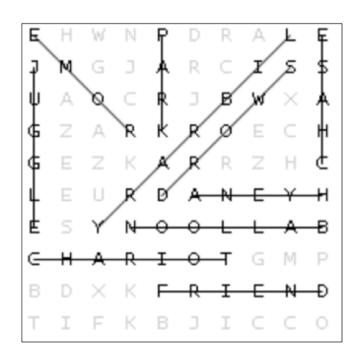




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Answer Key



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