



1. Virgil, a poet in ancient Rome, gave his dead pet a fine funeral. He built a fancy tomb, wrote several poems, and asked friends to mourn with him. It cost about one hundred thousand dollars to bury a housefly! Why did he do this? The government was taking rich people's land away, but land with tombs couldn't be taken from the owners. Virgil used the fly's grave to keep his property.

2. Puffed cereal is made in an odd way. The grain, which is usually rice or wheat, is put into large cannons that are then plugged at one end. The cannons are pushed into an oven and heated to 550 degrees. After 40 minutes the cannon plugs are pulled, and hot air rushes into the cannons. Moisture in the cereal grains turns to steam, and the grains puff up like popcorn.

3. If you play tennis, you may get *tennis elbow*. But if you like to play video games, then you'll probably get *arcade elbow* or even *video wrist*. Doctors have been warning children about the health dangers of playing video games. Besides sore wrists and elbows, video-game players can get eyestrain.

4. Doctors wanted to find out why many athletes got stress fractures in their bones. They studied a sports team and were surprised to find that the cause was sweat! The athletes lost calcium in their sweat after hard exercise. Bones need calcium to stay healthy.

5. In 1990 a law went into effect that helped people with disabilities get around. Sidewalk curbs were changed slightly. They had cutaways that sloped down to meet the street. People in wheelchairs could cross the street with less difficulty. Many improvements like this helped people get around in public places.

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1. The story mainly tells

- A. what kind of pet the poet Virgil had
- B. how a fly helped a man keep his property
- C. how the government took land
- D. how much the pet's funeral cost

2. The story mainly tells

- A. which grains are used to make puffed cereals
- B. how cereal is puffed
- C. how hot the ovens are
- D. how the grain is removed from the cannons

3. The story mainly tells

- A. the health dangers of playing video games
- B. what video games are best to play
- C. why children get eyestrain
- D. how people can get tennis elbow

4. The story mainly tells

- A. who doctors studied
- B. where stress fractures occur
- C. why many athletes got stress fractures
- D. what calcium does

5. The story mainly tells

- A. how a 1990 law helped people with disabilities get around
- B. which curbs were different
- C. where improvements were made
- D. how the sidewalk sloped down