

## 1. 阅读理解

Here are some books which can inspire kids to think about nature and the environment.

How to Raise Monarch Butterflies —By Carol Pasternak

Have you ever watched a monarch transform from a caterpillar (毛虫) to a butterfly from up close? In this book, learn everything about the monarch life cycle and how to raise monarchs from eggs to adult butterflies. You will also get to know the efforts involved to protect the species.

A Kid's Guide to America's Parks —By Erin McHugh

This year, the US National Park Service's National Park Week is on April 21-29. During the week, all the national parks offer free admission. Enrich your knowledge with this book, as it introduces the national parks and some interesting places in the US, including their geography, specific animals as well as environmental challenges. The book's featured places include Yosemite National Park, Ellis Island (home of the Statue of Liberty) and the National Park of American Samoa, the only U.S. national park south of the equator (赤道).

Where Do Recyclable Materials Go? —By Sabbithy Persad

Tiana had been learning about recycling at school. But when her dog, Bubbles, gets lost running after a recycling truck, she ends up learning a lot more about recyclable materials than ever! Follow Tiana and her family as they search for Bubbles around town and at the Materials Recovery Facility. Along the way, readers will learn a lot about recycling and how they can do their part in protecting the environment.

Scrap Kins Build-It Book Volume 1 —By Brian Yanish

Meet the Scrap Kins. They are creative, friendly monsters (怪物) who live in a recycling center, known as Scrap City. They'll show you how to turn junk into pretty cool things. Readers will learn how to create cute bags from old jeans, beautiful ships from milk boxes, and more. Remember that one person's trash is another person's treasure!

【1】Which author teaches you how to make an artwork from wastes?

- A. Carol Pasternak. B. Erin McHugh.  
C. Sabbithy Persad. D. Brian Yanish.

【2】Why is the National Park of American Samoa special?

- A. There is a famous statue in it. B. It is free for admission.  
C. It has its specific animals. D. It lies south of the equator.

【3】The common goal of the four books is to \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. teach kids practical skills B. raise kids' environment awareness  
C. comment on kids' behavior D. make kids interested in geography

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"Our aim is to take our art to the world and make people understand what it is to move," said David Belle, the founder of parkour.

Do you love running? It is a good exercise, yet many people find it boring. But what if making your morning jog a creative one? Like jumping from walls and over gaps, and ground rolls? Just like James Bond in the movie Casino Royale? Bond jumps down from a roof to a windowsill and then runs several blocks over obstacles on the way. It is just because of Bond's wonderful performances that the sport has become popular worldwide.

Yes, that's parkour, an extreme street sport aimed at moving from one point to another as quickly as possible, getting over all the barriers in the path using only the abilities of the human body. Parkour is considered an extreme sport. As its participants dash around a city, they may jump over fences, run up walls and even move from rooftop to rooftop.

Parkour can be just as exciting and charming as it sounds, but its participants see parkour much more than that.

Overcoming all the obstacles on the course and in life is part of the philosophy behind parkour. This is the same as life. You must determine your destination, go straight, jump over all the barriers as if in parkour and never fall back in your life, to reach the destination successfully. A parkour lover said, "I love parkour because its philosophy has become my life, my way to do everything."

Another philosophy we've learnt from parkour is freedom. It can be done by anyone, at any time, anywhere in the world. It is a kind of expression of trust in yourself.

【1】Parkour has become popular throughout the world because of \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. its founder, David Belle B. the varieties of participants  
C. its risks and tricks D. the film, Casino Royale

【2】The underlined word "obstacles" in Paragraph 2 is closest in meaning to "\_\_\_\_\_".

- A. streets B. objects  
C. roofs D. barriers

【3】Which of the following is the philosophy of parkour?

- A. Sports and extremes. B. Determination and freedom.  
C. Dreams and success. D. Excitement and popularity.

【4】Which of the following is true of parkour?

- A. It is a team sport. B. It is a good but boring sport.  
C. It needs special training. D. It challenges human abilities.

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For the last month, a married couple has been interacting with a robot — called an Avatar — (that's controlled by their daughter hundreds of miles away. Made by ANA Holdings Inc, it looks like a vacuum cleaner with an iPad attached. But the screen displays the daughter's face as they chat, and its wheels let her walk slowly about the house as though she's really there.

"Virtual travel" is nothing new, of course. Storytellers, travel writers and artists have been stimulating the senses of armchair tourists for centuries. It's only in recent decades that frequent, safe travel has become available to the non-wealthy.

Yet even as the world's middle classes climb out of the armchair and into economy-class seats, there are signs of a post-travel society appearing. Concerns about the environment make people lose interest in carbon-intensive (碳排放量很高的) airlines. And the aging of societies is both slowing down the growth of physical travel and creating demand for alternative ways to experience the world. For the travel industry, virtual reality offers a tantalizing (诱人的) response to these trends.

Of course, far-out (前卫的) technologies encourage profits. ANA doesn't plan to start selling Avatars until next year. By one estimate, the global market for this kind of technology will be worth only about \$300 million by 2023. By contrast, ANA's traditional travel business brought in more than \$19 billion last year.

But although the business case for virtual vacations is still weak, the market for technologies that bridge physical distances between families and coworkers seems likely to only expand. ANA's robots may not replace its airplanes any time soon, but they'll almost certainly be a part of travel's high-tech future.

【1】What purpose does the first paragraph serve in the passage?