## Snow

Snow is the best kind of precipitation. Sometimes flakes fall softly. Other times, snow comes with howling winds, stinging pellets, and shivery cold.

# Teeth

The teeth in the front of your mouth are incisors. There are four incisors on the top and four on the bottom. They tear food like pizza and sandwiches. Not carrots.

### My Summer

This is what I will do during my summer. On week days I have lots of different summer camps to go to. On weekends, I will go outside and play with my friends and neighbors. My friends from the school year gave me all their phone numbers, so we can have play dates over the summer.

My friends from New Zealand came back. I am glad to see them. we will have lots of fun times this summer.

In August we will go to Oklahoma to visit my grandparents. We will go fishing, hunting, and swimming. I can't wait!

# How an Octopus Protects Itself

An octopus can take its eight legs and wrap them around other animals. Imagine a predator is nearby. Squishing its body into a small space, the octopus can hide until the predator moves. An octopus can also squirt ink into the water and blind the attacker for a short time.

### Anne Frank

Anne Frank, a Jewish girl who lived during world war II, wrote a diary that tells us what life was like living in constant fear of being discovered by Nazis. With seven other people, Anne hid in a secret annex, a tiny home where they had to keep quiet and still. After two years of hiding, the family was found and sent to work camps. Only Anne's father survived. His name was Otto Frank. He found Anne's diary and published it.

### Nocturnal Animals

Some people fear the dark. Your imagination can trick you in the dark, making you think that harmful things are breathing down the back of your neck. Nocturnal animals are different! Their eyes are large, reflecting even small amounts of light back into the eye to help them see.

# My Puppy

My tumbling, zigzagging puppy was clumsy on her too-big feet. Wagging and knocking things off the table, her tail was like a long out-ofcontrol spring! She yipped and yapped. She was calling me to play with her.

## Bird Watching

Last weekend, my family took me bird watching. I thought it would be boring and didn't want to go. Quietly, we walked through the woods, binoculars in hands, looking toward the tree tops. There! In the branches above, I saw a hawk, ready to swoop down to snag a mouse on the ground.

### Race for the Train!

You're late! Your heart is pounding. You race up the stairs, looking up at the screens to find your train. Everyone around you is moving so slowly. You dash for your train, weaving and bobbing through the crowd. With just a few seconds before the train chugs out of the station, you're through the doorway. Finally, you can breathe. Phew!

## A Cricket's Ears

A cricket has ears. They are not, however, where you would expect them to be. They are on the cricket's legs! So, a cricket stretches out its legs to "hear." Crickets' ears cannot hear true sounds. Crickets feel the vibrations that sounds make.

#### Our Solar System

Our solar system is made up of the Sun, eight planets, and other objects like asteroids that revolve around the Sun.

Mercury, the closest planet to the Sun, is the smallest planet. You can see all eight planets in the night sky if you know where to look. One day on Mercury is the same as 17.2 days on Earth. And it's blistering hot that close to the Sun! The average temperature on Mercury's sunny side is 750° Fahrenheit.