

# Locked in Alcatraz



▶ You are locked in the famous prison of Alcatraz. To escape, you have to find the security code which unlocks the iron door. Be quick, you have two hours before the intruder alarm goes off! Flash the pages of your textbook with to watch or listen to the documents.



## CHALLENGE



- Watch the video and note down the figures corresponding to the following events. Then, take the last number of each date and add them together to find your first key.

FIGURES	FACTS
.....	▶ The prison was closed down.
.....	▶ The fort was used as a military prison.
.....	▶ End of the Mexican-American war, the US government built a fort to guard the port of San Francisco.
.....	▶ Number of prisoners who managed to escape.
.....	▶ Opened as a museum and visited by thousands.
.....	▶ Native Americans claimed the Island and occupied it.

## CODE

.....





## CHALLENGE



- Read the text and fill in the grid with the elements you have found. Then, put the coloured letters in the correct order to find the answer to the question: how long has Alcatraz been a federal prison?

### Rule Number Five

*It is your right to have:*

*Food, clothing, shelter and medical attention.*

*Anything else you get is a privilege.*

5 Alcatraz.

*The Island.*

*The Rock.*

This is no local state prison. This is a federal prison for crimes against the Nation—the United States of America.

10 It's stuck right out there near the Golden Gate Bridge. On a big hunk of stone jutting up out of the waters of San Francisco Bay. [...]

I was on my way to Alcatraz. They take the prisoners out there from a pier that's well away from the city. They don't want to disturb the honest townspeople. Don't want to let the folks on holiday see us either. Might spoil the tourist trade. Prisoners ain't a pretty sight. 15 Though, when word gets out there's a new prisoner going over, there's always two or three guys turn up to watch that early morning boat ride.

All at once the bridge looms up. Not so much Golden Gate as red rust. The big, iron girders arch above us as we go from the city 20 to the national park on the other side. They say the trees there are as tall as the Empire State Building. Then the fog rolls in and I don't see anything anymore.

I can hear the seals though. The noise gets louder as we approach the prison jetty on Alcatraz Island. Those big walruses are just sitting 25 on the rocks staring at us and honking.

Saddest sound I've ever heard.

I was going to see and hear a lot sadder things in the next months.

But to tell you the honest truth, on that day, I felt sort of proud to be going there.

30 Crazy, huh?

I mean I was scared too. [...]

But here I was now.

On that boat.

I was one of the big boys. The real tough guys.

35 On my way to the most famous prison in the U.S.A.

The most famous prison in the whole wide world.

Theresa BRESLIN, *Prisoner in Alcatraz*, 2008

The departure place  
□ □ □ □

The arrival place  
□ □ □ □ □

The bridge's appearance  
□ □ □ □ □ □ □ □

Sea animals  
□ □ □ □ □ □ □ □

The saddest sound he hears  
□ □ □ □ □ □ □ □

The narrator's situation  
□ □ □ □ □ □ □ □

How he feels about his fate  
□ □ □ □ □ □ □ □

& □ □ □ □ □ □ □ □

ANSWER

\_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ years

This is your **second key!**



## CHALLENGE



• Listen to the report and match the corresponding elements.

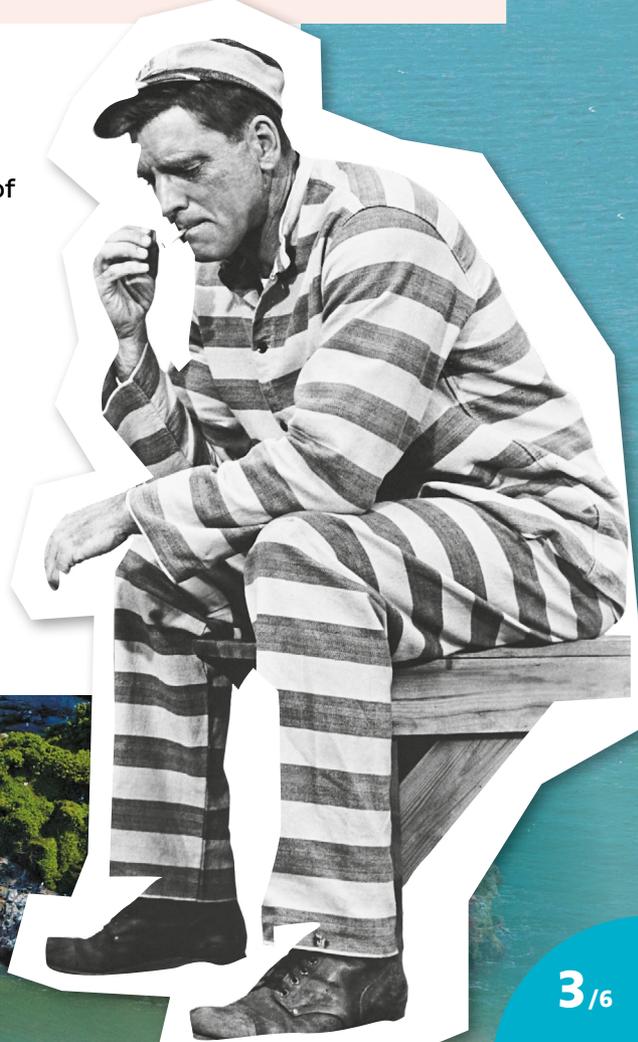
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|--|---|---|
| <b>A</b> Jim's former job                                    | • | • 1. Detestation, hatred                                      |
| <b>B</b> Robert's position in Alcatraz                       | • | • 2. A bank robbery   |
| <b>C</b> The nickname of the prison                          | • | • 3. Inmates  |
| <b>D</b> A synonym for "prisoners"                           | • | • 4. Pretty good  |
| <b>E</b> The effect Alcatraz still has on everybody          | • | • 5. Fear, apprehension and excitement                        |
| <b>F</b> The former prisoner's crime                         | • | • 6. A guard  |
| <b>G</b> The guard's age when he started                     | • | • 7. Tough with dark hair working in Alcatraz                 |
| <b>H</b> What Robert looked like in Alcatraz                 | • | • 8. The Rock   |
| <b>I</b> The feeling of the former prisoner toward the guard | • | • 9. A convict  |
| <b>J</b> The relationships between guards                    | • | • 10. Fascination and prisoners according to the former guard |
| <b>K</b> The guard's first feelings in Alcatraz              | • | • 11. 24  |

A	
B	
C	
D	
E	
F	
G	
H	
I	
J	
K	

• Fill in the grid with the corresponding numbers, then note down the result of this addition:

$$A + C + E + G + I + K =$$

This is your third key!





## CHALLENGE



• Listen to the audio book and use your answers to the questions to fill in the crossword grid. Note down the letters contained in the coloured boxes and put them back in order to find the hidden words, (2 words).

- 1 Number of birds on the island.
- 2 Number of weapons on the island: a few...
- 3 What the number 278 corresponds to.
- 4 A synonym for "imprisoned criminals".
- 5 According to the narrator, the prisoners in Alcatraz are...
- 6 Where the narrator lives.
- 7 His father's job.
- 8 His father's other job on the Rock.
- 9 The number of the building the narrator lives in.
- 10 Member of the "mafia".
- 11 The nickname of the axe murderer.
- 12 Al Capone's job in Alcatraz.
- 13 Another synonym for "criminals".
- 14 The boy's age.

• Insert the hidden letters back in order in the following question and answer it.

WHAT IS THE NUMBER OF THE BOY'S

\_\_\_\_\_ ? .....





## CHALLENGE



• Watch the video and use your answers to the questions to help you search the words in the grid. Then count out the most used letter in the answers. Which letter is it? How many times is it used? This is your fifth key.

- 1 What happened to you if you got too close to the island.
- 2 One thing that made the escape impossible (two words/no space).
- 3 Another thing that made the escape impossible.
- 4 A third thing that made the escape impossible (two words/no space).
- 5 The link between two of the three escaped inmates.
- 6 The year they escaped (three words/ no space).
- 7 The way the government learnt they had survived.
- 8 What had officially happened to them.
- 9 The people who visit Anglin's cell now.
- 10 What they used to escape.
- 11 How old John was when he wrote the letter (two words/no space).

K	D	U	T	H	L	C	G	X	H	I	A	I	H	S	N
B	R	O	T	H	E	R	S	A	L	L	V	S	T	I	B
R	O	O	P	N	C	W	C	O	Y	E	B	N	N	P	K
H	W	T	O	H	S	L	T	P	H	E	E	E	I	I	A
E	N	S	E	D	I	T	G	N	O	R	T	S	K	S	I
D	E	T	C	T	I	F	S	Y	R	E	R	T	X	A	U
M	D	R	O	R	A	K	J	U	E	S	E	X	F	M	I
Q	W	M	H	U	W	N	C	N	U	C	T	B	A	A	I
U	Q	S	G	T	R	J	S	D	W	H	A	Z	C	M	R
A	H	W	N	C	Y	I	R	F	M	R	W	A	L	C	A
P	W	J	S	F	X	T	S	G	W	P	D	N	P	F	K
S	L	W	J	T	K	X	H	T	C	E	L	V	L	H	F
C	S	M	Y	Z	Z	M	A	G	S	X	O	T	C	U	B
F	A	T	F	P	I	P	Z	D	I	Q	C	G	Q	K	F
S	W	V	L	E	T	T	E	R	O	E	S	W	R	P	A
O	Y	R	F	W	U	K	N	P	T	A	G	Z	I	L	S

LETTER      TIMES IT IS USED



This is your fifth key!





## CHALLENGE

● Read the comic strip about the Native Americans' occupation of Alcatraz. Tick the correct answers to the questions below. Be careful, some questions may have several possible answers.

**A. When did the Natives arrive on the island?**

1. 1962       3. 1974  
 2. 1969       4. 1963

**B. What did they want?**

1. To claim the island by right of discovery.  
 2. To open a prison.  
 3. To challenge the federal government.  
 4. To show the island was cursed.

**C. What was the Bureau of Indian affairs' mission in the 1960s?**

1. To relocate the Native Americans out of the reservation.  
 2. To make sure the Native Americans were integrated in the American society.  
 3. To maintain the Native Americans in their reservations.  
 4. To make sure the Native Americans didn't integrate in the American society.

**D. Did they succeed?**

1. Yes     2. No

**E. The 20,000 Natives living in San Francisco at the time belonged.**

1. To many different tribes.  
 2. To the same tribe.

**F. Activist Belva Cottier said Natives were entitled to claim the island because:**

1. It was theirs at the beginning.  
 2. It was a possibility offered by the treaty of Fort Laramie.  
 3. It was unoccupied.

**G. What they asked the government for:**

1. Jobs and houses.  
 2. The end of reservations.  
 3. A new treaty.  
 4. The deed for the island and money.

**H. Did they obtain what they wanted?**

1. Yes     2. No

**I. The positive aspect(s) of the occupation**

1. They obtained money and lands.  
 2. They are now completely integrated to the American society.  
 3. It is still a symbol of resistance.  
 4. It brought Natives together.

**J. Standing Rock is...**

1. Another name for Alcatraz.  
 2. The name of an Indian land on which a pipeline was to be built.  
 3. The name of a famous activist.  
 4. The name of a tribe.

ADD UP THE FIGURES OF ALL YOUR ANSWERS

This is your last key!



## THE ESCAPE CODE

▶ Well done, you have found all the keys to open the door of the cell block!

### CHALLENGES

key

1	.....
2	.....
3	.....
4	.....
5	.....
6	.....

● Use the keys you have found in the following calculation to find the final code you need to unlock the iron door:

$$(KEY 2 \times KEY 3) + (KEY 1 \times KEY 5) + 3 =$$



▶ The code you have found corresponds to the number of inmates who went through Alcatraz. Well done, you are now free from the prison and you can call for someone to take you back to San Francisco.