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Hunt #30

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1. Every four years, a "leap day" is added to our calendar to account for the fact that Earth does not travel around the Sun in *exactly* 24 hours. How long does it actually take for Earth to travel around the Sun? _____
2. Scientists usually name dinosaurs after a body feature, a person involved in the discovery, **or** a third characteristic. What is that third characteristic? _____
3. First Lady Jacqueline Kennedy swayed Congress to declare one Washington, D.C., landmark as a national museum. What landmark was that? _____
4. Which explorer was the first to reach the South Pole? Circle that explorer's name.
Robert Falcon Scott Roald Amundsen Robert Edwin Peary
5. Is gold considered a soft metal **or** a hard metal? _____
6. The *glockenspiel* is a musical instrument made of steel bars. To what family of instruments does the glockenspiel belong? Circle that family of instruments below.
brass percussion strings woodwinds
7. The *toga* was commonly worn by citizens of what ancient city? _____
8. In December 2004, a tsunami caused heavy damage in Sumatra, Sri Lanka, and Thailand. In which ocean did that tsunami occur? Circle that ocean below.
Atlantic Ocean Indian Ocean Pacific Ocean
9. An elephant's brain weighs more than 8 pounds. How many pounds does an adult human's brain weigh? _____
10. In 2001, an earthquake cracked the capitol dome in the state of Washington. In which city is Washington's state capital located? _____