Hunt the **Fact Monster**

**Hunt #16**

Use the Fact Monster search engine at [http://www.factmonster.com](http://www.factmonster.com) to find the answer to each question below.

1. Why do cowboys wear chaps? __________________________________________________________

2. On the Chinese calendar, each year is named after an animal. For example, the year 2004 was “the year of the Monkey.” What animal will be the symbol for the year 2012? ________________________________


4. Marine biologists are studying hydrothermal vents. What is a hydrothermal vent?
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5. Which state has a capital city named Montgomery? _________________________________________

6. Where in the world is Lake Vostok? ____________________________________________________

7. What makes scientists believe that the bird-like dinosaur named **Troodon** was one of the "smartest" dinosaurs? _________________________________________________________________________

8. What instrument is called the "mouth organ" or "French harp"? ______________________________

9. What is the job of the brain’s **cerebellum**? Circle the correct answer below.
   - coordinates muscle movement
   - controls growth
   - controls body temperature

10. What color is the valuable gem stone known as the ruby? ________________________________