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One Asia, Many Stories



Asia is a diverse continent with an array of cultures and traditions that make it unique. It is the largest and most populous continent in the world, accounting for about 60% of the world's population. From the vast steppes of Mongolia to the technological hubs of Korea, and from the cultural depths of Russia to the intricate traditions of China, Japan, India, and Bangladesh, Asia is a treasure trove of experiences.

Russia, spanning the breadth of Asia and Europe, offers a rich tapestry of landscapes and cultural landmarks, from the architectural marvels of Moscow to the serene beauty of Lake Baikal. Mongolia's expansive grasslands and nomadic culture provide a stark contrast to the bustling urban centres of neighbouring countries. Meanwhile, the Korean peninsula, with its blend of ancient palaces and ultra-modern cities, showcases a dynamic mix of history and progress.

Each Asian country contributes its own unique flavours and colours to the continent's rich cultural mosaic. Thailand's bustling markets and serene temples, Vietnam's picturesque landscapes and rich history, and Malaysia's melting pot of ethnicities and India's diverse cuisines highlight the diversity that defines Asia. Whether you're exploring the ancient temples of Angkor Wat, trekking the high-altitude trails of the Himalayas, or delving into the street food scenes of Bangkok and Seoul, Asia offers a myriad of adventures for every traveler.



Editor's Note:

Hey friends! This month, we are discussing about Asia, the largest continent in the world with 48 nations. In this edition, we have included various articles and interesting activities on Asia along with other creative topics and current affairs. Don't forget to check out our book review section encouraging good reading habits. Be sure to read our amazing story about the Zoolympics. Registrations for our free workshop "Headquarters Harmony- Mindfulness for Pre-Teens" are closing soon. This edition is crafted especially for Geography loving kids.

By doing creativities and reading the whole edition, you will be updated about the current affairs and learn a lot about Asia and the Olympics 2024! For kids interested in vocabulary enrichment, turn to our word puzzles on curiobuddy.com or see Vocabulary building pages of TKT. Stay Curious.

XOXO, Kanira, Editor-in-Chief

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THE SILK ROUTE

Not an actual road or a single route, the Silk Route was a vast web of roads used to trade goods for more than 1,500 years. It connected Eurasia and North Africa and extended through various landscapes including the Pamirs and the Gobi Desert.

Route and Extent

Starting in China, it covered around 6,437 kilometres (4,000 miles). It expanded through India, Bangladesh, Saudi Arabia, Spain, Italy, Egypt, Greece, Syria, Turkey, Iran, Iraq and many more countries, reaching its final destination - The Mediterranean.

Goods Traded

Merchants traded goods like silk, tea, spices, precious metals, cotton, ivory, wool, handicrafts etc. Some merchants, however, went beyond trade, also exchanging cultural practices like dance, theater performances, and music.

Did you know, the Silk Route got its name from the Chinese silk which was a highly valued good transported across the trade network?

Fun Facts

1. Marco Polo was one of the most famous travelers to travel the Silk Road.
2. Many cities along the route are recognised as UNESCO World Heritage Sites.
3. The Silk Route started being used during the Han Dynasty of China.





A monkey, a crocodile and a sloth are racing to a a mango tree. Who will reach the oranges first?

Check the correct answer in next edition.

Answer to 16th July’s Riddle Ride - “Fire”



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Weather Forecast			
Tuesday		Wednesday	
34°C 93°F	27°C 81°F	33°C 91°F	25°C 77°F



GHAZIABAD



IMD predicts scattered to fairly widespread rainfall in most parts of India. Temperatures shall remain appreciably above normal in some parts of Central India because of high humidity.



ASIA



Did You Know?

ASIA IS HOME TO NEARLY 60% OF THE WORLD’S POPULATION AND COMPRISES OF APPROXIMATELY 30% OF EARTH’S LAND AREA.



I'd tell you a construction
joke...

But I'm still working on it!



Fun with Facts

National Sports Day

National Sports Day also known as Rashtriya Khel Diwas is celebrated each year on 29th August in India to honour the birthday of Major Dhyān Chand, a field hockey player. On this day, players are given awards like the Major Dhyān Chand Khel Ratna, Arjuna award and other coveted awards.



Talk Time

Do you have a pet dog? What's his/her name? Express the love you feel for your pet dog. Why did you adopt them? Why are dogs important?



August 26 is International Dog Day.



Vocabulary Building

ARRAY - large number or an impressive group

POPULOUS - having a large population

EXPANSIVE - friendly

STARK - unpleasant and difficult to avoid

BUSTLING - to be full of noise, people or activity

NOMADIC - something which moves around a lot

PICTURESQUE - attractive

MELTING POT- a metaphor for a society where many different types of people blend together.

MYRIAD - a very large number of something

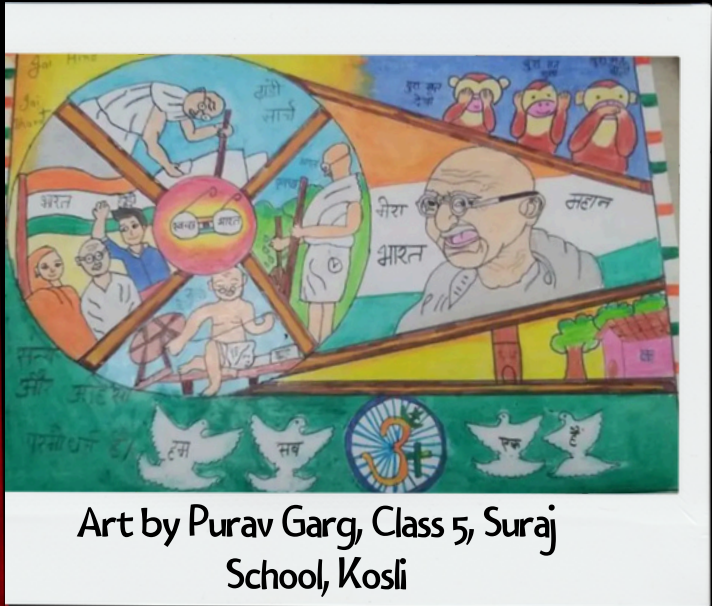
CONTAGIOUS - something (usually a disease) which spread from one person to other

CAMARADERIE - feeling of freindship and trust amongst people who work together

ETHEREAL - extremely delicate and light which does not feel real

PERSEVERANCE - continued effort to do something despite failures.

★ Hall of Fame ★



Art by Purav Garg, Class 5, Suraj School, Kosli



Bangle Craft by Aradhya Mittal, Class 5, Heritage Academy Modinagar



Clay Modelling by Aradhya, Class 5, Heritage Academy Modinagar



Clay Modelling by Gauransh Kumar, Class 3, Heritage Academy Modinagar



Bangle Craft by Avni Chaudhary, Class 4, Heritage Academy Modinagar



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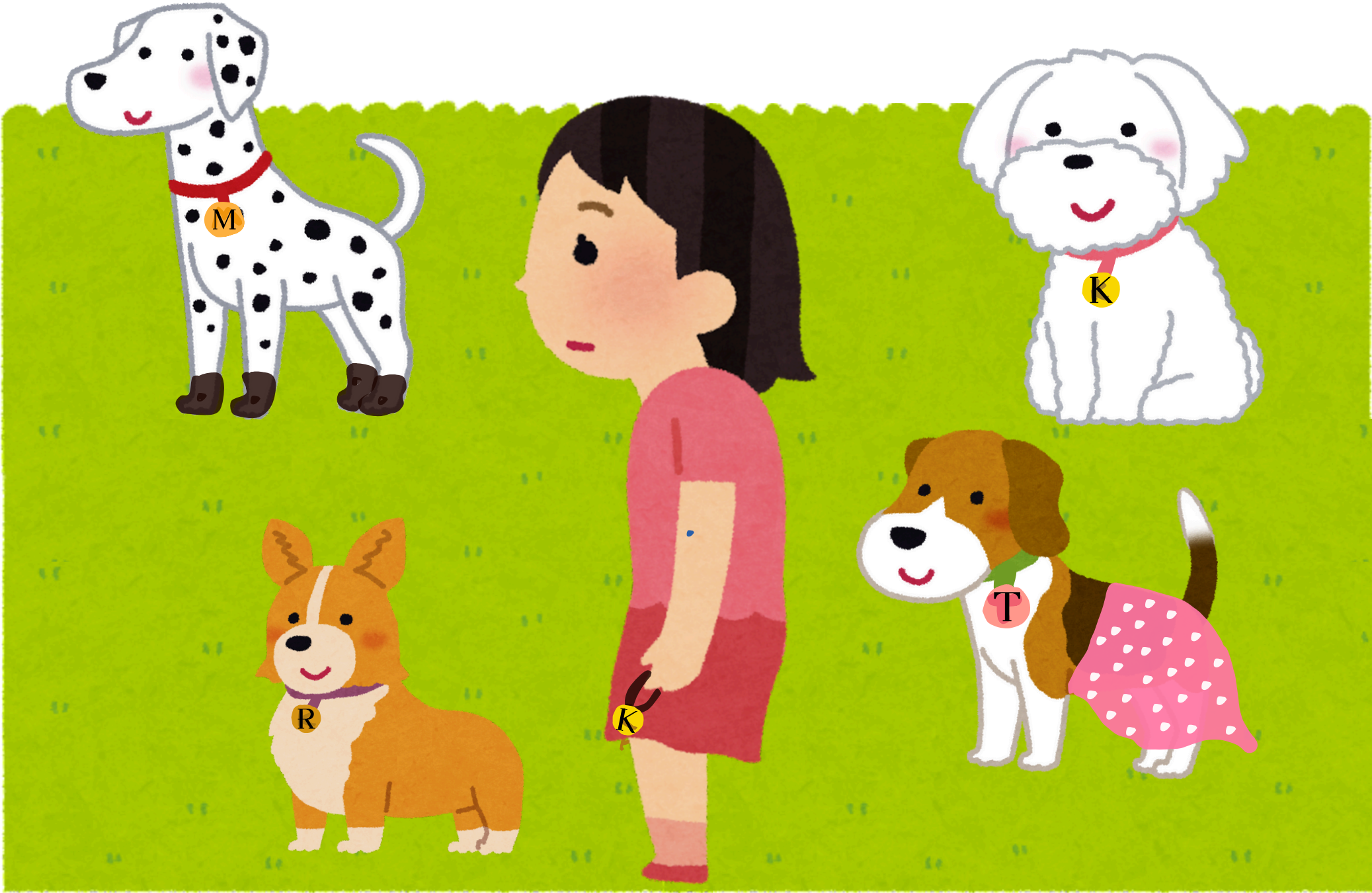


Art by Abhijay Kumar, Class 4, Heritage Academy Modinagar



Activity Area

August 26 is celebrated as the International Dog Day to honour the bond between humans and dogs while encouraging dog adoption. Shira has lost her dog. Help her find which one is hers.



COLOUR IT



August 9th is celebrated as World Book Lover's Day. It is a day that encourages to pick up a book to read and enjoy. Colour this beautiful image that illustrates the magic of a book.



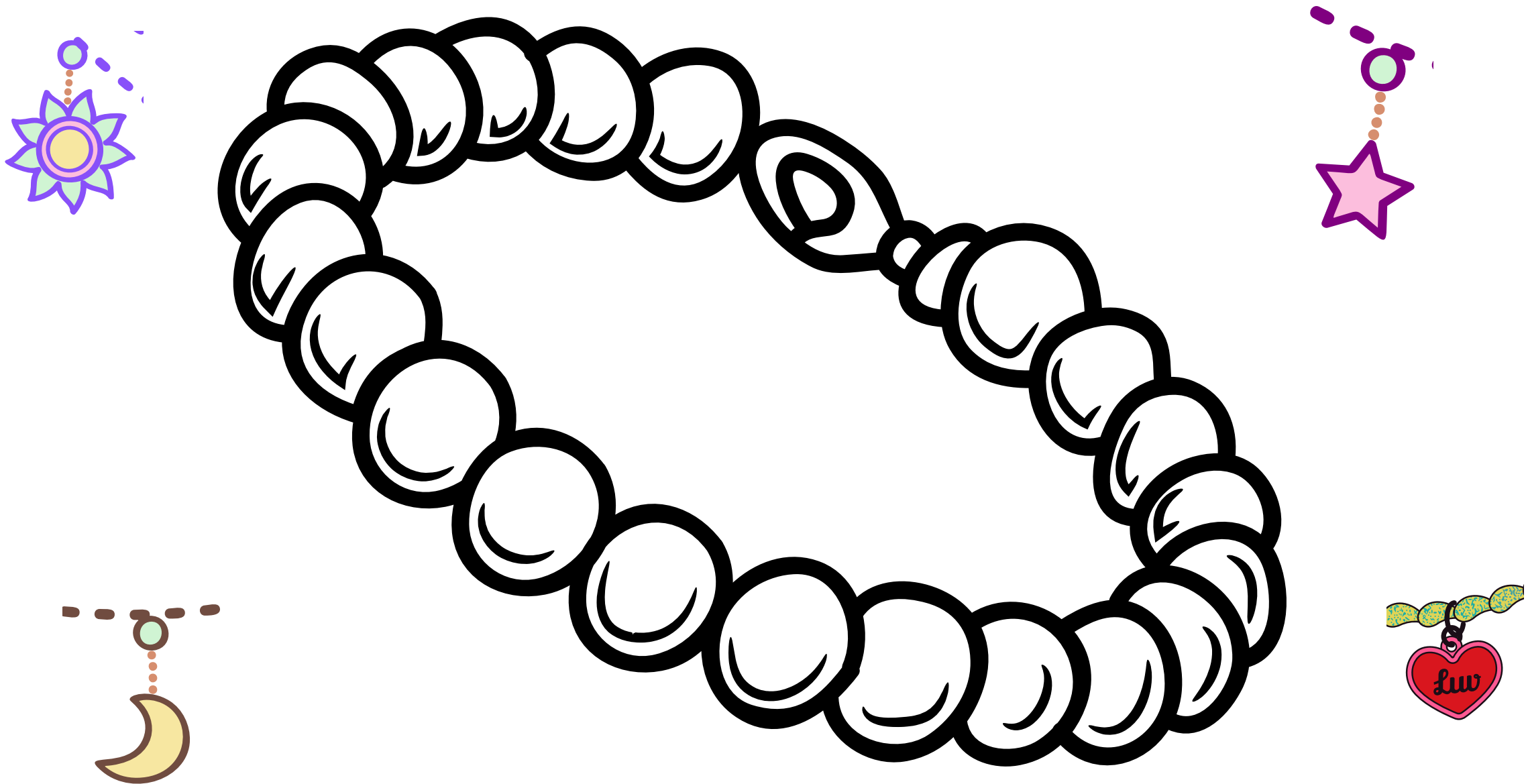
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Activity Area

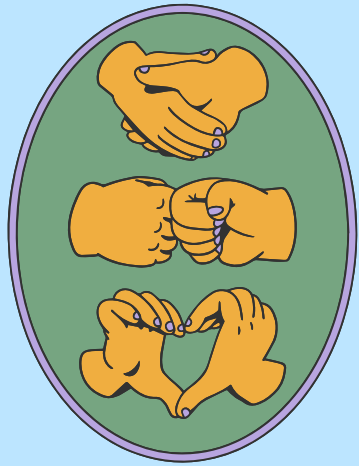
Find the correct silhouette of the lady on left who is celebrating Hariyali Teej and enjoying swings (celebrated on 7 August this year).



Decorate this friendship bracelet however you want. Add charms, make it colourful or even add something that's special to you and your friends.

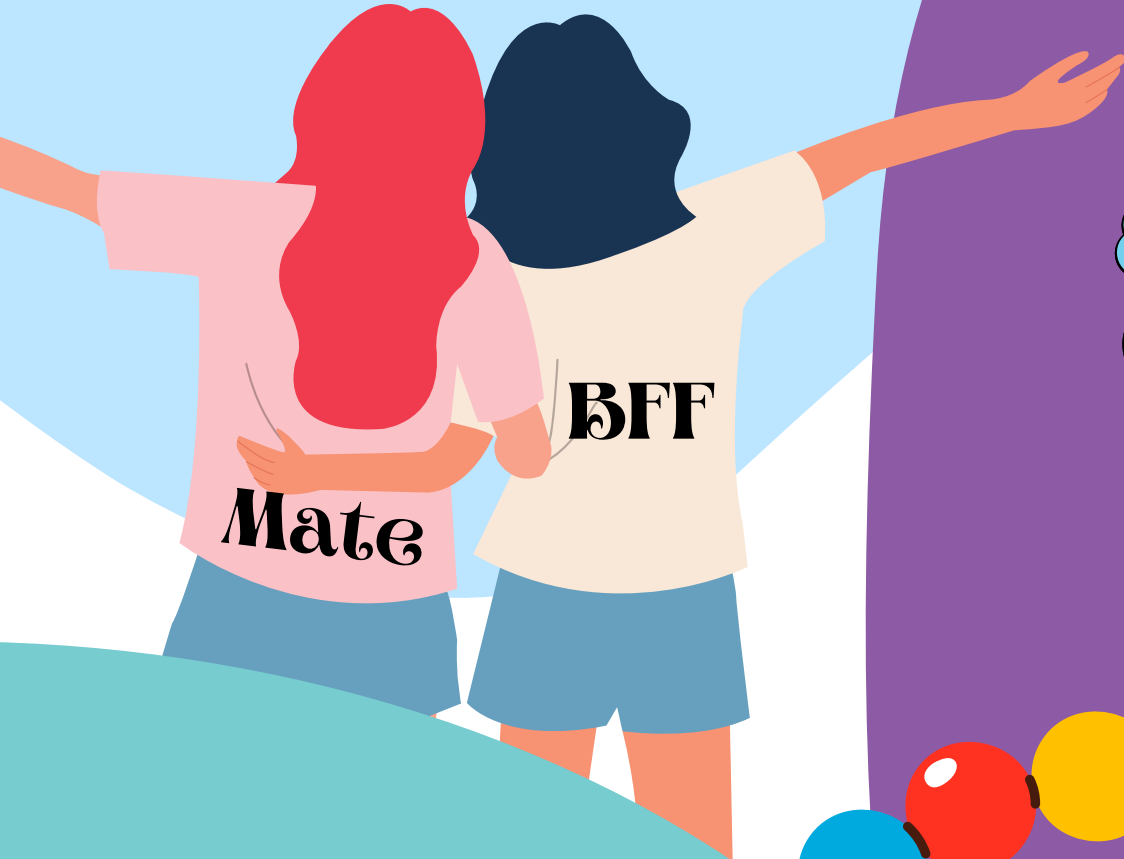


vocabulary On
FRIENDSHIP DAY



Gomrade

Confidant



Generosity

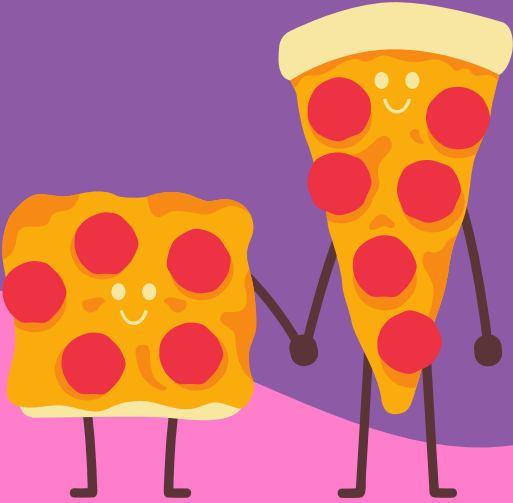
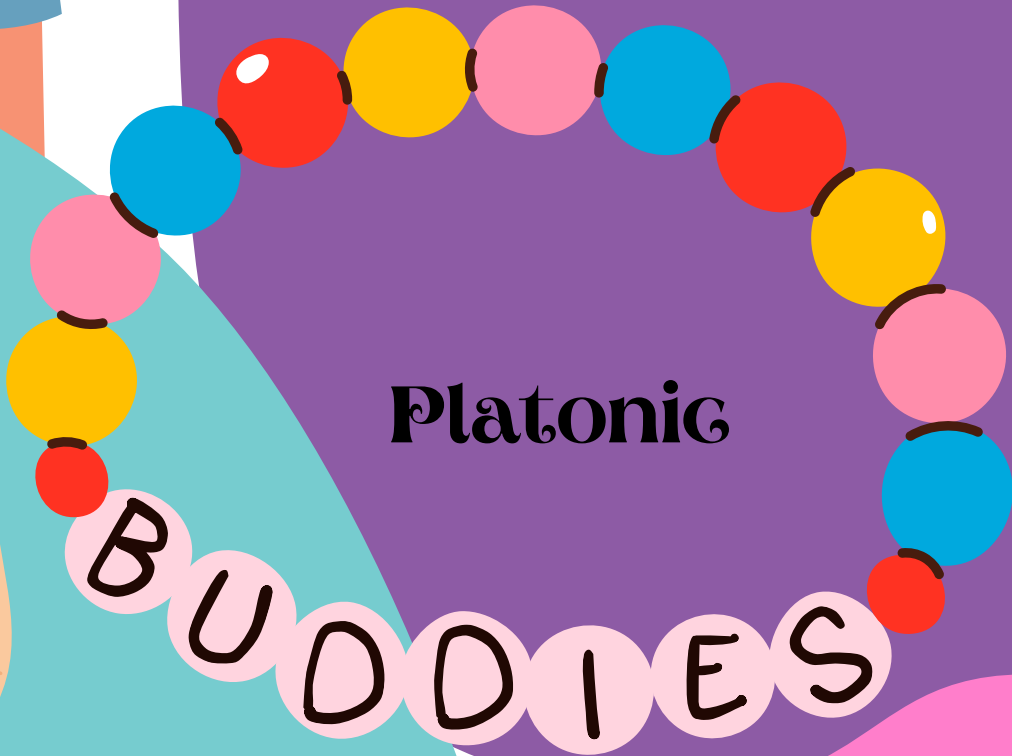


Compassion



Empathy

Platonic



Acquaintance

Trust



Glique

Ally

Ghum

Pal

TV Review

[Friendship Day Special]

My Little Pony: Friendship is Magic

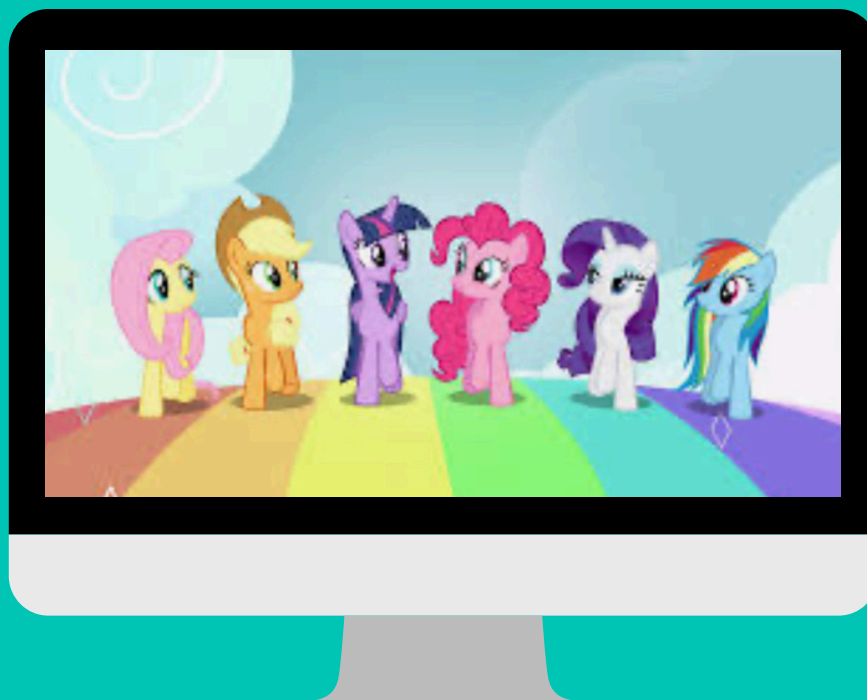
My Little Pony is an enchanting series that runs across nine seasons, centering around Twilight Sparkle and her group of pony friends. The show follows their adventures as they encounter various villains and challenges, each time proving that the real magic lies in the power of friendship. Through their journey, these ponies learn valuable lessons about loyalty, kindness, honesty, generosity, laughter, and magic, making it a heartwarming and entertaining experience for viewers of all ages.

Viewers Experience:

I, Kanira started watching this series a few years ago. I personally really liked this series at that time. Sometimes even my elder sister would tag along with me when I went to watch it. Even though, I finished it a long time ago, I still like to watch it again and again.

-Kanira Gupta, 9 Yrs Old

Share your TV Review for educational and interesting and appropriate movies or series for kids aged 5-15.



CURRENT AFFAIRS

Mpox Outbreak Alert for Kids

The World Health Organization (WHO) has declared a global emergency due to an illness called Mpox, formerly known as monkeypox. Since 2022, over 99,000 cases and 208 deaths have been reported in 116 countries.

Recently, a more contagious type of Mpox was found in Sweden, raising concerns about its spread. WHO is closely monitoring the situation and urges everyone to stay informed and practice good hygiene, like washing hands regularly.



Paris Olympics 2024

The 2024 Paris Olympics were a celebration of athletic excellence and historical milestones. From a record-breaking pole vault to groundbreaking achievements in judo and fencing, the Games highlighted the diverse talents of athletes worldwide. The youngest competitor was 11-year-old skateboarder Zheng Haohao from China, who celebrated her 12th birthday on the Closing Ceremony day. For future reference, remember to check out the medal tally and other achievements in our infographics.

FACTS

- Dates: July 26 to August 11, 2024
- Total Events: 329
- Total Sports: 32
- Participating Athletes: Over 10,000
- Participating Nations: 204



PICTURE FROM OLYMPICS.COM

MEDAL TALLY OF TOP COUNTRIES:

Country	Total Medals
USA	126
China	91
Japan	45
Australia	53
France	64

Tally of Top Medallists:

Name	Country	Total Medals	Gold
Zhang Yufei	China	6	0
Marchand Leon	France	5	4
Huske Torri	USA	5	3
O’Callaghan Mollie	Australia	5	3
Smith Regan	USA	5	2

India’s Total Medals: 6

MANY FIRSTS IN OLYMPICS 2024

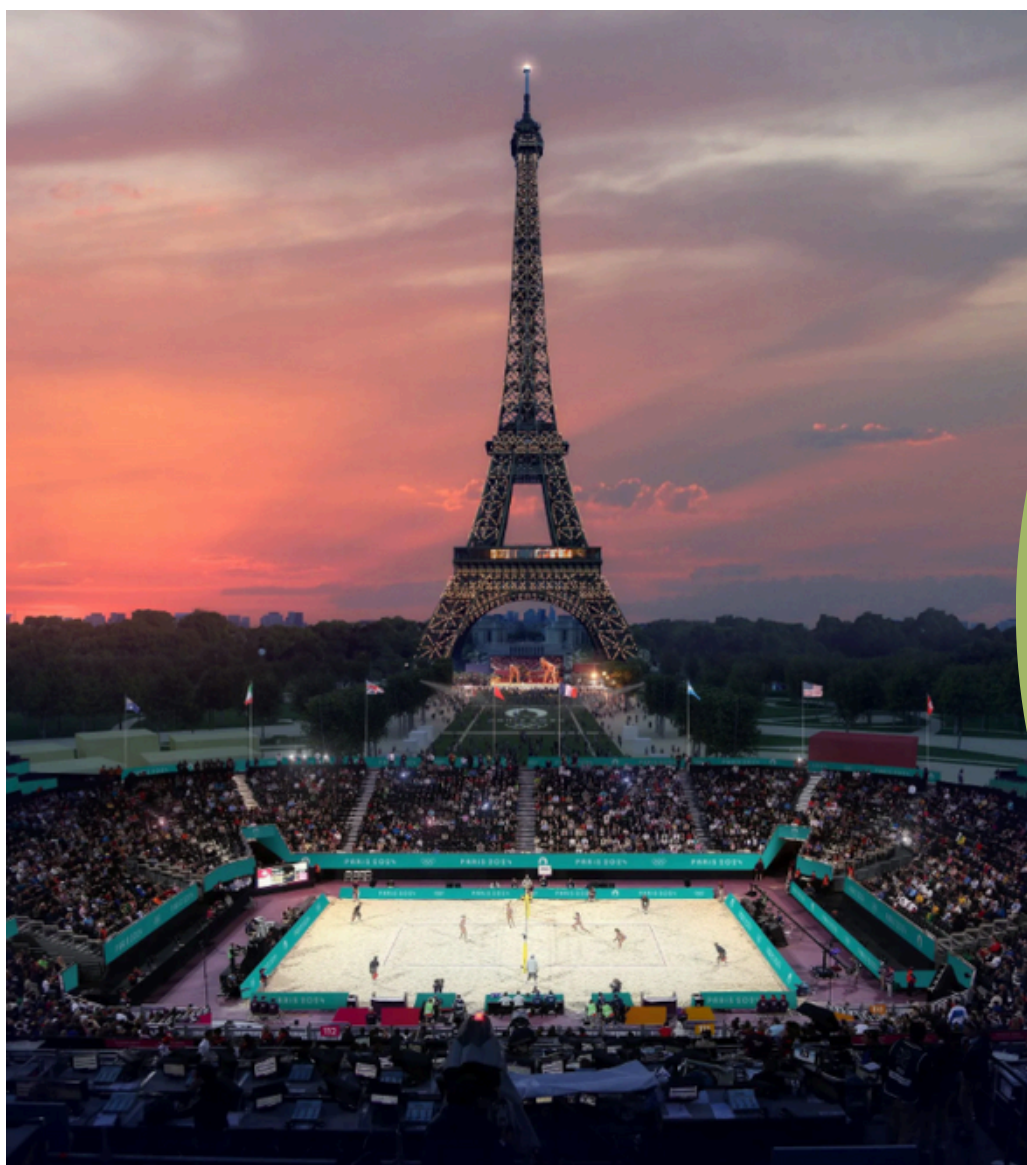
Youngest Gold Medallist: Arisa Trew from Australia, at just 14 years old.
Historic Vault: Sweden's Armand 'Mondo' Duplantis set a new world record with a 6.25m pole vault.

Firsts for Asia:

Kim Woojin of the Republic of Korea became the first male archer to win three gold medals in a single Olympics.
Horigome Yuto from Japan won back-to-back Olympic titles in skateboarding.
Arshad Nadeem of Pakistan secured his country's first-ever athletics medal.

Firsts For India:

India's Manu Bhaker became the first Indian to win 2 olympic medals (for shooting) in same edition.
Aman Sehrawat (wrestler) became the youngest Indian Olympic medal winner at the age of 21 years and 24 days.



PICTURE FROM USA TODAY

ASIA VICTORIES

Asia had a strong showing with several landmark achievements:
Uzbekistan- Diyora Keldiyorova earned her country's first gold medal in judo.

Hong Kong, China- Vivian Kong became the first female Olympic champion in fencing for her nation.
New Records- 19 new senior world records were set across various sports including archery, athletics, and swimming.

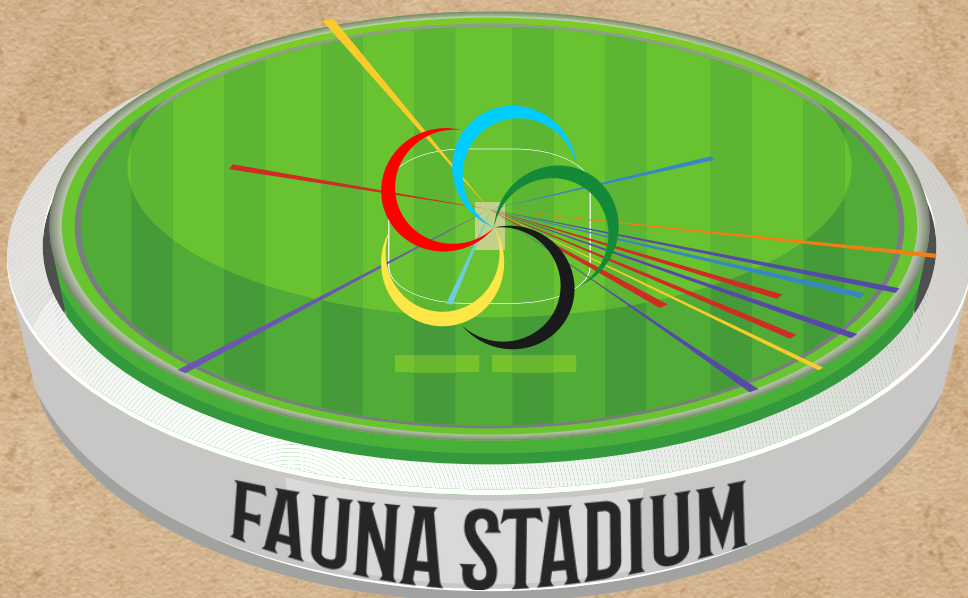
DO YOU KNOW?

The 2024 Paris Olympics wrapped up with a dazzling closing ceremony on August 11, bringing 16 days of intense competition and excitement. This year's Games saw athletes from all over the globe showcase their skills in 329 events across 32 different sports. A total of 132 Olympic records and 22 World records were smashed during the Games. With over 10,000 athletes from 204 nations participating, it was a spectacle of athleticism and international camaraderie.

THE ZOOLYMPICS

It was a sunny morning in Jeevanagari. All the animals were excited for the Zoolympics trials at Fauna Stadium. With only 20 spots available, everyone wanted to impress the judges.

The trials started with the Sprinting Challenge. Gerald the Giraffe, nervous but eager, lined up with his long legs. Next was Louie the Leopard, known for his speed and agility. Ellie the Elephant carefully balanced on the beam, making the crowd amused with her slow but steady moves.



Story

Benny the Bear, unsure of his chances, took part in the Hurdles event. His attempts were clumsy, causing the crowd to cheer and laugh. Tina the Tiger, with her graceful jumps, impressed the judges in the Precision Jump.



Despite the tough competition, the animals cheered each other on. Louie and Ellie went up to Benny. “Hey, Benny,” Louie said with a smile, “you might not have won the hurdles, but you made us all laugh!”



Ellie added, “It’s not just about winning. It’s about trying your best and having fun. You did great!”



Benny felt better and realised the Zoolympics were more about friendship and fun than just winning. Would you like to be an audience at the Fauna Stadium?





Independence Day

POEM

it's independence day,
the day we got free.
the day the British,
agreed to leave.
we hoist our flag,
celebrate and have fun.
and sing our anthem,
in the sun.
the tiranga soars,
green, orange, white.
this day is full of,
hope and light.
dancers perform,
and actors too.
it's time we all say,
"WOO-HOO!"



Word Search

F	J	N	J	C	Y	S	D	Q	I	U	G	W	F	R	Y	Y
I	P	N	A	T	I	O	N	A	L	H	O	L	I	D	A	Y
A	N	G	C	E	L	E	B	R	A	T	I	O	N	L	X	B
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Fill in the blanks with words found in the word search. One is done for you:

Every year on August 15th, we celebrate
Independence Day. This day is a
_____ in
_____, marking the end of British rule in
1947 and the birth of our nation's
_____. The
_____ includes flag hoisting
ceremonies, cultural programs, and speeches that
remind us of the struggles and the
_____ of our freedom
fighters. The _____, our national
flag, is proudly displayed in homes and public
places, symbolising unity and pride in our
_____.

TOURIST TIME



ASIA

A LAND OF DIVERSITY
AND WONDERS

Asia, a continent of contrasts and breathtaking diversity, is home to some of the world's most extraordinary landmarks. Among these wonders is the **Burj Khalifa** in Dubai, an architectural feat that pierces the sky as the tallest building on Earth. Soaring 828 meters high, this modern-day marvel is not just a symbol of Dubai's rapid development

but also a beacon of innovation and luxury. Visitors can ascend to the observation decks for panoramic views of the city, where the desert meets the sea, offering a truly mesmerizing experience.

Moving to the heart of India, the **Taj Mahal** stands as a masterpiece of Mughal architecture and a symbol of enduring love. Constructed entirely of white marble, this stunning mausoleum was commissioned by Emperor Shah Jahan in memory of his beloved wife Mumtaz Mahal. The intricate inlay work, the symmetry of the gardens, and the reflection of the monument in the pool are a testament to the artistry and devotion that went into its creation. The Taj Mahal, often referred to as the "Jewel of Muslim Art in India," continues to captivate millions of visitors with its ethereal beauty.

Journeying further east, we encounter the **Great Wall of China**, a monumental structure that winds its way across the rugged landscapes of northern China. This ancient fortification, originally built to protect against invasions, stretches over 13,000 miles, making it the longest wall in the world. The Great Wall is not only a remarkable feat of engineering but also a symbol of China's historical strength and perseverance. Walking along its ancient stones, visitors are transported back in time, marveling at the stunning vistas that unfold with every step.

But Asia's wonders do not end there. From the towering peaks of **Mount Fuji** in Japan to the serene temples of **Angkor Wat** in Cambodia, from the vibrant streets of Bangkok to the tranquil beauty of **Ha Long Bay** in Vietnam, Asia is a continent where every corner holds a story waiting to be discovered. Whether you're gazing at the futuristic skyline of Singapore, exploring the sacred city of Varanasi, or experiencing the rich cultural heritage of Kyoto, Asia offers an endless array of experiences that will leave you in awe.

Explore Asia, where ancient wonders meet modern marvels, and let the continent's beauty and diversity inspire your next adventure.

Lesser Known Facts About Asia

Asia is a blend of tradition, modernity and natural beauty making this continent of 48 nations truly extra-ordinary. Here are some intriguing facts about Asia:

1. CASPIAN SEA: located in Asia, this is the largest lake in the world. It spans many countries and is significant historically as well as ecologically.

2. THAILAND'S UNCOLONISED STATUS : Unlike several SouthEast Asian countries, Thailand has never been under rule of Europeans. Its rich tapestry of cultural heritage stands as a testament to its independence.



THE MALDIVES

5. JAPANESE NOBEL LAUREATES : Japan has produced an impressive 29 Nobel Laureates over the years, becoming the top Asian nation that contributes significantly in the progress of science, peace and literature.

6. ORIGIN OF THE WORD 'ASIA' : Some historians say that the word Asia originated from the ancient Greek word Ἀσία, in reference to Anatolia (Asia minor). Another theory is that it may have come from the Assyrian word 'Asu', which means 'light', referring to sunrise.



CASPIAN SEA

3. THE DEAD SEA : Dead sea located in Asia is the lowest point on Earth. It has a highly salty water that allows humans to float effortlessly.

4. THE MALDIVES : This island nation is not only the smallest country in Asia but also one of the tiniest in the world. it has stunning coral beauty and crystal -clear waters, creating a unique experience for tourists.



TOKYO SKYLINE OVER SUNRISE

Famous Asian Writers

Asia boasts a wealth of influential writers, whose works resonate globally. Here are some remarkable Asian Authors:

HARUKI MURAKAMI from Japan. His notable novels include “Kafka on the Shore” and “Norwegian Wood”.

1

TAN TWAN ENG from Malaysia. His award-winning novel “The Garden of Evening Mists” delves into post- World War II Malaysia.

2

KIRAN DESAI from India. She is a winner of the Booker Prize for “The inheritance of Loss”. Her writings explore colonial impact in Indian subcontinent.

3



VIET THANH NGUYEN is a Vietnamese-American who has won the Pulitzer Prize for his novel “The Sympathizer” based on the Vietnam War.

4

SUDHA MURTY from India is a Padma Shri awardee. Notable books include “Wise and Otherwise” and “Dollar Bahu” (which has been televised also). She inspires young children through her adventure series “Gopi Diaries”.

5

ELLEN OH from Korea is a children’s book author that weaves Korean mythology and adventures in her tales. She is known for her fantasy series “The Dragon King Chronicles”

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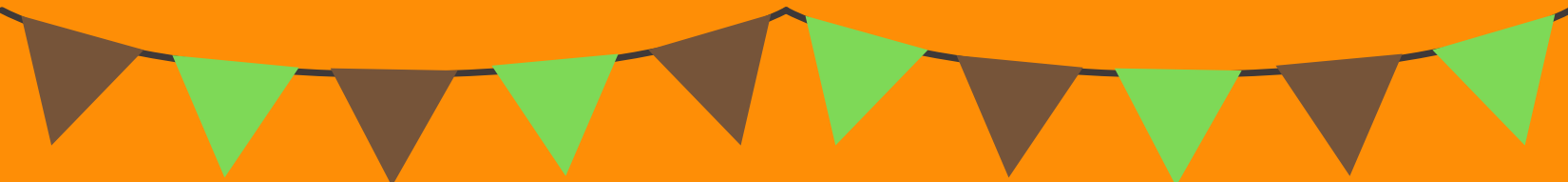
World Lion Day - 10 Aug

Countries where the lion is the national animal include Belgium, Bulgaria, England, Ethiopia, Luxembourg, the Netherlands, and Singapore.



World Elephant Day - 12 Aug

Countries where the elephant is the national animal include Thailand, Laos, Ivory Coast, Myanmar, and Cambodia.



Storytelling 101: The Art of Storytelling

Narrating or telling a story is called storytelling. To be a good storyteller, make sure you use the following points-

1. **Voice Modulation:** Change your pitch and tone to bring the character to life.
2. **Body Language:** Use hand gestures, facial expressions and movements to convey emotions or replicate what the character is doing.
3. **Be Interactive:** Ask questions, encourage the audience to repeat lines after you, and encourage imagination.

Try reciting a short story while making sure of the above points.



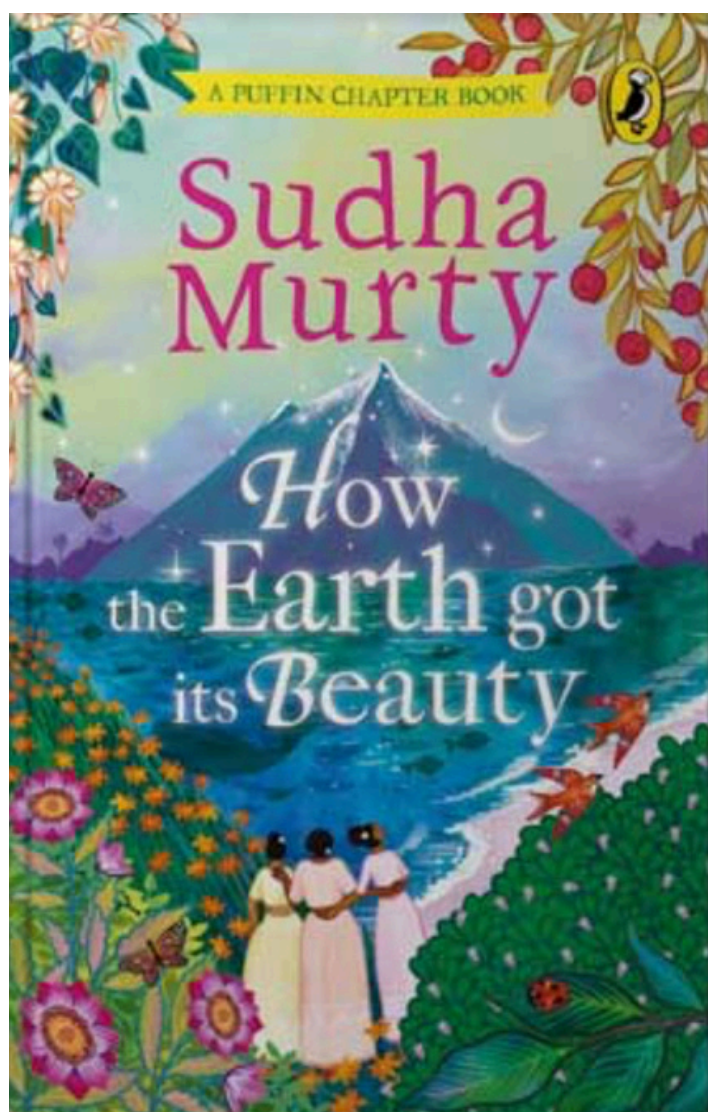
How the Earth Got Its Beauty

Author: Sudha Murty

Rating: ★★★★★

Story: "How the Earth Got Its Beauty," written in Sudha Murty's distinctive style, tells the story of Mother Earth who disguises herself as a 10-year-old girl named Devi. She visits Earth to see if everyone has what they desire and spends the night at the home of three sisters. By interacting with them, she find out if they have what they dream of. Through her journey, the story explores themes of human desires, empathy, and contentment.

Age Group: 6-10 yrs



Book Review by
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Editor's Creations

Monsoon Special



Made By Dr Shubhangi Gupta,
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Rainy Days

As the rain pours down,
And clouds cover the sky.
A rainbow forms,
When the sun is high.
We get very wet,
And dance in the rain.
You see people with
umbrellas,
Down the lane.
Raincoats on,
Boots on our feet.
As the rain and you,
Are about to meet.

— By Kanira Gupta,
Editor-in-Chief of
The KK Times and
The Qurious Atom



Rain Fact

The Atacama Desert in Chile has never been rained upon.

This is the August edition of **THE KK TIMES**, handcrafted and designed by the **world's youngest chief editor (world record holder)**, a 9 year old Amitian **Miss Kanira Gupta** of class 5. She marks her debut as an editor-cum-graphic designer with this unique monthly newsmagazine co-created by her for 5-15 year old children globally. She aims to raise general awareness and promote the creativity of all kids through this newsmagazine. Now you can read all issues on digital newsstand **MAGZTER** also. The Kreative Kids (acronym KK) have good critical thinking as well as problem-solving skills. Send your artworks and submissions for this kids magazine at email : **SUBMISSIONS@CURIOSBUDDY.COM** with subject as the type of submission such as "Poem." Join our thriving WhatsApp community for more engaging content and a science magazine **The Qurious Atom**. Both these **children's magazines** are brought out by **CURIOSBUDDY.COM**