

Land of Languages

Languages are an incredible tool for communication. When we speak in a language, we're able to convey our thoughts and ideas to others. For example, if I speak, "*I speak English and Spanish,*" you can understand me and if I switch to Spanish and say "*Yo hablo español y inglés,*" I'm still conveying the same message, but in a different language. Similarly, people in different countries have their own native languages, such as French in France, Spanish in Spain, and Mandarin in China.

While language barriers can sometimes make communication difficult, we've developed ways to overcome them. For instance, we can use gestures, body language, and expressions to get our point across. We have a related challenge for our readers on page 4. Participate now!

In conclusion, languages are a powerful tool for communication, and there are many ways to overcome language barriers. Whether it's speaking a native tongue, using gestures, or learning sign language, there are many ways to connect with others and express oneself.



Editor's Note:

Dear Readers, welcome to a vibrant edition of The KK Times, where we journey into the fascinating world of languages with the theme "Language Landscapes." This issue highlights the vital role of language in connecting cultures and enhancing communication. From exploring European languages and sign language to engaging with translation activities, our goal is to spark curiosity. We've also packed in pages of fun-filled activities related to key September events like Engineer's Day and Red Panda Day. There is an exciting challenge on page 4 where you can showcase your leaning on your parents' social media. Participate now! With this edition, we hope to nurture curiosity, creativity, and a deeper understanding of the world around us. Enjoy learning. Stay Curious.

XOXO, Kanira, Editor-in-Chief

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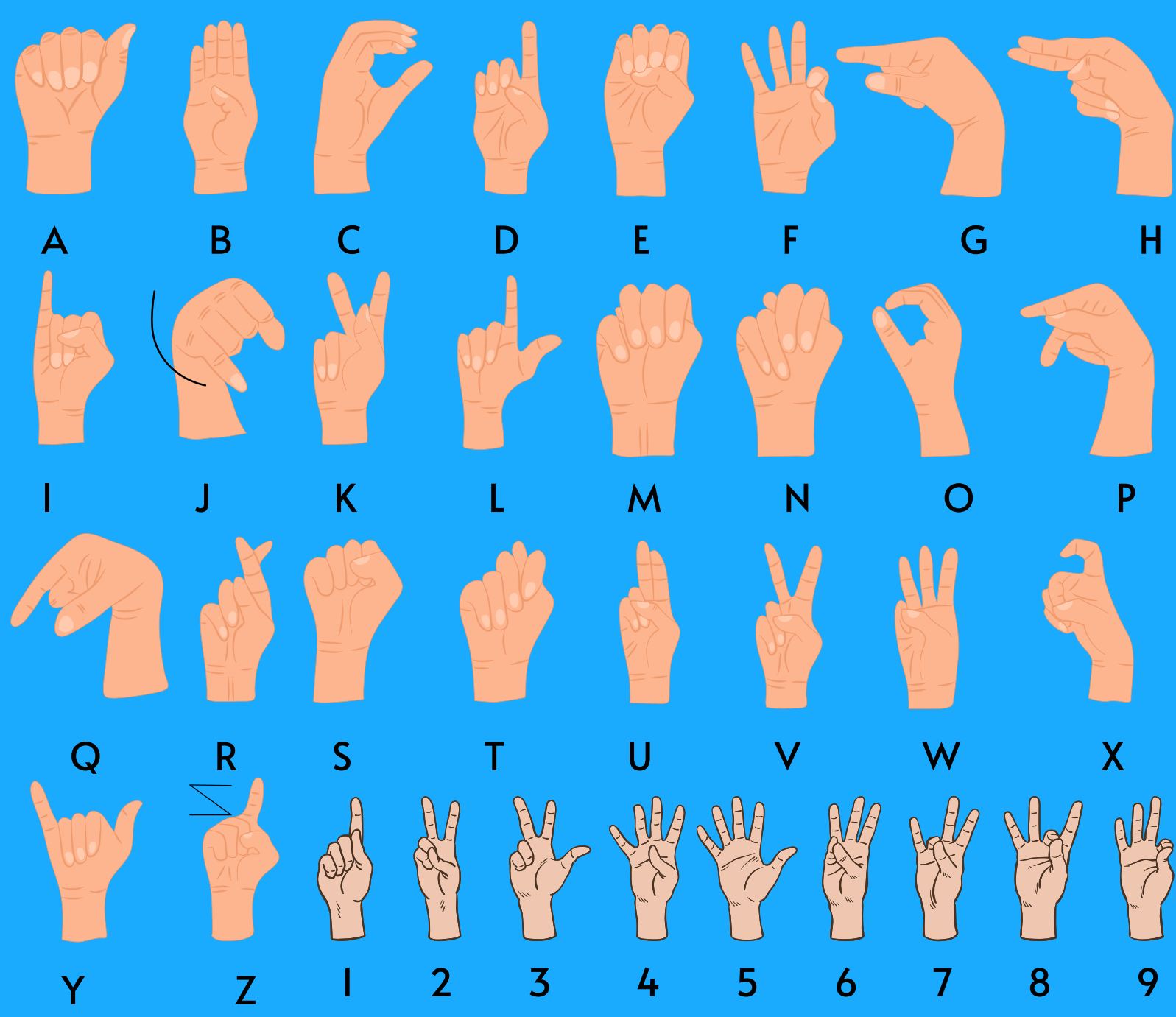
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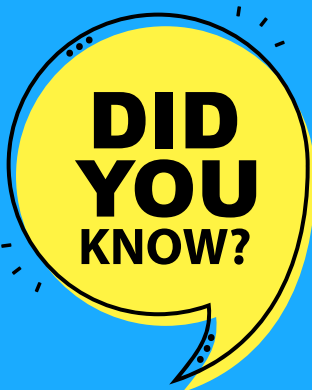


Sign Language: A Visual Language

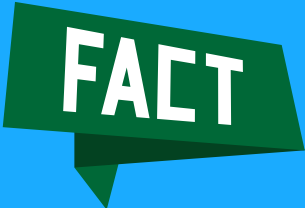
Sign language is a beautiful and expressive language that uses hand gestures, facial expressions, and body movements to communicate. It's a vital tool for deaf and hard-of-hearing people, allowing them to connect with others and express themselves fully.



ASL Sign Language Alphabet and Numbers



There are many different sign languages around the world, each with its unique signs and grammar. Some popular sign languages include American Sign Language (ASL), British Sign Language (BSL), and French Sign Language (LSF).



International Day of Sign Languages is celebrated annually on **September 23**. This day was established to raise awareness about sign languages and the importance of promoting their use and development worldwide.

Why is sign language important?

- Communication:** *It provides a way for deaf and hard-of-hearing people to communicate effectively with others.*
- Inclusion:** *It promotes inclusivity and understanding between hearing and deaf communities.*
- Cultural Heritage:** *Sign language is a rich cultural heritage, passed down through generations.*

Let's celebrate the beauty and power of sign language! Participate in the fun challenge on page 4 and win accolades. The best contributors will be featured in our next edition!



Answer to 16th August's Riddle Ride - "No one, because they were racing to the mango tree"



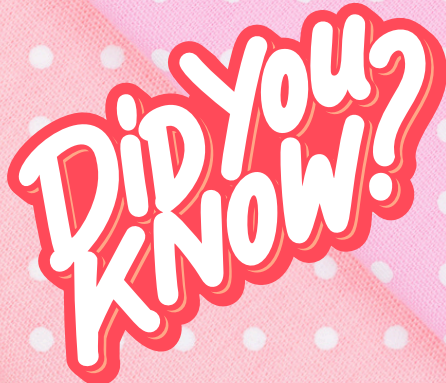
Tuesday

A cartoon illustration of a young girl with brown hair, wearing a light blue dress and green boots, holding a large yellow umbrella. She is standing in a blue puddle. The background is white with several blue raindrops and yellow dots, suggesting a rainy day.

IMD predicts scattered to fairly widespread rainfall in most parts of India. Winds with high speed and high humidity will prevail. Monsoons shall start receding from September 23 from northwest India.



THE USA HAS NO OFFICIAL LANGUAGE!!
DESPITE ENGLISH BEING THE FIRST
LANGUAGE OF MANY AMERICANS, BUT
UNFORTUNATELY, IT'S NOT THE
OFFICIAL LANGUAGE.





The past, the present and the future walked into a bar.

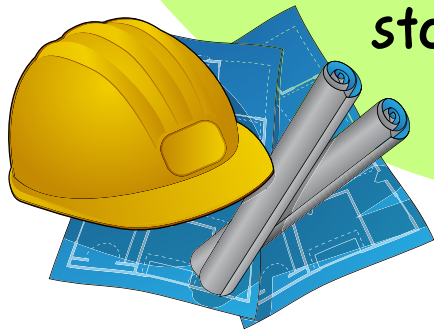
It was tense.



Fun with Facts

Engineers Day

It's celebrated on 15th September every year to celebrate the birthday of Mokshagundam Visvesvaraya, born on 15th Sep 1861 in Muddenhalli, Karnataka. He got the first-ever Bharat Ratna in India. He even invented the Block System, a fancy contraption with automated doors, for dams that stopped flooding.



Challenge

Master the Sign Language Alphabet in a Minute

Are you ready to dive into a fun and meaningful challenge? This month, we're inviting you to explore the fascinating world of sign language!

How to Participate:

1. **Learn the Alphabet:** Using our shared picture (on page 2) as a guide, learn the signs for each letter of the alphabet.
2. **Record a Video:** Try to complete the entire alphabet, from A to Z, in under a minute. Record yourself signing each letter clearly.
3. **Share Your Video:** Submit your video to us through our Google form, submission email, or by tagging us on social media. Google Form Link: <https://forms.gle/ngmhJL6vtwuiNgRU6>



Vocabulary Building

Inclusivity - the fact of including all types of people, things or ideas and treating them all fairly and equally

Distinctive - clearly different from others and therefore easy to recognize

Temperate - not very hot and not very cold

Component - one of several parts of which something is made

Retractable - that can be pulled back or in

Vocalization - a sound or word produced by the voice.

Unprecedented - never having happened or existed before

Leaping - to jump high or a long way

Culminating - to reach a final result



THE RED PANDA A Precious Gem

People once thought the red pandas, also known as lesser pandas or Himalayan pandas, were related to bears or raccoons. Red pandas are truly remarkable creatures that deserve our protection. Their unique appearance, fascinating behaviors, and ecological importance make them a valuable part of our planet's biodiversity.

Appearance

Red pandas are small, adorable creatures with a striking appearance. They have a reddish-brown coat, fluffy tail with alternating black and white rings, and black and white markings on their face. Their most distinctive feature is their long, bushy tail, which they use for balance and warmth.

September 21

International Red Panda Day

International Red Panda Day is observed on the third Saturday in September – September 21 in 2024 – to support the preservation of red pandas and foster a deeper understanding of these delightful animals and the importance of safeguarding their environment.

Quick Facts



- Scientific Name:** Ailurus fulgens
- Size:** Head-body length: 51–63 cm (20–25 in); Tail length: 37–51 cm (15–20 in)
- Weight:** 3–6 kg (6.6–13.2 lb)
- Reproduction:** Red pandas typically have one litter per year, with an average of two cubs.
- Conservation Status:** Endangered

Habitat

Red pandas are native to the Eastern Himalayas and Southwestern China. They prefer temperate forests with a mix of bamboo, rhododendron, and oak trees. These habitats provide them with the necessary food and shelter.



As their name suggests, bamboo is a major component of their diet. They spend most of their day foraging for bamboo shoots, leaves, and occasionally fruits like apples and wild berries. Red pandas are also known to eat insects, small rodents, and birds.

Diet

Amazing Facts

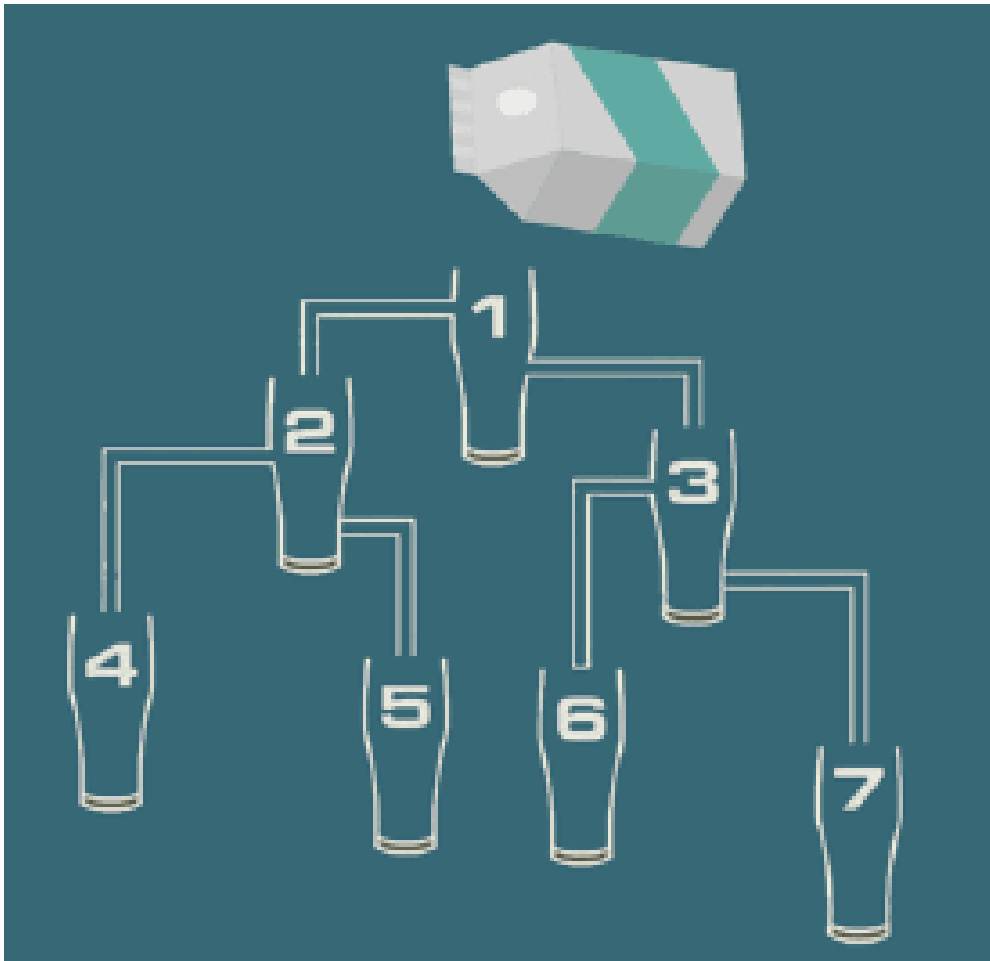
- Solitary creatures:** Red pandas are primarily solitary animals, coming together only to mate or raise young.
- Nocturnal Habits:** They are most active at night, spending their days resting in trees or on the ground.
- Unique Feet:** Their paws have retractable claws and padded soles, making them excellent climbers.
- Communication:** They communicate with each other through a variety of vocalisations, including chirps, whistles, and barks.
- Playful personalities:** Despite their solitary nature, red pandas are known to be playful and can often be seen frolicking in the trees.

Lifespan

In the wild, red pandas typically live for 8–12 years. However, in captivity, they can live up to 17 years.



Activity Area



1. Milk is necessary for healthy bones and teeth as it is a rich source of calcium and vitamin D. Can you guess which glass fills first with milk from the canister?

2. Brushing teeth twice a day is necessary for dental hygiene. Can you guess what is common in the figures on the right?



3. Good personal hygiene should include clean skin. A man shaves several times a day but he still has a beard. Can you guess who is he?

4. Six to eight hours of sleep is essential for good health. Can you answer during which month do people sleep the least?



Activity Area

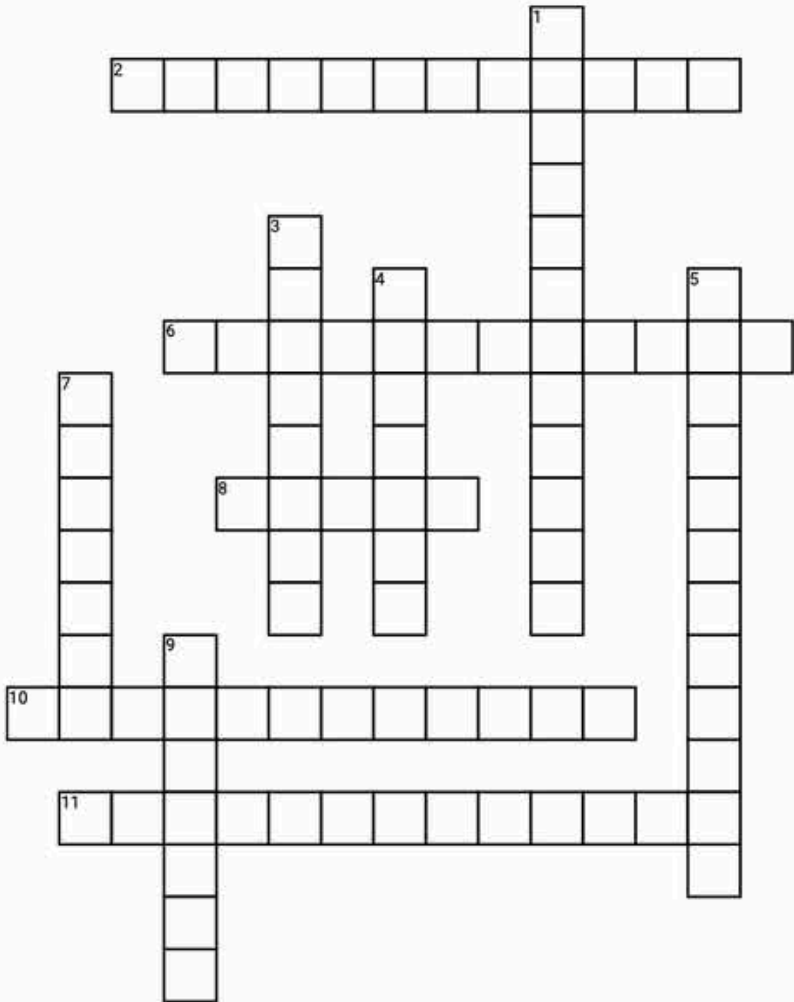
Nutrition Month Activity

Across

- 2. A nutrient found in citrus fruits and vegetables.
- 6. A type of fat that is considered unhealthy.
- 8. A type of carbohydrate found in whole grains.
- 10. A vitamin essential for vision.
- 11. A class of essential dietary elements required in small amounts

Down

- 1. A meal that contains adequate amounts of all nutrients
- 3. A vitamin essential for strong bones.
- 4. A nutrient that helps build and repair tissues.
- 5. A food group that includes fruits and vegetables.
- 7. A unit of energy found in food.
- 9. An important mineral found in milk and dairy products.



5. September is National Nutrition Month in India. It is observed to raise awareness about the balanced diet and role of nutrients in improving our physical, social, intellectual and mental well-being. Find the correct words for the crossword on the left with the given clues.

6. Every step you take uses up to 200 muscles for walking. Can you help these 4 teenagers reach the car park to be picked up by their parents?



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Activity Area

International Makeup Day

- 1. GRLGHIHITEH
- 2. DEEWYSOAH
- 3. RELNEEIY
- 4. LBUHS
- 5. APKUME
- 6. TODUOIANFN
- 7. OBRZNER
- 8. OENECCRAL
- 9. KIITSCPL
- 10. EAFK SLSAHE
- 11. BB ACREM
- 12. BHERSUS

7. Makeup can create a barrier on your skin, helping to safeguard it from pollution, smog, and other environmental threats. Did you know that International Makeup Day is celebrated on 10 September each year? Unscramble the letters to find the name of the makeup products.

8. Junk food is often packed with calories, fats, sugars, and salts, but offers minimal nutritional benefits. Hence we should try to minimise its consumption. Cross out the junk food given in the picture on the right. Circle the healthy food.



EUROPEAN DAY OF LANGUAGES

Europe is a linguistic melting pot, home to a diverse array of languages. While the exact number of languages spoken in Europe can vary depending on the criteria used, it is estimated that there are over 200 languages spoken within its borders. Of these, 24 languages are officially recognized by the European Union. These languages represent a wide range of linguistic families, including Romance, Germanic, Slavic, Celtic, Baltic, Finnic, and others. Interestingly, many of these European languages have been exported to other parts of the world through colonization, trade, and migration, making them global languages spoken beyond Europe.

There are 24 official languages in the European Union. These languages include:

1. Celtic languages: Irish, Welsh, Scottish Gaelic, and Breton
2. Romance languages: French, Italian, Spanish, Portuguese, Romanian, and Maltese
3. Germanic languages: English, German, Dutch, Swedish, Danish, Norwegian, Icelandic, and Faroese
4. Slavic languages: Bulgarian, Croatian, Czech, Polish, Slovak, Slovenian, and Serbian
5. Baltic languages: Lithuanian and Latvian
6. Finnic languages: Finnish and Estonian
7. Greek

Activity

Learning a new language can be a fun and exciting adventure!
Here is translation of “नमस्ते। आप कैसे हैं?” in various European Languages:

Every year, on September 26th, we celebrate the European Day of Languages. It's a special day to appreciate the diversity and richness of languages spoken across Europe and beyond. 30 September has been internationally recognised as International Translation Day.

- English: Hello, how are you?
- French: Bonjour, comment allez-vous?
- Spanish: Hola, ¿cómo estás?
- Italian: Ciao, come stai?
- German: Hallo, wie geht es Ihnen?
- Russian: Здравствуйते, как дела? (Zdravstvuyte, kak dela?)
- Swedish: Hej, hur mår du?
- Polish: Cześć, jak się masz?
- Portuguese: Olá, como estás?
- Greek: Γεια σου, πως είσαι; (Geia sou, pos eisai;)

Learning about different languages helps us understand other cultures better. Let's celebrate the diversity of languages together.



Paris Paralympics 2024

The 2024 Paralympics were marked by several historical milestones and groundbreaking achievements. Athletes with disabilities competed in new sports, and many achieved unprecedented success. These accomplishments highlighted the progress made in adaptive sports and the increasing recognition of the talents of Paralympic athletes.

The Paralympics featured many inspiring stories of Indian athletes overcoming adversity and achieving their dreams.

FACTS

Dates: August 28 to Sep 08, 2024
Total Events: 549
Total Sports: 22
Participating Athletes: Over 4,400
Participating Nations: 168



PICTURE FROM PARALYMPICS.ORG

MEDAL TALLY OF TOP COUNTRIES:

Country	Total Medals
China	220
Great Britain	124
USA	105
Netherlands	56
Brazil	89

India’s Total Medals: 29

Tally of Top Medallists:

Name	Country	Total Medals	Gold
YY Jiang	China	7	7
C. Debrunner	Switzerland	6	5
S. Raimondi	Italy	6	5
I. Boki	NPA	5	5
J.C. Guo	China	6	4

Neutral Paralympic Athletes (NPA) was the name used to represent approved Russian and Belarusian athletes

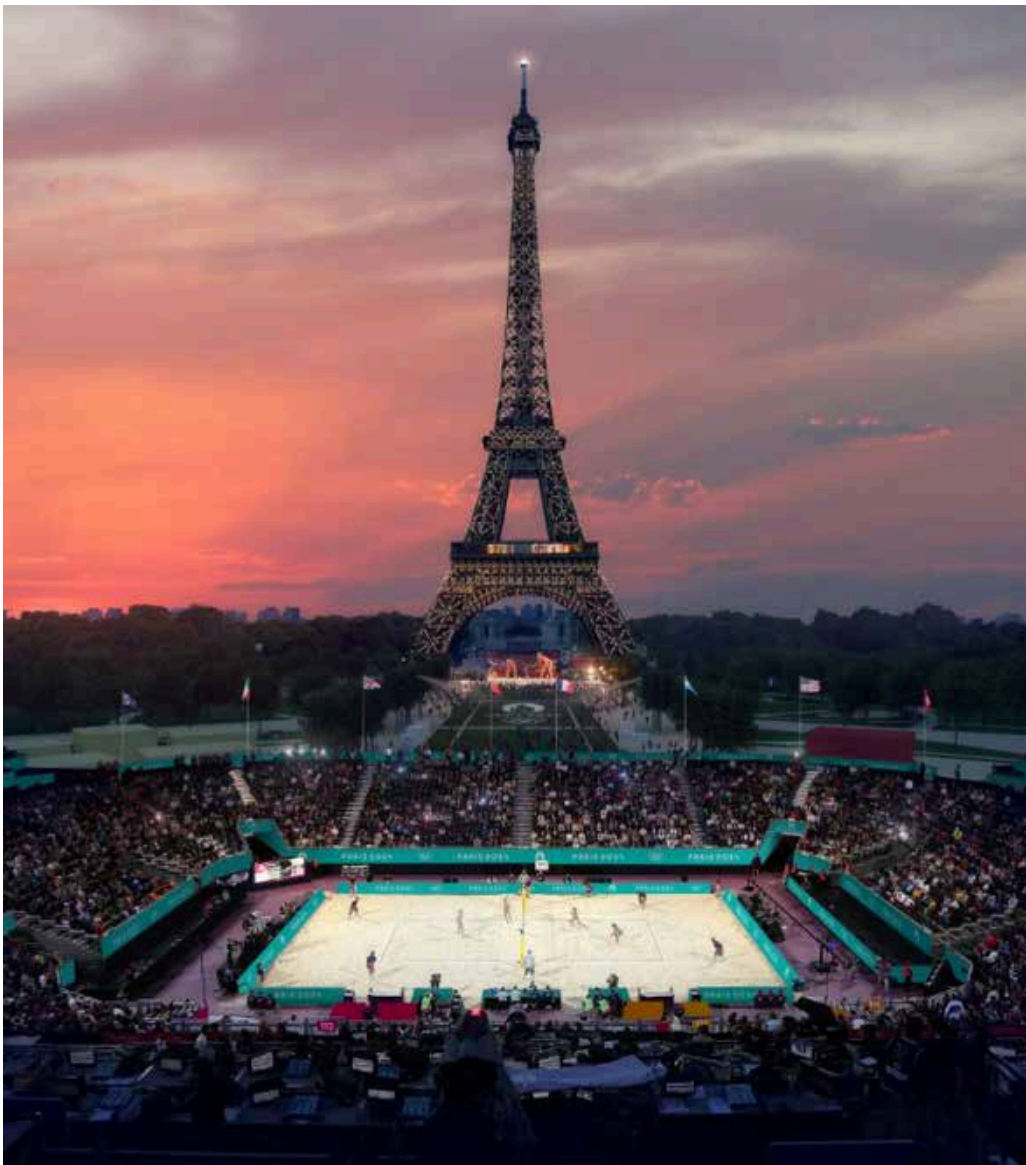
RECORDS IN PARALYMPICS 2024

Blackwell of USA broke his own record by 0.08 second by closing 100 mtrs run in 10.64 seconds.

Vanasse Low from Australia broke her own record in Long Jump by leaping 5.45 mtrs against the previous record held by her at 5.33 mtr.

Oninyechi Mark of Nigeria, in womens 61 kg weightlifting category broke the world record by lifting 147 kgs and later breaking the same again by 150 Kgs.

French Cyclist Alexandre Leaute created a new 3000mtr cycling record in 3: 24: 298 and later broke it again in 3: 24: 297



PICTURE FROM USA TODAY

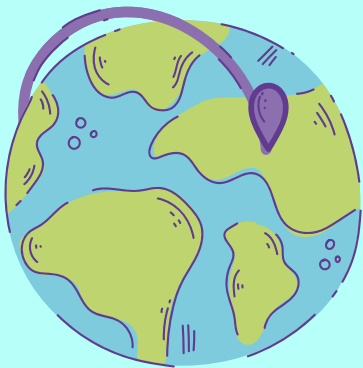
INDIAN VICTORIES

- Sumit Antil: Men's javelin throw F64: Gold
- Praveen Kumar: Men's high jump T64: Gold
- Dharambir Singh: Men's club throw F51: Gold
- Avani Lekhara: Women's 10m & 50mair rifle standing SH1: Gold
- Mona Agarwal: Women's 50m rifle prone SH1: Bronze
- Bhagyashree Jadhav: Women's shot put F53: Gold
- Harvinder Singh: Men's javelin throw F46: Gold
- Preeti Pal: Women's 100m and 200m race T35 events: Bronze

DO YOU KNOW?

The 2024 Paris Paralympics were a resounding success, showcasing the incredible athletic abilities of athletes with disabilities. The Games featured a diverse range of sports, from traditional Paralympic disciplines like swimming and athletics to emerging sports like para-badminton and para-surfing. The grand closing ceremony was a spectacular event that celebrated the achievements of all the athletes and the spirit of the Paralympics. The ceremony featured inspiring speeches, cultural performances, and a fireworks display, culminating in the extinguishing of the Paralympic flame.

vocabulary On
TOURISM DAY



हिंदी- मेरी भाषा, मेरा गौरव

हिंदी भाषा भारत की एक महत्वपूर्ण भाषा है। यह भारत की संस्कृति, समाज, और अर्थव्यवस्था के लिए महत्वपूर्ण है। हिंदी भाषा का अध्ययन करना भारत के बारे में अधिक जानने के लिए एक अच्छा तरीका है।

हिंदी भाषा का उद्भव

हिंदी भाषा का उद्भव प्राचीन आर्य भाषा से हुआ है, जो लगभग 3500 वर्ष पूर्व भारत में आई थी। आर्य भाषा के विभिन्न अपभ्रंशों से हिंदी भाषा का विकास हुआ। इन अपभ्रंशों में प्राकृत, पाली, शौरसेनी, बज्जिका और मागधी शामिल हैं।

हिंदी भाषा के परिवर्तन

हिंदी भाषा ने समय के साथ कई परिवर्तन किए हैं। इनमें से कुछ प्रमुख परिवर्तन निम्नलिखित हैं:

- संस्कृत का प्रभाव: हिंदी भाषा पर संस्कृत भाषा का बहुत प्रभाव पड़ा है। कई संस्कृत शब्द हिंदी में आ गए हैं। उदाहरण: देवता, धर्म, गंगा, पुस्तक, विद्या, ज्ञान आदि।
- फ़ारसी और अरबी का प्रभाव: मुगल काल के दौरान, हिंदी भाषा पर फ़ारसी और अरबी भाषाओं का भी प्रभाव पड़ा। कई फ़ारसी और अरबी शब्द हिंदी में आ गए हैं। उदाहरण: बादशाह, किला, बाग, दरवाजा, शहर, खुश, गम, किताब, रोजा, इमाम, कुरान, अल्लाह, आदि।
- अंग्रेजी का प्रभाव: ब्रिटिश शासन के दौरान, हिंदी भाषा पर अंग्रेजी भाषा का भी प्रभाव पड़ा। कई अंग्रेजी शब्द हिंदी में आ गए हैं। उदाहरण: स्कूल, कॉलेज, स्टेशन, कार, बस, फोन, कंप्यूटर आदि।

हिंदी भाषा का महत्व

हिंदी भाषा भारत की राष्ट्रभाषा है। यह दुनिया की सबसे अधिक बोली जाने वाली भाषाओं में से एक है। हिंदी भाषा का महत्व निम्नलिखित है:

- सांस्कृतिक महत्व: हिंदी भाषा भारत की संस्कृति का एक महत्वपूर्ण हिस्सा है। यह भारत के साहित्य, संगीत, और कला का माध्यम है।
- सामाजिक महत्व: हिंदी भाषा भारत के समाज को एकजुट करने में महत्वपूर्ण भूमिका निभाती है। यह भारत के विभिन्न क्षेत्रों के लोगों के बीच संवाद का माध्यम है।
- आर्थिक महत्व: हिंदी भाषा भारत की अर्थव्यवस्था के लिए महत्वपूर्ण है। यह भारत के व्यापार और पर्यटन के लिए महत्वपूर्ण है।

हिंदी भाषा के बारे में रोचक तथ्य

- हिंदी भाषा का नाम संस्कृत शब्द "सिंधु" से लिया गया है, जिसका अर्थ है "नदी"।
- हिंदी भाषा में सबसे लंबा शब्द "निर्विवादसत्यता" है।
- हिंदी भाषा में सबसे छोटा शब्द "अ" है।
- हिंदी भाषा में सबसे अधिक इस्तेमाल होने वाला शब्द "है" है।
- हिंदी भाषा में सबसे अधिक इस्तेमाल होने वाला अक्षर "अ" है।

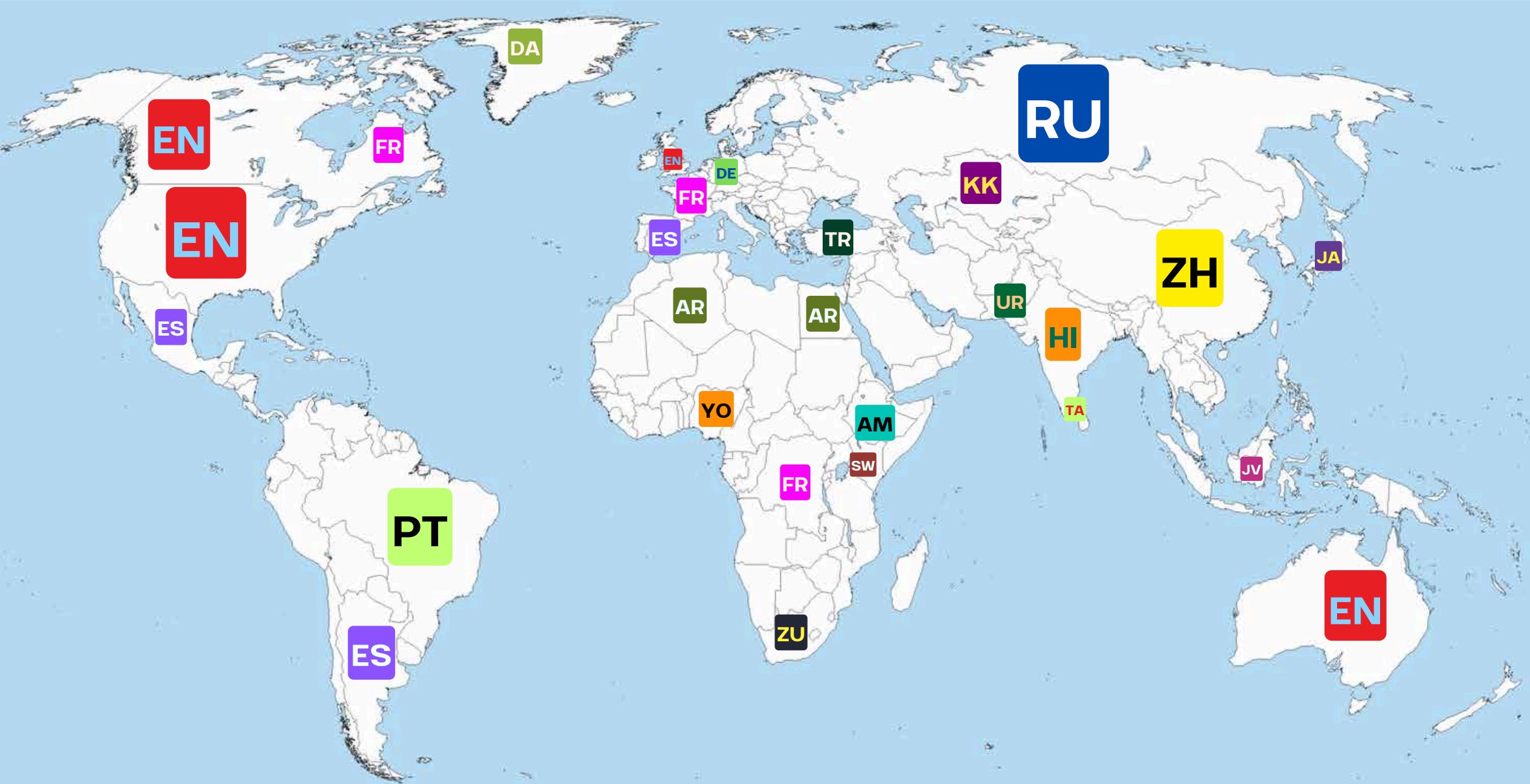
14 सितंबर 1949 को हिंदी भाषा को भारत की औपचारिक भाषा का दर्जा दिया गया था। उसके बाद से ही भाषा के विस्तार और लोगों को इसका महत्व समझाने के लिए 14 सितंबर को हिंदी दिवस के रूप में मनाया जाने लगा।

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TOURIST TIME

THE LANGUAGE MAP



Our world is a vibrant tapestry of languages, each with its own unique beauty, history and significance. There are approximately 7,151 languages spoken across the globe, each reflecting the diverse cultures and traditions of the people who speak them. 178 countries recognise an official language, 101 of them recognising more than one.

Some of the most widely spoken languages in the world include Mandarin Chinese, Spanish, English, Hindi, Arabic, Portuguese, Russian, German, French, and Japanese. These languages are often used in international communication, business, and education.

Here's the list of countries and their primary languages with the corresponding continents:

Continent	Country	Primary Language	ISO 639-1 Code
Asia	China	Mandarin Chinese	ZH
Europe	Spain	Spanish	ES
North America	USA	English	EN
Asia	India	Hindi	HI
South America	Brazil	Portuguese	PT
Europe	Russia	Russian	RU
Europe	Germany	German	DE
Europe	France	French	FR
Africa	Egypt	Arabic	AR
Asia	Japan	Japanese	JA
Africa	Nigeria	Yoruba	YO
North America	Greenland	Danish	DA
Asia	Pakistan	Urdu	UR
Asia	Sri Lanka	Tamil	TA
Asia	Kazakhstan	Kazakh	KK
Africa	Ethiopia	Amharic	AM
Europe	Turkey	Turkish	TR
Africa	South Africa	Zulu	ZU
Africa	Kenya	Swahili	SW
Asia	Indonesia	Javanese	JV



CRAZY CRAFTS

DIY: MINI PHOTO FRAME

Materials Required– Popsicle Sticks, Glue, Thick Paper, Wool, Decorative Material

Instructions– 1: Make 2 squares using 8 of your popsicle sticks.

2: Stick both of them together, one on top of the other.

3: Attach the remaining popsicle stick to the back.

4: Take your wool piece and stick it on the popsicle stick at the back.

5: Now decorate the front with stickers, gems, button or paint it.

6: Once you're done, stick a thick piece of paper at the bottom to make sure your paper doesn't slide through. Your photo frame is ready.



Dork Diaries: I Love Paris!

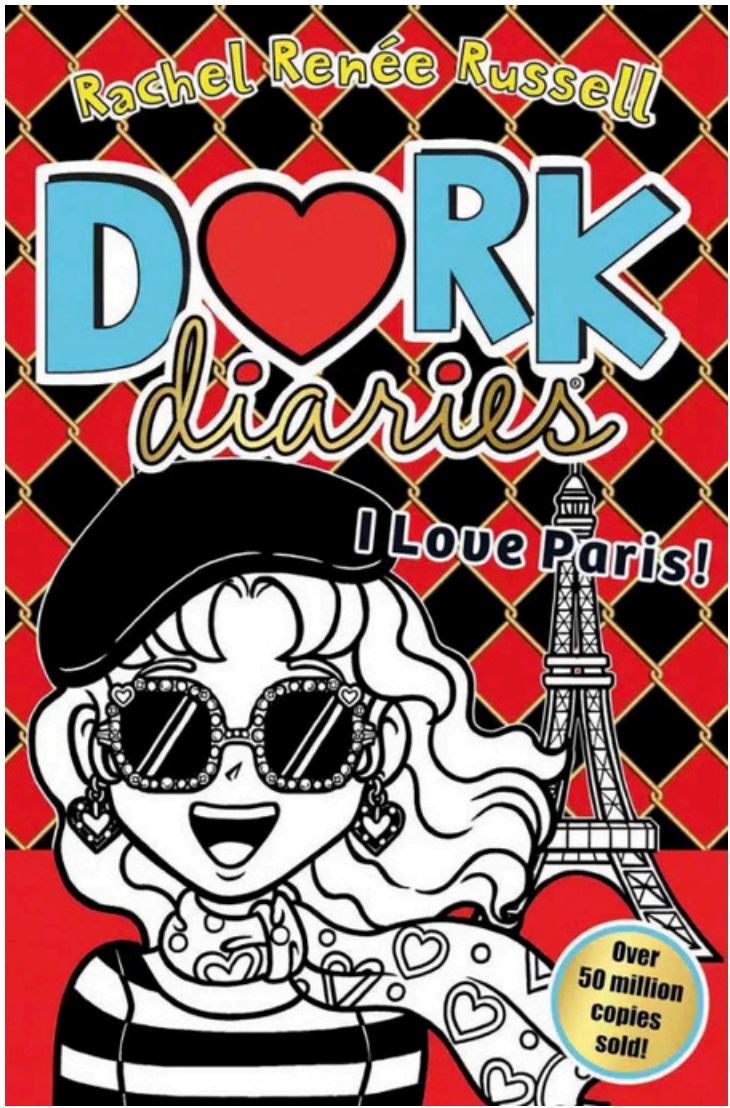
Author: Rachel Renée Russell

Rating: ★★★★★

Story: "Nikki and her band are off to Paris for an incredible photoshoot – a dream come true! Nikki is thrilled to learn different art styles, explore the romantic city with her crush, Brandon and brush up on her French.

But trouble brews when MacKenzie invites André, an old friend, to be their tour guide. Will Nikki's dream trip turn into a total mess, or will she still have a great time?

Age Group: 8-13 yrs



Book Review by
Kanira Gupta

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Activity Area Answers

- 1. 3
- 2. They are all red.
- 3. He is a barber.
- 4. February (it has the minimum number of days)
- 5. Crossword

