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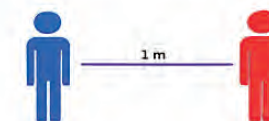
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## Sudoku 310

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

Compiled by Peter Fernando

1. In the large square you can see three features:

**Vertical columns**

Six vertical columns with six small squares in each column.

**Horizontal columns**

Six horizontal columns with six small squares in each of them.

**Grids**

Six boxes or grids with six small squares in each of them.

2. Insert Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 in the small squares in a way so as not to repeat the same number twice.

Now try to complete Junior Sudoku 310 using logic and reasoning. This is a good exercise for your mind.

**Solution – No. 308**

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

## Junior Crossword – No. 947

1		2				3	4		5
					6				
7					8				
				9					
	10								
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			13						
		14							15
16							17		
18						19			

**Across**

- 1 A weekday
- 3 One side in a game
- 7 This covers your body
- 8 Vegetable patch
- 10 Spectacles
- 13 The person in charge on a passenger plane
- 16 A meal
- 17 Scheme
- 18 Catch fish in these
- 19 Extremely dirty

**Down**

- 1 Quick
- 2 Frozen drip of water
- 4 Finishes
- 5 A climbing animal
- 6 Mother and father
- 9 Got away from
- 11 Concealed from view
- 12 A purple colour, and a small flower
- 14 Make something using needles and wool
- 15 Jealousy



**Aathifa Idrees,  
Dehiwala**

**Solution - No. 945**

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

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## FunQuiz 245

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**Age group 14 - 15**

1. Name the original ship that sailed from England to the USA in 1620.
2. Where is the Gaza Strip located?
3. What is the capital city of North Korea?
4. When is the Presidential Election of the USA due to be held this year? Who are the main contenders for the post of President?
5. What is the first element on the periodic table of elements?
6. How many wives did King Henry VIII have?
7. When is the International Day of Literacy?
8. Who is known as the Father of the Modern Olympics?
9. Name the Speaker of the current Sri Lankan Parliament?
10. Who was the first actor to have played the role of James Bond in the movie series?



## FunQuiz 243 WINNERS!

- Vethmi Senanayake, Homagama
- Hajerah Hizbullah, Colombo 8
- Iman Thambydorai, Dehiwala

**Answers**

Nectar, Australia, Amsterdam, Sheriff Woody, Big Ben, Four sides, Jupiter, President Gotabaya Rajapaksa, Prime Minister Mahinda Rajapaksa, Pidurutalagala, Sybil Wettasinghe

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## Funday Times 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

Dear Readers,

Funday Times turned 20 years this month. We thank you all for being with us through the years. We have celebrated our anniversaries in previous years with a variety of features and events.

This year we have added some new colourful logos to enhance the design of the Funday. As you would have found, we are now incorporated as a pull-out in the ST2 section of the Sunday Times.

Since we are unable to get together for an Anniversary event due to the current situation, we are conducting a special Anniversary Competition for you with prizes sponsored by Hilton Colombo.

We hope you continue with us and we will endeavour to give of our best to make Funday Times your favourite kids' newspaper.



### Essay Competition

9 years and below

**Why I like the Funday Times**

Word Count: 150 words

10 – 12 years

**My favourite feature in Funday Times**

Word Count: 150 – 200 words

13 – 15 years

**Has reading the Funday Times helped you? If so, explain how it has.**

Word Count: 200 – 250 words



### Digital Art Competition

Age Group: 8 – 15 years

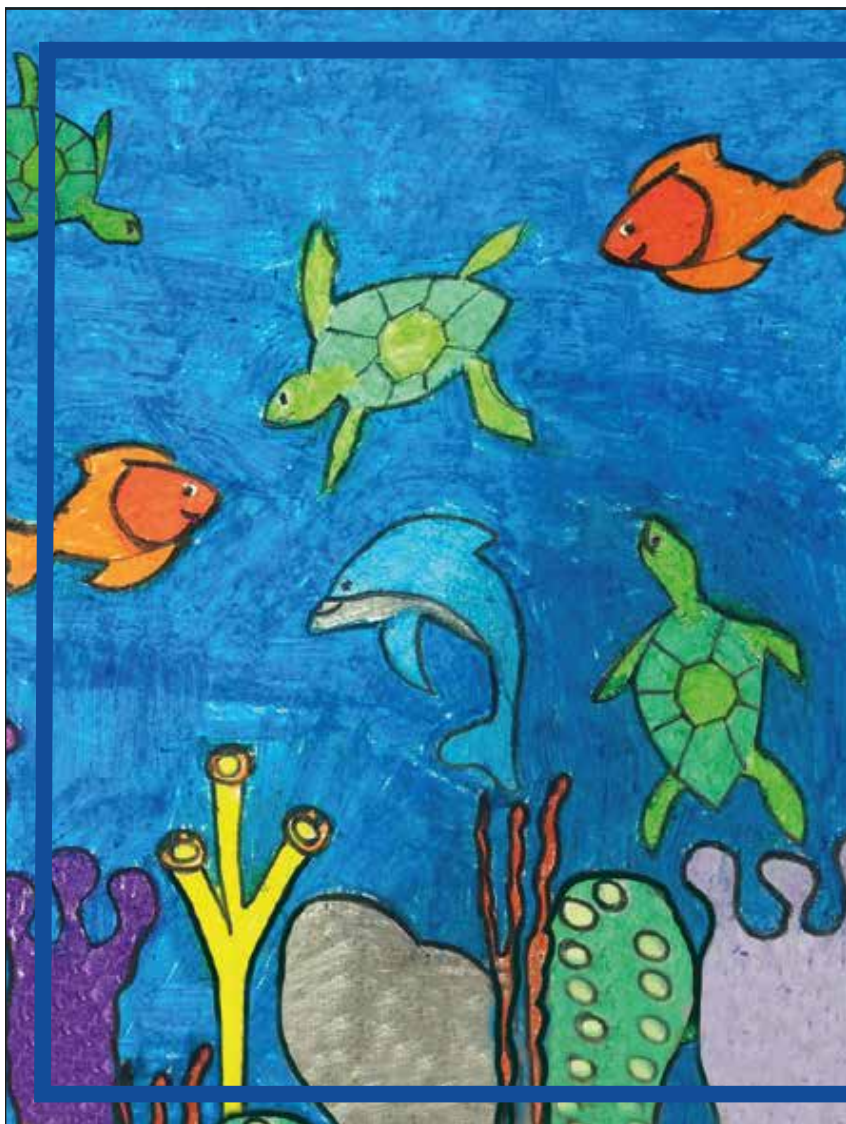
Entries can be sent on a topic of your choice. Please mention the topic on your email.

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## Save the Ocean!

Hilton Hotels Sri Lanka together with Big Spark by Gateway and SOS Children's Villages present "Save the Ocean" a CSR project for children.

Children! Get creative. Upload your creations and help save the ocean. With every 10 submissions, 1 kg of plastic waste will be collected and a baby turtle will be released to the ocean.

Attractive prizes to be won!

### COMPETITION CATEGORIES

- Draw a poster on the theme, "Clean the Beach to protect our Ocean".
- Essay, Creative Writing or Poetry on "Protecting our Ocean".
- Build your own Creative Aquarium at home.
- Design your own Robots for the Ocean Exploration or Conservation.
- Design a Game using any coding platform with the theme "Save the Ocean".

Ages 03 to 16 are eligible to participate

Entries Close on 15th November 2020

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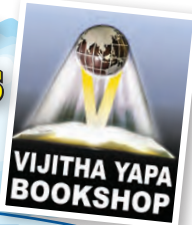
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books  
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Age: 9 years and below

Word Count: 150

Topic: What are your favourite rides in an amusement park?

Win: Good Old Secret Seven by Enid Blyton

Strange things are happening at Torling Castle. There is someone hiding in the ruined tower, making the resident birds very unsettled. Who is in the castle and what are they doing there?



The Secret Seven are on the case.

Age: 10 – 12 years

Word Count: 150 – 200

Topic: Write about some things you can do that are important for you to stay healthy and safe.

Win: Kim by Rudyard Kipling

Kim is the orphaned son of an Irish soldier and a poor Irish mother who have both died in poverty.

Living as a vagabond in India under British rule in the late 19<sup>th</sup> century, Kim earns his living by begging and running small errands on the streets of Lahore. Kim's friendship with a Tibetan lama and his influence over Kim's life, forms an integral part of the novel.



Age: 13 – 15 years

Word Count: 200 – 250

Topic: Write a story about a super hero dog who saves the day! Who does the dog help and why?

Win: King Solomon's Mines by H. Rider Haggard

Three men trek to the remote African interior in search of a lost friend – and reach, at the end of a perilous journey, an unknown land cut off from the world, where terrible dangers threaten anyone who ventures near the spectacular diamond mines of King Solomon...



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## Book Competition



## 9 years and below

My favourite hobbies

Umar Rushdie

D. S. Senanayake College,  
Colombo

## 10 – 12 years

A perahera I have seen

Dananga Karunarathne

Lakdasa De Mel College,  
Kurunegala

## 13 – 15 years

Global Warming is a threat  
to Mother EarthChanithma Joseph  
Taxila C. C., Horana

## From a Young Reporter

'Southpaws'- Lefties  
to win the world

Do you know about Southpaws? Southpaw is a nickname given to people whose dominant hand is the left hand. Roughly only 10% of the world's population is left-handed.

August 13 is International Lefthanders Day. This special day for Southpaws was first observed in 1976 by the founder of the Lefthanders International Inc., Dean R. Campbell and was created to raise awareness of the advantages and disadvantages of being a lefty in a predominantly right-handed world.

Left handedness is more common in males than females. Things that hate lefties are: spiral notebooks, ink pens, scissors, can openers, computer mouse etc.

As I am a lefty in my family, (not only me, there are two other lefties as well) I am proud to be a lefty. To the other lefties reading this, I want to say, don't be discouraged because you are a lefty, be proud!

Nithya Perera (14 years)  
Holy Family B. M. V., Wennappuwa

## Interesting scientific facts and myths about left-handers

## ◆ Mostly use the right side of the brain

The brain is cross-wired, meaning that the right side controls the left side of the body and vice versa. Hence the well-known saying, 'Only left-handed people are in their right minds'. The right-hand side of the brain is thought to co-ordinate the left side of the body and control tasks to do with arts and creativity. That's likely why many writers, musicians, artists and other creators tend to be lefties.

## ◆ Have a higher level of intelligence

Especially for Maths – because they typically use the right side of the brain – which is also associated with abstract thoughts and spatial reasoning.

## ◆ Are good at sports

Lefties make good baseball and tennis players, swimmers, boxers and fencers. Almost 40% of the current top tennis players are lefties. Did you know that tennis champion Rafael Nadal is actually right-handed but learnt to play left to give himself an advantage? It certainly seems to have worked out nicely for the Spaniard. Thomas Richardson found that left-handed fighters performed better because they have a competitive advantage in combat as their opponents are likely to be disorientated by their fighting stance.

## ◆ There's a presidential preference

If you are a lefty, you may want to consider running for president. Several recent US presidents were lefties including Barack Obama, Bill Clinton, George H.W. Bush and Gerald Ford. Ronald Reagan is said to have been ambidextrous. Further back, James Garfield, Herbert Hoover and Harry Truman were also left-handed. Some scientists theorize that lefties are capable of a wider scope of thinking which makes for a great presidential quality.

## ◆ There are plenty of celebrity lefties

You may not know it unless you asked for their autograph, but many celebrities are left-handed including Tom Cruise, Jennifer Lawrence, Angelina Jolie, Robert De Niro, Morgan Freeman, Lady Gaga, Justin Bieber and Eminem.

## ◆ Many innovators, artists and thinkers are left-handed

Many of our most celebrated thinkers and artists have been lefties. From Aristotle to Leonardo Da Vinci, Albert Einstein to Marie Curie, Bill Gates to Oprah Winfrey our world would be a very different place without the many notable lefties.





## Maths in Action 47

By R. N. A. de Silva

# SOCIAL DISTANCING

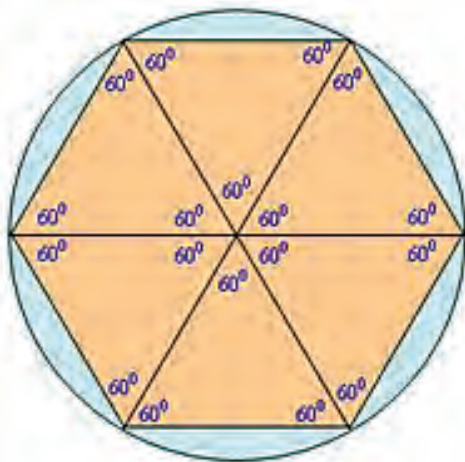
**S**ocial distancing which is also referred to as physical distancing, is keeping a safe distance between yourself and other people.

Social distancing helps limit opportunities of contact with infected people and contaminated surfaces during a period of a pandemic such as COVID-19. The World Health Organization has recommended 1 m of physical distance which many countries including Sri Lanka, have tried to maintain. Some countries have opted to have 2 m or 1.5 m physical distancing. 1 m can be considered as an arm's length.

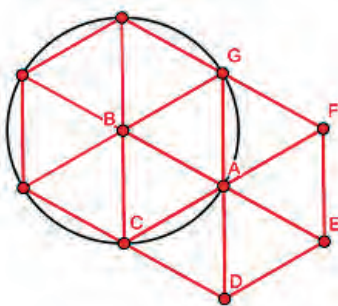
Some people have come up with creative ideas in implementing this distance. A school in Zhejiang Province in China has produced one-metre hats using sticks, cardboard and balloons. Some people in Malviya Nagar, a locality in New Delhi, have started venturing out with an umbrella to help keep the distance. This helps as most umbrellas have a radius of 3 feet which is approximately 1 m.

Let us try to connect mathematics with social distancing patterns. Most of the time we see people queuing one behind the other in a straight line, trying to have a gap of 1 m. How many people can be around you so that everybody is 1 m away from each other?

The best way to visualize this situation is to think of a circle of 1 m radius where you are at the centre. Because of the geometric properties of the circle, you can have six other people around you with 1 m gaps with each other, as shown in the figure.



Therefore, there are 7 people in this compound. Consider the centre as A and the vertex (corner) to the left of the centre as B. Now, if you draw a circle with B as the centre, you can have 3 more people following social distancing guidelines, giving a total of 10. This is shown in the next figure.



Try adding one more circle and check the new total. Repeat this process to see what the total is, depending

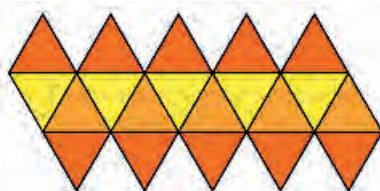
on the number of circles. You will notice that 3 are added with each new circle.

- 1 circle: 7 positions
- 2 circles: 10 positions
- 3 circles: 13 positions
- n circles:  $(3n + 4)$  positions.

This is the formula to obtain the number of positions given if there are n circles. As an example, if you draw 10 circles, you can have 34 positions.

In the figure below, the circles are removed and also some of the outer lines are not drawn, as what is important are the vertices which are the positions. Count how many vertices are there. If you were to include the circles, how many do you think will be there? Try to use the formula above to obtain

the answer.



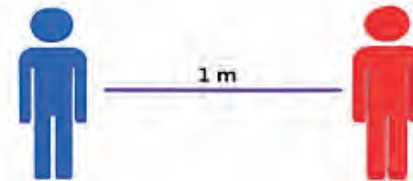
By the way, this is the net for forming a polyhedron



called 'Icosahedron'.

By folding along the edges, an icosahedron can be constructed, as shown in the diagram. It has 20 equilateral triangle faces, 12 vertices and 30 edges.

It is interesting to see how mathematics helps us to make innovations with a simple idea and bring in another dimension.



### Math Plot – 47

Try to find the solution to the following puzzle. You may send solutions with reasoning to [ndesilva@osc.lk](mailto:ndesilva@osc.lk)

within the next three days.

Please include your full name, date of birth, home address, contact details and the name of your school along with the solution.

Ten people are in a queue outside a supermarket in a straight path.

The distance between the first and the second is 0.5 m. Distance between the second and the third is 0.7 m. Distance between the third and the fourth is 0.9 m. The rest have a gap of 1 m between each other. Find the total distance between the first and the tenth.

### Math Plot 46 – Solution

The answer is 10.25 a.m.

The winner is  
**Ann Amodya of**  
**Ave Maria Convent, Negombo.**

Congratulations!



### KIDS IN COLOUR

Kids in Colour together with Reeves Art Competition is conducted monthly. A topic is given for each month. Three winners from three age groups will be selected. Winners will be announced on the second Sunday of each month and all winners will receive an attractive gift pack from Reeves.

**Please note that all paintings should be certified by a teacher or parent, refer page 2 for further details.**

All paintings should be on A4 size paper. Please write Reeves Art Competition at the back of your entry, together with your name, date of birth, address, telephone no., and school.

**Topic for August - Interesting Hobbies**  
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## Thank you dear doctor

(To Dr. Rohitha Seneviratne)

You have held me from the day I was born,  
You helped me when I felt bad,  
You comforted me when I was scared,  
And cheered me on to make me strong.

Dear Dr. Rohitha I want to say 'Thank you,'  
For your patience, care and understanding,  
I hope you are happy and well,  
And keeping safe and well,  
I hope I don't get sick,  
But I'll try to come and see you quick!



**Suhanya Gamaarachchi (Year 3)**  
Horizon College Int., Nugegoda

## How I spent the Corona holiday

On March 15, 2020 all schools in the country were suddenly closed by the government to avoid spreading the Corona virus. I didn't know anything about Corona but later came to know what it is. After listening to awareness programmes by the Health authorities I came to know that it is a dangerous disease. The World Health Organization (WHO) named the newly identified virus as COVID-19 pandemic and that its birth place is Wuhan in China.

These unexpected holidays were close to the April New Year vacation. We were planning to go to my mother's ancestral home in Spring Valley village, Badulla which is situated right in front of the Namunukula Mountain. Namunukula is the fourth highest mountain in Sri Lanka. It is 2,036 m high. It has lovely surroundings with tea bushes, various natural flowers, plenty of trees, natural forest and savannas. Every evening it is cold and misty. Though we planned to go to Badulla, we couldn't because of the curfew so all of us were forced to stay at home.

My father's printing office was also closed. The Agricultural officer and the Samurdhi officer of Boralesgamuwa came to our house and gave us some packeted vegetable seeds and

some fruit plants to grow during the holidays. The seeds were bitter-gourd, pumpkin, cucumber, radish, chillies, winged-bean, ladies fingers and long beans etc. We planted them in cement pots and rice bags. My sister Dinadi and I watered the plants every morning and evening.

After two months we were able to get the harvest. We plucked about 1 kg of ladies fingers, green chillies, bitter-gourd, pumpkin and gotukola, mukunuwenna and kankun... With this our small vegetable garden we have become vegetable growers thanks to the government's 'Saubhagya - Grow More Food' campaign. This crop helped us to balance our daily home expenditure. My mother said it was a big relief for my father as his income had dropped from the closure of his printing press. We didn't sell any of the vegetables and the surplus we distributed among our neighbours as well. So they were also happy about our small effort.

I thank my parents and my sister for helping me have a successful home garden. That was the result of my Corona holiday.

**Sanija Manhiru (Grade 6)**  
St. Joseph's College, Nugegoda

## Roses



**Mehansa Dasanayake (12 years)**  
Bishop's College, Colombo

## My family



**Sayuni Uyangoda (5 years)**  
Modern Montessori, Kotte

## Rapunzel



**Nulara Jayawickrama (8 years)**  
Methodist College, Colombo

## A fisherman's life



**Sandul Kulasekera (Grade 9)**  
Royal College, Colombo



### A village house



**Toyen (8 years)**  
Brilliant Stars Int. College, Matara

### Elephants come to the road at night



**Aruni Gunarathna (Grade 6)**  
Sussex College, Kandy

### A forest



**Saqeef-ul-Haq (5 years)**  
Matale Int. School

### Huts near the river



**Sandilras Rinsingha (Grade 3)**  
Royal Int. School, Kegalle

## Myself

My name is Tharindiya Senrathne. I am five years old. I live in Kandy. My mother's name is Dinusha. My father's name is Dinendra. I have a brother. He is Sandul. I love my family.

**Tharindiya Senarathne (Grade 1)**  
St. Sylvester's College, Kandy

## The actress I like best

The actress I like best is Samantha Akkineni. Her real name is Samantha Ruth Prabhu. She was born on April 28, 1987 in Chennai, India. She was educated in Angels Anglo Indian Higher Secondary School, Stella Maris College and University of Madras.

Samantha Akkineni is an Indian actress who has established a career in the Telugu and Tamil film industries, and is a recipient of several awards including four Filmfare awards. She has emerged as a leading actress in the South Indian film industry. 'Theri', 'Oh Baby', 'Kaththi', 'Irumbu Thirai' and 'Mersal' are some examples of films that she acts well in.

Samantha Akkineni's spouse is Naga Chaitanya. Her country citizenship is India. Her religion is Christianity. Her occupation is acting. She is the second cutest woman in the Tamil films. Now her age is 33. Some nicknames of Samatha are Sammie, Samsa, Sammu. I love her very much.

**Farha Farzan**  
Fathima B. M. V., Puttalam

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## A dog speaks

I am a dog. I am a Daschund dog. My name is Smitty. I am two years old. My favourite food is rice. And my favourite drink is water. I am brown in colour. My owner is Methupama.

I have a brother. His name is Rish. It is a sausage dog. It is black in colour. I play with my brother and owner every evening. I have a big kennel with a water bowl.

On all my birthdays my owner celebrates it very beautifully. On rainy days she puts a piece of cloth into my kennel. Sometimes she washes me. Sometimes she walks me around the house. Somedays she dresses me in her small T-shirts. My owner loves me lots. I also love her very much.

**Methupama Wijerathne (Grade 8)**  
Holy Cross College, Gampaha



**Tharindiya Senarathne**  
6 years on September 1



**Lakjith Gonagala**  
15 years on August 30



**Mohamed Haathim**  
13 years on August 28



**Vinuja Dayananda**  
12 years on August 25

Photographs of members and non-members between 4 – 15 years, for the birthday page, should reach us at least ten days before the birthday, along with a letter from a parent giving full details.



## Tomahawk

Quiz  
No.174

Questions for the Tomahawk Quiz No. 174 are based on articles appearing in the Funday Times of July 5, 12, 19 and 26, 2020. All you have to do is to find the answers to the questions given.

Write the answers neatly on a postcard. Cut the strip 'Tomahawk Quiz No. 174' seen at the top of this page and paste it on your postcard. Please get your entries certified as your own work by a teacher or parent.

Two lucky winners  
will receive brand new  
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## QUESTIONS — QUIZ NO. 174

1. Who created the first vaccine and when?
2. Name five books authored by Sybil Wettasinghe.
3. Where is the Empire State Building located?
4. Which is the most important prehistoric cave excavated in Sri Lanka?
5. What special discovery did an international team of scientists find from articles recovered in the excavations?



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7 – 9 years

WINNERS!

- ▶ Randira Dandanarayana, Malabe
- ▶ Kyra Muthan, Colombo 6
- ▶ I. John Manoah, Kandy
- ▶ Umar Rushdie, Dehiwala
- ▶ Enoc Rishon, Batticaloa

Winners please call  
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to collect your prizes.

## 7 – 9 AGE GROUP

Help Tom through the maze to reach Jerry.

