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**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

**Faith Rodrigo**  
 9 years on April 18

**Shazad Ghaney**  
 4 years on April 7

## Junior Crossword – No. 959

**Across**

- Use these for cutting paper
- Agony
- A citrus fruit
- The number in an octet
- Fine droplets of liquid from an aerosol can
- Go red in the face
- Not sharp
- Mend
- A thought
- False teeth

**Down**

- A month
- A cake topping
- A woodwind instrument
- Surgeon's knife
- A popular pet
- People from Egypt
- Wife's partner
- Beneath
- Broad smile
- Hear with this

**Solution - No. 957**

T	A	L	K	E	D	C	H	E	F
A	A			C	E	R			
C	O	R	E	B	R	E	E	Z	E
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**WINNER**

**Jude Rodrigo,**  
 Kochchikade

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## Sudoku 321

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.

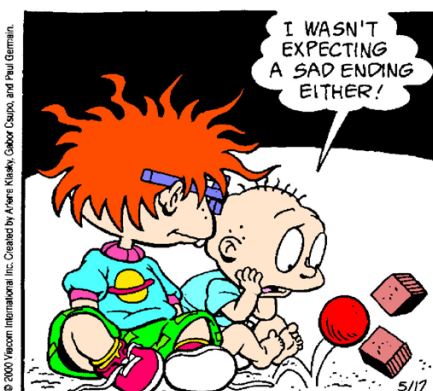
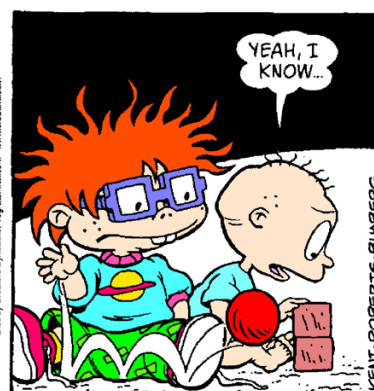
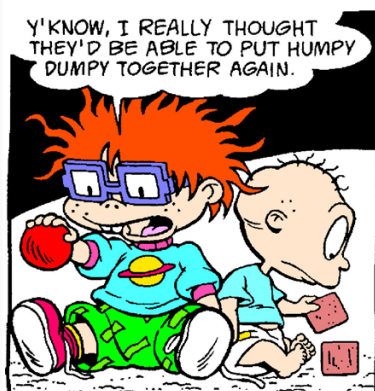
**Solution – No. 319**

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

**Compiled by Peter Fernando**

Now try to complete Junior Sudoku 321 using logic and reasoning. This is a good exercise for your mind.

### Rugrats





**Age:** 9 years and below

**Word Count:** 150

**Topic:** How you enjoyed going back to school

**Win:** Secret Kingdom - Bubble Volcano by Rosie Banks

When Queen Malice puts a spell on King Merry, Ellie, Summer and Jasmine must find six rare ingredients to make a cure. They're soon off to Bubble Volcano to look for the first ingredient.

Can they find the hidden bubblebee hive and get the magic honeycomb they need to save King Merry?



**Age:** 10 – 12 years

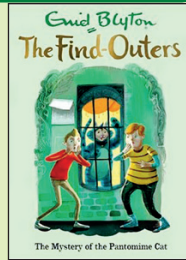
**Word Count:** 150 – 200

**Topic:** Why learning English is important

**Win:** The Mystery of the Disappearing Cat by Enid Blyton

Pip and Bets have a new neighbour who lives with her prize-winning Siamese cats. When one of the cats go missing, all the clues point to the Find-Outers' friend Luke.

The only way to prove Luke is innocent is to find the real cat snatcher...



**Age:** 13 – 15 years

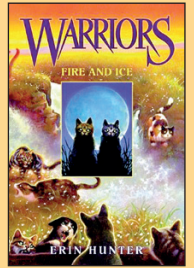
**Word Count:** 200 – 250

**Topic:** The first man in space

**Win:** Warriors – Fire and Ice by Erin Hunter

Fireheart is a ThunderClan warrior cat now, but danger still lurks in the forest – and possibly closer than he thinks. With the chill of winter setting in, the cats of rival RiverClan are growing restless, while WindClan is weak and facing threats from all sides.

As tension builds to an explosive climax, Fireheart faces not only imminent battle, but betrayal from within his own Clan.



### Book Competition



#### 9 years and below

Why water is important

**Fathima Rameez**

Evergreen Academy  
Int. School

#### 10 - 12 years

Protecting our forests

**Nadithi Kulasekera**

Ladies' College, Colombo 7

#### 13 - 15 years

My favourite poet

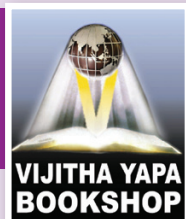
**Sajali Perera**

Janadhipathi B.V., Nawala

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■ Book Competition ■ Essay Topic

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**Address :** .....

**School:** .....

**Tel:** .....

**Finished book on :** .....



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From our Young Reporters

## Journeys to Dambulla and Mathugama

This unfortunate pandemic has slowed down our lives. However, it did not stop us from going on our annual trips. This time, while obeying safety precautions and taking extra care, our friends and I went on two tours to Amaya Lake resort, Dambulla on December 19 and Diyaulpatha resort, Mathugama on January 2.

Amaya Lake was a splendid resort, full of lush greenery. If you are lucky enough, you will be able to spot our national animal and bird; the Jungle Fowl and the Giant Squirrel and also see hares hopping about. The lake, where we saw many herons, completed the natural scenic beauty around.

Unfortunately, the pool was closed, although there were many other things to do. There was an ample amount of time for us to enjoy, despite the frequent, short rains. We enjoyed riding bicycles around the fields and some enjoyed playing cricket. Everyone was high on the recently completed LPL cricket tournament as well, so it was really exciting.

Moreover, there was a match of carom and we all had a hand at playing table tennis, when sometimes we ended up playing 'tennis' and we all laughed about it.

The rain water was collected in the lake, and it grew, which is when the water would flow over the nearby causeway (*sapaththu palama*). We all spent the next morning near the lake and feasted our eyes on the attractive sight.

We climbed up a tree-house nearby which was pretty appealing. The showers had still not ceased then but we made the best out of our time.

We had an awesome time at Diyaulpatha as well. Amongst the vast tea plantations, we had a great time playing games in the ground, especially cricket and hanging out. The pool was open as well, so we were in the water most of the time.

We were up late at night as we sang songs and danced and our friends deserve a huge applause for enriching the night with music on their instruments.



Amaya Lake



We spent our trip outside, enjoying the sunny days a lot. It was nice being with our friends again after a long, isolated time.

The journeys were amazing and we had a fun-filled, unforgettable time. It was definitely a huge, relaxing change, after we spent most of the year locked up in our homes. Hopefully, everyone will be able to go on an enjoyable holiday with a free mind once again, after this worldwide pandemic ends.

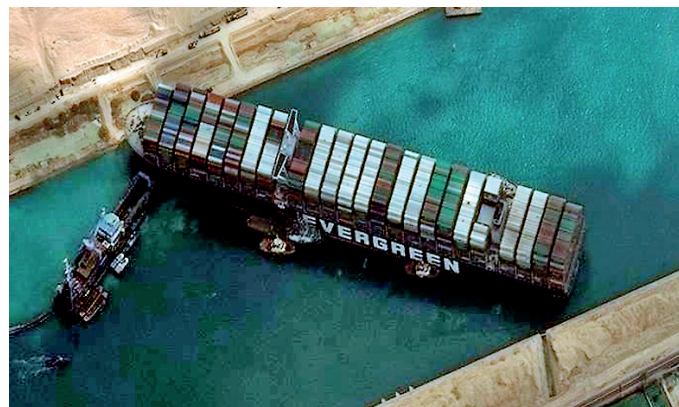
**Lihini Wijesekara (15 years)**  
Lyceum Int. School, Wattala



Our team - at Diyaulpatha

## Blockage of Suez Canal

On March 23, 2021 'Ever Given' a golden-class container ship ran aground in the Suez Canal. While the ship was travelling through the Suez Canal, it was caught in a sandstorm. Strong winds, which reached 40kn, resulted in the "loss of ability to steer the ship" causing the hull to deviate. The crew, consisting entirely of Indian nationals, was accounted for and no injuries were reported.



At the time of the incident, the ship was travelling from Tanjung Pelepas, Malaysia to the port of Rotterdam, Netherlands.

Over 200 vessels at both ends of the canal were obstructed, including five other container ships of similar size. There included 41 bulk carriers and 24 crude tankers.

However, on March 29, with great difficulty, the ship was moved.

**Reema Ghazni (11 years)**  
Najaa Int. School, Mt. Lavinia



# Charlie Chaplin



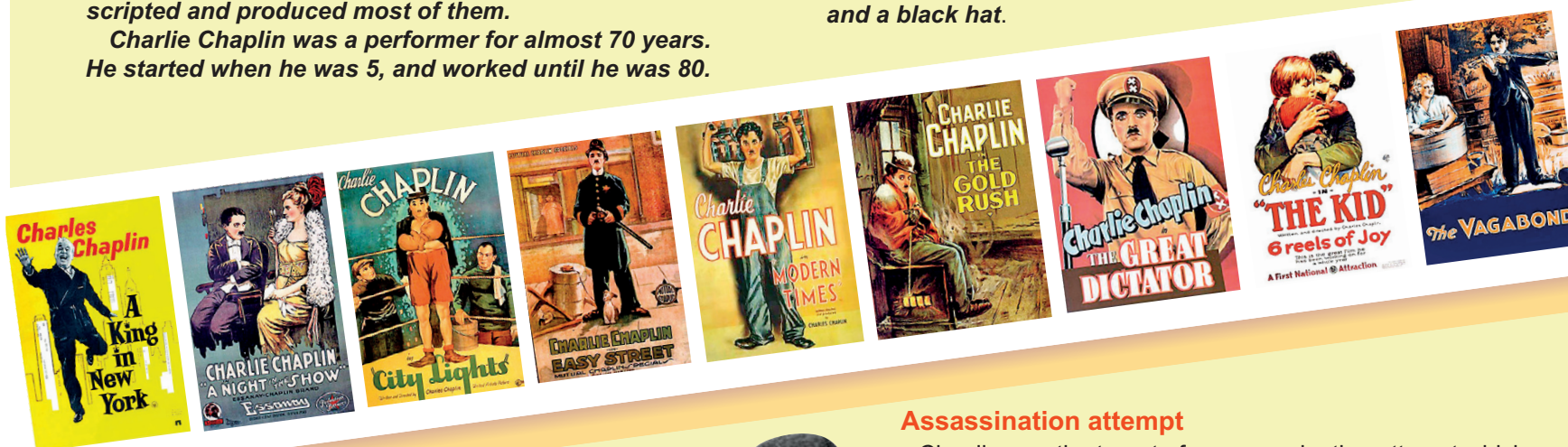
**FAMOUS  
PEOPLE**



**Sir Charles Spencer "Charlie" Chaplin KBE**  
(April 16, 1889 – December 25, 1977) was a British actor, comedian, movie maker, screenwriter, editor, musician, anarchist and author. He was very famous in silent movies (where there was no talking or sound). He acted, directed, scripted and produced most of them.

Charlie Chaplin was a performer for almost 70 years. He started when he was 5, and worked until he was 80.

The character that Charlie Chaplin played most was called "The Little Tramp". The "Tramp" was a man of good manners, who wore a coat, a pair of big trousers, shoes, moustache and a black hat.

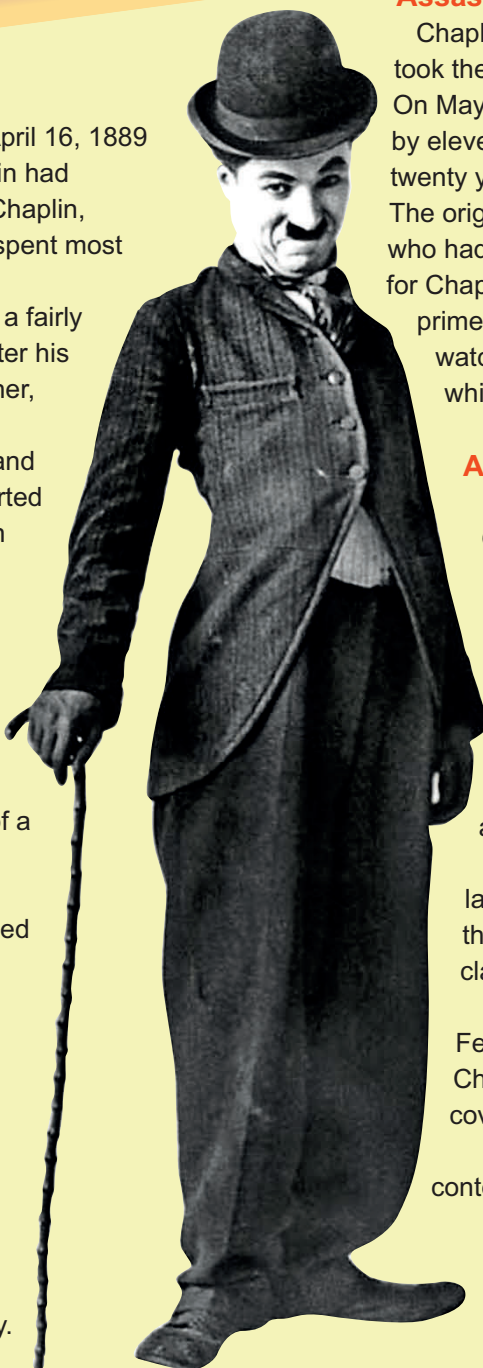


## Growing up

Charles Spencer Chaplin was born on April 16, 1889 in London, England, United Kingdom. Chaplin had a rough childhood; his mother, Hannah Hill Chaplin, a talented singer, actress and piano player, spent most of her life in and out of mental hospitals. His father, Charles Spencer Chaplin Sr. was a fairly successful singer until he began drinking. After his parents separated, Charlie and his half-brother, Sydney, spent most of their childhood in orphanages, where they often went hungry and were beaten if they misbehaved. He first started acting at age five. He acted in a music hall in 1894, standing in for his mother.

When Charlie was a child, he was kept in bed for many weeks from a bad illness. At night, his mother would sit at the window and act out what was going on outside. His first important work came when he joined The Eight Lancashire Lads. In 1900, his brother Sydney helped him get the role of a comic cat in the pantomime 'Cinderella'.

In 1903, he was in a play called 'Jim: A Romance of Cockayne'. Chaplin was in Casey's 'Court Circus' variety show. The next year, he became a clown in Fred Karno's 'Fun Factory' comedy company.



## Assassination attempt

Chaplin was the target of an assassination attempt which took the life of Prime Minister of Japan Inukai Tsuyoshi. On May 15, 1932, Prime Minister Inukai Tsuyoshi was shot by eleven young naval officers (most were just turning twenty years of age) in the prime minister's residence. The original assassination plan had included killing Chaplin who had arrived in Japan on May 14, 1932, at a reception for Chaplin, planned by Prime Minister Inukai. When the prime minister was killed, his son Inukai Takeru was watching a sumo wrestling match with Charlie Chaplin, which probably saved both their lives.

## Awards

Chaplin won two special Oscars. Chaplin had first been chosen for both 'Best Actor' and 'Best Comedy Directing'. But then, instead, he was given a special award "for versatility and genius in acting, writing, directing and producing".

Chaplin's second special award came 44 years later, in 1972. When getting this award, Chaplin had the longest standing ovation (people standing up and clapping) in Academy Award history.

In 1976, he was given the BAFTA Academy Fellowship Award, a lifetime achievement award. Chaplin became the first actor to have appeared on the cover of 'Time' in 1925.

Chaplin once entered in a Charlie Chaplin look-a-like contest. Chaplin lost the contest.



Source: Kidzsearch

*Charlie Chaplin*



## Myself

I am Elisha Nethaly. I am from Nawala. I am ten years old. I study in Grade Five. My school is Highlands College. It is in Maharagama. My hobby is reading books. I enjoy doing this during my leisure time. My favourite colour is red. I like this colour because it is dark and beautiful. My favourite food is rice and my favourite drink is orange juice. My favourite subject is ERA.

I like it because it is a very easy and enjoyable subject for me.

My ambition is to become a doctor one day because I can medicate patients. When I medicate patients I feel happy.

I will work hard to make my dreams come true.

**Elisha Nethaly (10 years)**  
Highland College, Maharagama

Koha bird



**Thej Perera (Grade 1)**  
Rajagiriya

## A job I'd like to do

Our world has many professions in fields such as medicine, accounting, banking, engineering, business etc. However, the career which I admire is in the field of Information Technology. This is because Information Technology has become an integral part of human lives as the world has become a global village due to rapid development in Information Technology. I aspire to become a software engineer in future. This is my dream from my childhood.

In order to achieve my dream, my plan is to obtain a degree in IT after my Advanced Level exam. I wish to join one of the Blue Chip companies in Sri Lanka, in order to get much needed experience in this field after my graduation. While working there, I would like to enhance my people management skills, soft skills and time management skills as these are also important as technical skills. In addition, I would also like to do a Master's Degree

while working with specialization in Artificial Intelligence, Data Analytics and Robotics Process as these are considered to be important in future.

After gaining much needed experience, I wish to establish my own IT company as I prefer to develop my own company instead of working for someone else. This gives me an opportunity to enjoy the efforts of my hard work in the form of profits, self-satisfaction and independence. I believe the experience I hope to gain in a Blue Chip company will help me to achieve this.

IT is going to be the future of the world as without IT, other fields would not be able to operate. Therefore, I urge everybody to make use of this opportunity similar to the famous saying, "Make hay while the sun shines."

**Abdullah Jawath (12 years)**  
Lyceum Int. School, Nugegoda

Our New Year



**Soheli Vidana Pathirana (6 years)**  
Lyceum Int. School, Nugegoda

Happy New Year!



**Vishmitha Amarakoon (10 years)**  
Musaeus College, Colombo

## Road accidents

These days in our country, there are a lot of road accidents. There is a saying, "Man is a great treasure." We can define people who cause road accidents into many groups. Slow drivers, fast drivers, pedestrians, drunk drivers are some of them.

Slow drivers cause danger and accidents because they are nervous and go slowly and the drivers in vehicles behind them get impatient and may try to overtake when the road is busy.

Fast drivers are a main cause of road accidents. They are so careless that they won't turn off their headlights in the night. So people on the other side of the road get blinded and cause accidents. They go fast like thunderbolts and expect everyone to give them space.

Pedestrians too are sometimes very careless and don't cross on the pedestrian

crossing and motorists may bump into them and cause accidents.

Drunk people also are a main cause of road accidents nowadays. They drink and drive their vehicles and cause road accidents.

There are many solutions for the people who cause road accidents. Getting their driver's license renewed, taking the driving test once a year, going for a checkup to see if they are suitable for driving etc. The payment or fine for when you cause accidents and for careless people should be increased.

We need to take these measures to prevent road accidents. After minimizing all the road accidents, we will be able to build up a good country.

**Dinithi Wijegunawardana (12 years)**  
Musaeus College

Safe and Happy New Year



**Thinuli Pathiraja (9 years)**  
Samudradevi B. V., Nugegoda



Happy New Year!



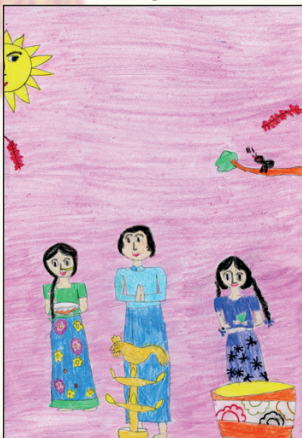
**Sara Rasmi (14 years)**  
Kalutara Muslim B. M. V.

'Avurudu' table



**M. B. Aaysha (10 years)**  
Fathima B. M. M. V.

Celebrating 'Avurudu'



**Nethma Bimsarani (8 years)**  
Sujatha Vidyalaya, Matara

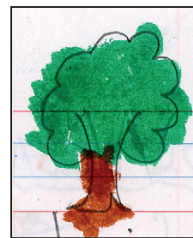
'Suba Aluth Avuruddak!'



**Kalpa Wijekoone**  
Geliyoa

## Trees

Trees give human beings fruits, air, shelter and flowers. Trees are important for us. Some big trees have big trunks. We can make wood doors and windows.



People destroy forests so we must plant new trees when we cut down trees. Trees are good for the environment. We must protect trees for our future generation.

**Senuth Rupasinghe (Grade 2)**  
St. Joseph Vaz College, Wennappuwa

## My favourite writer

My favourite writer is Dr. Maya Angelou. She is a black American lady. She is a poet, novelist, educator, dramatist, actress, film maker and civil rights activist.

Dr. Angelou is considered a spokesperson for black people and especially black women for their civil rights. She is best known for her series of autobiographies, which describe her childhood and early adult experiences. Her first autobiography discusses her life up to the age of seventeen.

The poem 'I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings' was first published in her book 'Shaker Why Don't You Sing' in 1983. The poem is a metaphor illustrating social discrimination faced by people. The poet is expressing her feelings and the discrimination she faced during her life.

**Yasodara Thilakarathna (14 years)**  
Sumana B. V., Ratnapura

## Muffins



Muffin... Muffin... Muffin  
What a yummy treat,  
A dessert that's so good to eat.

Butter and sugar,  
Are beaten to a thick cream,  
And the eggs are whisked  
Like a cloud of cream.

The flour is added into  
The mixture that's fluffy,  
Then baked to the perfection,  
Of a hungry tummy.

What a perfect treat,  
For anyone to eat,  
But don't let the ants  
Get it first before you eat.

**Senaya Wedisinghe (Grade 7)**  
Rathnawali B. V., Gampaha

## If you could have anything...

Currently, there are about 7.8 billion people in this world, from which more than 736 million people live below the international poverty line (which is to earn \$1.90 a day) with 115 million more people expected to be in poverty by the end of this year. On the other hand, billionaires become richer. Last July, the total wealth held by billionaires reached a record \$10.2 trillion.

But what if there was nothing called 'money' in the world? Many people nowadays apply for a job not because they'll enjoy it but because of the salary. All the assistants of infamous criminals are promised large payments to do their dirty work. Many can't have what they want because it doesn't fit their budget.

But when I speak of a world without money, I don't mean everything is free. There have to be restrictions. You must contribute to the society in one way or the other, but in whichever way you like.

So you exchange what you have for what you don't, in terms of both services and goods.

If, by being a doctor, you cure a sick child, its mother will stitch clothes for your household. But if you don't contribute to the society, you wouldn't get anything from it either.

A world without money will be a world with less crimes and more happiness, where innocent people don't suffer, where everyone works to their utmost. Soon people will not crave for luxury – because it can become commonplace – but for things that really matter, like love, trust and honesty.

What wouldn't you do for such a world – where you can do almost whatever you want, where about nobody suffers, where there's no rich nor poor?

**Ifadha Deen (15 years)**  
Leeds International School, Galle



## Tomahawk

Quiz  
No.182

Questions for the Tomahawk Quiz No. 182 are based on articles appearing in the Funday Times of March 7, 14, 21 and 28, 2021. 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. 182' 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.

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## QUESTIONS — QUIZ NO. 182

1. What is Galapagos Islands famous for?  
Name the famous person who visited the islands in 1845.
2. Where in Afghanistan were famous statues destroyed and what is being installed in their place?
3. Name the Dutch Prime Minister.
4. Which American President was known for leading the Continental Army to victory in the American Revolution? When did the British Army surrender?
5. When is World Water Day celebrated? Name four main uses of water.



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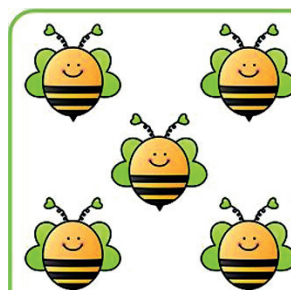
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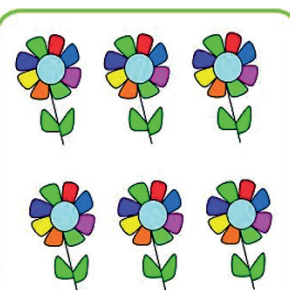
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- Moditha Wijesingha, Weliveriya
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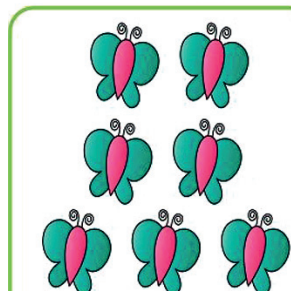
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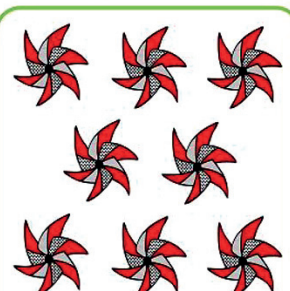
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