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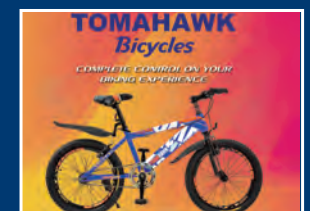
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A harvest of peanuts

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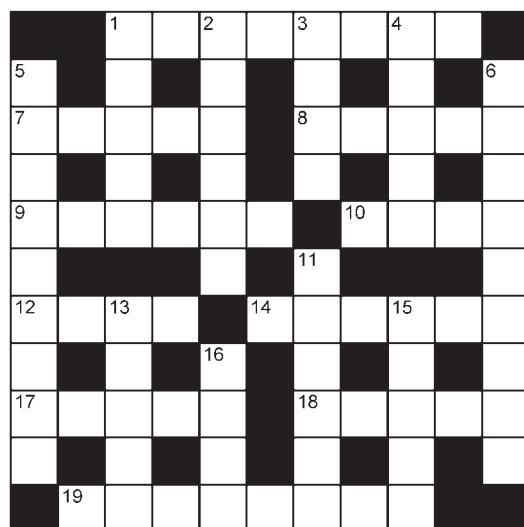
Closing date for weekly competitions:

March 2, 2022

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Junior Crossword – No. 965



Please enter your full name, date of birth, home address, mobile number and school.

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- Across**
- 1 A soft thin type of book published perhaps monthly
 - 7 Of greater age
 - 8 A large stream
 - 9 Murderer
 - 10 A curved support under a bridge
 - 12 These sit on saucers
 - 14 Weigh things with these
 - 17 Of the same length
 - 18 A person who pulls oars
 - 19 Think over

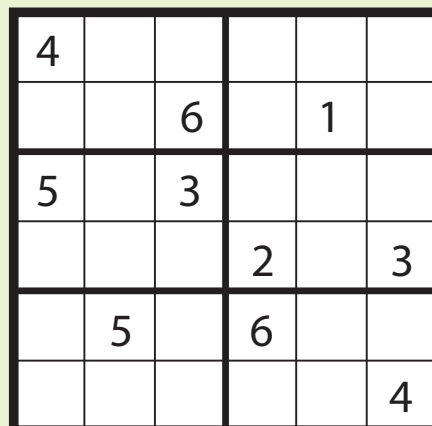
- Down**
- 1 A soldier's award
 - 2 Flowerbed
 - 3 Nought
 - 4 Not ever
 - 5 A cork remover
 - 6 A big group of musicians
 - 11 Afraid
 - 13 A planet
 - 15 Further down
 - 16 Mountains



Solution - No. 963



Sudoku 326



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 326 using logic and reasoning. This is a good exercise for your mind.

Solution – No. 324

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

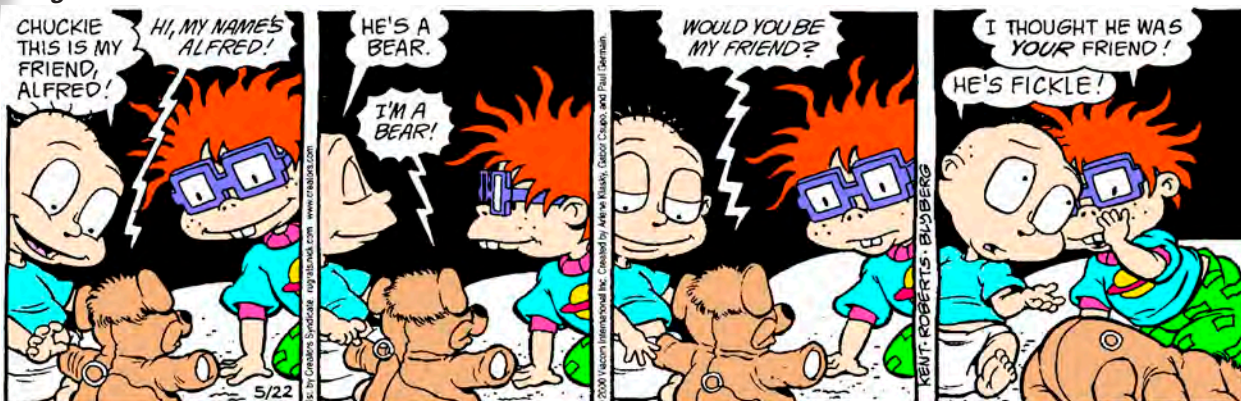


Inesh Akshan Kularathne
4 years on February 10

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Rugrats



The Bridge of Sighs



Bridge of Sighs, (Ponte dei Sospiri in Italian), is an enclosed limestone bridge in Venice, Italy, spanning the narrow canal (Rio di Palazzo) between the Doge's Palace and the prisons.

Commissioned by the doge Marino Grimani, whose familial coat of arms is depicted in the centre of the facade, the Baroque-style bridge was built in a Ground 1600 by the architect Antonio Contino. The enclosed passageway was named for the "sighs" of the prisoners who passed over it.

Tradition holds that if a couple kisses while passing underneath the bridge in a gondola, they will enjoy eternal love.



- The Bridge of Sighs is one of the over 400 bridges that cross any of the approximately 100 canals that run through the Italian city of Venice. It crosses one of the smaller canals called the 'Rio del Palazzo.'

- It's located in the south of the city and just east of St. Mark's Square (Piazza San Marco in Italian) and the St. Mark's Basilica, one of the most famous spots in the city.

- The bridge connects the interrogation room of the famous Doge's Palace, which was originally built in the year 1340, with the "New Prison" called the Prigioni Nuove.

- It was the famous English poet Lord Byron who first used the English version of the name, 'Bridge of Sighs' in the early 19th century.

- The name refers to the fact that prisoners were led from the interrogation rooms directly to their cells in the prison and the bridge provided them with the only view of Venice before being locked up.

- This bridge is now over 400 years old making it one of the oldest bridges in the city.

- The arch bridge, designed in the Baroque style, is one of the smaller bridges in the city as it is only about 11 metres in length.



Doge's Palace

- The uncle of the designer Antonio Contino, was Antonio da Ponte, one of the most famous architects in Venice. He designed the Rialto Bridge and the Ducal Palace in Venice.

- A type of limestone called Istrian stone, quarried in Istria, a region in modern day Croatia, was used for the construction of the bridge. This type of limestone has nearly the same strength and density as marble.

- It's believed that inquisitions and subsequent executions were long gone by the time the bridge was built, and it was only small-time criminals who actually crossed it.

- The small windows of the bridge are covered with stone bars, making it virtually impossible to get a clear view.

- The most famous prisoner to ever cross the Bridge of Sighs was Giacomo Casanova, imprisoned at the top floor of the Doge's Palace. He conceived a daring escape plan, which succeeded with the help of a monk, just 1.5 years after his initial crossing of the Bridge of Sighs.

- Because the Bridge of Sighs is located in a small canal in Venice, it can only be seen from a few places unless you're on a gondola.

- The most popular spot to get a glimpse of the bridge is the Ponte della Paglia on

the south side, giving a clear view of the bridge towards the city.

- The Bridge of Sighs played a major role in the movie 'A Little Romance' (1979) which revolves around a French boy and an American girl falling in love. In order to seal their love forever, they kiss beneath the Bridge of Sighs.

Britannica.com & Art Facts



Famous Landmarks Quiz 28

Q: Why is this bridge called the Bridge of Sighs?

Tomahawk

Quiz
No.192

Questions for Tomahawk Quiz No. 192 are based on articles appearing in the Funday Times of January 2, 9, 16, 23 and 30, 2022.

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. 192' 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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will receive brand new
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All Funday Times readers between 8 – 15 years
are eligible to participate.

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Tomahawk Quiz No. 191

- ▶ Naveeta Fernando, Thalawathugoda
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QUESTIONS – QUIZ NO. 192

1. Name one of the first places on earth where the New Year dawns.
2. What is the most stable shape that an arch can have?
3. What is the largest freshwater lake in the world and what is its nickname?
4. When is International Day of Education commemorated and what is the theme for 2022?
5. Who is the author of the 'Little House' book series and what was the author's first rejected autobiography titled?



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4 - 6 years

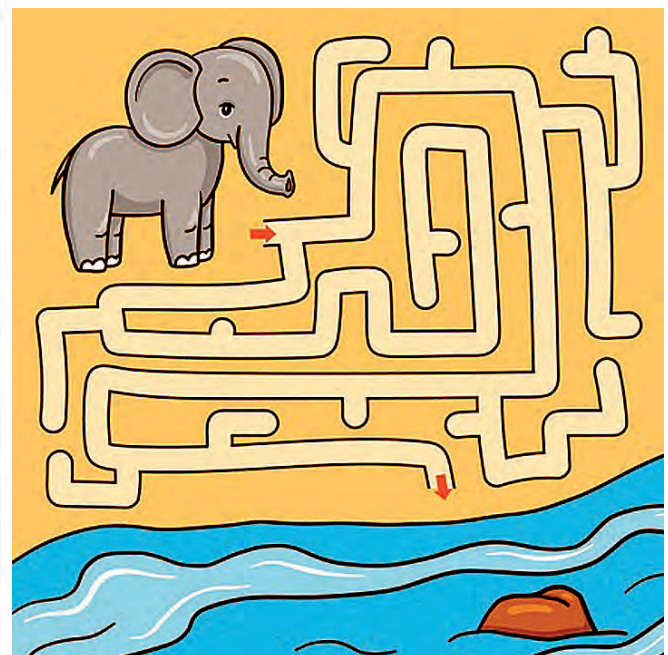


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4 – 6 AGE GROUP

Help the elephant reach the river.



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Pinwheels



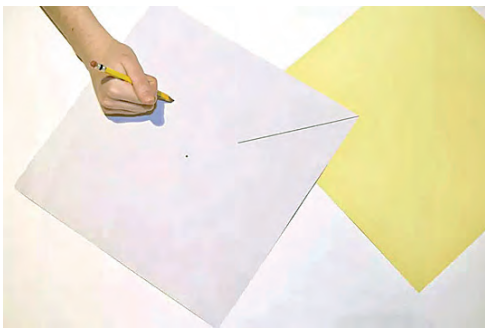
What you need

- Scissors
- Pencil
- Ruler (optional)
- 1 Straw
- 1 Pushpin
- 1 piece Square-shaped paper
- Masking tape

Instructions

1 Draw lines

Using a ruler, mark the center of your square paper with a pencil. Next use your ruler to draw a diagonal line from each corner of the paper, halfway to the center dot you just made.



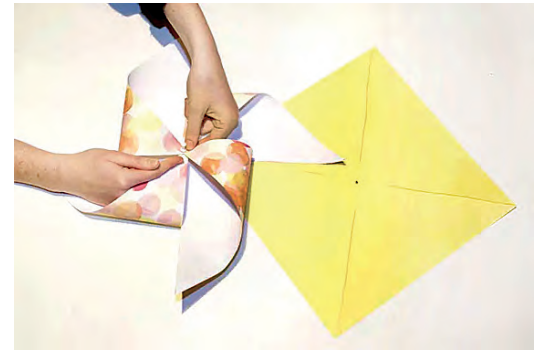
2 Cut down the lines

Use the scissors to cut down the diagonal lines that you just marked on your paper.



3 Fold and pin

Fold every other point into the center dot and put a pushpin through the paper. This step can be tricky because the points like to escape if you are not holding them tight, so patience is key.



4 Attach to straw

Hold the pushpin with gathered points in one hand tightly and use your other hand to push the remainder of the pin through a straw.

We used paper craft straws for these pinwheels but you could also attach your pinwheel to a plastic straw or a pencil.

Once your pushpin is through the straw, use a little bit of masking tape to make sure no little fingers get stuck by the pin.



Tip

If you are using printed paper where one side is white and the other has a pattern, make sure you draw the lines on the white side of the paper.

Source : Internet

Reading Development Tips by Room to Read



Independent reading is children's ability to read text such as books, newspapers etc., on their own, with minimal to no assistance from adults. It is reading that they choose to do on their own.

Independent reading plays a key role in developing reading fluency (speed and ease of reading), vocabulary, background knowledge, and even spelling. Most importantly, this exercise helps children instill a habit of reading and help them become lifelong, independent readers.

Paired with regular guided reading instruction, independent reading can provide early learners with the opportunity to read widely, exploring high-interest and diverse texts across genres, allowing the liberty to bring their own techniques, perceptions, values, and thoughts while they read.

- A message by Room to Read to support reading development and a habit of reading among primary grade children.

February 8 Oscars 2022: Animated Film nominations

This year's Oscar nominations have been revealed. The 94th Academy Awards take place on March 27, 2022.

Despite being a huge hit at the box office, 'Spider-Man: No Way Home' failed to earn an Academy Award nomination for Best Picture

and instead got just one nomination for Best Visual Effects.

But the nominations for Best Animated Feature does contain some family favourites, so let's take a look at the list...

Encanto



Encanto has three Oscar nominations including for Best Animated Feature.

Disney's 'Encanto', the story of Mirabel Madrigal, has been nominated for three Oscars in total.

As well as Best Animated Feature, it is also in the running for Best Original Song, 'Dos Oruguitas' by Lin-Manuel Miranda, and Best Original Score from Germaine Franco.

'Encanto' won a Golden Globe for Best Animated Film, so could it also win this category at the Oscars?

Did You Know:

If 'Dos Oruguitas' does win the Oscar for Best Song, then songwriter Lin Manuel Miranda could become an EGOT – the winner of an Emmy (TV) a Grammy (music/recording), an Oscar (movies) and a Tony (theatre).

Luca



Fans will only be able to watch Disney Pixar's new film 'Luca' on its streaming service.

Made by 11-time Oscar winning studio Pixar, 'Luca' is about two young sea monsters that venture onto dry land and turn human.

Due to the pandemic, 'Luca' didn't make it into cinemas and was only released on Disney+.

Raya and the Last Dragon



Disney's 'Raya and the Last Dragon', based in the fantasy land Kumandra tells the story of Raya, who is a warrior princess training to be a Guardian of the Dragon Gem.

To restore peace to Kumandra, she embarks on a search for the last dragon.

The Mitchells vs the Machines



Sony Pictures Animation's film about a robot apocalypse and the quirky family who tackle them has been a huge hit on Netflix.

Flee



Although it's an animation, this is a bit different to the other contenders. 'Flee' is the story of a refugee and has made history by getting Academy Award nominations across three separate feature film categories: Documentary, Animated Feature and International Film.

Source : CBBC Newsround

February 8

News in Pictures



Washington, DC, USA

The House speaker, Nancy Pelosi, leads other lawmakers outside the US capitol building in a moment of silence for the 900,000 Americans who lost their lives to COVID.



Hong Kong, China
Workers in protective gear prepare lunch boxes for residents at a lockdown area in Fu Cheong estate. The number of infections in Hong Kong rose sharply after the Lunar New Year holidays.



Kampala, Uganda

People queue to receive Pfizer vaccinations at the Kiswa health centre III in the Bugolobi neighbourhood. Authorities are seeking to legally mandate vaccines to inoculate more people, with a proposed bill calling for a six-month jail term for failure to comply with vaccination requirements.

Kalba, United Arab Emirates

A hawksbill sea turtle that was found on a nearby beach is displayed after an autopsy was performed along with waste, mostly plastic materials, top, and food items, left, at the Al Hefaiyah Conservation Center lab.



Tehran, Iran

Customers dine at restaurant-prison Cell 16 in eastern Tehran. Part of the proceeds is used to free those languishing in jails for unpaid debts.



Dakar, Senegal

Supporters cheer as Aliou Cisse the Senegalese football team's coach raises the trophy after winning the Africa Cup of Nations for the first time.

February 7

Manila, Philippines

Performers dressed as superhero characters pose with a child receiving a COVID vaccine dose at a gym in San Juan city.



Los Angeles, California, USA

Kyle Soderman, Christian Winchell and Travis Brewer jump off a pole for a social media video at the Original Muscle Beach in Santa Monica.

Source : The Guardian