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***Tiger cubs at the Dehiwala Zoo***

Pic. by Indika Handuwala

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**Please write the name of the competition and the date clearly at the top of your entry and include the following details:**

Full Name (including Surname).  
Date of Birth, Address.  
Telephone No. and School.

Please underline the name most commonly used.

**All competition entries should be certified by a parent or guardian as your own work.**

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**Closing date for weekly competitions:**  
**June 29, 2022**

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**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

**Yashan Ibrahim**  
7 years on June 15

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**Topic - Posen**  
**Closing Date : June 30, 2022**

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**Age groups:**  
**6 – 10 years**  
**11 – 15 years**  
**Word limit: 100 Words**

**Please note that copied poems will be disqualified.**

**6 – 10 years**

**Wonder-land**

Tea-party,  
Stolen tarty!  
Mad Hatter,  
Tea platter!  
Worried Rabbit,  
Interesting habit!  
Wonder-land,  
Alice-band!

**Nithipriya Weerasinghe**  
**Musaeus College, Colombo**

**Please write the date at the top of your entry.**

**11 – 15 years**

**Flutter-by, Oh Butterflies**

Butterflies, you fly everywhere  
To places I have never been  
How I wish I too could see  
Those beautiful nature scenes

Flying among the sunflowers  
Twirling in the evening light  
Like so many floating flowers  
Makes my day so merry and bright

Like tiny angels on earth  
They say you bring riches and luck  
You flitter and flutter back and forth  
Come land on my shoulder I ask

In my dreams I always see you  
Butterfly, as you flutter-by  
One day I will be a butterfly too  
Break my cocoon and away I'll fly

**Suhanya Gamaarachchi**  
**Horizon College Int., Nugegoda**

**Rugrats**

BOY, I REALLY OVERSLEPT THIS MORNING, TOMMY.

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ROBERTS - GIARRANO - BLUBBERG



# Mihintale

By Manoshi de Silva

When Navidu went to his neighbour, Visal's house, he noticed a tall mound of soil by the side of their house. "Where did this suddenly come from?" Navidu asked Visal. "We levelled our backyard to cultivate vegetables. This is the additional soil my father removed," replied Visal. "What are you going to do with it?" asked Navidu. "My father will give it to his friend, to fill his land because his garden goes underwater during rain," explained Visal. "But this will be here for sometime till he comes and collects it."

"Visal, I have an idea," said Navidu, "Let's make a small 'Mihintale' for Poson with this!" "How do we do that?" asked Visal. "Well, we already have the Mihintale rock now. We can draw and cut the figures of Arahat Mahinda Thera, King Devanampiyatissa and the deer," replied Navidu.

"That's brilliant!" clapped Visal. "Let's call our other friends and get started right away."

So the friends from the neighbourhood got together and started making figures for their little Mihintale. They carefully drew the figures needed and coloured them very neatly. "What happened at Mihintale?" Visal's little sister Sanithi wanted to know. "That's where Buddhism was introduced to our country," explained Savinda, who was the eldest of the friends. "When King Devanampiyatissa was chasing after a deer, Arahat Mahinda Thera, who was on top of Mihintale rock, called the king by his name and stopped him."

The children carefully cut out the figures with scissors. Everyone was very happy with the final result. Then they made small stands to the figures, to fix them in the soil. "Once we finish fixing these in the soil, we should also fix a mango branch!" said Navidu. "Why is that?" little Sanithi wanted to know. "That is because Arahat Mahinda Thera asked questions from the king, showing a mango tree, to test the king's intelligence," explained Savinda.

Once the figures were completed, the children carefully kept them in Visal's book cupboard. "When do we fix these on our Mihintale?" asked Sanithi.

"Now that we have completed all the work, let's fix these in the morning on Poson Day," said Savinda, and everyone agreed. "When we put the porch light of our house, it will be clearly visible even at night!" said Visal. "Everyone going to the temple will see it since they all have to pass our house to get there."

"Let's keep this a secret. That way everyone will be surprised on Poson" said Savinda. "Don't tell anyone about this yet." The children all agreed to keep it a secret. They all felt very excited and happy with their creative work. "I can't wait till Poson Day," said little Sanithi. "Our Mihintale will look so nice!"

On Poson Day morning Navidu quickly got ready to go to Visal's house to start working and completing their Mihintale. But Visal came running before Navidu could even reach their gate. Visal looked worried. "Navidu, there is a problem!" he said panting. "The mound of soil is not there anymore!"

"What happened to it?" asked Navidu, widening his eyes. "By the time I got up, there were people already shovelling it into a tractor. My father's friend has decided to take it today because it is a holiday and he's at home." "Oh no!" gasped Navidu. "My father didn't know about our project, because I didn't tell him about it, as we agreed to keep it a secret!" said Visal.

The children all gathered at Savinda's house soon afterwards. "Now what do we do? We can't make our Mihintale anymore!" said little Sanithi, almost in tears. Don't cry. We'll think of something," said Visal. "We only don't have a mountain. We have everything else ready," said Navidu. "But the rock is a must. Arahat Mahinda Thera has to be on top of it!" said Visal. "Let's think of ways we can



build a small mountain," said Savinda.

"There is a small mountain of coconut husks at our house," said Sanithi and everyone laughed. "Don't laugh!" said Savinda. "That is actually a good idea!"

"But we can't place Arahat Mahinda Thera on top of that!" said Navidu. "But we can create a mountain with it. If only we can find something to cover the coconut husks with, to make it look like a rock," said Savinda.

"There is a huge black cover we used to cover our bus with, that we don't use anymore," said Navidu, clicking his fingers. "That should be perfect to cover the husks." Everyone smiled and nodded happily. So the children carried the coconut husks to the front of Visal's house. Because the husks were light it was very easy to carry around, even for small Sanithi. Then they arranged it into the shape of the Mihintale rock and covered it with the old bus cover. Then finally they placed the figures and fixed the mango branch.

By evening the little Mihintale was complete. The children were very happy that they managed to get it done on time, after overcoming the obstacle they had to face. All their hard work paid off, when the adults passing by highly praised their little project. They were very happy to see everyone admiring their creativity. After returning from the temple the children stood by and stared at their little project, feeling very happy. Their little Mihintale looked beautiful under the bright Poson moon.



# How to create a DOME?

**Maths in Action 65**

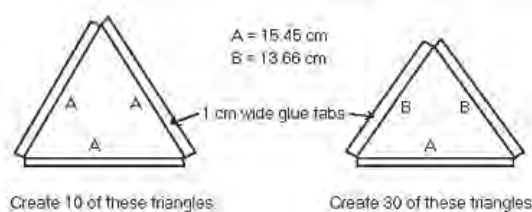
By R. N. A. de Silva

A dome is an architectural element similar to the hollow upper half of a sphere.

Advancements in mathematics, materials and production techniques resulted in new dome types. Domes have been constructed over the centuries from mud, snow, stone, wood, brick, concrete, metal, glass and plastic. The domes of the modern world can be found over religious buildings, legislative chambers, sports stadiums and a variety of functional structures.

Geodesic domes are sphere-like structures consisting of a network of triangles which provide a self-balancing structural framework whilst using minimal materials. They were developed by the American engineer and architect Buckminster Fuller in the late 1940s.

Let us create a geodesic dome. Hila Science Camp in Ontario provides us a procedure to do this with paper. Draw two triangles with measurements as given below:



After drawing one of each triangle, photocopy enough to create the dome.

Use two colours of paper, one colour for the A-A-A triangles, another for the B-A-B triangles. Colour coding makes construction easier and makes your dome more dramatic.

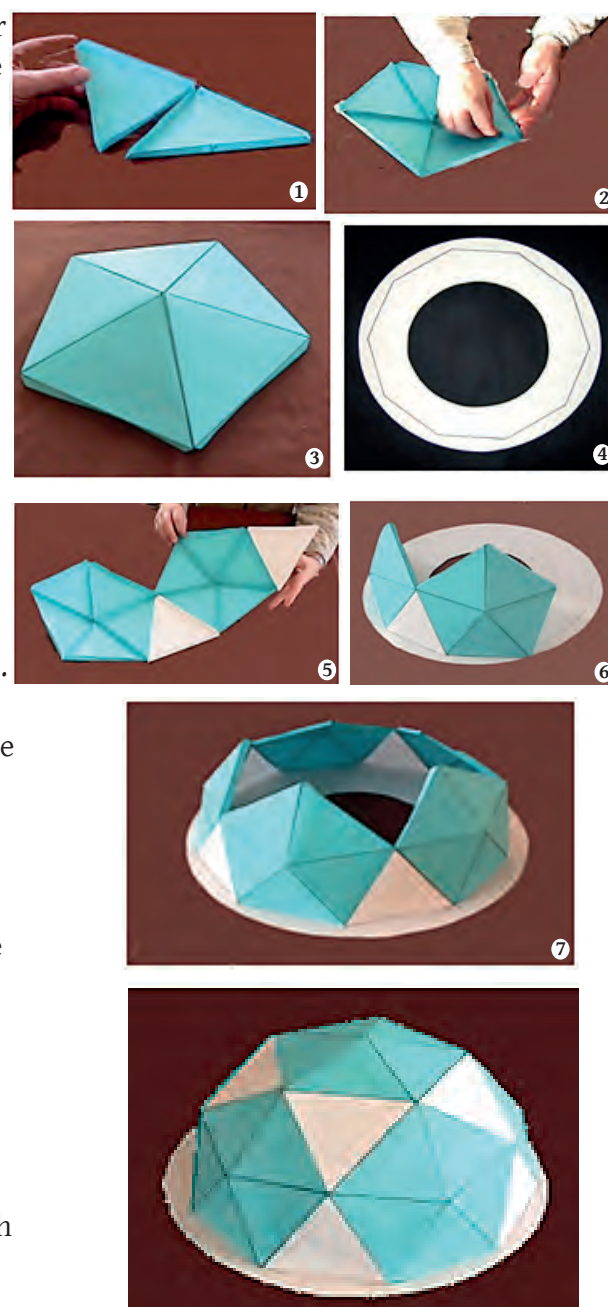
Cut out the triangles and carefully fold along the tab lines. A crisp fold is important. Join five of the A-B-B triangles to create a pentagon. Do this by gluing the 'B' edges together using the glue tabs. Make sure that the 'A' sides of the triangles form the outside of the pentagon. The procedure is shown through pictures 1 and 2.

A completed pentagon should look like picture 3. Note that it is raised in the centre. Create five more pentagons.

Next create a circular base for your dome by cutting a 75 cm diameter circle from cardboard.

Draw a 50 cm diameter circle in the centre of the base. Cut a 25 cm circle out of the centre of the base. This allows access to the interior of the dome.

Carefully draw a series of chords around the circle. Each chord is 'A' in length (15.45 cm). Align these chords so that 10 of them fit perfectly around the circle (picture 4). These lines indicate where to place the base of each triangle. Join two pentagons by gluing one of the 'A-A-A' triangles between them (pictures 5, 6, 7).



You have created a beautiful geodesic dome.



Taj Mahal, Agra, India



St. Peter's Basilica, Rome, Italy



Dome of the Rock, Jerusalem, Israel



United States Capitol, Washington

## Math Plot - 65

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.

**What number should replace the question mark?**

			14	
	22			
			34	
41				
		53		?

## Math Plot 64 – Solution

*The answer is 7.*

The winner is **Roshan Vijay** of OKI Int. School, Kandana. Congratulations!



# Tiger

**T**he tiger is the largest wild cat in the world. Easily recognized by its coat of reddish-orange with dark stripes, the big cat's tail is three feet long. On average the tiger weighs 450 pounds (about the same as eight 10-year-old kids) and stands three feet tall, with teeth four inches long and claws as long as house keys.

A female tiger gives birth to a litter of three or four cubs, who she will care for until they are a year-and-a-half old. These cubs quadruple in size during their first month!

This powerful predator waits until dark to hunt and generally hunts alone. They are able to bring down prey such as deer and antelope. Tigers have been known to eat up to 60 pounds of meat in one night, but more often they consume about 12 pounds during a meal. It may take days for a tiger to finish eating its kill. The cat eats until it's full, and then covers the carcass with leaves and dirt. The tiger comes back to feed some more.

Tigers live far apart from each other. A tiger knows if it is in another tiger's territory based on the trees around him. Each tiger marks the trees in its area with urine and special scratches.

Unlike most members of the cat family, tigers seem to enjoy water and swim well.

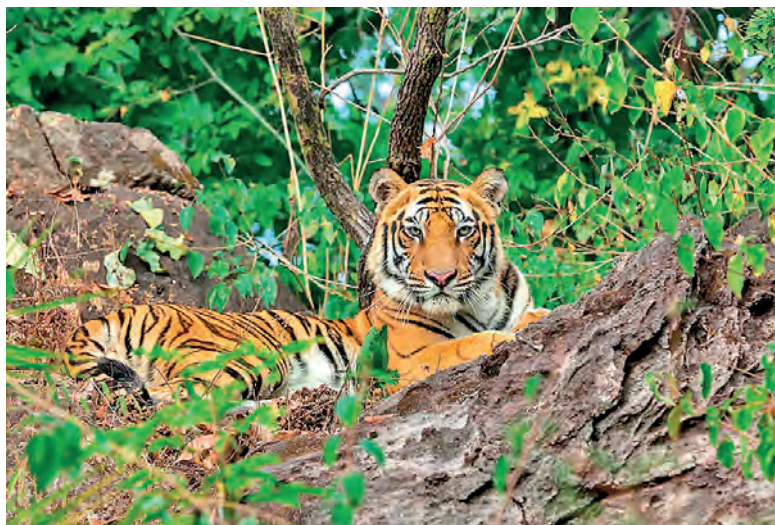
Some tigers live where it gets very cold — in India and parts of south-east Asia. The whole species is endangered throughout its range.

Tigers have been overhunted for their fur as well as for other body parts that many people use in traditional medicines. Tigers' habitat has also dwindled seriously as humans have developed land for uses such as farming and logging. However, in the Siberian region of Russia, there's hope that these big cats are making a comeback.

Because of their size, strength, and predatory skills, tigers are considered one of the 'Big Cats'. Lions, cheetahs, jaguars and cougars are also part of this grouping.

Tiger stripes are special to each individual, and their tails help them to keep their balance. The big cats share all but 4.4% of their DNA with domestic cats.

Source: National Geographic Kids



**Common Name** – Bengal Tiger

**Scientific Name** – *Ornithorhynchus anatinus*

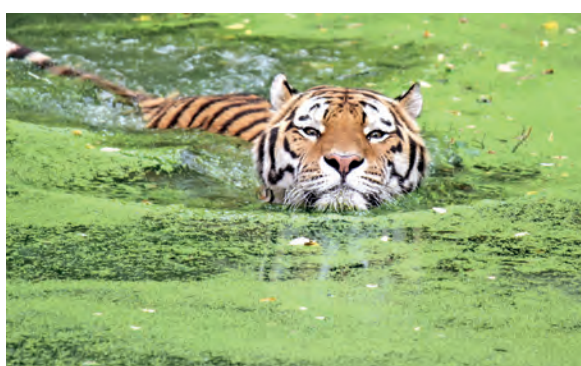
**Type** – Mammal

**Diet** – Carnivore

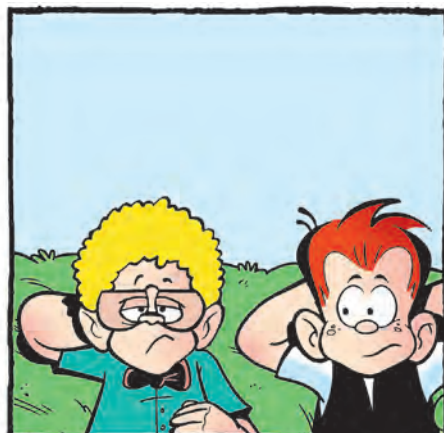
**Average Life Span in the Wild** – 8 to 10 years

**Size** – Head and body: 5 to 6 feet;  
tail: 2 to 3 feet

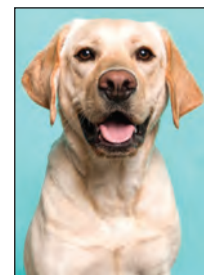
**Weight** – 240 to 500 pounds



## Ginger Meggs



## Joke



What do you call a dog magician?

A labracadabrador.



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## ***The Queen's Jubilee: Celebrating 70 years of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II***

***Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II has been on the throne for 70 years, longer than any other King or Queen in Britain's history.***

***This year celebrations are taking place to mark those 70 years, in what is known as the Queen's Platinum Jubilee.***

***To mark the Queen's 70 years on the throne there will be street parties and a special music concert.***

### **Becoming Queen**

Elizabeth II was born in London on April 21, 1926.

Her uncle Edward was King and the rules meant that if he had children, they would one day succeed him.

However, when Elizabeth was 10 years old, her life changed forever.

Edward gave up the throne and, on May 12, 1937, her father took over to become King George VI.

When her father died in February 1952, Elizabeth who was 25 at the time, became the Queen. Sixteen months later The Queen was crowned at her coronation on June 2, 1953, at Westminster Abbey in London.



**Princess Elizabeth with her father  
King George VI**



**Coronation of Queen Elizabeth II**

### **The Commonwealth**

When Elizabeth became Queen in 1952 she did not just become the Queen of Great Britain.

A big part of her role involves being head of a group of countries called the Commonwealth, which includes Australia, India, Jamaica and Canada.

In 2022 the Commonwealth includes 54 countries all over the world.

During her reign, The Queen has visited every country in the Commonwealth, except for Cameroon, which joined in 1995 and Rwanda which joined in 2009.

As part of her job she's also Head of the Armed Forces, Defender of the Faith and Supreme Governor of the Church of England.



**Queen Elizabeth II  
and her husband  
Prince Philip in  
Tasmania during their  
Commonwealth Tour  
of Australia in 1954.**



### **The Queen and her Prime Ministers**

Another part of The Queen's job is to offer guidance to politicians in the UK. She has met with every Prime Minister, 14 in total, during the course of her reign.

The Queen often meets with other world leaders too and is seen as important in maintaining good relationships with Britain and other countries.

She is also required to open Parliament every year.

Another yearly duty involves delivering a Christmas message to the nation.



**With Prime Minister Winston Churchill**



**With Prime  
Minister  
Boris Johnson**

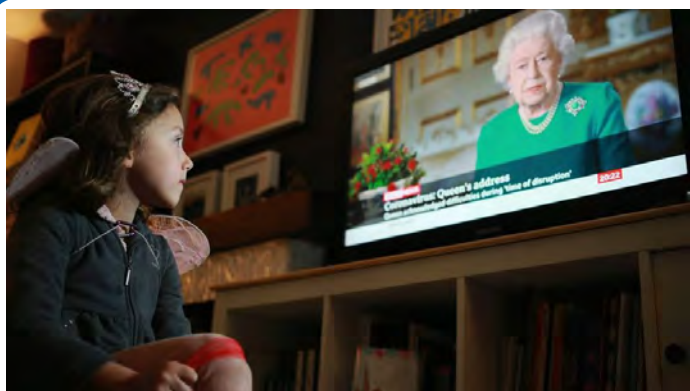


**With US President Barack Obama**

Source : CBBC Newsround



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During the pandemic, the Queen encouraged people in UK to keep going during a time of national crisis.



The Queen has delivered a Christmas message to the nation every single year of her reign apart from 1969, when a documentary was planned instead. She issued a written message that year instead.

### Difficult years

Elizabeth II has faced tough moments during her time as Queen.



The Queen and her husband Prince Phillip The Duke of Edinburgh look at flowers left outside of Buckingham Palace following the death of Princess Diana, the mother of Prince William and Prince Harry.



The Queen sits alone at Prince Phillip's funeral.

Prince Phillip's death came at a time when there were strict rules due to the corona virus pandemic and meant that the Queen had to sit alone during her husband's funeral in April 2021.

### Record breaker!

The Queen has broken many records. In 2015, she officially overtook her great-great-grandmother Queen Victoria by becoming Britain's longest-reigning monarch.

At 96 she is also the oldest, which was - again - a record previously held by Queen Victoria, who died at the age of 81.

Not only that, but Queen Elizabeth II is the longest reigning female monarch in world history!

The final day of the Jubilee celebrations on Sunday ended with a huge pageant near Buckingham Palace.

### Celebrations

Family is extremely important to the Queen. As well as having four of her own children, she has eight grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.

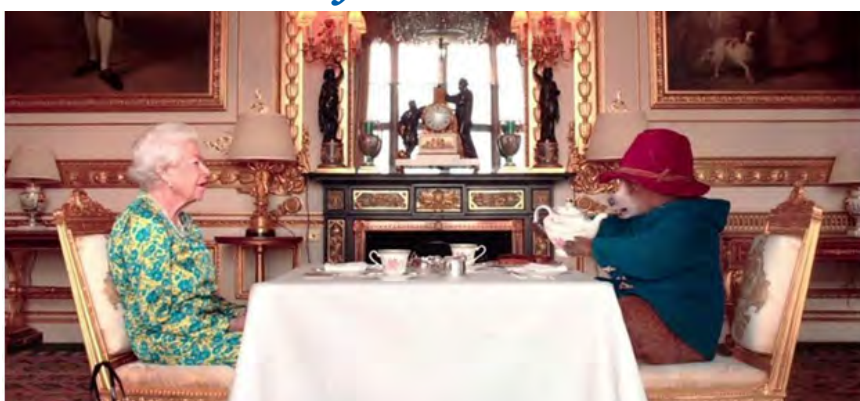


William and Catherine's wedding was a huge national celebration.



The Queen on the balcony of Buckingham Palace with her family.

### Party at the Palace



The Queen met Paddington Bear, in a sketch which opened the BBC's 'Party at the Palace' marking her 70 years on the throne. The animated children's character was seen having tea with the Queen - during which they both confessed to carrying around a marmalade sandwich!

Source : CBBC Newsround





## THE QUEEN'S COMMONWEALTH ESSAY COMPETITION 2022



In 2022, on the occasion of her Platinum Jubilee year, Her Majesty The Queen will celebrate 70 years as Head of the Commonwealth.

The Queen's seven decades of service to the Commonwealth are an inspiring example of the steadfast commitment and important contribution we can all make to our societies.

The Queen's Commonwealth Essay Competition 2022 will ask entrants to explore the positive impact that can be achieved through dedication and selfless commitment to our Commonwealth.

### TOP PRIZE

The top two winners from each category will be awarded with a **trip to London** for a week of educational and cultural events, culminating in a special **Awards Ceremony** at a royal palace.

### AWARDS

All successful entries will receive a **Certificate of Participation** and a number of entrants will receive **Gold, Silver and Bronze** Awards for excellence in writing.

The Commonwealth is a voluntary network of 54 countries, based on a shared English language and the key values of democracy, equality, tolerance, human rights and the rule of law.

### ABOUT THE COMPETITION

The Queen's Commonwealth Essay Competition is the world's oldest international writing competition for schools, established in 1883. With thousands of young people taking part every year, it is an important way to recognise achievement, elevate youth voices and develop key skills through creative writing.

### HOW TO ENTER

The Queen's Commonwealth Essay Competition is open for entries between **15 March and 30 June 2022**. For more information on how to enter the competition please visit, [www.royalcwsociety.org](http://www.royalcwsociety.org)

Follow @RoyalCWSociety on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram for writing tips!

Email [competitions@royalcwsociety.org](mailto:competitions@royalcwsociety.org) with any questions.

### SENIOR CATEGORY (14-18 years of age) Word count: 1500

1. Imagine you are a Head of Government delivering a speech to your counterparts at the Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting (CHOGM) in Rwanda. Write a speech that highlights what you believe should be a priority for collective action within the Commonwealth.
2. Committed to the Commonwealth.
3. Her Majesty The Queen was born in the twentieth century, a period that saw enormous social change driven by visionary and committed leaders. Reflect on an inspirational leader from this period.
4. "Whilst experiences of the last year have been different across the Commonwealth, stirring examples of courage, commitment and selfless dedication to duty have been demonstrated in every Commonwealth nation and territory, notably by those working on the frontline who have been delivering healthcare and other public services in their communities." – Her Majesty The Queen, Commonwealth Day Message 2021.  
Imagine you are working on the frontline. Write about your experience, explaining why you serve your community and why your service matters.



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The Queen's Commonwealth Essay Competition is supported by the Lagos State Government.

### JUNIOR CATEGORY

(under 14 years of age)  
Word count: 750

1. Imagine you are a grandparent in 2022. Tell your grandchildren a bedtime story about an inspirational person.
2. What are the best ways for young people to serve the Commonwealth in your view?
3. Our Commonwealth community.
4. Write a job description for a superhero needed to solve a problem in your community.