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A fun pool party

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Please note that competition entries are accepted by email.

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,

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Please underline the name most commonly used.

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

Competition entries without the full details requested above, will be disqualified.

Closing date for this week's competitions: October 8, 2025

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Pool Party



The little students of Maple Kids International enjoyed a fun pool party at school, recently.

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Read-a-Book and win a voucher from Vijitha Yapa Bookshop

Read any book of your choice and write briefly about it. What we want is not just a summary of the story but your views on the book. The best account in the three age groups will be awarded book vouchers of Rs. 500 each from Vijitha Yapa Bookshop. Three winners will be selected each month.

Your account should not exceed 200 words.

Please indicate word count, fill in the coupon and attach it to your entry.

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Read-a-Book Competition

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Date of birth :

Address :

School:

Tel:

Finished book on :

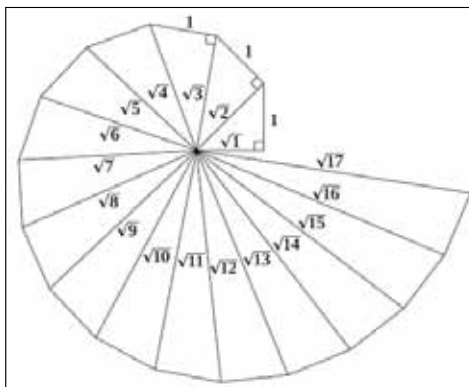
Maths in Action 94

By R. N. A. de Silva

Drawing Square Roots Geometrically **Maths**

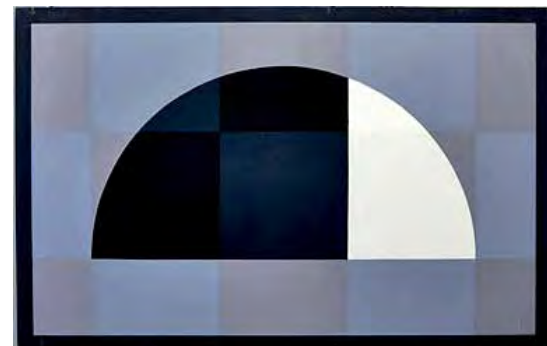
The lengths of square roots of positive whole numbers can be obtained using Pythagoras Theorem and drawing a Pythagorean spiral. The procedure is as follows:

1. Draw a right-angled triangle where the two shorter sides are both 1 unit (maybe 1 inch). Using Pythagoras Theorem, you can work out the hypotenuse to be $\sqrt{2}$.
2. Now construct another right-angled triangle with the earlier obtained hypotenuse as one of the shorter sides and the other as a 1-inch line. You will notice that the hypotenuse of this new triangle is $\sqrt{3}$.
3. Continue this process. The diagram above shows 16 such triangles drawn where you are able to figure out square roots of 2 to 17.



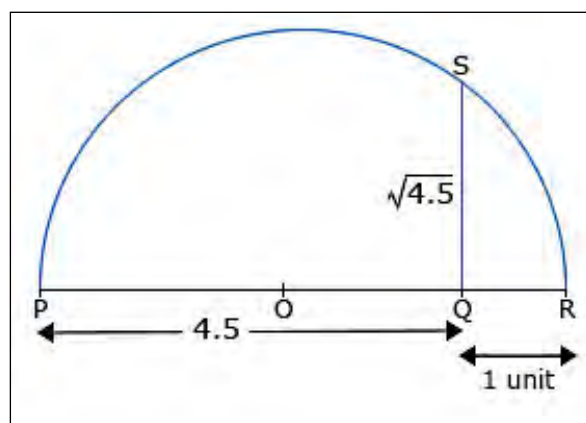
Pythagorean Spiral

Or the Wheel of Theodorus...



There is another method that the mathematician Descartes used to show that square roots can be represented geometrically. The procedure is given below.

If you want to measure the square root of x , draw a semi-circle with diameter as $(x+1)$ units. Then draw a perpendicular to this diameter 1 unit away from one of the ends of the diameter. The length of this line is the square root of x .



The diagram above shows the drawing needed to find the square root of 4.5 as an example.

Draw a semi-circle with diameter 5.5 units (PR). Now measure 1 unit along the diameter from one of its ends (QR) and draw a perpendicular to meet the semi-circle (QS). The length of this line is the square root of 4.5.

If you have good algebra skills, you may be able to prove that this length is in fact \sqrt{x} .



Math Plot - 94

Try to find the solution to the following puzzle. You may send solutions with reasoning to rnades@gmail.com 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.

When Peter was 8, his brother was half his age. Now, Peter is 14. How old is his brother?

Math Plot 93 – Solution

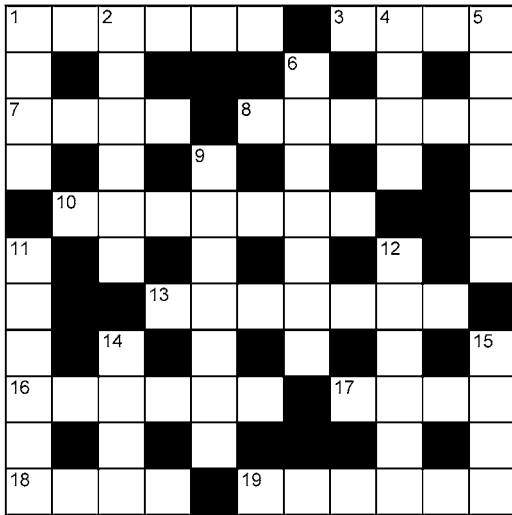
The answer is 9.

No one was able to provide the correct solution.

Rugrats



LUMALA Crossword – No. 13



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|--------------------------------------|---------------------------|
| Across | Down |
| 1 A puzzle with many pieces | 1 Leap over |
| 3 Large boat | 2 Keep a car in this |
| 7 A planet | 4 These are worn on heads |
| 8 A season | 5 A robber at sea |
| 10 Took no notice of | 6 Complete quiet |
| 13 A farm vehicle | 9 Bravery |
| 16 Red plus yellow makes this colour | 11 A teacher works here |
| 17 Don't go | 12 A health professional |
| 18 Kiss with these | 14 Moist |
| 19 Frightens | 15 See with these |

Solution No. 12

W	H	I	S	P	E	R	E	D	
E	E	Y	A						
B	E	L	O	W	E	I	G	H	T
I	L	N	L	L	R				
C	H	O	P	C	I	N	E	M	A
Y	N	D							
C	A	R	P	E	T	S	W	A	N
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Entries should be certified as your own work, by a teacher or parent.

LUMALA BICYCLE COMPETITION

You now have a chance to win a brand new **LUMALA bicycle** for your own. One lucky winner will receive a brand new Lumala bicycle each month. All you have to do is fill in the Lumala Crossword No. 13, according to the clues given. Write the answers neatly on a postcard or paper, and send it to **Funday Times**. Cut the strip 'LUMALA Crossword No. 13' seen at the top of the page and paste it on your entry.

Closing Date: September 30, 2025

Age Group: 8 – 15 years



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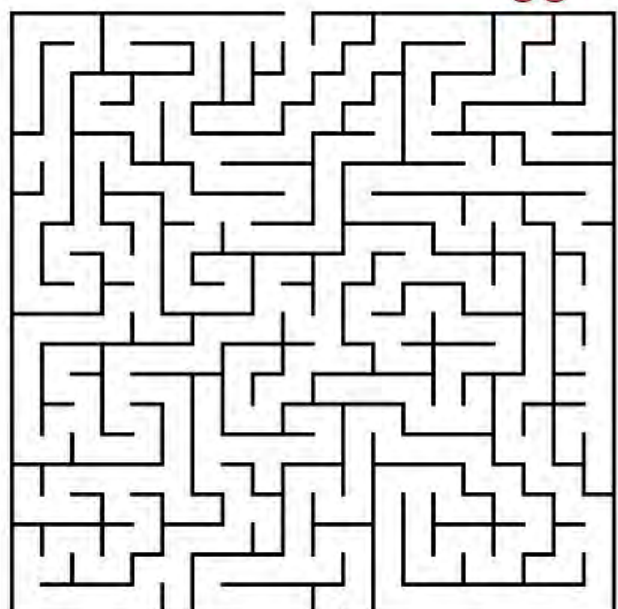
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7 – 9 AGE GROUP

Help the farmer through the maze to reach her tractor.



- 7 – 9 years WINNERS!**
- ▶ Aabidh Farsan, Dehiwala
 - ▶ Yogesh Sadhurka, Colombo 12
 - ▶ Aldha Razeen, Wellampitiya
 - ▶ Hamdhi Nafeez, Colombo 9
 - ▶ Aisha Abdul Careem, Colombo 3

Winners please call Funday Times on 2479333/2479337 and arrange to collect your prizes.

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Win super books from



Age: 9 years and below

Word Count: 150

Topic: A book I enjoyed reading

Win: Look Out Secret Seven by Enid Blyton



What would the Secret Seven do without Scamper the spaniel?

First, he discovers an unwanted visitor, then he protects the gang when a spying mission gets dangerous.

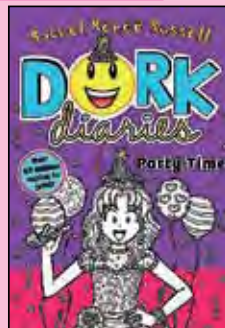
Can the Seven track down some missing war medals on their latest adventure? Not without their trusty spaniel, that's for sure.

Age: 10 – 12 years

Word Count: 150 – 200

Topic: My favourite author

Win: Dork Diaries – Party Time by Rachel Renee Russell



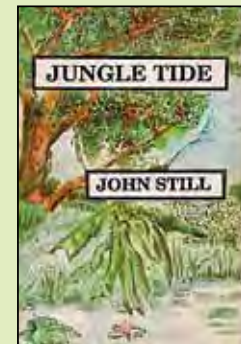
When Nikki hears the rumour that Brandon is going to the Halloween dance with Mackenzie, she makes other plans. But it's not true! Can she go to the dance with Brandon, her friends and help at her sisters' party all on the same night?

Age: 13 – 15 years

Word Count: 200 – 250

Topic: International Literacy Day

Win: Jungle Tide by John Still



Jungle Tide describes the jungles of Sri Lanka, their inhabitants and buried cities. It refers to the period round the turn of the century from 1897 to 1907, when John Still served as a tea planter and later as an assistant to H.C.P. Bell in the Archaeology Department.



Or



Write at the top of your Essay

■ Book Competition ■ Essay Topic

Hi Kids,

Please send in your Articles and Art for Kids' World, to be published in the Funday Times online edition and website.

As you can see, we have space only once a month for Kids' World articles and art in the print edition.

Therefore, we are planning to carry them every week in the Funday Times online pages as well as on the Funday Times website.

We also invite schools to send in their students' work for a school page in the online edition and website.

Thanking you in anticipation of your positive response.

FROM THE EDITOR



Cartoon Time!

Hey Kids!

We plan to put in more cartoons in the Funday Times and what's more they will be your own cartoons.

So, here's a chance for you to try your hand at producing your very own original cartoons.

Draw a little cartoon with a caption.

It could even be a small cartoon story in a strip (not more than three boxes).

The best cartoons you send will be published in the Funday Times. So good luck to all you cartoon fans!

Please remember that the cartoons you send in should be your original work and not copied or traced from anything. They should be certified as your own work by a parent or teacher.



Young Reporters

If you are interested in joining as a Funday Times Young Reporter please fill in the coupon and send it in to us along with a recent report or interview not exceeding 300 words.

Photographs or illustrations would enhance the report.

Young Reporters who have already enrolled with us, please send in new reports for publication.



Young Reporters Coupon

Name:

Date of Birth:

Address:

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Telephone:

School:

Parent's approval: Date:

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Popsicle stick aeroplane

Supplies

- Crayons, Markers or Paint (or use pre-painted craft sticks)
- If painting – a sponge paintbrush
- 2 Large sized popsicle sticks
- 4 standard-sized popsicle sticks
- Scissors
- (2 - 4) Wooden beads
- Glue gun and glue sticks – If you have the time and the patience, Wood Glue would be the strongest holding glue for active play (Recommended – wax paper, paper plate, or something similar to protect your work surface from paint and glue.)



Instructions



- Decorate all of the popsicle sticks – Paint them or have fun colouring them or using markers to decorate.

Making the rudder – (tail of the plane)



- Once dried – use scissors to cut one of the standard size popsicle sticks in half and glue it upright onto the centre of another standard sized stick. Set that aside for now.

Making the propeller



- Assemble the propeller by making an X and gluing it to secure the sticks together.
- Add a wooden bead to the middle of the X.

Making the plane's wings:

- Make a "t" or "cross" shape with your 2 large popsicle sticks – the cross in the "t" should be toward the top just like a lower case "t" is.
- Glue the propellor to the front of the plane (the part that has the shortest end above the cross-section).



- Glue the rudder piece onto the back of the blue cross.
- Add another round bead as a wheel under the backside of the plane.
- If you want – you can add two more beads under the middle of the plane (the wings) for more wheels.

Happy Crafting!



Source: Good Housekeeping

Real Monopoly money revealed by the Royal Mint

September 15, 2025

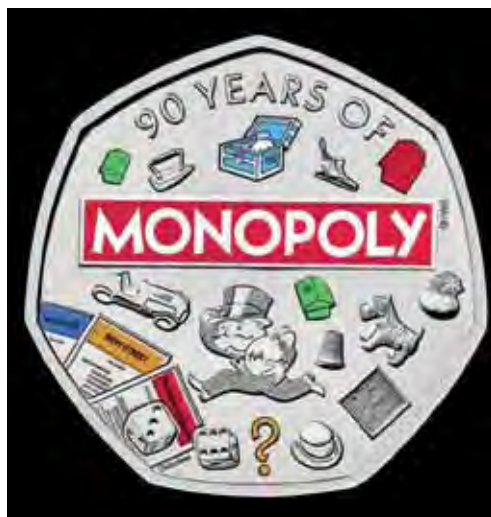
The Royal Mint is releasing a special, limited-edition Monopoly-themed coin.

It's to celebrate the 90th anniversary of the popular board game that's sold more than 275 million copies since it was first released.

The coin features the board game's logo as well as images of the Monopoly pieces that you use to play the game, including a Scottie dog, race car and top hat.

It also includes a picture of the Monopoly man, green house and red hotel pieces and the community chest.

You won't find one of these special 50 pence pieces showing up in your



pocket money any time soon though, as the coins are not going into circulation.

Instead, to get one, you have to buy it in a special collectors pack.



The commemorative coin, which is available in silver and in gold, costs a bit more than you might expect.

Even though it looks just like a 50p, prices for the coin start from £15, with a gold version setting you back a whopping £1,730.

Source: CBBC Newsround

102-year-old Japanese man becomes oldest to summit Mount Fuji

September 12, 2025

Climbing Mount Fuji, Japan's tallest mountain, is no small feat, even for experienced hikers. The ascent involves a grueling 12,388-foot (3,776 m) climb, challenging terrain and rapidly changing weather. The descent can be just as demanding, with loose rocks and gravel making every step wobbly.

But none of that could stop Kokichi Akuzawa. On August 5, 2025, the 102-year-old Japanese man became the oldest person ever to reach the summit, setting a new Guinness World Record.

An avid climber, Akuzawa had conquered Fuji before — at age 96. But the record for the oldest climber still eluded him. Determined to claim that title, he decided to try again.

The road to the summit, however, was anything but easy. In the months leading up to the climb, Akuzawa faced several setbacks. In January, he tripped and hurt himself while hiking near his home.



102-year-old Kokichi Akuzawa is the oldest to climb Mount Fuji.

Soon after, he came down with shingles and later faced heart problems. Once he recovered, the 102-year-old followed a strict training routine. He walked for an hour each morning and climbed smaller mountains nearly every week. After months of preparation, he was finally ready for the challenge.

Akuzawa set off on August 3, 2025, accompanied by a small group of hikers and his 70-year-old daughter, Motoe. They chose the Yoshida route. Though considered the easiest of the four paths to the summit, it is still challenging. While most hikers finish the climb in about six hours, Akuzawa was not in a hurry. He stretched the journey over three days, spending the nights at mountain huts along the way to rest before pushing higher toward the peak.

The weather was pleasant for much of the climb. But as the



Akuzawa and his group at the summit.

group gained elevation, they faced strong, chilly winds. The thin air and low pressure made each step even harder, and on the third day, Akuzawa nearly gave up. However, Motoe encouraged him to continue, and with her help, he finally reached the peak at 11:00 am on August 5, 2025. The 102-year-old celebrated his feat by signing the visitors book at the Fujisan Sengen Shrine on the summit.

"It was tough, and it felt a lot different to the last time I climbed it," Akuzawa later said. "I'm amazed that I made it to the top. I couldn't have done it without everyone's help. I'm feeling pleased now."

Akuzawa currently has no plans to climb the mountain again. However, he has not ruled out the possibility of changing his mind in the future.

"If you ask me next year, maybe you'll get a different answer, but for now, I'm happy with that climb," he quipped.

Source: Dogo News



Akuzawa was accompanied by his daughter and some hiking companions.

September 16

News in Pictures



USA
Actor, director, producer, creator of Sundance and environmentalist, Robert Redford, a giant of American cinema, has died at the age of 89.



Tokyo, Japan
Cordell Tinch of the USA celebrates crossing the finish line to win ahead of Jamaica's Orlando Bennett and Jamaica's Tyler Mason in the Men's 110 m Hurdles Final at the World Athletics Championships in Tokyo.



Rio de Janeiro, Brazil
The Museum of Tomorrow, a futuristic building with the appearance of a ship, is hosting the Nova Bienal Rio, which merges art and technology and features about 70 works from 30 countries.

Mexico City, Mexico
Mexican President Claudia Sheinbaum rings a bell and holds the Mexican flag as she shouts the "Cry of Independence" to mark Mexico's Independence from Spain, at the National Palace in Zocalo Square, Mexico City.



Gaza
Displaced Palestinians flee northern Gaza and move southward after being ordered to leave Gaza City by Israel.



September 15

Los Angeles, USA
Owen Cooper who became the youngest ever male Emmy Award winner, poses with his Best Supporting Actor in a Limited or Anthology Series or Movie award for 'Adolescence', at the 77th Primetime Emmy Awards at the Governors Ball in Los Angeles.



London, England
Gallery staff beside 'The Three Dancers' (1925) by Pablo Picasso during a photo call for the Theatre Picasso exhibition at Tate Modern. The exhibition features some of Picasso's best known works from Tate's collection alongside key loans from leading Picasso museums in France, staged in a theatre-inspired set.



Guadalajara, Mexico
Spanish tenor Plácido Domingo performs at the Degollado Theatre. Domingo participated in the zarzuela 'Orgullo de Jalisco' (Pride of Jalisco) which was staged 80 years ago by his parents, Plácido Domingo and Pepita Embil.



Britain, UK
Contender James Savage holds an umbrella while waiting to be towed up the hill for the second round of the annual Gravity Grand Prix in Cookham Dean, Britain.

Sources: The Guardian & Reuters