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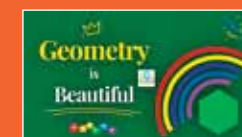


***Making Jack-o'-lanterns for Halloween***

Pic. by M. A. Pushpa Kumara



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competition entries to:**

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P.O. Box 1136, Colombo.  
Or  
8, Hunupitiya Cross Road,  
Colombo 2.

**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,

Telephone Number and School.

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:  
December 3, 2025**

**Telephone: 2479337/2479333**

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Sunday Times epaper on  
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for additional pages  
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## Christmas Cover 2025

**Hey Kids! It is time once again to think about the Funday Times Christmas Cover. We invite our readers to send in their paintings for the Christmas Cover Competition.**

Entries for the Christmas Cover should be of a suitable Christmas theme. You could use any type of paints or crayons you like but try to make your picture colourful and creative. **All entries should be on A4 size paper.**

Please write Christmas Cover at the back of your picture, along with your Name, Date of Birth, Address, Telephone Number (if any) and School.

**All paintings entered for this competition should be certified as your own work by a parent or teacher. Uncertified paintings will not be considered for the prize.**

*The best picture will adorn the cover page of our Christmas issue.  
The winner will also receive a prize. Good luck and happy painting!*

**Age Group: 4 - 15 years**

**Closing Date : December 12, 2025**



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## Storytelling at British Council Library, Jaffna



Children aged 5 to 10 joined for the Halloween special 'Winnie the Witch' and stepped into the magical world of Winnie and her black cat, Wilbur. The fun-filled storytelling session was packed with laughter, spells and a splash of colour – a perfect treat for young listeners who love a little magic and mischief! Everyone enjoyed this enchanting storytime adventure at British Council, Jaffna.



## Maths in Action 96

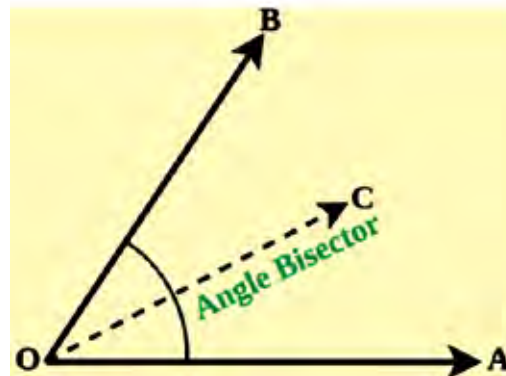
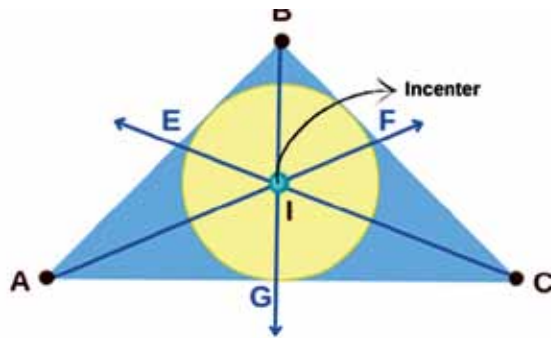
By R. N. A. de Silva

# Angle Bisectors and Trisectors



In a triangle, an angle bisector is a line that divides one of the triangle's angles into two equal parts. Each triangle has three angle bisectors, one for each vertex.

The point where these three angle bisectors intersect is called the incenter. The incenter of a triangle is the point where the three angle bisectors intersect. It is also the center of the incircle, which is the largest circle that can be drawn inside the triangle.



### Math Plot - 96

Try to find the solution to the following puzzle. You may send solutions with reasoning to [rnades@gmail.com](mailto: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.

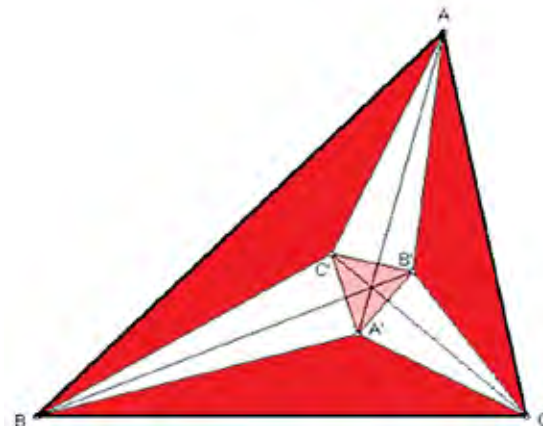
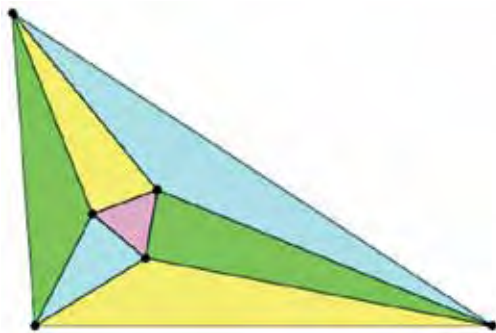
**There were 25 chocolates in a box.**

**The box was passed down along a group of people. The first person took one chocolate. Each person after that took more chocolates than the person before, until the box was empty. What is the largest number of people that could have been in the group?**

In 1989, American mathematician Frank Morley discovered a beautiful formation connecting the angle trisectors (angle divided into three equal parts) of any triangle.

He found that the intersection of adjacent angle trisectors form an equilateral triangle (a triangle where all three sides are equal).

This is now known as 'Morley Triangle'. The initial triangle maybe of any shape but the resulting triangle is the most symmetric triangle that we can have, showing the beauty of geometry.



### Math Plot 95 – Solution

**The answer is 10.**

The winner is **Meshak Gomez** of **St. Peter's College, Colombo**.  
Congratulations!

## Happy Birthday



**Maryam Abbas**  
11 years on November 17

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.

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**

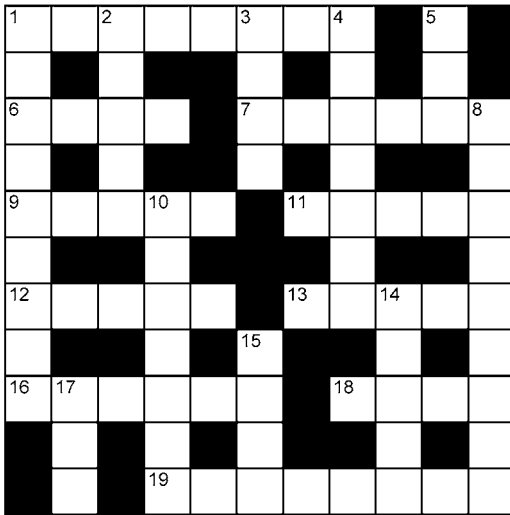


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**LUMALA Crossword – No. 15**



**Across**

- 1 The spine
- 6 A large jungle cat
- 7 A long-eared animal
- 9 Finished
- 11 A ship's load
- 12 Thoughts
- 13 Go and get
- 16 Help
- 18 Smoke and flames
- 19 These are worn over the ears

**Down**

- 1 Ballet dancer
- 2 A large group of people
- 3 Belonging to us
- 4 Hug
- 5 Something you might do on snow
- 8 With no teeth
- 10 Study closely
- 14 Robber
- 15 A light in the night sky
- 17 Unhappy

**Solution No. 14**



Entries should be certified as your own work, by a teacher or parent.

Closing Date: November 30, 2025

**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. 15, 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. 15' seen at the top of the page and paste it on your entry.

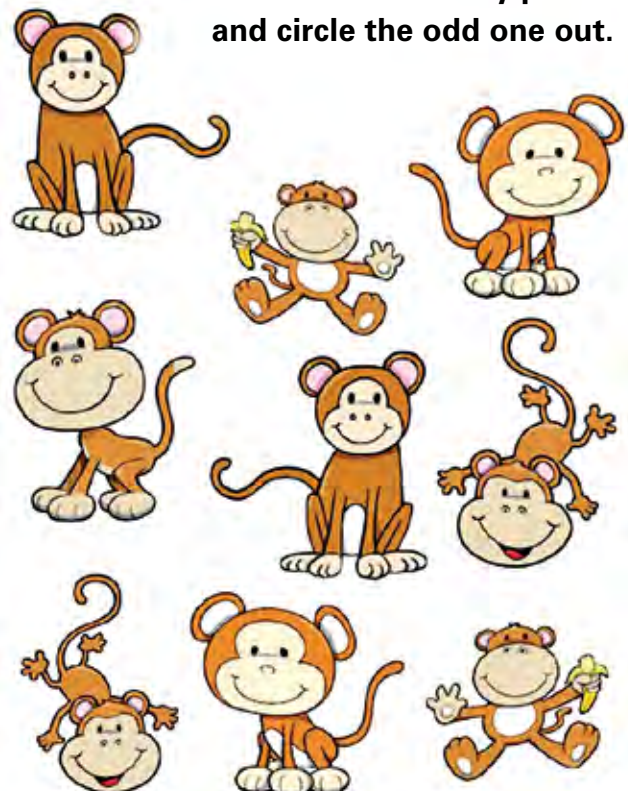


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**7 – 9 AGE GROUP**

Match the monkey pairs and circle the odd one out.



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**7 – 9 years**



- ▶ Randeer De Silva, Ratmalana
- ▶ Sauda Fariz, Kalubowila
- ▶ Umar Ilham, We-uda
- ▶ Mohamed Asjad, Colombo 3
- ▶ Janithya Kalhari, Walasmulla

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:** Shopping with my mother

**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:** A school picnic or outing

**Win:** Super Sleuth by David Walliams

When the world's greatest detective is murdered on board a transatlantic cruise liner, who could possibly solve the crime?

Enter amateur sleuth Dilly and her dog assistant Watson. But as Dilly attempts to unravel the mystery, she soon finds that her own life is in danger...



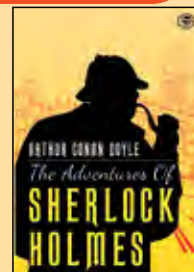
**Age:** 13 – 15 years

**Word Count:** 200 – 250

**Topic:** Television programmes that I like

**Win:** The Adventures of Sherlock Holmes by Arthur Conan Doyle

The Adventures of Sherlock Holmes is a collection of 12 short stories first published in 1892, featuring the consulting detective Sherlock Holmes. The Sherlock Holmes stories are considered milestones in the field of crime fiction.



**Write at the top of your Essay**

■ Book Competition ■ Essay Topic



## 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.



### Read-a-Book Competition

**Name :** .....

**Date of birth :** .....

**Address :** .....

**School:** .....

**Tel:** .....

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

## Cartoon Time!

Send in your cartoon!



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.



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## Young Reporters

If you are interested in joining as a Funday Times Young Reporter please fill in the coupon given 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.**



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## Young Reporters Coupon

**Name:** .....

**Date of Birth:** .....

**Address:** .....

**Telephone:** .....

**School:** .....

**Parent's approval:** ..... **Date:** .....

## Maple Kids Halloween

Students of Maple Kids International celebrated Halloween with spooky crafts, fun games and tasty treats on October 31, 2025.



Pix by M. A. Pushpa Kumara

Rugrats



## ***COP30: Countries meet on climate, in Brazil***

November 11, 2025

**O**n Monday, the important international climate meeting COP30 began in Belém, Brazil.

The United States is skipping the meeting, but leaders from almost 200 other countries from around the world are working hard to try to reach agreements needed to tackle the climate crisis.

In 2015, the world's countries signed the "Paris Agreement" to work together to try to limit global warming to 1.5°C.

In recent years, world leaders have held follow-up "COP" meetings to check in on how the world is doing in its fight against the climate crisis, and to reach agreements on next steps.



This year's meeting, COP30, is being held in Belém, Brazil. Brazil's president, Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva, opened the meeting. The meeting's location helps put a focus on the Amazon rainforest, which is important in the fight against climate change.

Climate experts say that immediate action is needed. There's concern that the world may soon permanently go beyond the 1.5°C temperature increase that countries were trying to avoid.

Ending the use of fossil fuels is one of the most important actions needed. But fossil fuel use has continued to grow. This trend seems likely to continue.

Worldwide, countries are focused on developing Artificial Intelligence (AI) technology, which demands lots of energy.

The United States, one of the world's largest and most polluting countries, is not officially attending the meeting. US President Donald Trump has called climate change a "hoax" (a trick or joke based on false information).

- NewsForKids

## ***First look at 'Paddington The Musical'***

November 3, 2025

**T**he first pictures of a brand new West End musical show about Paddington Bear have been revealed.

'Paddington The Musical' is inspired by the children's books written by author Michael Bond, and the 2014 'Paddington' movie.

The music in the show has been written and made by Tom Fletcher, who is in the band McFly and who wrote the 'Dinosaur That Pooped' books.

The stage show – which has been in the making for almost a decade – will take place at the Savoy Theatre in London, and will run from late November this year, until late October 2026.

The story follows a cuddly bear named Paddington who has to leave his home country of Peru, and arrives in London in search of a new home.

There he meets the Brown family and sets off on a number of adventures and even a daring rescue mission with them.

In the musical stage show, Paddington will be voiced by off-stage performer and remote puppeteer James Hameed, as well as on-stage actress Arti Shah who will also help to bring Paddington Bear to life.



**It's time to grab that marmalade sandwich to go, because Paddington is heading to a theatre in London's famous West End.**



James Hameed and Arti Shah (left) will help to bring Paddington to life on stage.

The Brown family will be played by Amy Ellen Richardson (as Mrs. Brown), Adrian Der Gregorian (as Mr. Brown), and 'Doctor Who' star Bonnie Langford will play Mrs. Bird.

The show's producers Sonia Friedman and Eliza Lumley said: "After many years of exploration and development, we are thrilled, alongside StudioCanal, to finally bring Paddington to life on stage.

"What we as producers always hoped to achieve was, quite simply, Paddington on stage – and thanks to the immensely talented artists, both on and off stage, we believe we've realised that."

- CBBC Newsround

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## News in Pictures

**Sydney, Australia**

Red Flanders poppies are projected onto Sydney Opera House on Remembrance Day.

**London, UK**

Cynthia Erivo and Ariana Grande attend the 'Wicked: For Good' European premiere at the Cineworld Leicester Square in London.

**Cologne, Germany**

Costumed revellers celebrate in the central Heumarkt as tens of thousands parade through the streets, officially opening the carnival season.

**Belém, Brazil**

People carry a float and hold hands during a protest at the end of the first day of the COP30 Climate Summit.

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**Nuseirat, Gaza Strip, Palestine**

Palestinians whose homes were destroyed in Israeli attacks struggle to survive in makeshift tents built over the rubble on Salah al-Din Road in central Gaza.

**Aurora, The Philippines**

People stand near a wrecked part of the Baler-Casiguran road a day after Typhoon Fung-wong made landfall in Dipaculao, Aurora, Philippines.

**Macabebe, The Philippines**

People ride a motorbike with a sidecar as it wades through a flooded road following flooding brought by high tide and Super Typhoon Fung-wong, in Macabebe town, Pampanga province, Philippines.

**Rio Bonito do Iguacu, Brazil**

A man walks through the debris of his home at a damaged area after a tornado that hit Rio Bonito do Iguacu, in the southern state of Parana, Brazil.

**Alba, Italy**

A woman presents a white truffle during the international auction for truffles where a 1.009 kilogram specimen was sold to a Hong Kong buyer for €110,000 at the Castle of Grinzane Cavour, in Grinzane Cavour near Alba.

Sources: The Guardian &amp; Reuters