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Perspective

Challenges motivate us to achieve the impossible. As the new year begins a lot of tasks await us – some mundane and some seemingly insurmountable. A New Year's resolution is an age old tradition which motivates us to change and bring improvements. I am confident that our readers have resolved to continue good practices and achieve specific goals. The focus of an individual should be to stay the course, come what may. Even the most redoubtable opponent can be overcome through strong will. I am certain that change will be for the best as we embark on a new journey this year.

Best wishes for the new year.

Shivendra N S Deo

Editor In-Chief

From the Principal's Desk



As the new year rings in, I am very sure that each one of you is ready to face new challenges with raised spirits and hope as hope is the only virtue that remained in Pandora's box and since then it kept mankind going. It has always helped a man to see light despite all darkness.

I heartily wish that this new year makes you more hopeful and imparts you strength. May you all achieve your goals with your inimitable commitment and sincerity.

I wish you all a very happy and a rewarding New Year.

Yours as ever

Avinash Singh
Principal



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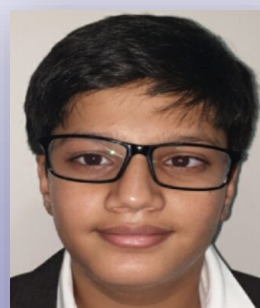
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LOHRI



primarily in North India. It is believed by many that the festival commemorates the passing of the winter solstice. It marks the end of winter, and is a traditional welcome of longer days

and the sun's journey to the northern hemisphere. This festival is mainly related to the harvesting of the rabi crops. It is celebrated every year on January 13 with much fervor and zeal.

As per some tales, the word Lohri has come from the term 'loh', which means a big iron griddle or *tava*, used for making chapattis for community feasts. The origin of the festival can be traced back from the story of *Dulla Bhatti*, who was a famous legendary hero of Punjab and led a rebellion against the Mughal emperor Akbar. Due to his acts of valor, he became a hero for the people of Punjab and almost every Lohri song has words to express gratitude to him.

The festival of Lohri holds great importance as it marks the harvest of the *rabi* crops and the end of winter days. The people worship the sun and the fire. In this way they thank them for the good harvest. The first Lohri is considered very propitious for a newborn baby and a new bride, as it marks fertility. The festival also holds great significance for farmers.

Traditionally Lohri is celebrated by lighting a huge bonfire in the yard after the rabi crops are chopped. Small idols of Lohri goddess are made with cattle dung and placed beneath the fire. A bonfire is lit at sunset and people in their traditional attires, circle around it and throw sesame seeds, jaggery, and *rewaries* in it. They sit around the fire and sing and dance till the fire dies out.

In this way they pray to the fire god, to bless their land with abundance and prosperity.

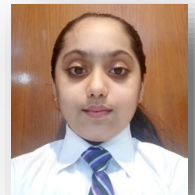
Sugarcane products such as *gajak*, *jaggery* are an important part of Lohri celebrations, as these are made from the crops harvested in the month of January. Apart from this *til*, peanuts, and popcorn

are also distributed among the people as *prasad* (offerings made to god). *Makki ki roti* and *sarson ka saag* is served in dinner. *Tricholi* or *Til*

rice - a traditional dish is made by mixing jaggery, sesame seeds and rice. Here is wishing everyone a very happy Lohri!



Ishika Bhamra, 6C



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IF I HAD A ROBOT AS A FRIEND



A robot is a machine that may be programmed to do certain tasks like humans. They look like humans but are controlled by artificial intelligence. They are far more intelligent than a human or you may say they have computer fitted in their mind which helps them calculate or work things faster.

I always wish if I could have a robot as a friend. I would make him do a lot of my work. I would play badminton, cricket and many other games with him. When I would be sick, he would do my homework.

He would help me do my daily chores like packing my bag, arranging my things, cleaning my room. He would save me from all evil. He would make my life full of fun. He would stay with me whenever my parents would go out and I shall play video games with him. He would cook my favourite food for me and I shall call my friends to party. I think life would become easy and interesting with robot as a friend but can this ever happen? Yes, very soon I am going to make a robot as my friend and my dream will turn into reality.

Suvir Singh Dutta, 7E



ARE VIDEO GAMES GOOD?



Everyone wants some or the other mode of entertainment in life. Some like spending their free time in cooking, some in dancing, and some in playing and so on. Playing video games has also become the most of the children and these days. Doing something that you enjoy helps our mind, relieving stress and pain and also helps in overcoming sadness. Some play outdoors which is the best way of staying physically and mentally fit.

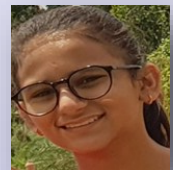


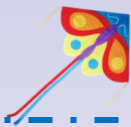
I do not say that playing video games is really bad but getting addicted to it may cost one's peace of mind and may also have a bad impact on physical health. This is because while playing video games one has to strain one's eyes and sit in an incorrect posture for a long time. This leads to unnecessary aggression and frustration and some games like blue whale which is now banned, have been proved to make children violent.

Playing video games for long makes one introvert and then he loves being in isolation of a room. Even when surrounded by a number of people, the person would love to stick to the game to achieve the next target. This has really become a challenge for parents to keep their children away from video games, especially when they play it on mobile which is a handy device and they can carry it everywhere with them.

If at all someone feels that they may remain disciplined if they are allowed to play video games and stick to a specific time limit then only they should get into it else they should refrain from entering into this world of video games. Rather we should enjoy playing outdoor games so that we remain close to nature.

Pritha Nirwani, 7E





TECHNOLOGY

All of us are aware of this well known word TECHNOLOGY but what is the exact meaning of this word? Let us deeply understand about technology. Technology refers to the application of scientific knowledge for practical purposes. I have been interested in these funny inventions for quite some time now, and I am really astonished by these developments! So, I came across some of them which made my mind open up.

Bulb: The first industrial research laboratory was made by Thomas Alva Edison in 1876 where light bulb was invented. It is located in Middlesex County. Humphry Davy invented the first electric light in 1802. He experimented with electricity and invented an electric battery. When he connected wires to the battery and a piece of carbon, the carbon glowed, producing light. The Electric Arc lamp was invented by him.

Printing press: A goldsmith Johannes Gutenberg invented the printing press, which started the Printing Revolution in Germany. It was modelled on the design of contemporaneous screw presses, a single Renaissance printing press could yield up to 3,600 pages per workday, compared to forty by hand-printing and as few by scanning. Gutenberg's lately devised hand mould made possible the detailed and rapid creation of movable metal in huge quantities. His two originations, the hand mould and the printing press reduced the price of printing books and other documents in Europe, specifically for shorter print runs.

Airplane: The Wright brothers invented the first airplane in 1903, recognized as "the first sustained and controlled heavier-than-air powered

flight". They made on the works of George Cayley dating from 1799, when he set out the concept of the contemporary airplane (and later built and flew models and successful passenger-carrying gliders). Between 1867 and 1896, the German innovator of human aviation Otto Lilienthal also premeditated heavier-than-air flight. Following its inadequate use in World War I, aircraft technology sustained to develop. Airplanes had a presence in all the foremost combats of World War II. The principal jet aircraft was the German. In 1952, the chief jet airliner, the de Havilland Comet, was introduced. The Boeing 707, the first extensively successful commercial jet, was in profitable

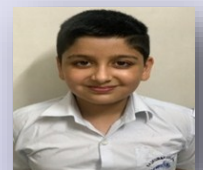
service for more than 50 years, from the year 1958 to at least 2013.



Conclusion: These are only some beautiful creations of technology and now with the rapid growth of technology

humans are the most thriving creatures on earth. But it is also our duty to keep in mind the plants and animals which grow with us. Therefore, as all the wise men said "everything should be done in limits" it is necessary for us to take care of our actions which can be harmful to others. So, human beings the most intelligent creatures should invent such things which keep them and their surroundings peaceful.

Atharv Khandelwal, 6A



PURE PARANTHAS VERSUS IMPURE PIZZAS!



Indian food is considered to be the healthiest food in the world if taken in moderation. And *Parantha* (Indian bread) is the backbone of North Indian food as *Idli* is for the South

Indians. Many doctors and nutritionists opine that breakfast is the most important meal of the day and I agree with that because whenever I have *Paranthas* in my breakfast, it keeps me energetic and gives me more strength, whereas I take Pizza only occasionally for enjoyment as it's considered an unhealthy junk food! We can compare these two, to *Laddoos* and *Chocolates*!!

My friends may call me "*Desi*" for such an argument but when it comes to food, *Paranthas* steal a march on Pizzas any time, take it or leave it! A Pizza may look very attractive with its colourful toppings and yummy to taste buds but it is not at all good for health as I have already informed above. The main reason behind its health hazard is its ingredients. It contains refined flour (*maida*), cheese and too much saturated fat, which are high in cholesterol! On the other hand, our so called "*Desi*" *Paranthas* have ingredients like whole wheat (*gehu*), rich in vitamins, protein and fibres etc. Two stuffed *Paranthas* are any time better than a Pizza of the same cost.

Well, two *Paranthas* in the breakfast form the staple diet of numerous 9 to 5 employees. The two *Paranthas* sustain them the whole day, whereas two Pizzas may give them bed rest for two days! Pizzas are popular among most people of the world but if they just taste our stuffed *Paranthas*, they will dump the Pizzas and grab the *Paranthas*! I fondly remember the taste of the varieties of *Paranthas* that I had at *Parantha Lane*, Chandni Chowk, Delhi! (And Raipur has *Parantha 100*!) The taste of those *Paranthas* was so good that I feel like licking my fingers at the very thought of those sumptuous *Paranthas*! I would prefer a real *ghee* (clarified butter) smeared *Parantha* with *dahi* (curd) and

achar (pickle) to a Pizza with fancy toppings any day.

We can't imagine how Pizza can affect our blood and heart! The *maida* used in the Pizza does not digest as a health survey shows that a Pizza takes 3 to 4 days to digest, whereas a *desi Parantha* can be easily digested. We Indians are fortunate to have our palatable *Paranthas*, made by our mom's hands. Let us promote our indigenous staple food at our best. Lastly, I just want to say that "*Paranthas* can knock out Pizzas any day as *Paranthas* are wholesome and fit our bill better." Are you with *Parantha* or Pizza?

Mohd. Ayyan Salat, 11D



Palak Nainani, 6D





PEOPLE WHO HAVE HAD AN IMPACT ON MY LIFE

We come across many people in our day-to-day life, but most of them fail to have an impact on us. They fade from our memory with the passage of time. But those who do have an impact on our lives are eventually those people who matter the most to us. Most of the lessons or learnings that we grasp are gained by us during our growing years. Such experiences remain with us for the entire duration of our life.

Most of us come across at least some people who tend to affect us in more than one way. Out of some such personalities, that I have come across, I have been greatly inspired by my mother. Her relentless and selfless care for every member of my household, always keeps me wondering. She gets up early in the morning and tends to all the necessities of each and every member of the family like food,

clothing etc.

Her helping and caring hand reaches out to the oldest as well as the youngest member of the family. Her love, care and affection is always accompanied with a smile. I have learned the virtues of love and selfless service from my mother. Her tireless endeavors continue to amaze and inspire me for my entire life. Hats off to all the **mothers** of the **world!**



Kinshuk Kedia, 8A

AN OPEN LETTER TO HAPPINESS!



Hello Happiness,

I have written so many letters to my friends Depression, Anxiety and Anger but I don't know why I always neglected you. So here is a letter for you Happiness.



How are you today? Oh wait, wait, I can see it in your face. The spark in your eyes and that goofy smile replies it all. You are my happy pill. You have always been good to me.

People search for you everywhere. They do so much hard work to find you but they end up being sad, for not being able to

find you! They always forget that you are in every small thing.

They always forget that you are not hidden but you are whenever a person does good deeds. They always forget that you always come when a person does a good thing, not just for oneself but for others

too. You are an emotion, which can be found in every small thing. *You are like a butterfly. The more I chase you, the more you stay away from me! But when I turn my attention to read a book, you often come and sit softly on my shoulder and fill me with your emotion!*

We have been good friends for so long. I always want you to stay with me. I love the way you kick Grief from my life. I always want to tell you my secrets and never forget you.

You will always have my friendship, buddy. I love the way our bond is getting stronger and I want to cherish it forever and ever more.

Your best friend

Dhruvi Dhariwal



Dhruvi Dhariwal, 10A

PARABLE OF PRECIOUS PETS



A New Year 2021 is about to begin! Let's learn to appreciate not only humans but also birds and animals of God's creations. Animals, being the beautiful creation of God, make this planet earth, a better place for humans who love them. I, being an animal lover, love to talk to animals, knowing the fact that they understand me better!

One of the unique things about them is that though they can't speak, their eyes do the talking and body language speaks volumes about their intentions. I have two pet adorable dogs, namely Easy and Pogo. I spend most of my time with them. I like to talk to them, and share my feelings. I know this sounds a little bit weird but it's true!

Pets are the one who will pretend to understand everything, even if they aren't able to express their heartfelt desires and this thing makes them the best creation of God that He has ever made. Spending time with them helps us to invest our energy in something positive rather than spending time on the maddening mobile phones. If you do not have a pet, spend your time by gazing at the birds flying, you will definitely feel good, watching these winged wonders of God's paradise!

You should thank God for having a bed to sleep, something sumptuous to eat, a house to protect you from rain, lightning and the brightest rays of the sun, but the one who is living on the streets, under the trees and the strays, do not have that comfort that you are taking for granted. How unfair this world can be! You may wonder! If you don't have a pet, then feed the birds, the stray animals and play with them at a safe distance and make our earth a better place for them!

Animals and birds do understand when you cry, laugh and smile better than we, humans! My two pet dogs have taught me so. It's okay to not like animals but hating them is not okay! Feel blessed to be a human being and on top of the

food chain. It's up to you how you find some pets to like.

'In this world you can be anything but kind,' as you have a right to be so. But do think of these Precious Pets! Did you get a point to ponder in this brand New Year of 2021?

Ananya Sharma, 10A



MY UNFORGETTABLE EXPERIENCE

Over the years I have been to various picnics, trekkings, campings to numerous cities. But there is one particular outing that holds a special place in my heart. On the occasion of my Grandparents' Golden Jubilee Wedding Anniversary, my whole family had visited a resort in Kanha Wildlife Sanctuary. What made the trip special was the fact that it was my Grandfather's last trip and soon after returning he was unable to leave home due to the cancer that racked his body. He is no more now and that trip with him has become special memory in my life.

For the trip it was decided that our closest friends and relatives would join us at a beautiful resort by the name of "Celebration Van Vilas". We arrived a day before the anniversary day and started making preparations and planning for the big day. I remember waking up early the next day and rushing to my Grandparents' room to be the first to wish them. The actual celebrations were to start in the evening and we spent the rest of the day decorating and making final preparations for the party.

Finally it was time to get ready. We had a custom suit tailored for Grandfather and I must admit he really looked dashing in it. The party went fabulously well with everybody enjoying themselves immensely. We all danced late into the night. The next day it was time to return home. This trip was an unforgettable experience and I will cherish this memory forever.

Harman Singh Sando, 9C



SOCIAL MEDIA IS A HINDRANCE OR HELP!



“Social Media prevails and socializes, even though it may be antisocial.” With the advancement in the field of computers and technology, the human world has drastically changed. The introduction of social media has greatly benefitted the world and with rapid computerization in this field and the creation of easy-interfaced apps like Facebook, Instagram and LinkedIn, it has resulted in a never-ending phenomenon. However, are there not any ill effects of this development that are passed on to everyone? Social media was developed due to man's thirsty desire of continuously keeping himself abreast with the continuous developments and changes taking place in the society. Soon enough, people became inclined to social media and it became a great part of the tech-savvy generation. This can be verified by millions of users on social media handle. Social media is accessible to almost everyone with interaction and knowledge gaining requirement.

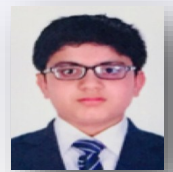
Social media is widely available to all in the form of Internet and gives widespread platform for people to socialize and share their thoughts and also for the world to appreciate them. Messages are just a click away and friends and followers are notified about all the things that we share instantly. This leads to unimaginable posts, messages, updates being shared all over the globe, every second.

Although with such benefits to social interaction, there are some ill-effects of social media. Adolescents have a large scope of growth but almost every teenager is always found with a mobile phone and is always interacting on social media platforms. Social media distracts young minds from studies, sports, arts and other productive activities as this time is now being utilized for just chit-chatting with peers and

having fun.

All types of news are hyped and exaggeratedly shared, causing chaos. Social media or real-world celebrities are often stalked by people. This ruins the private and personal life of many, which is totally uncalled for. Cyber crimes are increasing day by day which has become a widespread threat. As such many have backed out of social interaction on social media platform.

Govind Khetpal, 8C



WORD HUNT

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SUSTAINABILITY IS IN OUR OWN HANDS

Sustainable development is the need of the hour because the resources are unevenly distributed and we all are overdependent on resources. We are consuming our resources, without thinking about the future generation!

A time might come when there will be no resources left to be used! The concept of sustainable development was popularized in 1987 by the World Commission on Environment and

Development. In its report, it defined the idea as

“Development that meets the needs of the present, without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their needs,” that

is without stripping the world of its natural resources, to meet the needs of future generation effectively. Due to huge competition between a developed country to become more developed and a developing country to become developed, the natural resources are getting exhausted rapidly. Petroleum, natural gas, coal, minerals, forest, timber and many more resources, are steadily diminishing resources, which are very important for a country to sustain its economy. No doubt, there are many issues that need to be resolved but if we want to see our progeny on this earth, we need to take some active and urgent steps and sustainable development is the first step that needs to be taken. If we want to see our future generations' progress, then we must remember the words of Mr Lester R Brown, who once said, ***“We have not inherited this earth from our forefathers. We have borrowed it from our children.”*** How true are his words!

The primary objective of sustainable development is to bring stability in our economic, social and environmental requirements, which further leads to prosperity and availability of resources, for the present and upcoming generations. The sole purpose of sustainable development is to achieve a healthy environment, where people address environmental, social and economic issues,

jointly and concurrently avoiding overutilization of resources. Sustainable development is a great way to conserve our natural resources, by slowly changing our approach towards the use and development of technologies. Obviously, we must use the resources, to meet the basic needs of life such as food, energy, water and employment. However, every resource we use must be used in a sustainable manner, so

that it never goes extinct and hence does not lead to the extinction of living beings.

There are four principal ways of sustainable development including environmental protection, a stable economic development, preserving natural resources, social development and evolution. Every living being on this planet has the right to enjoy all the resources and live in a safe and healthy environment. For this, we need to focus on our environmental issues and help reduce them, in order to live a healthier and happier life on this planet. Eco-friendly living and sustainable development are surely two of the much needed ways to save our mother earth and this again is good for us and for our comfortable survival on earth. It is our turn now to contribute our bit to mother earth, by adopting measures of eco-friendly living and sustainable development. So sustainability is in our own hands. Isn't it?



Khushi Garg, 12D



CURB THE CORRUPTION



Corruption refers to a form of criminal activity or dishonesty. It refers to an evil act by an individual or a group. Most notably, this act compromises the rights and privileges of others, which pinches the right of the righteous. It's to rob Peter to pay Paul!

However, corruption can take place in many ways. Most probably, people in high positions of authority are normally susceptible to corruption. But it can occur at any level. Corruption certainly reflects greedy and selfish behaviour. First of all, bribery is the most common method of corruption to begin and the list stretches like the tail of Lord Hanuman! Bribery involves the improper use of favours and gifts in exchange for a personal gain.

Above all, the favours include money, gifts, company shares, amorous favours, employment, entertainment, and political benefits. Also, personal gain can be offered by giving preferential treatment and overlooking crime to a confirmed criminal!

Furthermore, it takes place by one or more individuals, who were entrusted with amassed assets. Above all, embezzlement is a type of financial fraud. The graft is a global form of corruption. It refers to the illegal use of a politician's authority for personal gain. One important way of preventing corruption is to give a better salary in a government job to a deserving candidate than to an undeserving candidate with an influential backing. Many government employees receive pretty low salaries though they work in an office for a long time. Therefore, they resort to bribery to meet their expenses. So, such government employees should receive higher salaries. Consequently, high salaries would reduce their motivation and resolve to engage in bribery.

Increasing the number of workers can be another suitable way of curbing corruption. In many government offices, the workload is very high. This provides an opportunity to slow down the work by government employees. Consequently, these employees then indulge in bribery in return for faster delivery of work and the chain is continued. Don't you think 'Curbing the Corruption' is an apt point to ponder?



Harleen Kaur Sethi, 12D

MY TEACHERS! MY BLESSINGS!

When a child is born, its parents are its first teachers but to survive in this world, there are certain qualities and skills to be taught that parents may not be able to teach; that's where our school teachers come. We spend most of our time in school and they are our second guardians. Even though a teacher's and a student's bond is formed professionally but the love they develop is one of a kind.

My teachers have always stood beside me through all my phases of growing up. They are the ones who brought me back to track when I deviated, even slightly. Teachers are so selfless that they are not aggrieved when a child misbehaves as they are aware of the working of a child's mind. My teachers helped me through the various problems I faced. From a doubt in a question to a serious need of perspective they have always guided me through. My teachers have had their own way of making me realise my mistakes. From literature to history I've always been taught to be the bigger person. When involved in a fight they not only resolve the snafu, but also try to understand what caused the abrupt roar of emotion and heal me from within. My teachers never lost faith in me, they have always encouraged me to take risks and explore my choices, which only resulted in expanding my potential.

It doesn't matter how much a child may dislike studies or going to school, it's our teachers and friends, the new family that we make during our school days which brings us back to this heavenly abode. These five hours that we get with them is not their only contribution, but the effect that shows its magic afterwards. If it weren't for them, I wouldn't have been the person I am now and navigating this journey called life would be out of the question.

Tarang Saraf, 9B



ACQUIRING SKILLS IN TODAY'S WORLD OF CUT-THROAT COMPETITION

As we always hear, youth of a country are the deciding factor of its future, so it is imperative that the youth are able to grasp the many skills required to thrive in the rapidly changing 21st century. Today, we face a situation which no one had ever thought to expect – the COVID-19 pandemic. With, 'Change being the only constant' more relevant than ever before, we must adapt to these changing times, and upskill ourselves to pave the way for a successful and bright tomorrow.

The most important "skill" of all, in my opinion, is "awareness" about the world and what is in demand. With the increasingly competitive job market and the layoffs in low-skill areas, we, as students, must know what is up-and-coming for our future and build ourselves for the same. The pandemic has brought everything online, which may very well be the "new normal". Instead of waiting to get back to regular life, we need to embrace it and 'turn the obstacles to opportunities.'

The job market needs people with the required technological as well as soft skills; so along with IT skills, we also need communication skill, critical thinking, creativity skills etc. under our belt. Multi-skilled management is essential, at an individual level as well as at an organizational level, in terms of finance, planning, interaction etc. and doing all of it, while staying at home.

Self-reliance is the future, especially for our country. We need to focus on creation of a highly-specialized workforce and hi-tech facilities, for inhouse research and development. Technical areas such as Artificial Intelligence, Data Science, Internet-of-Things, Robotics, and everything that was once science fiction, is the here and now, and students must focus on being a jack of all trades, and master of one!

Most importantly, we need empathy. Everyone, especially students, must come together and work to take the world to a better place, and this can only be achieved if everyone grows, rather than the



privileged few. The youth must share their knowledge and skills with those who do not have the means to acquire them, and put aside the breakneck competition for a healthy one. The

rat-race must be replaced with a unified front, pushing ever ahead to new frontiers of preparedness.

To sum it up, it falls to the youth to adapt to the mercurial world, and take it ahead to new heights, globally, nationally as well as locally. Although overused, the following line is what our motto for the future should be, "Be the change you wish to see in the world."

Smiti Gupta, 11D



Disha Musaddi, 8E



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जुलाई का प्रथम सप्ताह जिसमें हमारे देश में वन-महोत्सव मनाया जाता है। इस साल जुलाई में रायपुर में वर्षा की झड़ी लगी हुई थी। मौसम बड़ा सहायक था। जी- भरकर पौधे लगाये जा सकते थे। आप भी जानते हैं जिंदगी में हर पहली चीज़ बहुत ही प्यारी और स्मरणीय होती है जैसे पहली साइकिल, पहली घड़ी, पहली गाड़ी आदि। इसी तरह जब मैंने पहली बार पौधा लगाया तो मेरे लिए वह पल यादगार बन गया। बचपन से ही मुझे बागवानी का बड़ा शौक है। हम जिस घर में रहते हैं, वह अनेक प्रजाति के पेड़-पौधे से घिरा है। ये सभी मेरे दादाजी ने अपने हाथों से लगाए हैं। इनमें आम, जामुन, कटहल, नारियल, सुपारी, अमरुद, केले जैसे फलों के पेड़ों के साथ-साथ अनेक सुन्दर फूलों के पौधे भी हैं। दादा जी की देखा- देखी मैंने भी सबसे पहले लाल सूरजमुखी और मोगरे का पौधा लगाया। नियमित देखभाल, खोद, पानी और धूप पाकर मेरे लगाए पौधे बड़े हो गए। मुझे सबसे बड़ी खुशी उस दिन मिली, जब उनमें सूरजमुखी और मोगरे के फूल खिल उठे। सुबह सूर्योदय के साथ ही कई सूरजमुखी सूरज की तरफ मुख किये झूम रहे थे और मोगरे की खुशबू सारे घर-आंगन को महका रही थी। मैं प्यार से उनकी पत्तियों और फूलों को सहलाता तो मुझे वे मुस्कराते हुए प्रतीत होते और मुझे जीवन में सदा खुश रहने का संदेश देते।

ऋषभ पारख, 6 वीं द



एक घटना

जीवन में लोग हमेशा खुश रहना चाहते हैं परन्तु उन्हें लगता है कि सिर्फ पैसों से ही खुशियाँ मिलती हैं। मुझे भी यही लगता था कि जितने ज्यादा पैसों होंगे, हम उतने ही खुश रहेंगे परन्तु यह सच नहीं है। एक दिन मैं बाज़ार से अपने लिये चाकलेट खरीदने जा रही थी। रास्ते में मुझे एक औरत मिली। जिसके पास एक छोटा बच्चा था। वह खाना खाने के लिये पैसे माँग रहा था और कह रहा था कि मैं बहुत भूखा हूँ। कोई उसकी मदद नहीं कर रहा था। मैंने अपने पैसों से कुछ खाना और बिस्किट खरीदकर उसे दे दिया। वह औरत बहुत खुश हुई और मुझे आशीर्वाद देने लगी। उस दिन मुझे इतनी खुशी महसूस हुई, जिसे मैं शब्दों में बयान नहीं कर सकती। उस दिन मुझे पता चला कि हमें ऐसी छोटी छोटी खुशियाँ ही जीवन का आनंद देती हैं। कई ऐसे छोटे छोटे कार्य होते हैं-

आदर्श घर

जहाँ सब मिलकर रहते हैं,
और सुख-दुःख मिल बाँटकर सहते हैं -
वह आदर्श घर होता है।
चार दीवार के अंदर रहते सब,
समय पता नहीं बीत जाता है कब?
जिसे सुंदर बनाना होता है!
वह आदर्श घर होता है।
जहाँ सब अपना काम करते और
मिलजुलकर सदा साथ रहते हैं।
जहाँ प्यार का वातावरण होता है,
वह आदर्श घर होता है।
आज स्वार्थवश, अपनापन दूर होता जा रहा है।
एकता का वातावरण, बिछड़ता जा रहा है।
कहीं ऐसा ना हो कि हमें कहना पड़े-
एक आदर्श घर पहले कभी होता था।



आयुषी सेठिया, 7 वीं इ



जैसे गरीबों की मदद करना, भूखों को खाना खिलाना, बुजुर्गों की सेवा करना, विकलांग की मदद करना, अनाथ बच्चों के लिये कुछ करना आदि। ये सभी परोपकार के कार्य हमें जीवन का असली मतलब समझाते हैं और इनसे हमारा जीवन सार्थक हो जाता है।

धीमाही कोटेचा, 7 वीं द



पक्षी की आज़ादी



इस चित्र में एक आदमी ने पिंजरे में कई पक्षियों को कैद करके रखा है और उसे बेचने का काम कर रहा है। भले ही व्यक्ति अपना पेट पालने के लिए यह काम कर रहा है लेकिन ये तो गलत है। चित्र में एक दरोगा उन पक्षियों को आज़ाद करवाना चाहता है।



एक बार की बात है। मैं अपने पिताजी के साथ बाज़ार घूमने गई थी। वहाँ एक दुकान में एक व्यक्ति बहुत से पक्षियों को कैद करके बेच रहा था। मुझे यह देखकर बहुत दुःख हुआ। सभी पक्षी उदास दिख रहे थे। मेरे पिताजी ने कहा-“अरे! ये तो गलत बात है। कोई किसी भी प्राणी को गुलाम बनाकर नहीं रख सकता, यह अपराध है। हम दुकान के अन्दर गए। पिताजी ने दुकानदार से कहा-“ये सारी चिड़ियाँ मुझे दे दो।” दुकानदार को बड़ा आश्चर्य हुआ! उसने पिताजी से कहा आप इतनी सारी चिड़ियों का क्या करेंगे? पिताजी ने कहा-

“मैं इन्हें खरीदकर आज़ाद कर दूँगा और बदले में तुम्हें इनकी कीमत भी दूँगा ताकि तुम्हारा कोई नुकसान न हो। दुकानदार भी बहुत खुश हुआ और पिताजी की बात मानकर सारे पक्षी हमें दे दिए। पिताजी ने उन पिंजरों को खोलकर सारे पक्षी आज़ाद कर दिए। ऐसा लग रहा था, जैसे सभी हमारा आभार प्रकट कर रहे हैं। कभी भी हमें

किसी भी प्राणी को कैद करके नहीं रखना चाहिए। उन्हें भी स्वतंत्र रूप से जीने का अधिकार है।

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मेरा प्रिय खेल

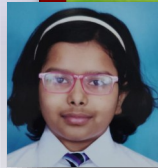
खेलकूद हमारे जीवन का अभिन्न अंग है, इसके बिना जीवन अपूर्ण है। शैशव अवस्था से जीवन पर्यंत हमारा शरीर किसी न किसी क्रिया-कलाप में सलग्न रहकर अपने आप को स्वस्थ रखता है। बालावस्था का अधिकतम समय हम अपने परिवार के सदस्यों, अपने हमउम्र दोस्तों के साथ खेलकूद-मस्ती करते हुए बिताते हैं। जैसे-जैसे हम बड़े होते जाते हैं वैसे-वैसे हम अपने परिवेश और अपने विचारों से प्रभावित होने लगते हैं। कुछ लोग खेलकूद को महत्त्व देते हैं तो कुछ लोग इसे वक्त की बर्बादी मानते हैं। बचपन से ही मेरा रुझान खेलकूद में रहा है। मुझे बेडमिन्टन से विशेष लगाव रहा है। मेरे पिता जी की भी इसी खेल में रुचि है। उन्होंने शिक्षा के साथ साथ खेलकूद को भी महत्त्व दिया। मेरे पिता जी ने कभी भी मुझे खेलने से नहीं रोका। मुझे आज भी याद है, कई लोग मेरे पिता जी से कहते थे कि शौक के लिए खेलना-कूदना यहाँ तक तो उचित है पर भविष्य में इससे कोई लाभ नहीं, आप इसकी पढ़ाई पर ध्यान दें लेकिन मेरे पिता जी ने इन दकयानुसी विचारों को नकार कर मुझे अपने खेल को निखारने में सहायता की। उन्होंने कभी भी खेल पर समय की पाबन्दी नहीं लगाई और यह फैसला मुझ पर छोड़ दिया कि मुझे कब-कितना खेलना है। मैंने कभी भी खेल को अपनी पढ़ाई में बाधा नहीं माना। समय का सही नियोजन, परिवार और मित्रों के सहयोग से मैं बेडमिन्टन और पढ़ाई के बीच में

उचित तालमेल बैठा लेती हूँ। मैंने विद्यालय में अंतर्दलीय प्रतियोगिता में अपने दल की सफलता के प्रथम पायदान पर पहुँचाया। इसके साथ ही अनेक राष्ट्रीय स्तर एवं अंतर विद्यालयीन प्रतियोगिताओं में भी जीत हासिल की है। अभी बारहवीं में मैंने पढ़ाई में ज्यादा समय दिया है अर्थात् इस साल मैंने पढ़ाई को प्राथमिकता दी है। “खेलना कम किया पर बंद नहीं किया है।”

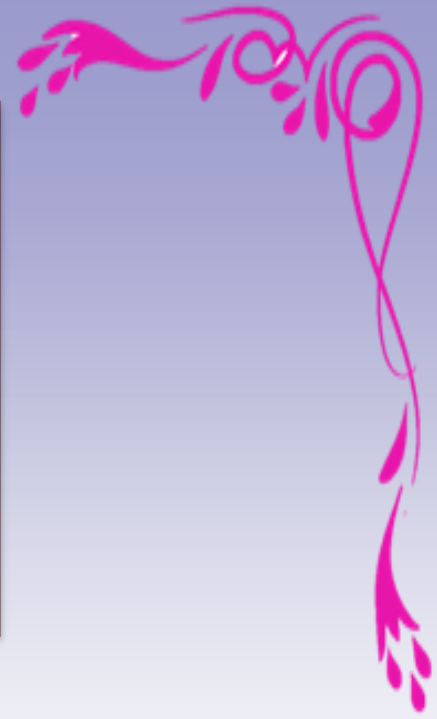
खेलकूद के अनेक फायदे हैं- यह हमें शारीरिक रूप से मजबूत बनाने के साथ साथ अलग अलग विचारधारा के लोगों में तालमेल बिठाकर कैसे जीत हासिल की जाती है, सिखाता है। टीम-भावना से काम करना, स्वस्थ प्रतियोगिता करना, अनुशासित जीवन, कितनी भी मुश्किल परिस्थितियाँ अपने लक्ष्य पर ध्यान केन्द्रित करना सिखलाता है। एक अच्छे विद्यार्थी से अपेक्षा की जाती है कि वह सदा इस कहावत का पालन करें-“काम के समय काम और खेल के समय खेल।” सुख और प्रसन्नता का यही मार्ग है।

रिया कोठारी, 12वीं अ





Sara Jain, 7A



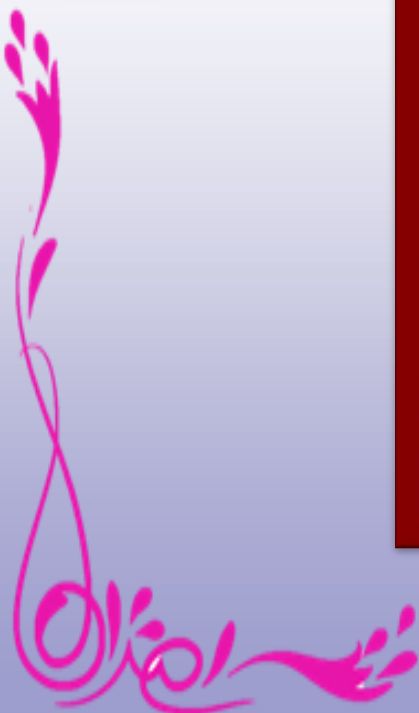
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Nivedita Das, 6F



Vedansh Vaishnav, 7E



मेरी साइकिल



कुछ महीनों पहले की बात है। मेरा जन्मदिन आने वाला था और मैं बहुत खुश था। मेरी इच्छा थी कि मैं एक साइकिल खरीदूँ। पिताजी ने कहा भी था कि जन्मदिन का इंतज़ार करो, तुम्हें साइकिल मिल जाएगी। एक दिन की बात है, पिताजी किसी काम से कहीं जा रहे थे। उन्होंने मुझसे भी साथ चलने को कहा। मैं तुरंत तैयार होकर उनके साथ चल दिया। जब उन्होंने एक शोरूम के सामने कार रोकੀ तब मैं खुशी से उछल पड़ा। यह तो साइकिल का शोरूम था। पिताजी ने कहा – “चलो, अपने लिए एक साइकिल पसंद कर लो। मैंने नज़र दौड़ाई तो देखा कई तरह की साइकिलें वहाँ मौजूद हैं। काफी सोच-विचारकर मैंने एक साइकिल पसंद की। पिताजी को भी वह पसंद आई। यह क्रोम कंपनी की साइकिल थी। इसमें घंटी, मडगार्ड आदि कुछ जरूरी चीज़ें लगवाने के बाद इसे खरीद कर हम वापस घर आ गए। सुरक्षा की दृष्टि से हमने एक हेलमेट भी खरीद लिया था। घर पहुँचने के बाद मैं अपनी कॉलोनी में साइकिल चलाने निकल पड़ा। मेरे दोस्तों ने जब मेरी साइकिल देखी, तो उन्हें

भी यह पसंद आई। थोड़ी देर के बाद अँधेरा होने पर मैं घर की ओर लौटा। सही ढंग से साइकिल को पोर्च में रखकर मैंने उसमें ताला भी लगा दिया। मैंने पिताजी से कहा कि अगर वे कहें, तो मैं इसी से कल स्कूल चला जाऊँगा। इससे पैरों का व्यायाम भी होगा। उन्हें भी यह बात पसंद आई। अगली सुबह मैं अपनी साइकिल से ही स्कूल गया। अपने बस्ते को मैंने पीठ पर टांगा और बोतल को उसके लिए अलग से बनी एक जगह में रख दिया। स्कूल में भी इसे पार्किंग में पार्क करने के बाद मैंने ताला लगाकर चाबी को संभालकर रख लिया। तब से मैं इसी से स्कूल जाता हूँ। रोज़ मैं नियम से इसे पोंछता और साफ करता हूँ। इसे खरीदे लगभग आठ महीने हो गए हैं, पर यह अभी भी बिल्कुल नई ही दिखती है।

मोहिल चौपड़ा , 8 वीं द



मनोरंजन और हम

मनुष्य एक सामाजिक प्राणी है। वह अक्सर अपने दैनिक और सामाजिक कार्यों में लिप्त रहता है। इन क्रियाकलापों से उसे थकान भी होती है। दैनिक कार्यों से होने वाली थकान को दूर करने के लिए एक आसान और सरल-सा उपाय है-मनोरंजन। अपने नीरस-से हो रहे जीवन में उत्साह-उमंग भरना हो, तो मनोरंजन से बेहतर और कुछ भी नहीं है। इससे थोड़ा बदलाव भी होता है और साथ-ही-साथ एक नयी ऊर्जा भी मिलती है। मनुष्य मनोरंजन के लिए अलग-अलग साधनों का प्रयोग करता है। पहले के वक़्त में लोग आपस में मिलते-जुलते थे, बातचीत और हँसी-मज़ाक भी होता था। बड़े-बूढ़े लोग अपने अनुभवों का खज़ाना लोगों पर लुटाते थे। समय बदलने के साथ-ही-साथ तरीकों में बदलाव भी दृष्टिगोचर हुआ है। आज मनुष्य काफी व्यस्त हो गया है। इस आधुनिक युग में उसके पास मनोरंजन के नए-नए साधन भी आ चुके हैं। आज जब चाहे मनुष्य अपनी इच्छानुसार अपने मन को बहलाने के साधन प्रयोग कर सकता है। रेडियो, टेलीविज़न के अलावा आज इतनी सारी वस्तुएँ सहज उपलब्ध हो गयीं हैं कि उसे घर से बाहर जाने की भी आवश्यकता नहीं है। चंद बटन दबाने की देर है और मोबाइल, टीवी, अलग-अलग खेल के साधन, फिल्में, गीत-संगीत उगलियों की ज़रा-सी हरकत पर सामने हाज़िर हो जाते हैं। जब चाहा खेल लिया या फिल्म देख ली, बस फिर

अपने काम में लग गए। जब चाहा संगीत सुन लिया। अगर मन करे तो गा भी लिया और रिकॉर्ड भी कर लिया। आधुनिक युग में विज्ञान की तरक्की ने उसे ढेर सारी सुख-सुविधायें प्रदान कर दी हैं। अपने हाथों से किए गए रचनात्मक कार्य हमेशा से ही सुखदायी लगते हैं। कुछ लोग चित्रकारी करते हैं तो कुछ लोगों को बागवानी का भी शौक होता है। कुछ लोगों को लिखना-पढ़ना अच्छा लगता है तो कुछ लोग दूसरों की सेवा करके प्रसन्न होते हैं। कुछ लोगों को तरह-तरह की चीज़ों के संग्रह में आनंद मिलता है और कुछ लोग खेल-कूद में रूचि लेते हैं। कहने का तात्पर्य है कि ऐसे कार्य जिनके करने से थोड़ा बदलाव हो और मन में एक नई ऊर्जा का संचार हो, वही मनोरंजन है। मनुष्य को अपनी इच्छानुसार अपने जीवन में नए-नए साधनों का प्रयोग करते रहना चाहिए। संभव हो तो इसे साथ ही क्रियात्मक और रचनात्मक गतिविधियों में भी रूचि लेते हुए नित नए प्रयोग करते रहना चाहिए।

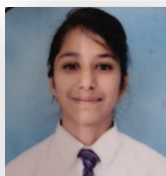
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आत्मसंतोष

दूसरों के कल्याण के लिए किया गया कार्य मनुष्य को प्रसन्नता के साथ आत्मसंतोष भी देता है। जब हम दूसरों के लिए कार्य करते हुए उनके उदास चेहरे पर मुस्कान ले आते हैं तो मन को कितना सुकून मिलता है। मेरे पिताजी ने भी मुझे सदा यही सीख दी है कि हमें सबको साथ लेकर चलना चाहिए और हमेशा सबके कल्याण के लिए सोचना चाहिए। संसार में ऐसे अनेक लोग हैं जिनके पास धन है, सामर्थ्य है पर तंग दिल होने के कारण उनका ध्यान अभाव में रहने वाले लोगों की तरफ नहीं जाता। दक्षिण अफ्रीका में एक मनोवैज्ञानिक गरीब बच्चों की कक्षा ले रहे थे। उन्होंने सब बच्चों से कहा कि जो बच्चा दौड़कर सबसे पहले फलों की टोकरी दूसरे किनारे से लाएगा उसे वह टोकरी मिलेगी। उस समय कुल 10 बच्चे कक्षा में थे। सभी 10 बच्चे एक दूसरे का हाथ पकड़कर भागे और एक साथ फलों की टोकरी ले आए। जब मनोवैज्ञानिक ने उनसे पूछा कि वे साथ-साथ क्यों गए तो उन्होंने उत्तर दिया – “अगर वे अकेले-अकेले जाते तो सिर्फ एक खुश होता और केवल एक का पेट भरता परन्तु जब सब एक साथ भागे तो सारे फल मिल गए और सबने मिलजुलकर खुशी-खुशी फलों का आनंद लिया। इस प्रकार सर्व हित के लिए किया गया कार्य प्रसन्नता और आत्मसंतोष भी देता है। हमारी हिंदी की पुस्तक में भी एक कहानी है – “महायज्ञ का पुरस्कार”। जो यह शिक्षा देती है स्वयं कष्ट सहकर और निस्वार्थ भाव से किया गया कार्य का पुरस्कार अवश्य मिलता है।

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हमारे जीवन में यदि एक समझदार एवं ईमानदार दोस्त मिल जाए जो सुख दुःख दोनों में साथ निभाए तो जिंदगी जीने का अंदाज अलग ही होता है। कुछ ऐसा ही अनुभव मैं आगे बताना चाहता हूँ। एक बार की बात है, तब मैं छोटा था और अपने गाँव से दूर पटना में एक विद्यालय के होस्टल में रहता था। एक दिन मैं अपने दोस्तों के साथ खेल रहा था। खेलते-खेलते एक पत्थर से टकराकर मैं गिर गया और मेरा सिर फट गया। मुझे तुरंत अस्पताल में भर्ती किया गया। बहुत ज्यादा खून बह जाने से मेरे शरीर में खून की कमी हो गई। 'ओ पोजिटिव' ब्लड ग्रुप के लिए कई जगह खोजबीन की गई लेकिन सफलता नहीं मिली। मेरे परिवार के सदस्यों को फोन लगाया गया लेकिन उन्हें गाँव से पटना आने में आठ घंटे लगते। तब होस्टल के एक भैया जो कि मुझसे छह कक्षा आगे थे, अस्पताल में आए और डॉक्टर से अपना रक्त-दान करने की इच्छा व्यक्त की। डॉक्टर ने उनका ब्लड ग्रुप जाँचा जो कि मुझसे मिल गया। यह सुनकर भैया ने कहा – बिना देर किये तुरंत मेरा खून तेज को दे दो। अगले दिन मेरे माता-पिता भी पहुँच गए थे। मुझे स्वस्थ देखकर वे बहुत खुश हुए और उन्होंने उस भैया को बहुत-बहुत धन्यवाद कहा। मुझे जीवन-दान देने वाले वह भैया आज भी मेरी यादों में बसे हुए हैं।

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जब हम अपने जीवन में रोजमर्रा के काम करते-करते थक जाते हैं तो अपनी दिनचर्या में थोड़ा बदलाव चाहते हैं। फुरसत के समय मेरा परिवार कहीं न कहीं यात्रा पर निकल जाता है। एक बार की बात है। मैं अपने भाई के साथ खेल रहा था। अकसर पढ़ाई करने के बाद हम दोनों कोई खेल ऐसा खेलते हैं जिससे मनोरंजन के साथ-साथ थोड़ा दिमागी अभ्यास भी हो जाए। अचानक माँ ने कहा कि कुछ दिनों बाद दस दिनों की छुट्टियाँ होने वाली हैं तो क्यों न हम आगरा और उसके आसपास के दर्शनीय स्थल घूमने चलें? हम दोनों भाई खुशी से उछल पड़े। पिताजी ने टिकट बुक करवाई। हमने यात्रा की तैयारी शुरू कर दी क्योंकि दो दिन बाद हमें निकलना था। ताजमहल की सुंदरता के बारे में मैंने बहुत कुछ सुन रखा था इसलिए मैं बहुत ही ज्यादा उत्साहित था। दुनिया के सात अजूबों में से एक ताजमहल को जब मैंने देखा, तो बस देखता ही रह गया। सालों पहले बना ये ताजमहल आज भी पर्यटकों के लिए आकर्षण का केंद्र है। लगभग 2-3 घंटे यहाँ बिताने के

बाद हम लोग आगरे का किला देखने गए। गाइड ने हमें बताया कि यह किला दिल्ली के लाल किले से मेल खाता है इसलिए इसे आगरे का लाल किला भी कहते हैं। अगले दिन हम फतेहपुर सीकरी देखने गए। हमने बुलंद दरवाज़ा भी देखा। यह पूरे विश्व का सबसे ऊँचा दरवाज़ा है। यह पूरे विश्व का सबसे ऊँचा प्रवेश द्वार है। फिर हम जामा मस्जिद गए जो भारत की सबसे बड़ी मस्जिदों में से एक है। माँ को कुछ सामान खरीदना था इसलिए हम बाज़ार भी गए। शाम हो चुकी थी हम वापस होटल आ गए। अगले दिन हमें दिल्ली वापसी के लिए यात्रा पर निकलना था। थकान के कारण आँखों में नींद थी और मन में कल होने वाली यात्रा के लिए उत्साह!

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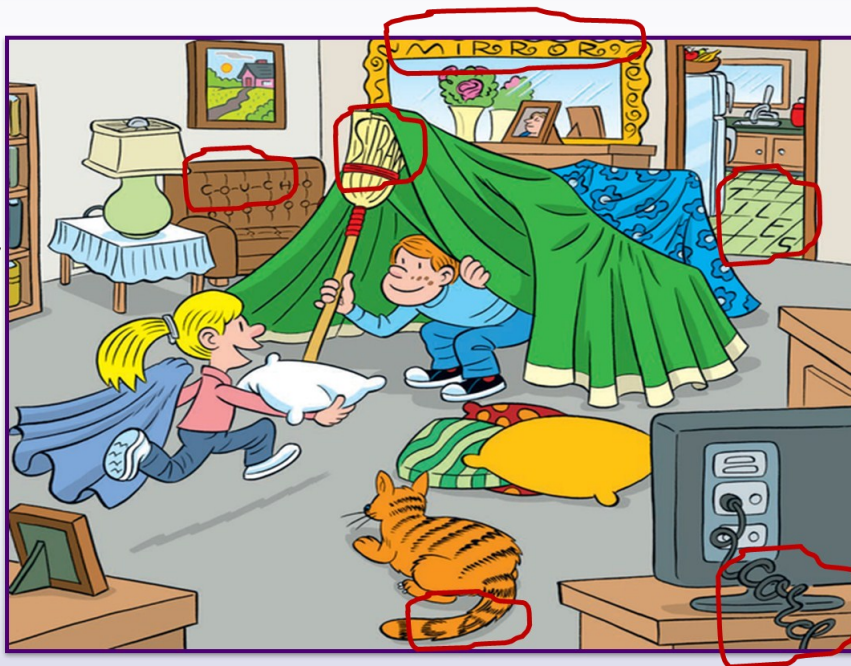


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