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What children and parents need to know about the reopening of school during Covid Pandemic?



Dr. TWINKAL PATEL
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Different phases of life we have seen in this covid pandemic. Life during this difficult time have taught us how to adjust and adhere with many challenges and at the same time create opportunities. Unlocking process already started in the country and life, business, market, transportation and education now getting back to normal. Given the difficulty of the situation, schools, colleges and other academic institutions are getting to reopen. School authority, teachers and parents are considering the benefits and risks factors and hopefully, the academics will start soon. Now, there will be some concerns need to address and probably could be of:

School Authorities Concerns: School authorities like management head, principal, teachers and other support staff members have to prepared and alert more while implementing physical distancing and maintaining hygiene. Students may not be all the time alert to follow all protocols, then, there will be a difficult situation to watch every student's movement within and outside the classroom. Extracurricular and sports activity will be almost off for time being till crisis exit.

Parents Concerns: parents are in dilemma whether to send their child to school or not. Government authority have already issued the guidelines to reopen the schools by following safety and security measures, but, there is confusion from parent's side especially allowing child go to school. Going back to school will likely look a little different from what parents and child were used to before. Following questions should parent may ask to the school administrator _

1. What steps has the school taken to help ensure the safety of students?



2. How will the school support the mental health of students and combat any stigma against people who have been sick?
3. How will the school refer children who many need referrals for specialized support?
4. Will school's safeguarding and bullying policies change once schools start to reopen?
5. How can I support school safety effort, including through parent-teacher committees or other networks?
6. What should I do if my child has fallen behind and how school can help me if this situation occurs with my child?

Some answers to these questions:

1. Many children will need extra support to catch up on their learning when schools reopen and both teachers and parents can help students for completing their assignments.
2. Learning should be playful not stressful.
3. Schools may adopt mix of classroom learning as well as remote learning i.e. online learning by allocating the days.
4. Regular parent meeting through online will help school to ease down the concerns and tensions.
5. Food, exercise and measuring nutritional value can help child to focus on the study so that students can give proper response to teacher during offline or online classes.

Parents, teachers and school are the foundation for developing the discipline. Parents and teachers are perhaps the most responsible member of the society and they inculcate values to the children. A careful decision certainly will help to build up a conducive relationship between schools, teachers, parents and students.

To feature your school event on this page, send the details and photographs to editor@theopenpage.co.in

Students of CCIS Green Campus Celebrated Teachers Day



Report of Virtual Competitions in Lalji Mehrotra Lions School

Co-curricular activities form an integral part of the curriculum in Lalji Mehrotra Lions School. In this situation where the whole world is revolved around Covid the teachers of Lalji Mehrotra Lions School thought of doing something different. Lalji Mehrotra Lions School had organized the virtual competitions for the first time for different classes. The excitement among the teachers to organize such competitions proved that LML School teachers believe in the proverb: Leaving no stone unturned. The Inter- Class Poetry Recitation Competition was organized for classes I to IV on 12th July, 2020 and Inter-House Declamation Competition was organized for classes V to VIII on 26th July, 2020.

We all know that Poetry is meant for enjoyment and beauty is the realm of the poetry. Students enjoyed the beauty of expression, thoughts, feeling, rhyme, rhythm and music of words. Taking all these facts into consideration, the children got an opportunity to exhibit their talent and confidence. The children chose a variety of topics for their recitation like nature, trees, flower, mother, teacher, unity in diversity etc. with a lot of zeal and enthusiasm. The students enthusiastically participated in the Competition as they got an opportunity to exhibit their talent and confidence. Many students recited the poems composed by them. It was heart-warming to see amazing performances which indeed was a result of hours of practice. They were appreciated and applauded by the jury for their performance.

To hone the oratory skills among the students, Declamation is a rhetorical exercise or a set speech. The participants had to select a speech of a famous



speaker which was given by the teachers and deliver an excerpt from the speech in two minutes 30 seconds.

The children were in high zest and zeal. The selected speeches ranged from APJ Abdul Kalam, Michelle Obama, Henry, Rahul Dravid and Greta Thunberg. The participants were divided into two categories-

- Category A – Class V and Class VI

The quickest way to acquire self-confidence is to do exactly what you are afraid to do."

—Anon

- Category B- Class VII and Class VIII
The listeners were impressed by the confidence exhibited by the students as they voiced their opinion in strong and powerful words in neck to neck competition where each child tried to outshine the other to the best of his or her ability. The competition was judged on the basis of their Pronunciation, Expression, Presentation and Intonation.

In category 'A', the participants spoke with full enthusiasm. The judges boost the students with their motivational words. In category B, the bar rose extremely high for the competition, wherein, each participant could feel their pulse roaring as everyone was well prepared. They spoke confidently with excellent diction. The judges were very excited and surprised to see such great future orators.

At the end, a few tips and tricks to improve delivery of speech were shared by few of the judges. Competitions like these not only increase the confidence of the students but also open the doors for opportunities in the future. We wish all our students a great success in life.

—Shilpi Sinha, Activity Coordinator

PUPPY PUPPET CRAFT

Transform cardboard tubes into a marionette; the ears are snipped from half a tube.

HOW TO MAKE A PUPPY PUPPET

What You'll Need 2 toilet paper tubes, paint, paintbrush, hole punch, bendy plastic straws, yarn, 2 popsicle sticks, office dot stickers, 2 googly eyes, glue, scissors

MAKE

It 1. Paint the toilet paper tubes; let dry. Cut one tube in half; one half will be for the head, the other for the ears.2. Cut the ears -- a single elongated 8-shape out of the cardboard tube -- and glue them to the top of one side of the head. Push in the cardboard where the ears are glued, creating an indent on the head to make the ears stick up.3. Glue two Popsicle sticks together to form a cross; set aside.4. Punch four holes on the bottom of the body for the legs. Thread two 6" pieces of yarn through the leg holes, adding cut bendy straw pieces for the feet. Knot at each end.5. On the opposite side of the tube, punch holes at both ends of the body; thread a long piece of yarn (approximately 24") through the body and head. Tie it to the Popsicle stick-cross.6. Glue on a cut bendy straw to create a tail and stick on office dot stickers and googly eyes.



How to Make a Guitar

Cardboard boxes form the base of this inspired instrument while corks make the tuning pegs.

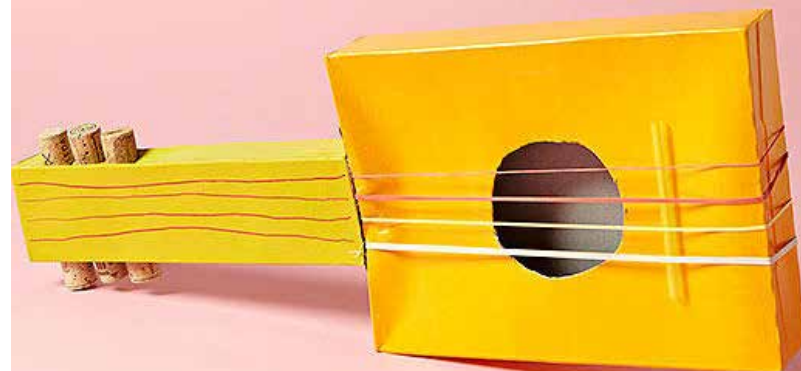
HOW TO MAKE A CEREAL BOX GUITAR

What You'll Need

Cereal box, Spaghetti box, Craft knife, Rubber bands, Glue, Corks, Straws, Paint, Paintbrush

MAKE

It1. Paint the boxes and cut out a circle on one side of the cereal box.2. Stretch the rubber bands over the middle of the cereal box.3. Attach the spaghetti box to the cereal box with glue to create the guitar neck. Draw "strings" onto the neck.4. Have an adult cut holes on the sides of spaghetti box and insert corks for the tuning keys. Glue in place.5. Place a straw piece under the rubber bands underneath the hole to create the bridge (this will help make a sound when you strum).



Paper Plate Craft – The Cutest Desk Tidy

Let's get making!

What you need
2 paper plates
Wool and needle
Paper punch
Craft paper – two circles of red paper
Black marker
Glue



Cut one of the paper plates, approx two thirds-one third paper plate desk tidy

I don't think it's any secret that we love cuteness around here. There's something about rosy cheeks and big bright eyes that just tickles our fancy every time. If you like simple and cute crafts then you're in luck! This paper plate craft desk tidy is just for you. Perfect for girlie girls of all ages, it's sweet, easy to make, and fun to hang beside your child's bed or homework desk to hold those all important 'things'.



Align the full paper plate with the cut plate and punch holes through both plates paper plate desk tidy



Blanket stitch with wool through the holes to secure both plates together paper plate desk tidy



Glue on the two red 'cheeks', add the eye circles and smile line with a black Sharpie marker paper plate desk tidy



And all you need to do then is add a length of wool or twine to hang your new cute paper plate organiser, and fill with important pencils and stuff!

Watermelon Split

Ingredients

- 1 cup blackberries
- 1/2 tablespoon sugar
- 4 cups 1-inch cubed watermelon, chilled (about 2 pounds)
- 4 scoops strawberry ice cream or your favorite flavor Whipped cream, for garnish
- 4 to 8 maraschino cherries
- 1/4 cup toasted slivered almonds or peanuts, chopped

1. Add the blackberries to a medium bowl and sprinkle the sugar over in an even layer. Mix them together and mash with a fork. Let the mixture sit for 20 minutes. Add any extra juices from the watermelon, up to 2 tablespoons, to the berry mixture and stir to combine.
2. To serve, arrange 1 cup of the watermelon cubes into an "X" shape in a banana split dish. Place one scoop of the ice cream in the middle. Scatter 2 tablespoons of the blackberry sauce over the ice cream. Top with a dollop of whipped cream, 1 or 2 cherries and a tablespoon of nuts. Repeat for the remaining servings.

Directions



Raspberry and Cream Cheese Brownie Bites

Ingredients

Brownies:

- Cooking spray
- 1 stick (8 tablespoons) unsalted butter
- 4 ounces unsweetened chocolate, broken into chunks
- 1 1/4 cups granulated sugar
- 1 teaspoon pure vanilla extract
- 1/4 teaspoon fine salt

- 2 large eggs
- 1/2 cup all-purpose flour
- Topping:
- 1/2 cup whipped plain cream cheese
- 1/4 cup confectioners' sugar
- 2 tablespoons heavy cream
- 1/8 teaspoon pure vanilla extract
- Pinch fine salt
- 1/4 cup raspberry preserves

Directions

1. For the brownies: Preheat the oven to 350 degrees F. Line a 24-cup mini muffin tin with paper liners, and coat with cooking spray. Microwave the butter and chocolate in a microwave-safe bowl on high in 30-second increments, checking in between, until all the butter is melted and the chocolate is almost all melted, about 2 minutes.
2. Divide the batter evenly among the prepared muffin cups. Bake until the top is no longer glossy, about 17 minutes (a toothpick inserted in the center of a muffin will not come out clean).
3. For the topping: Meanwhile, whisk together the cream cheese, confectioners' sugar, cream, vanilla and salt in a bowl; refrigerate until the brownies are ready to top.
4. To assemble: Let the brownies cool for 5 minutes in the pan. Make an indentation in the center of each with the back of a teaspoon. Let them cool for 20 minutes more, then transfer them to a cooling rack. Fill each indentation with 1 teaspoon of the topping.



QUIZ

1. True or false? The name dinosaur means 'terrible lizard'.
2. Which came first, the Jurassic or Triassic Period?
3. Was Diplodocus a carnivore or herbivore?
4. Which dinosaur is thought to have the largest bite of them all?
5. What name do we give to the study of fossils?
6. True or false. The dinosaurs died out about 65 million years ago?
7. What animal alive today is even bigger than a dinosaur?
8. What dinosaur themed book was turned into a blockbuster movie in 1993?
9. What is the name of the big dinosaur which used to stand in the entrance hall of the Natural History Museum in London?
10. Which dinosaur had three horns on its head?

Send your answer to openpageyrc@gmail.com. Names of the Winners would be announced in the next issue

Bend Water With Static Electricity

You will need

- A dry plastic comb
- An indoor faucet
- A head full of clean dry hair.

What to do

1. Turn on the faucet and slowly turn down the water until you have a VERY thin stream of water flowing.
2. Take the plastic comb and brush it through your hair ten times.
3. Now slowly bring the comb close to the flowing water, (without actually touching the water) If all goes well, the stream of water should bend towards the comb! Magic you ask? Not really.

How does it work?

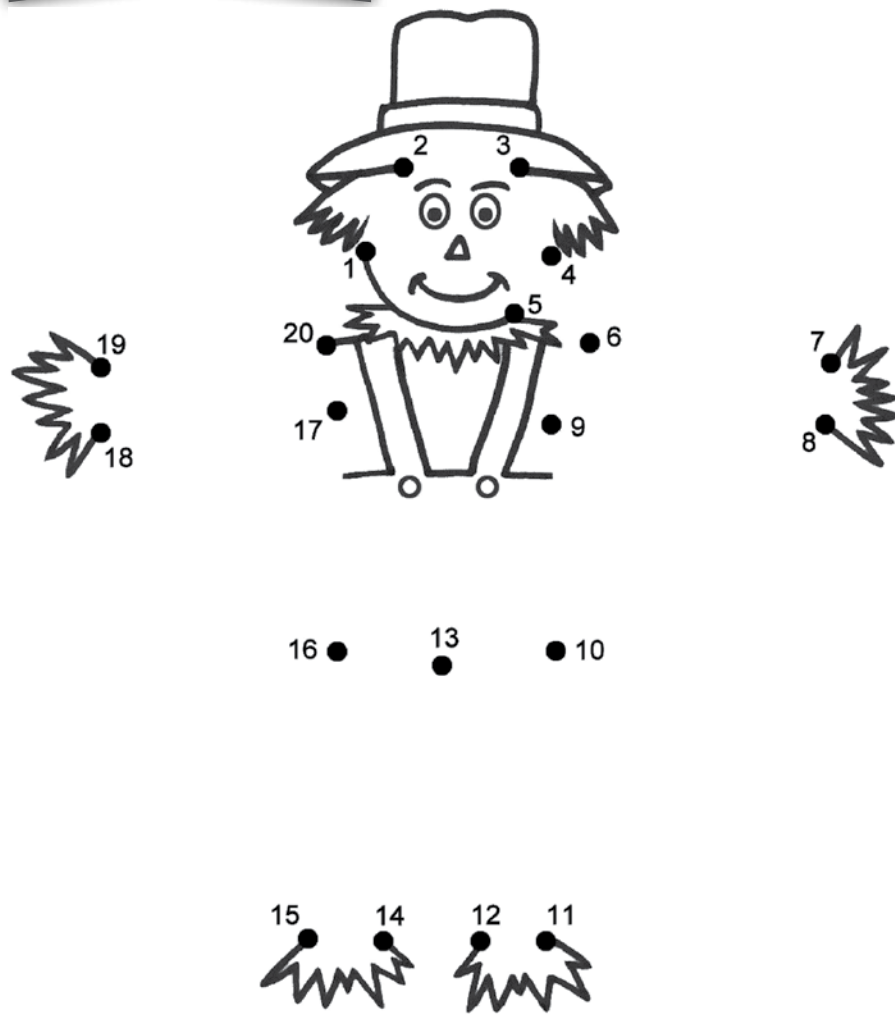
- When you brushed that comb through your hair, tiny parts of the atoms in your hair, called ELECTRONS, collected on the comb. These electrons have a NEGATIVE charge. Remember that, it's important. Now that the comb has a negative charge, it is attracted to things that have a POSITIVE charge. It is similar to the way some magnets are attracted to certain metals.
- When you bring the negatively charged comb near the faucet it is attracted to the POSITIVE force of the water. The attraction is strong enough to actually pull



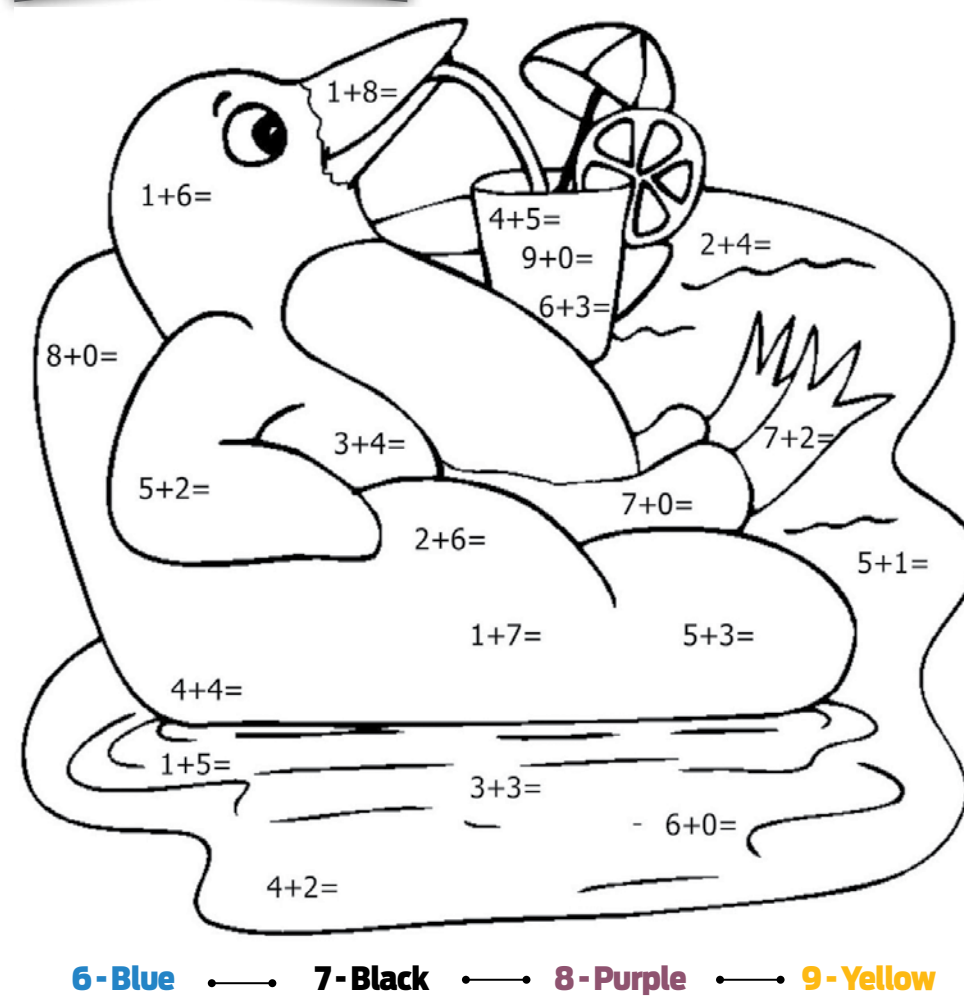
the water towards the comb as it is flowing! If you want to try another experiment with your comb, tear up pieces of tissue until they are as small as you can get them...I mean really small! Then charge your comb again by brushing it through your

hair, and bring it close to the tiny pieces of tissue. If the pieces are small enough they will jump off the table to the comb the same way that the water was pulled to the comb. It is all thanks to the wonders of static electricity.

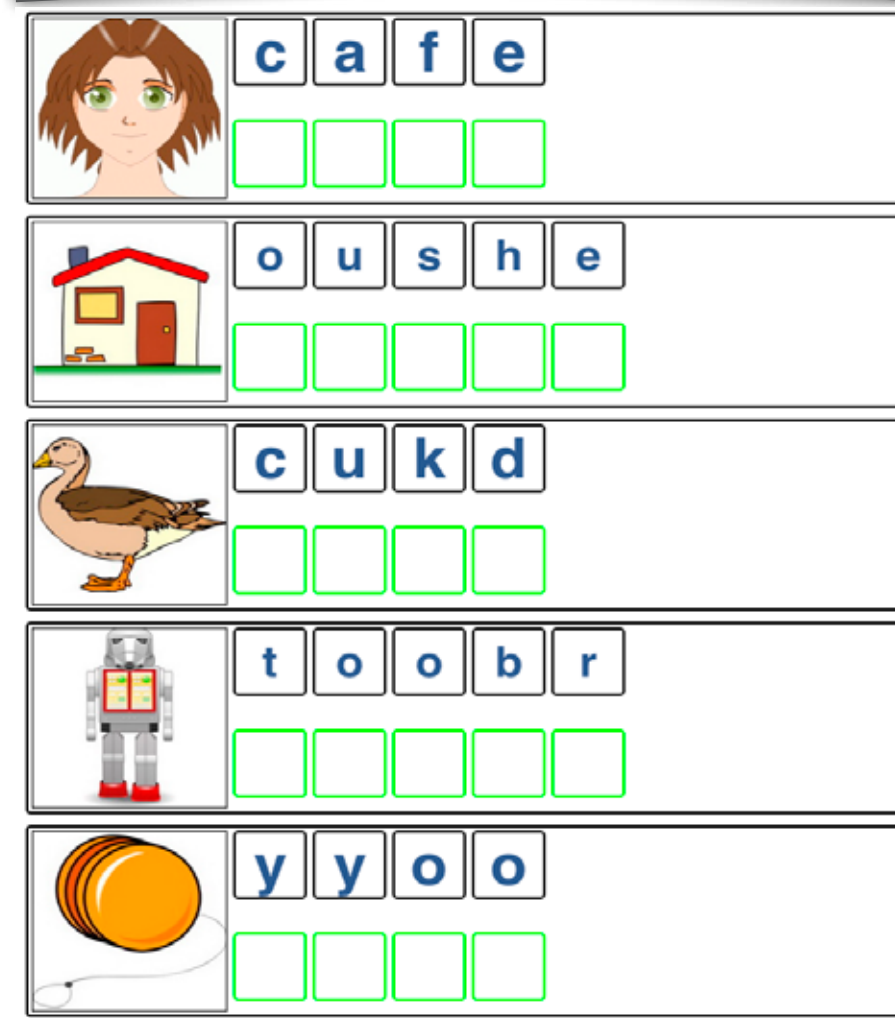
CONNECT THE DOTS



MATH ADVENTURE

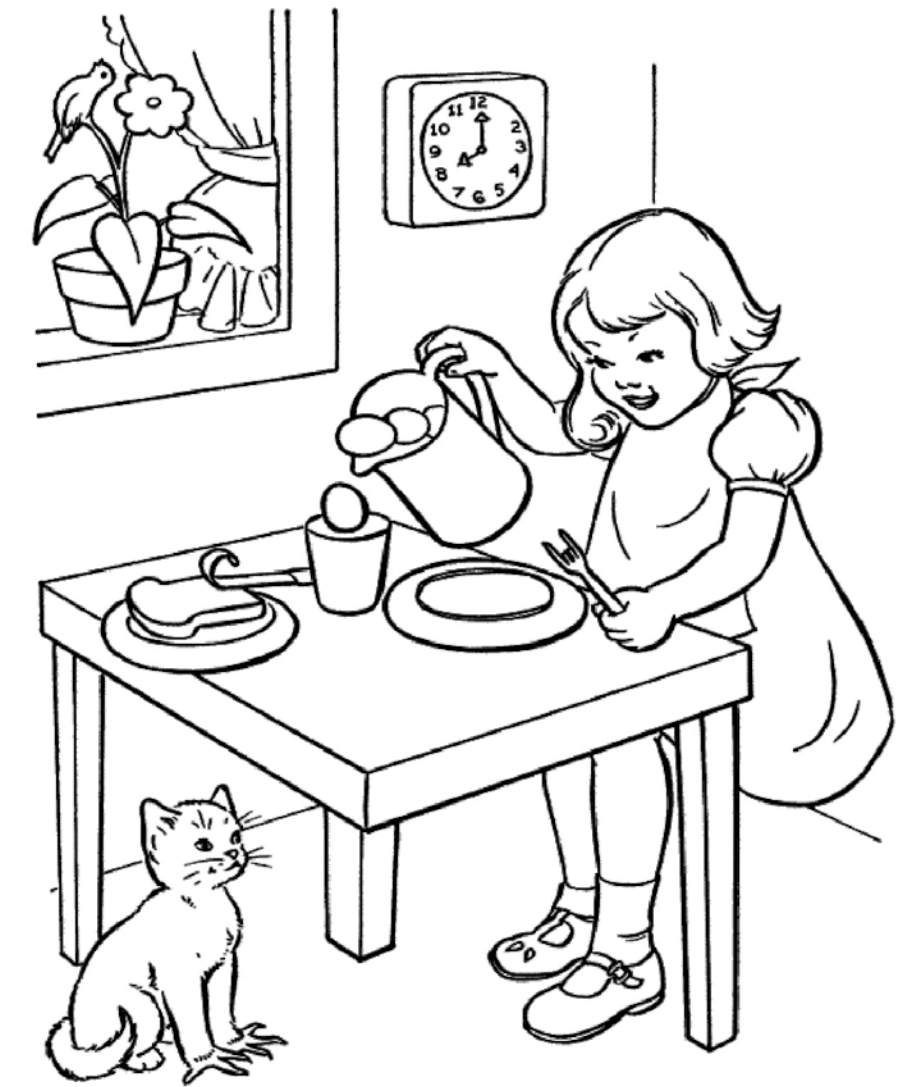


REWRITE THE JUMBELED WORDS

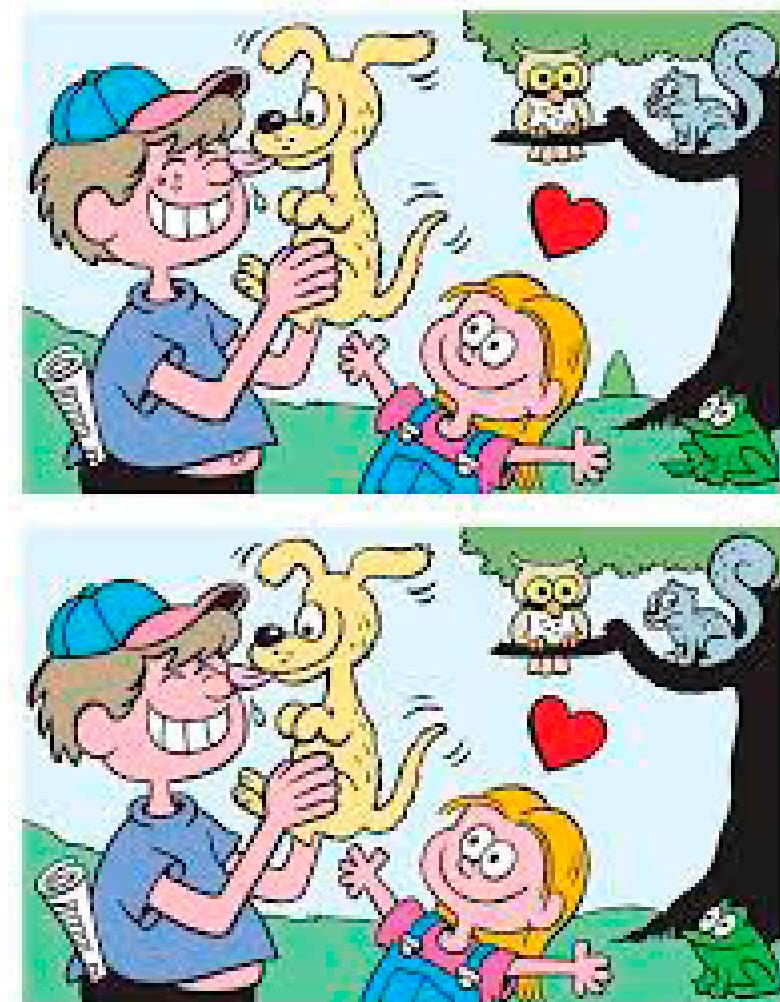


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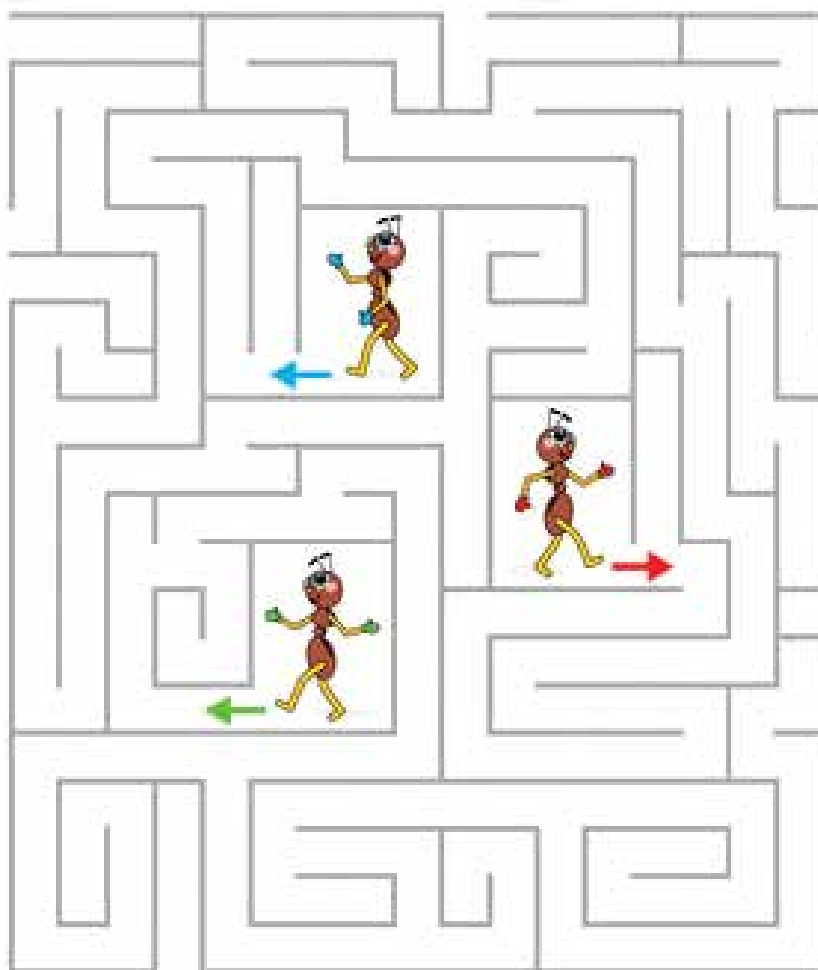
Put a cross (x) on what is wrong. You should make 11 crosses.



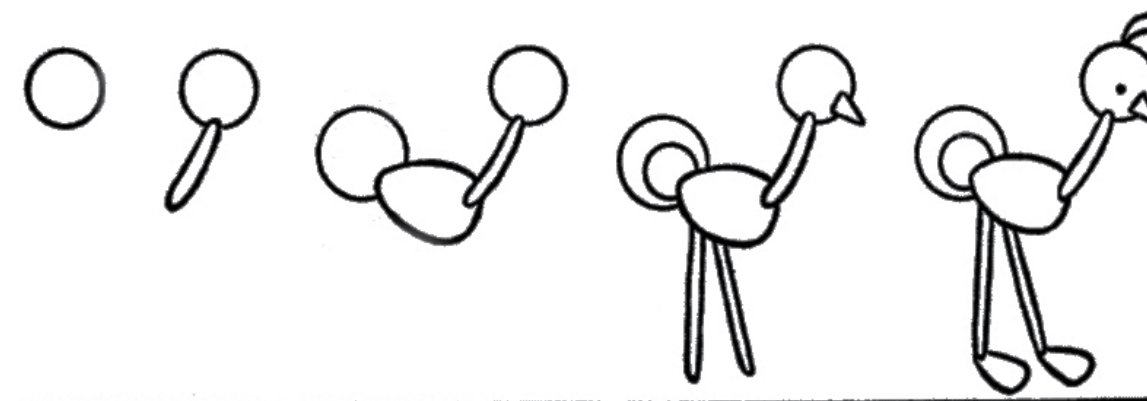
FIND AT LEAST TEN DIFFERENCES



HELP THE ANTS FIND THEIR WAY OUT OF THIS MAZE!



CIRCLE ZOO ANIMALS TO DRAW



DRAW THE PERKY BIRD STEP BY STEP

HAPPY THANKSGIVING WORD SEARCH

See how many of these words you can find in the puzzle. The words can be forward, backward or diagonal.



P	C	O	W	X	Y	W	O	C	O	W	X	Y	W	W
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P	M	J	L	W	M	C	K	Y	J	T	W	A	C	B
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| 1. THANKSGIVING | 5. THANKFUL | 9. STUFFING | 13. PUMPKIN |
| 2. HOLIDAY | 6. FOOD | 10. SALAD | 14. PIE |
| 3. FAMILY | 7. TURKEY | 11. BREAD | 15. VEGETABLES |
| 4. FRIENDS | 8. POTATOES | 12. YAM | 16. HAM |

2 September(USA) - Victory over Japan Day



The name, V-J Day, had been selected by the Allies after they named V-E Day for the victory in Europe. On September 2, 1945, a formal surrender ceremony was performed in Tokyo Bay, Japan, aboard the battleship USS Missouri.

2 September - Coconut Day



Coconut day or Nriyal poornima is a ceremonial day observed by Hindu fishing communities in western India particularly around Mumbai and the Konkan coast. It is held on the full-moon day of the Hindu month of Shraavan which falls around July or August

3 September - Skyscraper Day



Skyscrapers have become pretty commonplace in modern times, and National Skyscraper Day is our golden opportunity to appreciate these architectural marvels and feats of engineering. Skyscrapers grace our big cities with their bold presence and define our skylines with mighty buildings that literally seem to scrape the sky. But skyscrapers have only been around for about 130 years.

5 September - International Day of Charity



Charity, like the notions of volunteerism and philanthropy, provides real social bonding and contributes to the creation of inclusive and more resilient societies. Charity can alleviate the worst effects of humanitarian crises, supplement public services in health care, education, housing and child protection. It assists the advancement of culture, science, sports, and the protection of cultural and natural heritage. It also promotes the rights of the marginalized and underprivileged and spreads the message of humanity in conflict situations.

5 September - Teachers' Day (India)



In India, Teachers' day is celebrated on 5th September, the birthday of the former President Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan, a well-known scholar, teacher and promoter of education. On this special day, students celebrate the contribution of teachers in their lives and shaping up the society.

5 September - Sanskrit Day



World Sanskrit Day, also known as Sanskrit Diwas, is a holiday focused around the ancient Indian language of Sanskrit that incorporates lectures about the language and is aimed to promote its revival and maintenance. It is celebrated on Shraavanapoornima, that is the Poornima day of Shraavana month in the Hindu calendar. World Sanskrit Day was celebrated on August 7, 2017. Sanskrit organisation Samskrita Bharati is involved in promoting the day. World Sanskrit Day: 9 lesser known facts about Sanskrit Declared as a classical language now, Sanskrit is known to be highly scientific in its structure and is a language that is in high demand all over the world.

6 September - Defense Day



Defence Day is celebrated in Pakistan as national day to commemorate the sacrifices made by Pakistani soldiers in defending its borders. The date of 6 September marks the day in 1965 when Indian troops crossed the international border to launch an attack on Pakistani Punjab, in a riposte to Pakistan's Operation Grand Slam targeting Jammu.

7 September - Brazilian Independence Day



On September 7, 1822, Prince Dom Pedro declared Brazil's independence from Portugal, founding the Empire of Brazil, which led to a two-year war of independence. Formal recognition came with a treaty signed by both Brazil and Portugal in late 1825.

7 September - Forgiveness Day



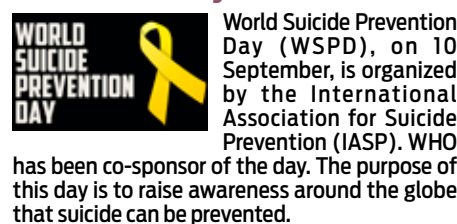
The last Saturday in October presents us with a special observance: National Forgiveness Day. July 7th is celebrated as Global Forgiveness Day.

8 September - International Literacy Day



International Literacy Day, celebrated annually on 8 September, is an opportunity for Governments, civil society and stakeholders to highlight improvements in world literacy rates, and reflect on the world's remaining literacy challenges. The issue of literacy is a key component of the UN's Sustainable Development Goals and the UN's 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. The UN's Sustainable Development Goals, adopted by world leaders in September 2015, promotes, as part of its agenda, universal access to quality education and learning opportunities throughout people's lives. Sustainable Development Goal 4 has as one of its targets ensuring all young people achieve literacy and numeracy and that adults who lack these skills are given the opportunity to acquire them.

10 September - World Suicide Prevention Day



11 September - Patriot Day



Patriots' Day is a state holiday in Massachusetts and Maine, where state, county, and municipal offices are closed. However, Patriots' Day is not a federal public holiday and federal offices are open. ... Patriots' Day is not a public holiday in other parts of the United States.

14 September - Onam (Kerala, India)



According to a popular legend, the festival is celebrated to welcome King Mahabali, whose spirit is said to visit Kerala at the time of Onam. Onam is celebrated in the beginning of the month of Chingam, the first month of Malayalam Calendar (Kollavarsham). Carnival of Onam lasts from four to ten days.

14 September - Hindi Diwas



Hindi Diwas is celebrated on the 14th of September each year. This is because the Constituent Assembly of India declared that Hindi scripted in the Devanagari script is the Republic of India's official language. The Constituent Assembly of India adopted Hindi as the official language of the Republic of India on the 14th of September 1949. However, the idea of using it as the official language was sanctioned by the Constitution of the country on 26th January 1950. The original day of adopting Hindi as the official language is observed as Hindi Diwas. Here are essays of varying length on Hindi Diwas to help you with the topic in your exam. You can select any Hindi diwas essay according to your need:

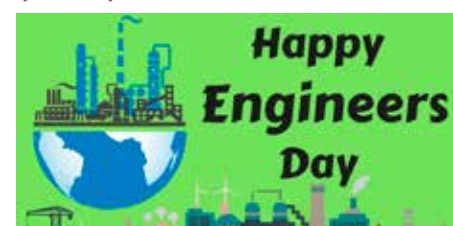
14 September - World First Aid Day



9 SEPTEMBER WORLD FIRST AID DAY

The International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC) introduced World First Aid Day in 2000. Each year, more than 100 Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies around the world organise events and ceremonies on the second Saturday of September to raise public awareness of how first aid can save lives in everyday and crisis situations. The IFRC believes that first aid should be accessible to all – including the most vulnerable, and should also be an integral part of a wider developmental approach.

15 September - Engineer's Day (India)



M. Visvesvaraya was also the Diwan of Mysore from 1912 to 1918. The Engineering Community across India celebrates Engineers Day on 15 September every year as a tribute to the greatest Indian Engineer Bharat Ratna Mokshagundam Visvesvaraya. His birthday, 15 September is celebrated as the Engineers day.

15 September - International Day of Democracy



This year's International Day of Democracy is an opportunity to recall that democracy is about people. Democracy is built on inclusion, equal treatment and participation — and it is a fundamental building block for peace, sustainable development and human rights. The Universal Declaration of Human Rights, which states that “the will of the people shall be the basis of the authority of government” (article 21.3), has inspired constitution-making around the world and contributed to global acceptance of democratic values and principles. Democracy, in turn, provides the natural environment for the protection and effective realization of human rights.

16 September - Malaysia Day



Malaysia Day is celebrated on 16 September and is also known as 'Hari Malaysia'. On 16 September, 1963, the former British colony of Singapore and the East Malaysian states of Sabah and Sarawak joined the Federation of Malaya to generate the Malaysian Federation.

16 September - World Ozone Day



World Ozone Day is observed on 16 September annually. On this day in 1987 the Montreal Protocol was signed. Since 1994, World Ozone Day is celebrated which was established by the United Nations General Assembly. This day reminds people about the depletion of Ozone Layer and to find solutions to preserve it.

19 September - International Talk Like a Pirate Day



International Talk Like a Pirate Day is celebrated on 19 September annually. In 1995, it was celebrated first time. This day encourages people to talk and dress like the sea plunderers of yesteryears.

21 September - International Day of Peace and Non-Violence (UN)



International Day of Peace and Non-Violence (UN) is observed on 21 September around the world. For the first time it was observed in September 1982 and in 2001, the General Assembly adopted a resolution 55/282, which established 21 September as International Day of Peace of non-violence and cease fire.

21 September - World Alzheimer's Day



World Alzheimer's Day is observed on 21 September to raise awareness among people about the challenges that patient faces due to dementia. In 2012, World Alzheimer's Month was launched.

22 September - Rose Day (Welfare of Cancer patients)



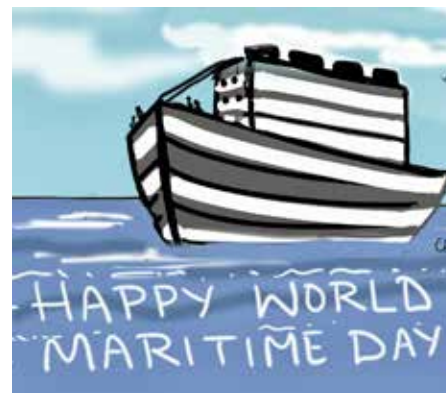
Rose Day is observed on 21 September for the welfare of cancer patients or we can say that this day marks the hope for cancer patients that cancer is curable. This day is celebrated in the memory of a 12 year old Melinda Rose of Canada, who when diagnosed with a rare form of blood cancer and did not give up hope.

26 September - European Day of Languages



European Day of Languages is celebrated on 26 September annually to promote awareness among the public about the importance of language learning and protecting the heritage of the language.

26 September - World Maritime Day



World Maritime Day is observed annually on 26 September to raise awareness about the importance of gender equality which is also necessary to achieve the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and also to highlight the contribution of women in the maritime sector. The theme of 2019 is “Empowering women in the maritime community”.

27 September - World Tourism Day



World Tourism Day is annually celebrated on 27 September to highlight the importance of tourism which help in generating employment and build future for millions of people around the world. World Tourism Day 2019 theme is “Tourism and Jobs: A Better Future for All”.

28 September - World Rabies Day



World Rabies Day is observed on 28 September every year to make people aware about the prevention regarding rabies and to highlight the progress in defeating this horrifying disease.

29 September - World Heart Day



WORLD HEART DAY

SEPTEMBER 29

World Heart Day is observed annually on 29 September. This day informs people about the heart disease and stroke which is the world's leading cause of death.

30 September - International Translation Day



International Translation Day is observed on 30 September every year. This day provide an opportunity to pay tribute to the work of language professionals. It also plays an important role in making nations together and strengthens world peace and security.

Fourth Sunday of September - World Rivers Day



World Rivers Day is celebrated on fourth Sunday of September. In 2019, it falls on 29 September. This day highlights the importance of rivers and generates awareness and encourages people to improve and save water, rivers around the world. It is necessary to care our water resources.

Dominic Thiem claims US Open title after thrilling fightback

Austria's Dominic Thiem finally claimed his maiden Grand Slam title with a stunning comeback to beat Germany's Alexander Zverev 2-6 4-6 6-4 6-3 7-6(6) in a nerve-jangling battle of wills in the US Open final on Sunday.

The 27-year-old world number three appeared to have blown his golden chance as he fell two sets behind but hit back to become the first player to win a Grand Slam from having trailed by two sets since Gaston Gaudio at the 2004 French Open.

Thiem, who dropped only one set en route to the final, started as favourite but was stifled by nerves early on, trailing by a set and 5-1 as his evening threatened to become a nightmare on an eerie, almost empty Arthur Ashe stadium. He gradually broke the shackles to hit back from a break down to take the third, however, and Zverev faltered on serve at 3-4 in a high-quality fourth set allowing Thiem to take a slow-burner of a contest to a decider.

With one of the sport's biggest prizes within reach, both men raised their games in a gripping decider. The 23-year-old Zverev, bidding to become the first German male to win a Grand Slam since Boris Becker won in New York in 1996, showed great composure to resist the Thiem charge and served for the title at 5-3.

With the match deep into its fourth hour, though, it had become not just a



physical battle but a psychological one too. First Zverev faltered with the title tantalisingly close, then Thiem could not hold serve for glory at 6-5 as a US Open men's final moved into its first-ever fifth set tiebreak.

A gut-wrenching climax saw Thiem take a 6-4 lead as Zverev's serve crumbled. But he netted a forehand with the court gaping, then sent another forehand wide. Thiem earned another match point with a fearless pass though, and Zverev then dragged a backhand wide. "It's amazing how far our journeys brought us to share this moment and I wish — really I wish — we could have two winners today, I think we both de-

served it," Thiem said on court after a tearful speech from his crestfallen opponent and close friend.

MOMENTUM SHIFT

Thiem, the second Austrian to win a Grand Slam after Thomas Muster's 1995 French Open title, had lost all three of his previous Grand Slam finals. His two French Open finals were against Rafa Nadal, a 12-times champion on the Paris clay, while at this year's Australia Open he was beaten in five stunning sets by world number one Novak Djokovic. This time, with Nadal opting out over concerns over the COVID-19 pandemic, Roger Federer injured and top seed

Djokovic defaulted last Sunday for hitting a line judge with a ball, the door had swung wide open for Thiem.

Things are never usually straightforward though, especially at Flushing Meadows. Zverev's form had been patchy on his way to the final but he looked in fine form from the start on Sunday, bossing the baseline rallies with his smooth power.

The first set lasted 30 minutes and when Zverev went 5-1 ahead in the second a stunned Thiem was looking up forlornly at his coach Nicolas Pietrangeli. But the Austrian began to loosen up and while he could not salvage the second set and then went a break down in the third, he was finally upping the power on his fizzing groundstrokes. When Zverev dropped serve to lose the third set Thiem ominously sent three rackets off to be re-strung.

Zverev fought off break points at 2-3 in the fourth but a double-fault and a forehand error gave Thiem the break at 3-4 and as the match went into the decider the momentum had shifted completely Thiem's way as he broke immediately. There were to be more twists and turns before Thiem fell to his back in celebration at becoming the first player born in the 1990s to claim a men's Grand Slam, and the first outside Nadal, Djokovic and Federer to claim one since Stan Wawrinka's 2016 US Open triumph.

I am completely free: S Sreesanth after spot-fixing ban ends

India pacer S Sreesanth's ban for alleged spot-fixing came to an end on Sunday, concluding a seven-year punishment that was originally meant to be for life and was aggressively contested by the flamboyant bowler.

The 37-year-old has already made it clear that he intends to resume at least his domestic career at the end of the ban and his home state Kerala has promised to consider him if he manages to prove his fitness.

"I'm completely free of any charges and now gonna represent the sport I love the most. Will give my very best to every ball I ball even (if) it's just practice," he tweeted on Friday, a couple of days before the end of his suspension.

"Just have another 5 to 7 years max to give it all I've got and I will give the very best to any team I play," he added.



However, with the Indian domestic season postponed at present due to the COVID-19 pandemic, it remains to be seen when exactly Sreesanth is able to make a comeback if Kerala decides to give him a chance.

The Indian domestic season starts in August but the pandemic has left the scheduling in complete disarray.

"...the BCCI is making all efforts to ensure that domestic cricket resumes as and when the conditions permit," BCCI President Sourav Ganguly wrote in a recent letter to presidents and secretaries of its affiliated member associations.

Sreesanth's life ban for alleged spot-fixing in the 2013 edition of the IPL was reduced to seven years by BCCI Om-

budsman DK Jain last year.

Jain had observed that the cricketer is well past his prime having already served six years.

The BCCI banned Sreesanth in August 2013 along with his Rajasthan Royals teammates Ajit Chaudhary and Ankeet Chavan.

But on March 15 last year, the Supreme Court set aside the BCCI disciplinary committee's order and asked the Board to reconsider the quantum of punishment.

"I will never ever cheat cricket even when I am playing a friendly match. I don't ball (bowl) easy ones or try to loose...so pls get that right with everyone..." Sreesanth posted recently.

Sreesanth played 27 Tests and 53 ODIs for India, taking 87 and 75 wickets respectively. He has also taken seven wickets in 10 T20 Internationals.

Monsoon Session in Parliament to begin, Opposition charts strategy | Bills on table



Parliament is set to resume amid the Covid-19 pandemic. The Monsoon Session of Parliament is scheduled to be held between September 14, 2020, and October 1, 2020. There will be a total of 18 sittings. Currently, 46 Bills are pending in Parliament of which, 17 Bills are listed for consideration. At the same time, six Bills are listed for withdrawal and 23 Bills are listed for introduction, consideration, and passing. Opposition parties, including Congress have drawn up their strategies on how to approach Ordinances brought by the Center during the pandemic. The Congress, in particular, has decided to oppose Bills related to the four Ordinances likely to be tabled by the Center during the session.

US President Trump claims PM Modi praised him on Covid-19 testing



US President Donald Trump has claimed that Prime Minister Narendra Modi lauded him on coronavirus testing, as he took on his Democratic opponent Joe Biden, accusing him of being a complete disaster in handling the swine flu during the previous administration. "By far, we've tested more people than India, than many, many big countries put together. India is second (in coronavirus testing after the US). We're 44 million tests ahead of India. They have 1.5 billion people. And Prime Minister Modi calls me and says, what a job you've done with testing," Trump said at an election rally in Reno, Nevada.

PIL in Supreme Court to help improve India's global ranking on Corruption Perception Index



BJP leader Ashwini Upadhyay has filed a public interest litigation (PIL) in Supreme Court seeking a direction to Centre, states and union territories to set up expert committees to analyse and help improve India's global ranking on Corruption Perception Index. The PIL by Ashwini Upadhyay sought direction to set up expert committees to suggest steps for improving India's "pathetic" ranking on the global Corruption Perception Index.

European Union and China talk trade despite rifts



EU leaders will talk to Chinese President Xi Jinping seeking trade and investment, despite tensions over Hong Kong's freedoms and Beijing's treatment of its Uighur minority. Chinese officials, EU chiefs Charles Michel and Ursula von der Leyen and German Chancellor Angela Merkel will hold a video-conference to replace a full summit with all 27 EU leaders cancelled because of coronavirus.

Death toll from wildfires reaches 33 on the West Coast



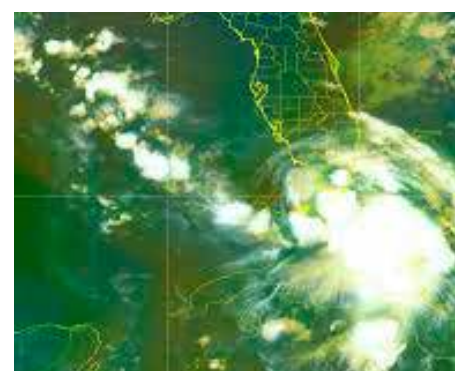
Nearly all of the dozens of people reported missing after a devastating blaze in southern Oregon have been accounted for, authorities said, as crews continued to battle wildfires that have killed at least 33 victims from California to Washington state. The flames have destroyed neighborhoods, leaving a barren, gray landscape in their wake, driven tens of thousands of people from their homes and cast a shroud of smoke over the region. The crisis has come amid the coronavirus outbreak, the economic downturn and nationwide racial unrest that has led to protests in Portland for more than 100 days.

BMC begins door to door health screening in Odisha's Bhubaneswar after spike in Covid-19 cases



The Bhubaneswar Municipal Corporation (BMC) launched a mega door-to-door health screening programme in non-slum areas of the city in order to further strengthen its measures in fighting Covid-19 pandemic. A two-member team consisting of an AYUSH doctor, female health worker or a teacher are visiting each and every household under three zones of the civic body to collect information about any illness or flu-like symptoms or Covid-19 symptoms, travel history, information about elderly people and children.

Depression strengthens into Tropical Storm Sally off Florida



Atropical depression moving across the Gulf of Mexico has strengthened into Tropical Storm Sally and is threatening Florida with heavy rain, weather forecasters said Saturday. The National Hurricane Center in Miami said the storm would bring heavy rain to the Florida Keys as well as southern and western parts of the state. Maximum sustained winds were clocked at 65 kph with higher gusts. Additional strengthening is expected over the next couple of days, and Sally is forecast to become a hurricane.

Google Doodle says thank you to coronavirus helpers with animated illustration



Google Doodle said a big thank you to coronavirus helpers with a new animated graphic in the wake of the global pandemic. Coronavirus helpers include doctors, healthcare workers and delivery personnel, who are at the frontline of the crisis across the world. Google Doodle features animated graphics of chefs, teachers, doctors and sweepers, among other professionals, who are working tirelessly amid the pandemic.

BIRTHDAY WISHES

SERENA WILLIAMS

26th SEPTEMBER 1981

Serena Jameka Williams born September 26, 1981 is an American professional tennis player and former world No. 1. She has won 23 Grand Slam singles titles, most by any man or woman in the Open Era. The Women's Tennis Association (WTA) ranked her world No. 1 in singles on eight separate occasions between 2002 and 2017. She reached the No. 1 ranking for the first time on July 8, 2002. On her sixth occasion, she held the ranking for 186 consecutive weeks, tying the record set by Steffi Graf. In total, she has been No. 1 for 319 weeks.



LILY SINGH

26th SEPTEMBER 1988

Lilly Singh born September 26, 1988, is a Canadian YouTuber, comedian, television host and actress, widely known as IISuperwomanII. In 2017, she was ranked tenth on the Forbes list of the world's highest paid YouTube stars, earning a reported \$10.5 million. Singh has featured in the annual YouTube Rewind every year since 2014. She was ranked first on the 2017 Forbes Top Influencers List in the entertainment category. She was also named one of the 40 most powerful people in comedy 2019.



BHAGAT SINGH

27th SEPTEMBER 1907

Bhagat Singh 27th September 1907 – 23 March 1931 was an Indian socialist revolutionary whose two acts of dramatic violence against the British in India and execution at age 23 made him a folk hero of the Indian independence movement. In December 1928, Bhagat Singh and an associate, Shivaram Rajguru, fatally shot a 21-year-old British police officer, John Saunders, in Lahore, British India, mistaking Saunders, who was still on probation, for the British police superintendent, James Scott, whom they had intended to assassinate. Saunders was felled by a single shot from Rajguru, a marksman.



LATA MANGESHKAR

28th SEPTEMBER 1929

Lata Mangeshkar born 28 September 1929 is an Indian playback singer and music director. She is one of the best-known and most respected playback singers in India. She has recorded songs in over a thousand Hindi films and has sung songs in over thirty-six regional Indian languages and foreign languages, though primarily in Marathi, Hindi, and Bengali.

Major 10 problems which kids face in learning mathematics in school



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Unlike a lot of other subjects where you can be descriptive about the answer, its right or wrong in math's and there is no room for error. Thus it can become a frustrating and stressful for students.

DEMANDS PRACTICE

Math isn't something that students would get automatically. It takes time and practice to understand math. Since many students don't enjoy math, getting them to sit down and practice can

be a struggle. Without that practice, students miss on the basics and eventually lose their interest.

BUILDS ON ITSELF - CUMULATIVE DISCIPLINE

Math is a cumulative subject, which means it works much like a stack of building blocks. You have to gain understanding in one area before you can effectively go on to "build upon" another area. It's important that students know

“Mathematics expresses values that reflect the Cosmos including orderliness balance harmony logic and abstract beauty.

—Deepak Chopra

the basics before they move on to new topics. If they fall behind in one area, the advanced concepts will become more difficult to comprehend.

MEMORIZING INSTEAD OF UNDERSTANDING

For many students, they simply memorize concepts and formulas without really understanding them. This may work for a while, but as students progress and encounter more problems, it's difficult to solve because they don't have the problem-solving skills they need to tackle new problems.

I strongly believe that the need to understand and be able to use mathematics in everyday life and in the workplace has never been greater and will continue to increase. So it's critical that we understand the difficulties students are facing in mathematics and help them excel in it.