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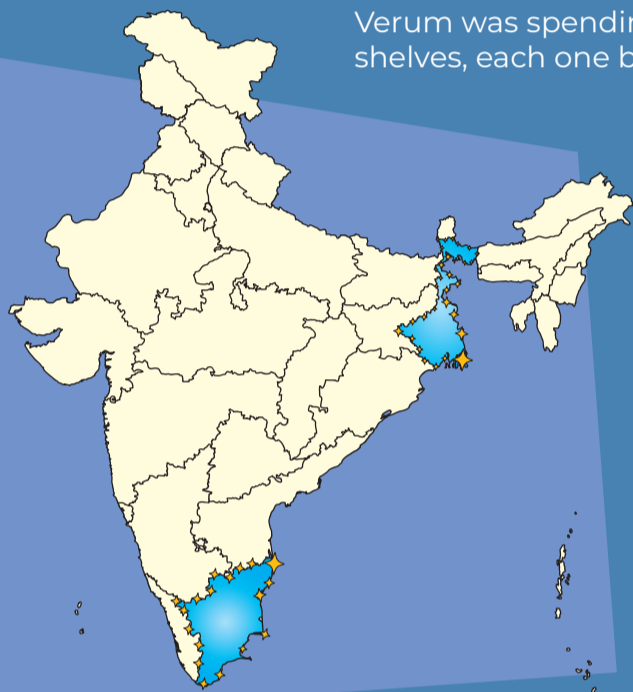
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TAMIL NADU AND WEST BENGAL REWRITE POLITICAL HISTORY!



WORLD GAZING
WITH VERUM

Verum was spending a peaceful afternoon in the grand Crystal Ball Hall of Fame. Many crystal balls were lined up on the shelves, each one belonging to a powerful Seer from long ago.



Verum loved practising there. Sitting quietly in a corner with her own crystal ball, Verum focused on making her magical visions sharper and stronger.

Suddenly, a glowing map of India appeared inside her crystal ball. Two states began to sparkle brightly: Tamil Nadu in the south and West Bengal in the east. Her crystal ball revealed surprising election results that could change the future of both states forever!

In the Tamil Nadu assembly elections, actor Vijay has stunned everyone with a major victory. In West Bengal, PM Modi's BJP has achieved a historic win!



WHAT ARE ASSEMBLY ELECTIONS?

Assembly elections are special elections held every five years in Indian states, where people vote to choose leaders who will represent them in the State Legislative Assembly, also called the Vidhan Sabha. The **political party** that wins the most seats is invited by the state governor to form the government. The leader of this party usually becomes the chief minister. These elections are important because the state government focuses on issues like education, roads, farming, jobs, and healthcare.

ACTOR VIJAY WINS TAMIL NADU ELECTIONS!

Tamil Nadu saw one of its biggest political surprises ever! Famous film star C Joseph Vijay stepped out of the movie world and into politics. After acting in nearly 70 films, Vijay launched his political party, Tamilaga Vettri Kazhagam (TVK), in 2024.

And guess what?

His party won 108 seats in the election held in April 2026, falling just 10 seats short of a majority in the Tamil Nadu assembly.

That's a huge victory for a brand-new party.

For many years, Tamil Nadu was mainly led by two big parties: Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam (DMK) and All India Anna Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam (AIADMK). But Vijay's TVK changed history by becoming a major new force!

Vijay is often called Ilaya Thalapathy by his fans, which means "young leader".



Vijay's success didn't happen overnight. Years before entering politics, he began turning his fan clubs into a people's movement that helped local communities. This welfare network supported people through education, relief work, and neighbourhood assistance.

TVK promised to fight problems like **corruption**, unemployment, poor education, and unfair treatment while helping women, farmers, and struggling communities lead better lives.

His efforts inspired many young people, who eagerly shared his message on social media. Their enthusiasm and support played a big role in helping Vijay achieve this historic victory!

Although TVK won big, it required support from other parties to officially form the government. Smaller parties like the Congress and CPI supported Vijay and helped him cross the majority mark and form the government.

On 10 May, Vijay was appointed as the chief minister of Tamil Nadu!



From the south, let's travel to the east now!

? MYSTICQUIZ ?

How many seats are usually needed to form the government in Tamil Nadu?

50

118

BJP CONQUERS WEST BENGAL

While Tamil Nadu was buzzing with surprise, another political storm was brewing in West Bengal!

For 15 years, West Bengal was ruled by a political party called Trinamool Congress (TMC). But this time, PM Modi's Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) made history by winning a huge victory in the state elections.

The BJP won 206 out of 294 seats, easily crossing the majority mark of 148 seats needed to form the government.

This means the BJP formed a government in West Bengal for the very first time!

On 9 May, BJP leader Suvendu Adhikari was sworn in as the chief minister of West Bengal.

Did you know?

West Bengal has over 100 million voters. That's more people than the entire country of Germany!



Former chief minister, Mamta Banerjee, faced a shocking defeat in her **stronghold** of Bhabanipur, where Suvendu Adhikari won by over 15,000 votes.

The BJP talked a lot about stopping corruption and promised to make changes for the better. Many voters decided they wanted a new direction for West Bengal.

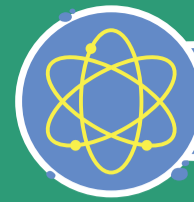
West Bengal politics was shaped by Mamata Banerjee and her powerful party. BJP's victory marks one of the biggest political shifts in the state's modern history.



The future changes when people decide it's time for something new.

From Tamil Nadu to West Bengal, these elections proved that democracy is always full of surprises. When people vote for change, history can be rewritten!

MEXICO CITY IS SINKING SO FAST ... IT CAN BE SEEN FROM SPACE!



ORAK'S SCIENCE
WIENCY NEWS

Did you know that Mexico City is sinking so quickly that scientists can spot the changes from space? **NASA** and **ISRO** used a powerful **satellite** called NISAR to study this giant city carefully. When Orak read this surprising news, he knew he had to investigate right away. He set off on a mission to uncover the truth!



What is happening to Mexico City?

Mexico City is the capital of Mexico, a country in North America. It is one of the oldest, largest, and busiest cities in the world! Home to over 20 million people, it is rich in history, art, science, and vibrant cultural traditions.

But over 100 years ago, one engineer discovered something surprising: Mexico City was sinking!

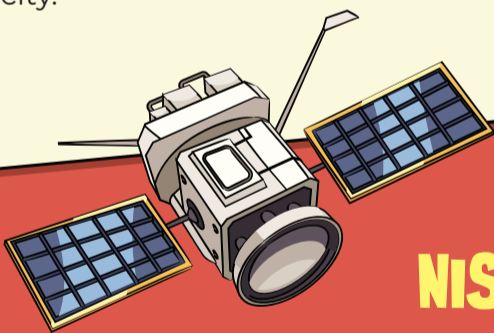
You see, the city was built on the soft ground of an ancient lake. Even though the lake dried up long ago, the muddy soil beneath the city remained soft and watery.

? MYSTICQUIZ ?

Can you find the name of the ancient lake beneath Mexico City?

As Mexico City grew bigger, millions of people needed more water every day. To meet this demand, large amounts of groundwater were pumped from underground. When too much water is taken out, the ground starts to sink.

This has caused serious problems, including cracked roads, tilted buildings, damaged train tracks, and even greater flooding risks across the city.



WHAT DID NISAR DISCOVER?

NISAR stands for NASA-ISRO Synthetic Aperture Radar. It's a super cool satellite that orbits our planet. NISAR is a joint project between NASA and ISRO, and it was launched in July 2025.

NISAR helps scientists learn about important changes happening on Earth. It looks at forests, wetlands, ice, and even tiny movements in the ground! This amazing satellite can pick up on very small land changes, like if the soil is sinking, all the way from space.

Between October 2025 and January 2026, NISAR mapped how the ground moved underneath Mexico City. It discovered that some areas of Mexico City are sinking really fast! The places most affected include Benito Juárez International Airport, Lake Nabor Carrillo, and nearby neighbourhoods.



NASA stands for the **National Aeronautics and Space Administration**. It is the space agency of the **United States of America (USA)**.



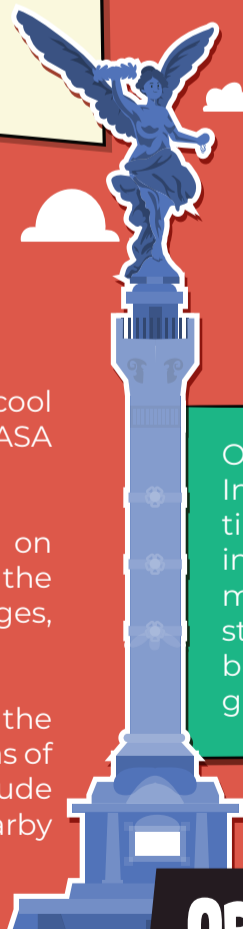
ISRO is India's space agency. It stands for **Indian Space Research Organisation**.



In some places, Mexico City sinks by **35 centimetres every year!**



One famous landmark in Mexico City, called the Angel of Independence, shows just how much the city has sunk over time. Built in 1910 to celebrate 100 years of Mexico's independence, this towering monument stands about 36 metres tall. When it was first built, it stood level with the street. Today, visitors must climb 14 extra steps to reach its base- not because the monument rose, but because the ground around it slowly sank!



14 steps

ORAK'S CONCLUSION

NISAR's findings are important because they show how quickly and accurately this powerful satellite can detect changes on Earth's surface from space. Unlike ordinary cameras, NISAR can see through clouds, vegetation, and even difficult weather conditions. It can help scientists track sinking cities in real time. It can also help governments protect roads, buildings, and transport systems.

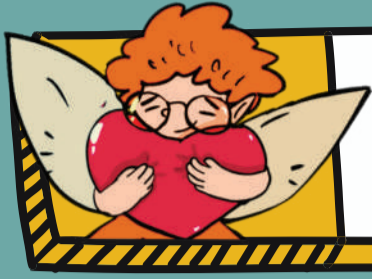
For Mexico City, these discoveries could help leaders make smarter decisions to protect millions of people in the future.



INDIAN ANIMAL LOVER OFFERS TO RESCUE COLOMBIA'S 80 HIPPOS



EARTH CHATS WITH FELIX



Hello, Young Earthlings. I bring you hope from India. Do you know a man named Anant Ambani? He is a respected businessman. He is the son of Indian billionaire Mukesh Ambani. Just now, Anant has offered to take 80 hippopotamuses from Colombia into his wildlife sanctuary in Gujarat! Colombia, a country in South America, wants to urgently reduce its hippo population.



THE HIPPO CRISIS



Hippos are native (local) to sub-Saharan Africa, the region lying south of the Sahara Desert. But about 50 years ago, a few of them were introduced to a private zoo in Colombia to boost tourism. Since then, the hippos have multiplied uncontrollably to 160 in the Magdalena River basin, causing chaos for Colombia's native species! So in 2022, the Colombian government declared hippos an **invasive species**.

WHAT IS AN INVASIVE SPECIES?



An invasive species is any non-native plant or animal that, when introduced into a new environment purposely or by mistake, causes harm to the creatures living there.

Although peaceful by nature, hippos are huge and heavy animals. They have a large appetite—adults eat up to 35 kilograms of grass every night! They spend a lot of time in water and release tonnes of waste in it.

Colombia's rivers are not prepared to live with Africa's hippos as they do not have lions or crocodiles like Africa to keep hippo populations in check. So over the years, the hippos multiplied and began dominating the rivers. They disturbed the plants and animals there and became an invasive species. Studies show that, if uncontrolled, the hippo population in Colombia can grow to 500 individuals by 2030! That is why the Magdalena River wants to remove 80 of its unexpected guests.



With sunshine of hope, Anant has offered to house Colombia's 80 hippos at Vantara, his very own wildlife rescue and conservation centre in Jamnagar, Gujarat. Since childhood, way before Vantara's founding in 2025, Anant has rescued and cared for millions of animals.

ANANT'S PLAN: RESCUE HIPPOS, HELP COLOMBIA

He is a committed wildlife welfare campaigner who truly believes that the hippos are innocent here. He rightly pointed out that the hippos did not choose to be born in Colombia, nor are they causing trouble there on purpose.

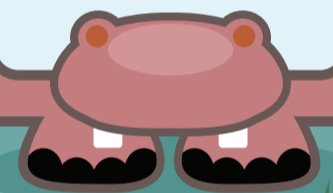
Anant says that he and his Vantara team are ready to recreate the hippos' African environment, and take up the responsibility of keeping them and other animals safe and healthy. Now, he is awaiting Colombia's reply on his proposal.

I like Anant's plan! I wish him and the hippos good luck!



? MYSTICQUIZ ?

Did you know that hippos release an oily liquid called blood sweat? Find out what it does!



Hippos are semi-aquatic mammals that stay in lakes and rivers for most of the day to stay cool in Africa's scorching heat.



Even though they have a large body, hippos are fantastic swimmers and can hold their breath underwater for five minutes!

ENTERTAIN ME!



GOOD GAME WITH SCORCH

INDIAN ICONS SHINE ON FASHION'S BIGGEST NIGHT:

MET GALA 2026



The dress code for this year's Met Gala was "Costume Art" for which important people from all over the world arrived as pieces of art themselves. Indian personalities showed off their culture and craftsmanship, making everyone's jaw drop to the red carpet! Filmmaker Karan Johar donned a six-foot-long cape bearing hand-painted Indian art. Fashion designer Manish Malhotra paid a tribute to Mumbai and its artisans with his black embroidered cape. Entrepreneur Isha Ambani looked splendid in her handwoven gold-thread sari. After posing for the gazillion cameras on the entrance staircase, all attendees vanished into the Metropolitan Museum of Art. And that's the last we saw of them- phones and selfies are banned at the event!

What is the Met Gala? Scan to learn!



GIRL PERFORMS BHARATANATYAM AT EVEREST FOOTHILLS

A 21-year-old girl named Saanika Shah has created history by performing the Indian classical dance at the foothills of Mount Everest! It is located at a height of 18,000 feet above sea level and has a very harsh climate. A mountaineer now, Shah has trained in Bharatanatyam since childhood. It had been her dream to perform it in the mountains. And when she finally did this year, she stunned everyone! While others were clad in jackets in Everest's snow, Shah dressed elegantly in the Bharatanatyam sari with beautiful jewellery. That special moment helped her build a deeper connection between her love for mountain climbing and dance.



Scan to read about how Banksy sneakily painted a lighthouse on a wall in France!



MYSTERIOUS ARTIST SECRETLY INSTALLS STATUE IN LONDON

The British street artist known as "Banksy", who mysteriously puts up his art in public places in cities across the world, installed a statue in London in the early hours of 29th April 2026 when most humans were asleep. It is a big statue of a man in a suit walking off the edge of a platform with a flag that covers his face. What message is Banksy trying to convey here? Here's one guess by art experts: Some leaders look strong and confident, but they may actually be blindly leading themselves and their countries into danger.

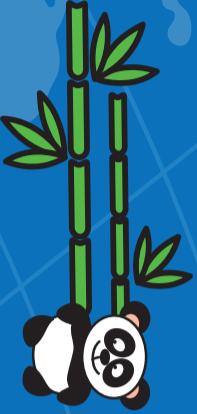


MAN WINS \$1 MILLION PICASSO PAINTING IN LUCKY DRAW

This lucky man, Ari Hodara, is an engineer and art enthusiast from Paris, France. He had bought two tickets costing \$118 each for a French charity raffle. A raffle is an event that raises money through ticket sales. It works like a lucky draw where people buy numbered tickets to win prizes. The charity sold 1,20,000 tickets and raised \$14 million for research. Hodara's prize was an original Pablo Picasso painting that is actually worth \$1 million! It is a very valuable piece of art from 1941 by the world-famous painter. When the organisers called Hodara to give him the good news, he thought it was a prank!



CHINA



A brewing teapot of dynasties, mountain forests, and traditions

CAPITAL: Beijing

COUNTRY LEADER: Xi Jinping (serving since 2013)

DESIGNATION: President

CURRENCY: Yuan (or renminbi)

On 1 October 1949, after the Chinese Civil War, China officially became the People's Republic of China. Since then, the country has been led by the Chinese Communist Party, or CCP. But in the past, for thousands of years, ancient China was ruled by 13 dynasties! The most powerful ones were the Zhou, Tang, and Qin dynasties.



Scan to read about the Qin Dynasty's emperor's tomb!

The second-largest country in Asia and the second most populous in the world, China is a land of wonder. This East Asian country is credited with many key inventions such as paper, printing, tea, and the magnetic compass. And their thinking today is inspired by Confucius, a man who taught kindness, respect, and the value of education 3,000 years ago.

MYSTICQUIZ ?

Find out why China is the second most populous country in the world.



Scan to read more about China!



FLORA & FAUNA

The giant panda, China's national animal, is endemic to China. It lives in high-altitude mountain forests. Other fascinating wildlife of China include the great paddlefish of Yangtze River, the giant salamander, and the golden snub-nosed monkey. China's refreshing vegetation consists of bamboo forests, tea plants, and ancient Ginkgo trees.

GREAT WALL OF CHINA

This is the world's largest man-made structure - its total length is over 20,000 kilometres! It is a gigantic wall built over hundreds of years by different Chinese emperors to protect China from northern invaders. It is over 2,500 years old and stands strong even today, made of soil, stones, bricks, and wood and held together by lime.

Ask an adult what lime means in construction.

INDIAN OCEAN

GEOGRAPHY

About a third of mainland China is covered in mountains, and those of Zhangjiajie National Forest Park are everyone's favourites. Technically, they are sandstone quartz pillars but they are just so tall that people call them mountains. The rest of China is sandy deserts, farmlands, and plateaus. Among the thousands of rivers gushing through the country, the Yangtze and Yellow are the longest.

TEA

The *Camellia sinensis* tea plant was found in China about 60 million years ago! Chinese ancestors began drinking tea some 3,000 years ago. Ever since, tea has become an **indispensible** part of Chinese culture. Making and serving tea is an important tradition that shows love and respect for family and friends. But before it became a daily beverage, tea leaves were used to make Chinese herbal medicine.

MYSTICAL MULTIVERSE

PACIFIC OCEAN

PEOPLE

China's population is made up of 56 ethnic groups, with the Han Chinese comprising a whopping 92%. The Han people come from the Huaxia ethnic group of the Han Dynasty. The rest of the population is made up of the other 55 ethnic groups. Standard Mandarin is the official language of China.

SPORTS

Some of the best table tennis players in the world are Chinese. No wonder it is considered the country's national sport! The sport is regularly played by all ages in parks, schools, and community centres. The locals also practise kung fu, a term for Chinese martial arts. Such unarmed fighting is seen as meditation in Chinese culture.

SOUTH CHINA SEA

ECONOMY

China is called the world's factory as it produces a vast number of products like toys, clothes, cars, electronics, and so on which are used by people everywhere. Being the world's top tea producer, tea trade contributes significantly to China's economy.

01

China has something called the Chinese Zodiac which says that each new year is represented by one of 12 animals - rat, ox, tiger, rabbit, dragon, snake, horse, goat, monkey, rooster, dog, and pig.

02

Created around 5,000 years ago, chopsticks were actually used for cooking.

03

Some emperors used sticky rice to glue the stones of the Great Wall!



GRAND GRAMMAR GURU



- Learning outcomes
- Language fluency
 - Grammar development
 - Vocabulary building

This is the entrance exam for MysticLand's new Literature Love Class. Can you get all the answers right? All the best!

HOME OF HOMOPHONES

Homophones are words that sound the same but have different spellings and meanings.

Homophones are sneaky little things, aren't they? They mess with the brains of even the wisest of all. So, this is your moment to show MysticLand's Council of Elders that you can conquer homophones! In the following sentences, fill in the blanks with the correct homophones from their respective brackets.



1 No matter how big or small a war is, it can everyone and have a lasting . (effect/affect)

2 Orak, it would be if you could the carrots for me. (grate/great)



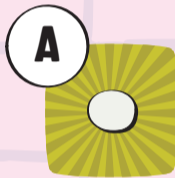
3 I love walking on sand foot! (bear/bare)

4 To achieve your goals you have to be and stronger, just like a . (boulder/bolder)



SYMBOL SMARTY

Let us find out if you are a Symbol Smarty or Grammar Goof. Next to each punctuation below, write its real name. The clues below the symbols will guide you.



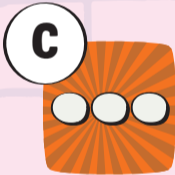
another word for full stop



joins two words together



works more like a comma or pause



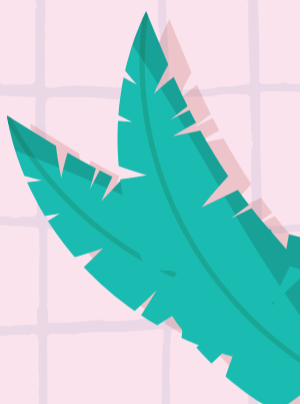
to be continued ...



another word for brackets



longer word for and



Write a 10-word sentence using the same homophones as many times as you can!
For example:
For four days, the Gifted Four guarded the school's fore.

Your turn

A DEGREE IN GRAMMAR

THE CHEEKY CHANGE

How good are you with degrees of comparison? Are you as good as everyone? Are you better than everyone? Or are you the best of all? Write the missing degrees of comparison below and show us!

POSITIVE COMPARATIVE SUPERLATIVE

A

good

B

least

Changing statements into questions and questions into orders is a skill mastered by only a few. Can you do it? Read the challenges below and change them exactly as instructed. Good luck!

For example

Change this question into a statement:
Question: Will you be on time?
Statement: I wanted to know if you will be on time.

Change this question into an order:
Question: Can you submit the assignment tomorrow?
Order: Submit the assignment tomorrow.

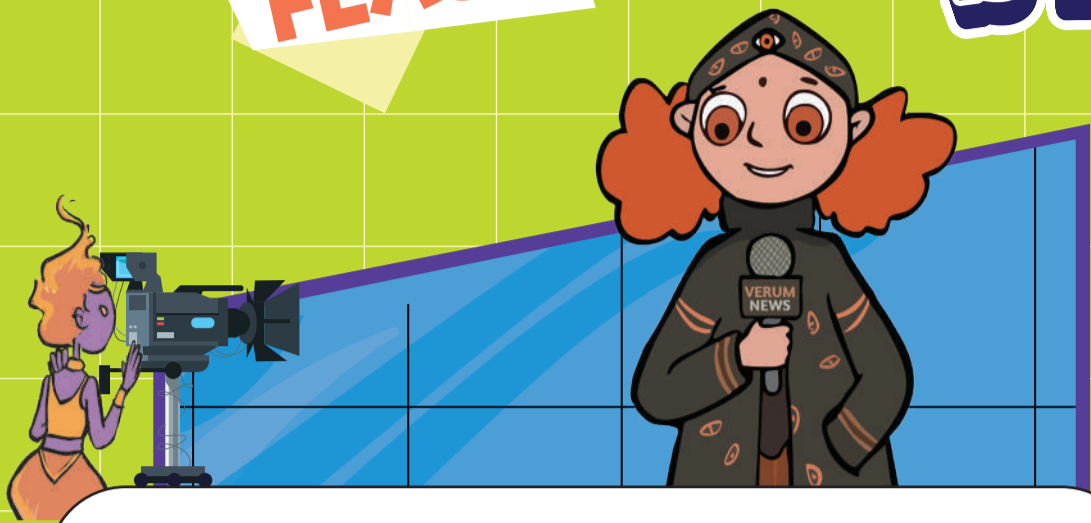
Your turn

A- Change this statement into a question:
Statement: Nobody in the class had completed the puzzle before Aryan arrived.

B- Change this order into a statement:
Order: Do not touch the emergency switch under any circumstances.

NEWS
FLASH

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Learn about the ancient supercontinent that later split up into today's seven continents and made some countries look like boots and bears!



EPISODE 3: THE SCIENCE BEHIND FLUFFY SLIME

Orak resolves the mystery behind fluffy slime and even shows you how to make it with simple ingredients.



EPISODE 4: WHY ARE THERE NO PURPLE FLAGS?

Have you noticed how not a single country has a purple flag? Learn how a snail showed purple colour to humans but ... a little late with a lot of money.



KEEP LEARNING WITH MYSTICLAND TV!

BGS INTERNATIONAL PUBLIC SCHOOL, DELHI CELEBRATED EARTH AND LABOUR DAY

Students of Grades 4 and 5 from BGS International Public School, Delhi made wonderful posters for Earth Day and Labour Day, drawing inspiration from MysticLand's Daily World Calendar Cards which highlight the historical significance of each date on the calendar and important days that spread awareness about global causes. Go ahead and see their colourful art.



IMAGINATION OF ANCIENT EARTH BY BHAVAN VIDYALAYA, PANCHKULA

Do you know what Planet Earth looked like billions of years ago? When it was being bombarded with asteroids and comets in the Universe? We asked students to picture that in the Grade-6 GK textbook of MysticLand and show us a sketch of their ancient Earth. And Pranav from Bhavan Vidyalaya, Panchkula amazed us with his fantastic imagination.

Take a look at Pranav's sketch!



KIDS OF MYSTICLAND LEARN TO DISTRIBUTE IMF'S FUNDS

In the 30 April 2026 issue of The MysticPost, we asked the Kids of MysticLand to assume the role of the International Monetary Fund (IMF) and choose to help any one country to either build roads and hospitals or create new jobs and businesses. Out of the many entries we received, here are the ones which stood out through their strategic decision-making skills and understanding of essential services for the growth of a country. Scan to read each student's answer.



Dhriti Singh | Grade 5

Queen Mary's - Model Town, Delhi

Nysa | Grade 5

Queen Mary's - Model Town, Delhi



Utkarsh Prakash | Grade 4

The Kirk View School, Gaya

Arsh Krishna

Suncity School (Sec-37 D), Gurugram



DREAMY MOUNTAINS COME ALIVE AT

SANSKRITI THE GURUKUL, GUWAHATI
&
SUNCITY SCHOOL (SEC-37 D), GURUGRAM

In the 30 April 2026 issue of The MysticPost Kids, we asked the Kids of MysticLand to get imaginative and pull out a mountain from their creative young minds. Their mountain could be made of rock, snow, or even chocolate! Two students sent us the yummiest and coolest ideas for their mountains- ones we wish were real! Scan to discover what they want their mountains to be like.



Veeraj Singh | Grade 4

Sanskriti The Gurukul, Guwahati

Tanishi Bansal | Grade 3

Suncity School (Sec-37 D), Gurugram



THE MYSTICPOST LEADERBOARD

May 2026

Congratulations to the Top 10 MysticPost Quiz Champions of May 2026! They answered the most quizzes correctly after reading the daily news on themysticpost.com. These students will receive magical gifts from the House of MysticLand!

STUDENT NAME	GRADE	SCHOOL	QUIZZES GOTTEN RIGHT*
Swarang Pingle	5	Dhruv Global School, Pune	367
Anika Jain	5	Queen Mary's- Model Town, Delhi	338
Aarna Jain	2	Queen Mary's- Model Town, Delhi	333
Diya Hemrajani	3	Modern School, Vasant Vihar, Delhi	319
Shivansh Modi	5	Gyan Bharati School, Saket, Delhi	317
Dia A Raghavan	4	GEAR Innovative International School, Bengaluru	299
M.D Zeeshan	6	Shannen School-CBSE, Karelibaug, Vadodara	297
Samarth Jindal	5	Gyan Bharati School, Saket, Delhi	296
Vihan Sharma	5	BGS International Public School, Delhi	275
Suditi Choudhary	5	Queen Mary's- Model Town, Delhi	274
Viaan Sharma	4	Delhi Public School, Rohini, Delhi	274

*Till 25th May 2026

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