



The city was left by Akbar by 1610 due to lack of water supply.

# A weird dream

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## Short story



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One morning, Keith opened his eyes and found himself on a strange bed, in a strange room. When he looked outside the window, he realised that, in most probabilities, he was on a different planet. Though this place looked familiar, it was weird. The temperature was hot and the atmosphere was suffocating that he could hardly breathe. Wherever he looked, he only spotted skyscrapers. Not a single plant

was to be seen, forget trees. Before Keith could think any further, someone approached him and gave him a mask to wear. Then he was taken to a nearby kiosk and was ordered to wear a uniform similar to his. Soon they set out for tour. After a while, Keith asked the alien, "Which place is this?" Hearing this, the alien laughed and replied, "This is your Earth and we are in 30th century." Keith was stunned. The alien continued, "Considering earth to be habitable, we invaded this planet in 22nd century. Little did

we know it was going to be like this eventually. Had we known, we wouldn't have come here ever." Offended, Keith said, "But what was wrong? We had advanced so much." "Brother, if you think your planet was advancing, then you must come to our planet sometime. Even **utopia** doesn't stand a chance when compared to our planet," the Alien said with triumph. Keith looked around and thought, "Oh God! What is all this?" The alien nudged Keith to walk forward. As he looked around, everything was in sham-

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bles, people were morose; it barely resembled the Earth he remembered. Eventually, in the extreme heat, Keith got thirsty and asked the alien for some water. The alien took him to a counter, where hi-tech machines were producing potable water. He gave him a straw and said, "Drinking water is a rare commodity and expensive. Now, we manufacture it in the laboratories. So, don't waste a single drop." Keith couldn't believe his eyes. "How can people survive like this?" he thought. Horrified, Keith rubbed his eyes to check if all that he saw was real or not. He was scared to open his eyes and even be in that space again. But this time, to his relief, he found himself on his bed, in his own room. Staring at the fan and giving an afterthought, he realised that the day isn't far when this would soon turn into a reality. **GT**

**So what did you learn today?**  
A new word: **Utopia**  
Meaning: **An ideal place**



## Chocolate balls

Aditri Bhatnagar, AIS Saket, V

### Ingredients

Marie biscuits .....	10-14
Milkmaid .....	200 g
Cocoa powder .....	3-4 tsp
Chocolate bar .....	1

### Method

- Crush the biscuits and make a fine powder.
- Add milkmaid and cocoa powder to it.
- Blend the mixture well to get an even texture.
- Now, make small balls of the mixture.
- Grate the chocolate bars.
- Roll the balls in the grated chocolate, coating the balls evenly with the grated chocolate scrambles.
- Your mouth watering chocolate balls are now ready to serve and relish!

## Riddle Fiddle

Zara Kumar, AIS Pushp Vihar, II

1. I can fly, but I am not alive. I can be shaped like a diamond, filled with colours. I have a long string. Who am I?
2. I am a place kids love. My name starts like 'please' does. Kids come to me to run, swing, and slide. Who am I?
3. You can see me, but you can't touch me. The wind can change my shape. I am tiny water droplets gathered together in the sky. Who am I?
4. You might see me in the streets after it rains. If you look into me, you will see yourself. Some kids like splashing into me. What am I?

Answers: 1. A kite 2. A playground 3. A cloud 4. A puddle

## POEMS

### Dear Sun!

Sadhya Singh  
AIS Vas 6, III C

You throwing scorching gleams  
During the day hot and bright

Oh! my deary darling Sun  
What on Earth have you done

With you rising in the sky  
Temperatures rise high and high

We know you know your duty  
And you perform it with fun

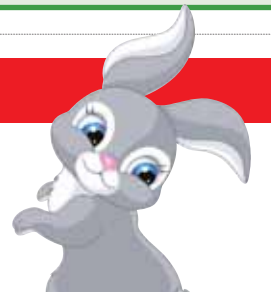
Please be mellow and stay calm  
As summers are already warm

But kindly dim your rays a bit  
As you are troubling us in fit

You are getting warmer each day  
And we can't go out to play

Your hot rays cause heat  
We do not know ways to beat

Please try and be nice to us  
In this world, let's make buzz!



## Rabbits

Mireya Karthikeyan  
AIS Gwalior, II A

I love rabbits  
Dreaming of it  
Is my big habit  
It has white fur  
Is soft as wool  
It eats cabbages  
Has its belly full  
It's my dream pet  
Soon I will get! **GT**

## It's Me

### Know Me

**My name:** Lakshit Goel  
**My Class:** I  
**My school:** AIS Pushp Vihar  
**Born on:** June 5

### My Favourites

**Game:** Cricket  
**Mall:** DLF Promenade  
**Food:** Chapati with butter  
**Teachers:** Himanshi and Dimple ma'am  
**Poem:** Five little monkeys  
**Subject:** English  
**Hobbies:** Watching TV, playing games

### About Me

**Role model:** My father  
**I love:** Grapes  
**I like:** Swimming  
**I want to become:** A pilot  
**I want to feature in GT because:**  
Because I want to be famous



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