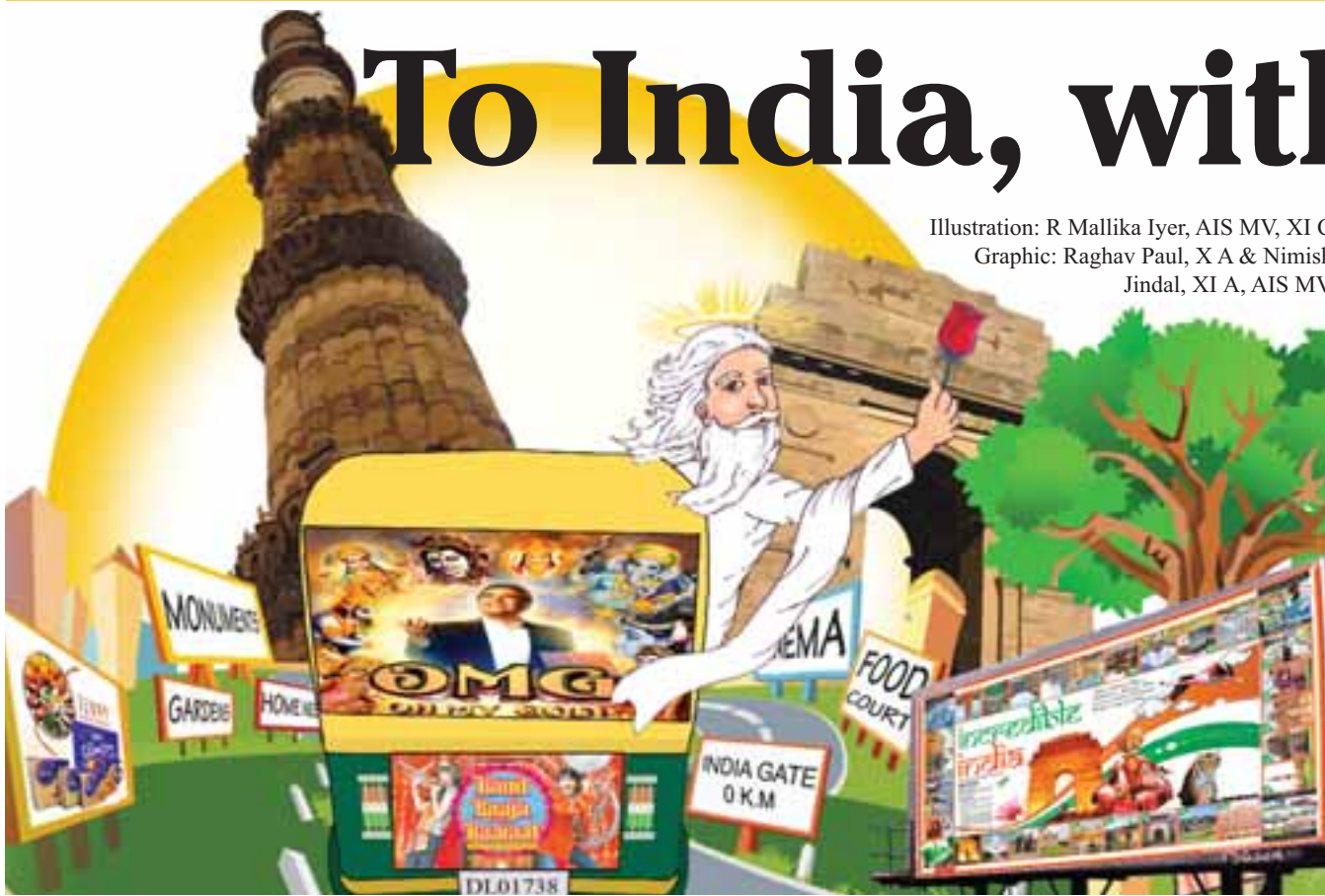




To India, with love

Illustration: R Mallika Iyer, AIS MV, XI C
Graphic: Raghav Paul, X A & Nimish Jindal, XI A, AIS MV



and I walked in.
2:30 pm: After a while, food was served. A generous dose of ghee smeared on a yellow flatbread served with pulses took care of my appetite. Suddenly, I noticed my love-o-meter blinking again. It certainly couldn't have been my love for food. My confusion was dissolved a minute later as the person serving food, asked 'dal?' to a poor person sitting alongside me. His eyes filled with compassion said it all.
4:00 pm: Then I moved on and was soon ushered into the dancing mass called a *baarat*. Dancing our way through, I finally arrived at the venue where I was welcomed by a group of ladies, with henna on their hands. What caught my eye more was how everyone was dressed in unique attires and spoke a different language, yet they all looked the same for love united them. They hugged in happiness repeatedly. My love-o-meter had already turned red. I decided to take a walk.

6:00 pm: I walked and walked and reached a monument that stood tall and high. It was the mighty India Gate. A closer look and I could read some 70,000 names of soldiers engraved on its walls. What a way to immortalise love for the country! This time around, I didn't even have to look at the love-o-meter. Just then I saw a little boy amidst the crowd flaunting a thread on his wrist. "What is that?" I asked the little one who replied, "This is a mark of love from a sister, tied on a brother's wrist on Rakshabandhan." "Love is alive and growing," I felt uplifted as the thought rushed to my mind. And then appeared Lovestruck with my bedding and bag of clothes, "Sire, I know you want to stay here in..." "...the country of love," I concluded. And Lovestruck and I have been staying in India ever since.

Inputs: Ayushi Ahuja, AIS MV, X A

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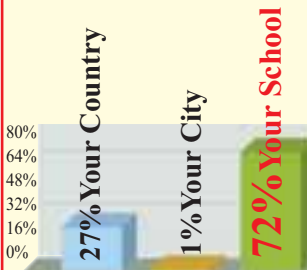
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POLL RESULT

for GT issue February 3, 2014

Whom would you like to fall in love with?



Results as on February 7, 2014

Coming Next

Youth Power Junior
2013-14 takes off!

Find out what happened when the God of Love lost His faith in love. **Aankhi Anwesh, XI C & Karishma Shafi, X C, AIS Mayur Vihar, step into His shoes**

February 13, 2014: "It's love that makes the world go round," said my messenger Shakespeare once. My heart was bleeding to see love fading away from this world.

Disappointed, I called my officials, "Get my resignation papers. I have not been able to stir the emotion of love in the hearts of my people." My favourite minister, Lovestruck, brought me the papers on a golden tray. I picked up my pen to sign on them. "Sire, before you resign, we request you to serve a short notice period lasting upto Feb 14, the day of love. If hope refills you, please continue to rule. If not, you may resign." Lovestruck continued, "Since this is your last ray of hope, we recommend you to visit a place where love, beauty and warmth reside together." As I nodded my head in agreement, Lovestruck handed me a heart shaped instrument. "What's this?" I asked. "This is a love-o-meter. It will turn red every time love is in your vicinity." I accepted it and geared up for the journey ahead for I am the God of Love and forever willing to give love a chance.

February 14, 2014, 7:30AM: A smiling Lovestruck woke me up from my terrible dream of a loveless world. "Sire, are you ready?" I nodded my head. Lovestruck then blindfolded me. I was teleported to a place where I heard beautiful folk songs. I wondered what this modern looking bright-red building was and learnt as I read, 'Amity International School'. As I opened my eyes, I saw students dressed in colourful traditional attire dancing to the tunes of folklore. Perplexed, I asked a student crossing my path as to what was going on and was told that the performance was a part of the school's ongoing heritage celebrations. And then I understood that it was the love for culture and heritage that made my love-o-meter blink the deep shade of red it was blinking.

2:00 pm: I stayed on in this paradise called Amity. A nearby *langar* tempted me

Comedy Ka-pil(l)

After tickling everyone pink with his jokes on Comedy Nights with Kapil, stand-up comedian Kapil Sharma has reserved a berth for himself in Forbes India's 'celebrity 100' list. Join **Medha Sharma, XI E & Tanvee Khurana, XI F, AIS Mayur Vihar** as they trace his journey to fame

There are a few stand-up comedians in India, what made you take this up as a profession?

I was known for cracking jokes and making people laugh since childhood itself. As I grew up, I thought of using a healthy dose of wit and humour in my professional life too!

When did you discover this talent of yours?

My parents and friends always appreciated my sense of humour and comic timing. I could make people laugh their heart out even as a kid. However, it was only when I grew up that I realised this potential in me and thought of taking it up as a full time profession.

How difficult is it to make people laugh? How important is comic timing in any act?

I always wanted to make people laugh and believe me, it is not a difficult feat to achieve. If we look at day to day incidents in a lighter vein there is enough fodder to keep people amused and smiling. It is very important to time your act



Medha Sharma (L) & Tanvee Khurana

Rapid fire with king of comedy

- Favourite singer: Satvinder Singh
- Favourite co-artist: Sumona Chakravarty
- Favourite one liner: Babaji ka thullu
- Singing or acting: Both
- Best compliment ever received: Vipul Shah once said "Kapil, you have changed the style of comedy totally and I must say that from today, comedy would be spelled with a K."
- Any celebrity you'd like to interview: Sachin Tendulkar

well if you want your audience in splits. The success of an act is dependent on it.

Are we going to see you in movies shortly?

It is too early to predict. But you never know when I will take the plunge in Bollywood. Just wait and watch.

What factors are responsible for the success of 'Comedy Nights with Kapil'? From where do you draw inspiration- real life incidents or is your act spontaneous?

My show has a fresh appeal. It provides clean and wholesome entertainment. One can gauge the popularity of the show from the fact that Bollywood stars are making a beeline to promote their film on it. Most of my acts are spontaneous. But I do refer to day to day situations in my programme and try to see them in a lighter vein.

You have won prestigious awards and interviewed celebrities, ever thought you'd feature in GT?

I am really thrilled to be a part of your newspaper.

How do you manage onstage bloopers?
We are comedians and so we take these bloopers in the same taste- with a good dose of laughter.

What message would you like to give to your young fans?

Always follow your dreams. Broaden your horizons and pursue your hobbies passionately. You never know when you can turn your hobby into a full time career. Remember to keep smiling always.





Dil mein ladoo phoota, jab cupid se arrow chhoota

Imagine what would happen when the worst of foes turn into best of friends as they embrace the mantra of love. **Siddhant Nair**, AIS MV, XI D brings you some famous jodis.

ABC of Indian politics talk development

News: Mudslinging continues as the ABC - Aam Aadmi Party, BJP & Congress take potshots at each other

After the cupid strikes: In a historic turn of events, the ABC of Indian politics form an alliance. Clean governance, development and accountability seems to be the new mantra for Indian politicians. [G](#) [T](#)



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Brothers back in business

News: Both Ambani brothers bid for the Feb airwave auction, further intensifying competition between the two groups

After cupid strikes: For the first time an Indian Company has gained entry into the list of Forbes top 10 largest companies. Reliance Industry jointly managed by the Ambani brothers- Mukesh and Anil is the first Indian company to achieve this rare feat. [G](#) [T](#)

Indian Express back on track

News: India has been doing pretty well in the Asia/Oceania Group I Davis Cup with several players clinching wins. However, the chances of victory would have been higher had the power couple of Paes-Bhupathi played together.

After cupid strikes: The 'Indian Express' gets back together only to win Asia/Oceania Group I Davis Cup. The result India makes its place in Davis Cup once again. [G](#) [T](#)



India-Pakistan talk peace

News: Relations between India-Pakistan severe after Indian prisoner found dead in Karachi jail

After cupid strikes: Signalling an end to their torrid relations, India and Pakistan decide to bury all hatchets and resume peace talks from a new series. [G](#) [T](#)



Karan-Arjun kiss differences goodbye

News: The feud between top guns of the industry came to an end, as Salman Khan and Shah Rukh Khan hugged it out during the recently held Screen awards.

After the cupid strikes: The bear hug paves way for an everlasting friendship. The duo kiss and make up to come together for Rakesh Roshan's Karan Arjun 2. [G](#) [T](#)

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Brush & Easel Artists at work



GT in my heart The edit team of AIS Mayur Vihar



Let the brush do all the talking Paint, paint some more



Great minds at work Edit, re-edit



Think, think Till we get the headline right





Tryst with camera

Illustration: Prakshi Bhardwaj, XI E; Pranjal Jain, VI A; Tanvi Nigam, VI A & Paluk Gupta, VII B, AIS MV

If you have an eye for beauty and a desire to freeze special moments of life in frames, then photography is the career for you!

Iti Rai, AIS Mayur Vihar, XI F

Few days back I met an acquaintance of mine. After talking for some time he told me that he was a photographer. I asked him when he turned one. Prompt came the reply, "Soon after I bought a new Sony Xperia Z." What made him think that - a few pictures of mountains and trees clicked using a phone can turn him into a photographer? There is lot more to photography than clicking some random shots. Being a photographer and having photography as a hobby are two totally different things. Read on to know why photography is catching everyone's fancy these days...

Popularity alert!

Landscape photography, wildlife photography, sports photography, wedding photography and fashion photography are some different types of photography



"To the complaint, 'There are no people in these photographs', I respond, there are always two people: the photographer and the viewer." -Ansel Adams, Photographer

which are keeping the photo enthusiasts busy these days.

Where to go to learn?

A professional degree is not required to become an ace in the field, however, a diploma always comes handy. A plethora of courses are available for those who want to possess a diploma in photography. Some popular colleges where one can pursue photography are Delhi College of Photography, New Delhi; Nikon

School of Photography, Mumbai; Apeejay Institute of Mass Communication, New Delhi; FX School, Mumbai, etc.

Career options for photographers

Photography throws open an array of career choices. Some popular career options are:

Photojournalism: This entails taking photographs for print and online media. Whether it is clicking photographs of a crime scene or covering a sport event or a political rally, photojournalists are the first ones to reach the spot and capture it in their lens.

Wildlife photography: For those who love to capture nature and wildlife in their lens, wildlife photography is a per-

fect career choice.

Fashion photography: For all those who love the glamour and glitz of the fashion industry, fashion photography is the way to go.

Travel photography: This is an excellent choice for people who are fascinated by different places and cultures and have a love for traveling.

Remuneration

Some photographers like to be paid on an hourly basis while others prefer getting paid for their each and every click. A skilled photographer can earn a salary as high as Rs 16 lakhs while a studio photographer earn anywhere between Rs 11-13 lakhs. [G T](#)

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Exam time? Here's help

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Sudeepti Naithani, AIS MV, X C

No matter how much we detest them, but we can't escape examination. Here are some simple and easy tips that will help you gear up for the much dreaded exams.

Quotes or formulas, pin it all: It's simple! Filling your surroundings with inspirational quotes would motivate you every time you feel like giving up. Specially made formula chart also come very handy.

Leave virtual, be real: Stay away from Facebook, Twitter, Tumblr, Pinterest, etc. All that they do is distract you from your goals.

Tik-tok-tik, the studies won't stop:

The clock goes on ticking and all you do is stare at it without actually concentrating on your studies. Make it easier by just removing the clock from your room.

Keep a stack of food/snacks: Hungry? Don't grab a snickers, have something healthier! Grab an apple or a handful of nuts for a healthy yet filling snack.

Now hunger pangs won't give you another reason to shun your books and take a break. This time ensure that you have enough stock of light snacks.

Chalk out a schedule: As primitive as it may sound, plan out your schedule and do stick to it! It helps you to manage your time well. [G T](#)

All about OTBA

With students all geared up to appear for the first OTBA, **Ayushi Jain, AIS Mayur Vihar, XI D** puts to rest all the confusion surrounding it

Pic: Shashwat Das, IX A; Model: Shourya Grover, XI D, AIS MV



Answering an exam with an open text book in hand would be any student's dream come true. But as it turns out, this is not the case. Read on to know what OTBA is all about and what are the benefits associated with it.

What is OTBA?

Open Text Based Assessment (OTBA) is a new approach introduced by CBSE to avoid rote learning. It helps students acquire analytical and inferential skills and help them comprehend the content objectively. The new testing system will cover English, Hindi, science and social science for Class IX; geography, biology and economics for Class XI.

How it works

Though the students would be allowed to take textbooks into examination hall and consult them while answering the questions, they won't be asked questions that have direct answers. The challenge lies in making the students use the provided data differently. The students need to look beyond usual questions like 'why' and 'how'.

What students need to do?

- This new format will eradicate the need for stressing only on memorisation.
- Students need to do a thorough study of the syllabus and stay updated on the related issues through newspapers, in-

ternet and other sources.

- They need to develop a habit of collecting and assimilating the data.
- Always summarise the information gathered during the brain storming sessions in the form of notes.
- Discuss new ways for solving problems.
- They should come up with open-ended logical responses supported by facts.
- They should be able to analyse the given problem from various angles and arrive at best solution.
- They should not replicate exact words from text material. [G T](#)



Moral: Money can never outweigh love.

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Mind mapping: A boon

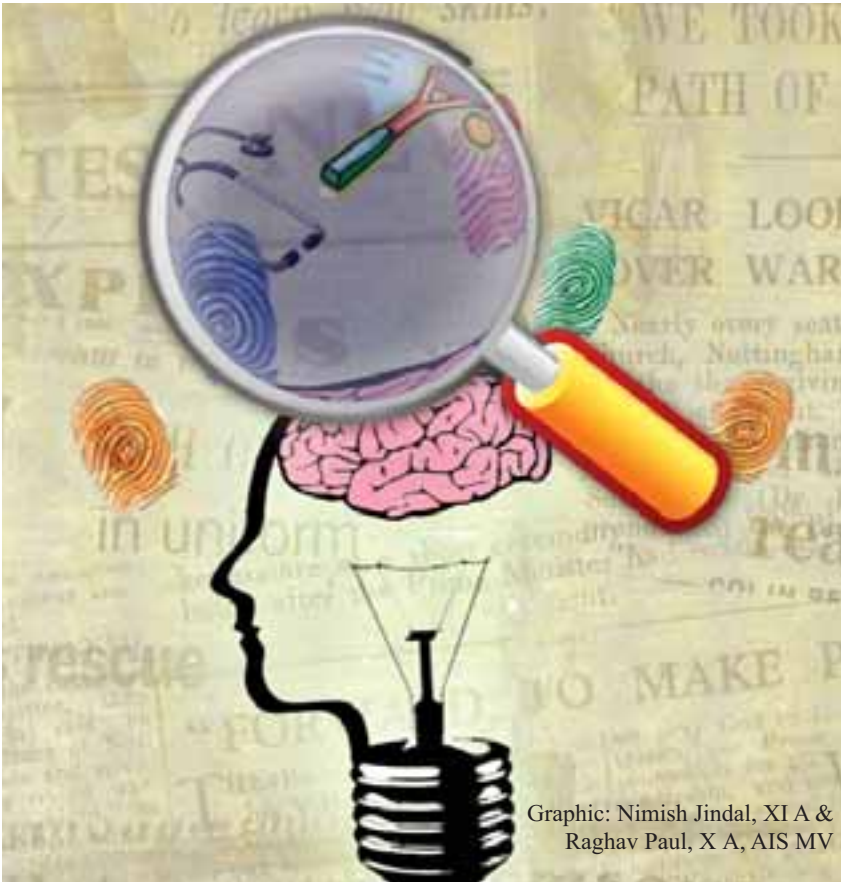
Billed as one of the best techniques that captures thoughts and bring them to life, mind mapping through DMIT helps unleash creativity and solve major problems too. Read on to know more

Anjali Ramesh, AIS MV, IX B

Medicine or engineering? Commerce or Arts? These life changing decisions have parents rushing their kids to career counselors for IQ and aptitude tests after Class X & XII. But now all you have to do is take a Dermatoglyphic Multiple Intelligence Test (DMIT). All that a person needs to do is place his/her hand or foot on a biometric scanner connected to a computer and let the prints run through a software programme and within minutes you will have results flashing.

What is DMIT?
Dermatoglyphics is the scientific study of fingerprints. It refers to the study of skin patterns and ridges to reveal the intrinsic qualities, talent and aptitude of a person.

Science behind DMIT
Scientists claim that there are congenital links between fingerprints, intrinsic qualities and talents because the fingerprints start developing around



Graphic: Nimish Jindal, XI A & Raghav Paul, X A, AIS MV

- Want to take a DMIT test, try one of these places**
- Telescope Solution
 - Brain Mapping and Multiple Intelligence
 - I Care Wellness Clinic
 - Brain Key
 - IMI Academy

the same time as the brain. They are formed during the fetal development stage. The connections made by the neurons affect the behaviour and type of intelligence we are born with- like visual/spatial intelligence, logical intelligence, kinesthetic intelligence, musical intelligence and intrapersonal intelligence, etc.

Benefits of DMIT
Mind mapping is suitable for all ages. By undertaking DMIT, one can discover the learning techniques and methods that can

be deployed to make learning more powerful. Some children benefit more from visual learning than rote learning. If we dislike a subject, we shy away from it. We don't follow the simple rule that by practicing it more we develop more neuro-connections and become more adept at handling problematic subjects. DMIT also helps in identifying our strengths and weaknesses. It also guides us to follow simple ways to overcome our weaknesses too. It allows us to easily recall information. It helps parents to discover the inborn intelligence of their child. After the results are out, the parents are provided free counselling which helps them choose the right activity or career according to their child's aptitude and talent.

Wait no more!
A DMIT test can cost anywhere between Rs 3000- 5000. Though, it burns a small hole in the pocket, it helps unravel and unveil the true potential of a child. So, all those who are still mulling over which subject to choose, mind mapping is the first step towards a bright career.

There's a zombie in your lawn

As the debate on existence of zombies rages on **Kopal Gupta**, AIS MV, XI A, sheds light on amazing facts associated with them

Don't worry, there's no need to plant the peashooter, or visit a psychologist. Some scientists say zombies exist and walk freely on the streets of Caribbean island.
Myth to Reality: The island of Haiti is rich with legends of the dead walking back from the grave, but these weren't considered more than myths until a remarkable story started to unfold. In the May of 1962, a man suffering from hypothermia, very low blood pressure, respiratory failure and digestive disorder died. His body was recognised by his sister and the burial was done. In 1981, the sister was approached by a man who introduced himself as her brother by his boyhood name, known only to some close family members and said that he had been turned into a zombie and forced to work on a plantation until his zombie master died. The media went crazy and Dr Lamarck Douyon, director of a psychiatric institute, decided to



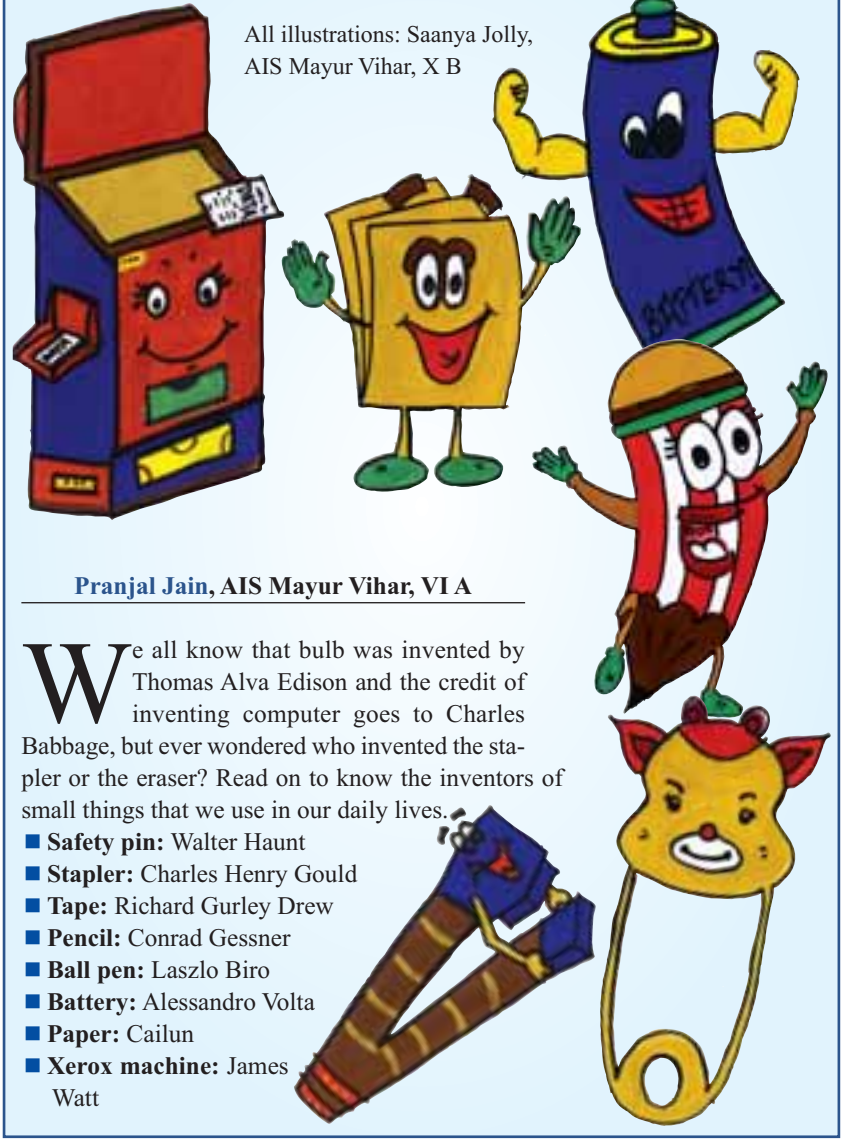
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unveil the truth. Extensive tests proved that the man was actually the brother and there was surely something real about the zombie myth. So, he teamed up with Dr Edmund Wade Davis, a Harvard ethnobotanist and explorer at National Geographic and the duo carried out numerous interviews with the zombie masters to unravel the deadly concoctions that make up a zombie.

Chemistry of a zombie: According to researchers zombies possess complex poisons, which their victims absorbed via the skin that almost kill them. They were later dug up after being buried alive and were made to go through a torturous ordeal including feeding them a paste made from hallucinogenic cucumbers. This damaged the victims so much so that they did whatever they were told by their zombie masters. So, this was how the undead were created.

Little inventions

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Pranjal Jain, AIS Mayur Vihar, VI A

We all know that bulb was invented by Thomas Alva Edison and the credit of inventing computer goes to Charles Babbage, but ever wondered who invented the stapler or the eraser? Read on to know the inventors of small things that we use in our daily lives.

- **Safety pin:** Walter Haunt
- **Stapler:** Charles Henry Gould
- **Tape:** Richard Gurley Drew
- **Pencil:** Conrad Gessner
- **Ball pen:** Laszlo Biro
- **Battery:** Alessandro Volta
- **Paper:** Cailun
- **Xerox machine:** James Watt

Beauty & the beast



Belle you don't deserve me. Run away! There are many men better than me.



Don't Cry! I would never ever leave you for anyone else.



You are a beast from outside all right. But your heart is one which no prince can match.

Moral: Love transcends outer appearance.

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Not so happily ever after

Graphic: Raghav Paul, AIS Mayur Vihar, X A

Get ready to digest the unconventional endings of many love stories we grew up reading with happy endings...

Siddhant Nair, AIS Mayur Vihar, XI D

The handsome prince and the beautiful princess do not live happily thereafter. Sounds strange? Imagine what would happen if the endings of old love stories were altered into not so happy ones.

Cinderella

The happy ending: Cinderella marries the prince.
Kahani mein twist: Revenge takes over the evil sisters. They perform ceremonies to evoke their witch godmother who grants her an hourglass which can turn back time. She uses it to take her back to the midnight hour when Cinderella lost her shoe and replaces Cinderella's shoe with her own. The soldiers find that the shoe fits her perfectly. Evil triumphs and the sister is married to the Prince.



Ab aagey: Cindrella who has immersed herself in endless TV viewing to get over the prince stumbles upon 'The Moment of Truth'. She conspires to have her evil sister on the show. The expected happens as the lie detector blinks red when the sister is asked if she was the one who left her shoe that night.

Jab We Met

The happy ending: Geet and Aditya continue to talk and listen respectively.
Kahaani me twist: The ever bubbly Geet was leading her life as a lifeless school teacher. One day she comes across an advertisement announcing the

launch of a new calling card named 'Geet'. She finally realises the calling of true love. She rushes to meet Aditya, but too late. Aditya is married to her best friend who cheated on her. The card name was just a coincidence since it was a musical card.
Ab aagey: Geet seeks inspiration from 'Saas bahu, sadisht'. The result – she is able to set Aditya and her wife apart. Geet finally gets married to her love.

Snow White

The happy ending: Snow white and the prince live happily ever after.

Kahani mein twist: After eating the poisoned apple, Snow White falls into a deep sleep. The queen uses the opportunity to transform herself into a replica of Snow White and takes her place in the glass chamber. When the Prince arrives and finds his beloved (the fake Snow White) lying in a glass chamber, he kisses her. Meanwhile, the real Snow White is sent to prison. Few years later, the queen, tired of playing the role of Snow White, assumes her real form. She throws the prince into a prison where he is finally united with his true love, the real Snow White.

Ab aagey: Stuck in prison, Snow White learns everything from breaking a leg to breaking locks from her fellow prisoners. She manages to break into the castle and gets the queen to surrender, courtesy her newly learnt taekwondo skills.

Spooky tales

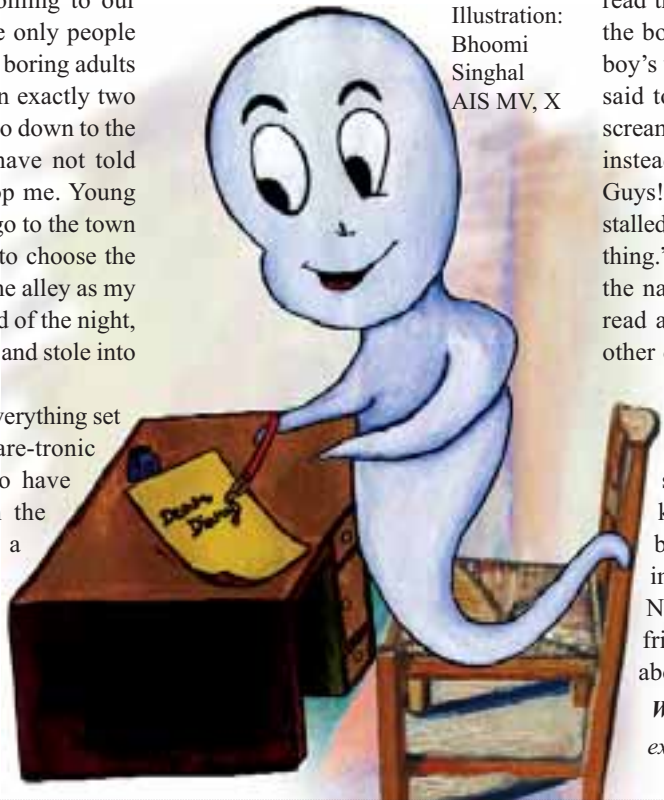
Is scaring people out of their wits as scary as appearing for an examination? A friendly ghost shares his first ever spooky experience with GT. Read at your own risk!

Reeya Gupta, AIS MV, VII B

Dear diary,
Today was my first day of spooking. I have grown always seeing my mamma scare away the people coming to our house. But, to be true, the only people that come to our house are boring adults who go away screaming in exactly two minutes. So, I decided to go down to the town to scare people. I have not told anyone, else they will stop me. Young ghosts are not allowed to go to the town alone, you see. I decided to choose the children's daycare down the alley as my 'terror-tory'. So in the dead of the night, I snooped out of the house and stole into the daycare.
As the dawn set in, I had everything set up with a number of scare-tronic gadgets and was ready to have some terrifying fun with the kids. After a few hours, a bunch of kids came in. As they came near the door, it swung open all by itself making a creepy sound. They were surprised but, Alas! They didn't seem scared. Instead they

sounded pretty impressed. A boy said "Wow! The matron must have installed an automatic door. It's wonderful since we do not have to push open that heavy door." Uhhhh..... How was I supposed

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to know that these kids knew all about sensors and such things? Hmmm! OK it was time for me to execute my plan B. As they went to the reading room, a boy looked up at the books and decided to read the one on the top shelf. I flew to the book and dropped the book on the boy's upturned head. "Ouch!" he said. I said to myself, "Finally! They will be screaming their heads off." But, the boy instead of shouting, exclaimed "Hey Guys! I guess the librarian has even installed a voice activated system or something." So the children started shouting the name of the books they wanted to read and I flew from one place to another dropping them. I had the time of my life and even though my haunted house was not the way it should have been, it sure was a success! When mamma came to know about my 'haunted house', believe it or not she was rather very impressed with me. Now, I'm popular among my friends as everyone wants to know about my experience.

Writer's note: Dear readers, I like to experiment with creative writings but I do not believe in ghosts.

Love Almighty

R Mallika Iyer

AIS Mayur Vihar, XI C

Love is known to transcend barriers of nationality to bind humanity together. Here are how love gods are known in some countries



Parvati: The consort of Hindu God Shiva, Parvati is known as Goddess of love and devotion. As one of the avatars of Shakti, Parvati is the all-powerful female force in the universe.

Yue Lao: Known as the God of marriage and love in Chinese mythology, Yue Lao appears at night and unites couples with a silken cord.

Hathoris: She is an ancient Egyptian Goddess who personifies the principles of joy, feminine love and motherhood. Hathoris also increased the joy and music in Egypt.

Aphrodite: Popularly known as the Greek Goddess of love and beauty, she is also connected to death/rebirth of nature and human beings.

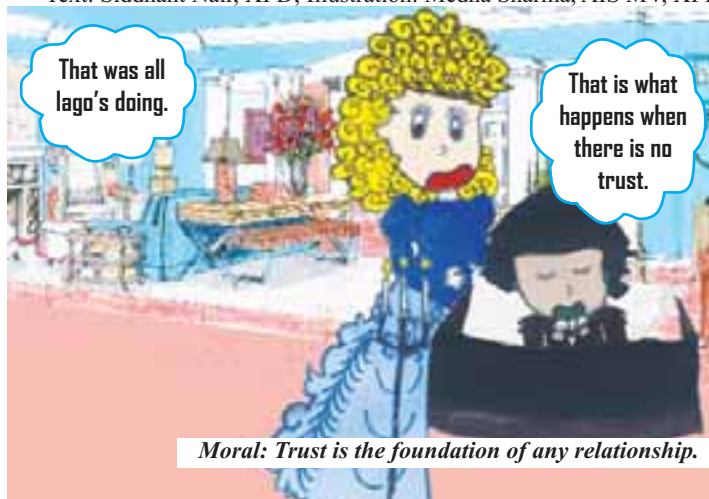
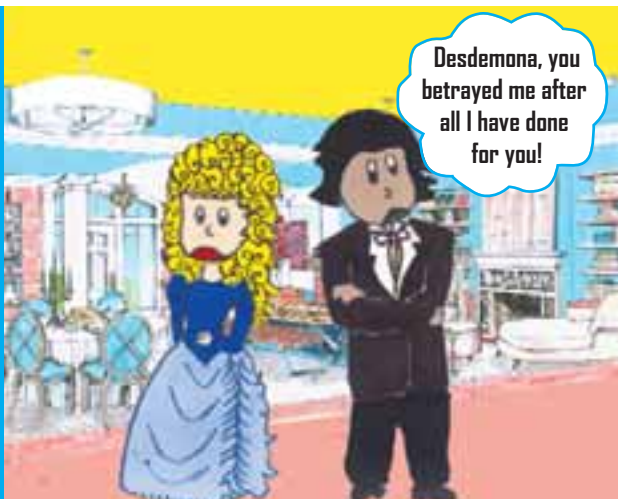
Cupid: Known as the Roman God of desire, love and affection, he is seen as the icon of love. This love God is shown shooting an arrow to inspire love.

Frigga: Frigga is considered the Goddess of fertility and marriage within the Norse pantheon.



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Moral: Trust is the foundation of any relationship.

Do what you love



“Don’t aim for success if you want it; just do what you love and believe in, and it will come naturally.”- David Frost


Mahatma Gandhi... Nelson Mandela... Bill Gates... Satya Nadella- what do all of them have in common? A love for fellow beings and most importantly, love for their work. Had Gandhiji not loved his motherland with the intensity that he did, we wouldn’t have tasted freedom. Had Mandela not worked relentlessly against apartheid, millions wouldn’t have shed tears on his departing. Had Bill Gates not passionately chased the dream of bringing about a technological revolution, there would be no Microsoft. Sketching out his mantra of life, Satya Nadella wrote in an email to his colleagues after becoming CEO of Microsoft, “The best work happens when you know it’s not just work, but something that will improve other people’s lives” ...the lives of people we love! It is true that love makes the world go round. For only if you love what you are doing, will it translate into passion and lead to success. As students, it is your love for education that has the power to bring you good results. If you put in dedicated efforts in your school life, and participate in various activities with genuine passion, you will surely meet with triumph. You may accost disappointments and failures, but if you keep moving on your chosen path with utmost dedication, the roadblocks you encounter will soon make way for stepping stones to success.

In this beautiful journey called life, just remember, life’s battles don’t always go to the stronger or faster one. But sooner or later the one who wins, is the one who thinks s/he can. So do what you love...and love what you do! 

Dear Amitians



In the words of His Holiness, the Dalai Lama, “Love and compassion are necessities, not luxuries. Without them humanity cannot survive.” The true importance of these words can never be overemphasised. The only difference is in how each one of us interprets it, how one experiences it and the manner in which each one of us receives and responds to it. This issue of The Global Times is dedicated to the most important human value i.e love. This emotion of love when shared with loved ones help to spread the message of brotherhood and fellow-feeling. It is only through love for humanity, love for environment, and the will to make our efforts count for those who seek it the most, that we can make our lives meaningful.

We Indians are fortunate to be citizens of a multi-dimensional nation, that has social, cultural, linguistic, ethnic and religious diversities. It is this diversity that sets us apart from all other cultures and civilisations, and it is also this diversity that makes us vulnerable to petty fragmentations. The fact that we, as a nation, have been able to survive and sustain ourselves as united people, speak volumes of our love. We, as Amitians, under the patronage of our Chairperson Ma’am have had the glorious history of blending tradition with modernity. Let us all spare a thought for the less fortunate, and the millions who are denied opportunities. Let’s pledge that we, in our own small way, will make a difference to the lives of some of them. It is in this ‘sharing and giving’ that we shall find love.

Trials in a trial room

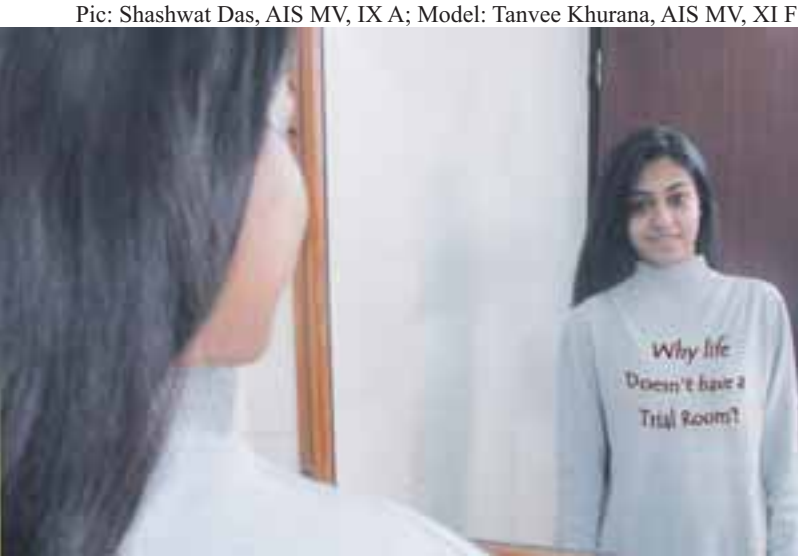
Who could have ever thought of life as a shopping spree at our favourite mall and its agonies and conflicts reflecting back at us in the trial room!

Perspective


Tannya Garg, AIS MV, XII D

*Trial rooms.
I hate trial rooms.
I love shopping.
But I hate trial rooms.
Although trial rooms were invented exclusively to assist shopping,
I feel the two are contradictory!*

Whenever I step into a garment store, excited, I pick up anything and everything that's good to the eyes. The top I have been admiring for ages, the skirt that complements me, the shoes I once wanted to take away from an old friend, the bag I could give the world for, everything fits just perfectly in the netted carry bag that the salesman gave me! I can feel all the positive vibrations escaping the expensive fabric and imbuing my mind. The scent of the unwashed silk chases away all my worries. I'm happy, very happy. I can't wait to get them billed and take them home with me, but the sales-



man's enquiry about the size of the top and the waist of the skirt I am going to buy, drags me out of my brain spa and forces me to toddle towards the crowded trial room. I try on the cute pink top and try to focus on one of the multiple images formed in the intelligently placed mirrors. And I stare. Something's not right. Maybe it's too tight. I check the size and it says "M". I quickly change back and ask the assistant to get me a "L" in the same style, only to discover that I am holding the last piece in my hand! In life, we often do not appreciate the beauty of what we have and what we crave for, that may not be handed out to us either. We might lose out on the little moments of happiness in anticipation of perfection. I am devastated. I loved the top!! The elegant white lace that totally went with the pink blouse and the heart shaped buttons, ahh. I somehow con-

sole myself and move on to the skirt. Short. Just way too short. The same way life may fall short of our expectations at times. Adding intensity to the worst day of my life, the colour of the shoes I had chosen betrayed me. Lime green. They look so lovely, but just not made for me. Not all the joys of the world are meant for everyone. So perhaps it's better and wiser to appreciate what we have. My only hope, the black and golden bag too turns out to be a let down. Not one, not two, but all the pieces of that irresistible bag I checked had a faulty zip. That was heartbreaking. Things often do not turn out as we expect them to. Relationships turn faulty, let us down and the delicate glass of trust shatters. Had the scary trial room not existed, I would have happily bought everything I wanted to. But, on the other hand, I also would have misspent a fortune. I would have foolishly wasted my hard earned money on clothes that didn't fit me well and bags that didn't open properly, just because they appeared good. How badly I wish there were similar trial rooms to try out everything in my real life too!

Thank you mat kaho...

...instead, teen logon ki madad karo. Remember Salman’s famous dialogue from Jai Ho? Some people are actually living up this philosophy

Dhvanii Chawla, AIS MV, IX B

A cuppa can bring a smile
‘Caffè sospeso’ or suspended coffee from Naples gives a brand new dimension to coffee. It’s a wonderful tradition where a customer at a café pays for two or more cups of coffee or even food – one for himself and the others for someone unfortunate who would happen to pass by. The Baristas would manage a regular log and serve a cup of suspended coffee for free to anyone who would ask, “Is there anything suspended?”

Toll-ing the bell of joy
How much do you pay for a toll tax? Not much. But what if one fine day, the car right in front of you paid it for you? People paying the toll money for the car right behind them at the toll plaza, irrespective of who the driver is, is something a few of my friends have

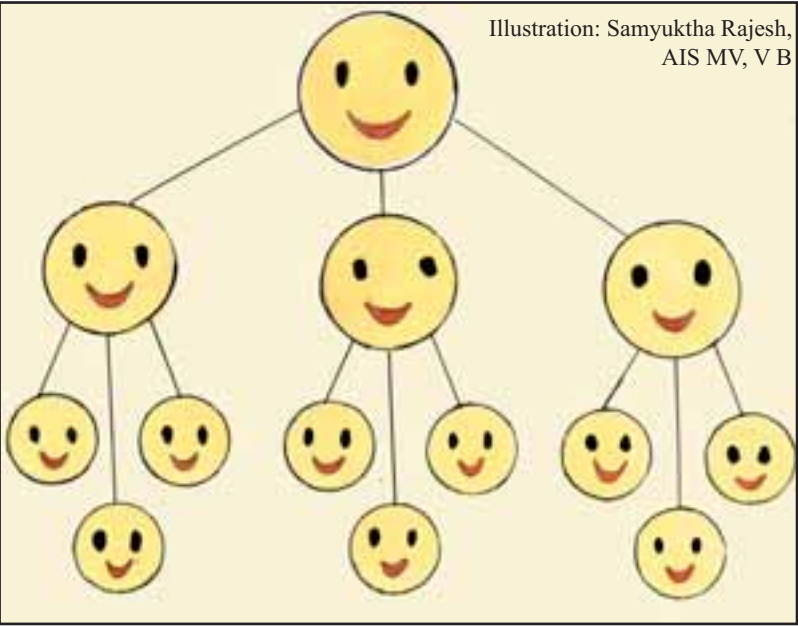



Illustration: Samyuktha Rajesh, AIS MV, V B


spotted quite frequently. A few bucks paid by a total stranger is all it takes to set straight a frowning forehead.

Let’s go home!
Barging into a house of a family of three and dragging them to an old age

home is not the idea we have for our birthdays. But my friend’s cousin did just that. He saw the old, wrinkled eyes shrink in and the thin lips stretch from ear to ear. She had been waiting for her son to come back. The son who had thrown her out of the house had finally come to take her home.

Caring through sharing
My mother and I were walking our dog along the road as usual, when my mother took out the old coat our Lab used to wear and wrapped it around the slender body of the stray. She saw us everyday, afraid. But that day, she curled around my legs and I thought I saw a tint of smile below her nose. It was crazy to get a smile from a dog, yet was good enough to make my day. Spreading happiness is indeed infectious! So what’s the one simple thing you did today to make atleast three people smile?

GT M@il

Dear Editor,
I loved the article ‘Life is a classroom’ by Nandini Sharma, AIS Gur 46, IX C. The words of wisdom written by this young girl left me in awe. Life and the hardships we face were presented in a manner which compelled me to change my stance and the ways I looked at the obstacles in life. I always felt defeated and sad when I was not able to overcome the hurdles life posed. But after reading the article, I can proudly say that I look forward to the new challenges in life. I am ready to enjoy the journey of life with love and passion. Thank you, Nandini!
Aankhi Anwesh, AIS MV, XI C



Redefining love

AIS Mayur Vihar’s contest edition is woven around the universal theme of love. In today’s strenuous times when everybody is burdened with something or the other, will it be too much to ask the student-teacher community to form a mutual admiration club. The teachers can admire the students for their creativity, hardwork and technological expertise while teachers can be guides and facilitators in their journey of learning. Creating this contest edition was experiencing exactly this kind of beautiful relationship.



LOVE...
When love is in the air there is no place for despair. In the lives of young and aging, it ushers tonnes of good cheer. To spread love, first love thyself, as you are the manifestation of God himself. Love not just your own, share it with people unknown. Poor and unfortunate you must kiss, and immerse yourself in eternal bliss. God gave us this wonderful boon, so let’s spread love, all the way up to the moon!





Phrasesaurus

Join **R Mallika Iyer**, AIS Mayur Vihar, XI C as she traces the origin of some common phrases that we use in our day to day lives



Catch 22

Meaning: A difficult circumstance from which there is no escape.
Origin: Comes from the novel by Joseph Heller in which the main character feigns madness in order to avoid dangerous combat. Name of the novel is 'Catch-22'.



Steal someone's thunder

Meaning: Winning praise for oneself by pre-empting someone else's attempt to impress.
Origin: John Dennis who worked in theatre invented a machine producing thunder sounds but people did not like it. But later he went to see the play Macbeth and saw them using the same machine he had invented.



White elephant

Meaning: A possession that is useless or that is expensive to dispose of.
Origin: From the story 'Kings of Siam' where they gifted a lot of animals to the countries they disliked and didn't know what to do with them.



Red herring

Meaning: Something that misleads or distracts from the main issue.
Origin: There is no such fish as the 'Red herring' but long ago people used to use smoked herring to train hounds and divert them from the correct route.



Hanging by a thread

Meaning: Being at risk.
Origin: King Dionysius held a banquet for Damocles, a courtier of ancient Syracuse. King Dionysius was annoyed with Damocles' constant flattery of his king. He invited him to a banquet, where Damocles was seated under a sword suspended by a single hair. It symbolised his tenuous position in the court.



Kick the bucket

Meaning: To die
Origin: In ancient times when a person was hanged he was made to stand on a bucket with a rope around his neck. When the bucket was kicked the victim died of asphyxiation.



Feather in your cap

Meaning: A feather on the cap is recognised as a badge of honour.
Origin: Earlier the hunters who killed a bird would mark their achievement by wearing a feather plucked from it as a symbol of pride.

The best kept secret

Illustration: Tanvi Nigam, AIS Mayur Vihar, VI A




Storywala

Aayushi Ahuja, AIS Mayur Vihar, X A

As you walk by Westbury Road and take the first turn on the left, the corner house you see is the house of the Jenson's, a happy family of a typecast father -Mr Michael, an adoring mother - Ms Dakota and their only son -Ryan. But there was one more, that nobody knew of. 15 years back, Jensons had a son named Harry, who suffered from Asperger's syndrome. In layman's language, he was

incapacitated of communicating with people and could barely speak whilst stammering. Ashamed of introducing him to their community, Jensons, confined Harry in their basement hall. What the residents of Westbury ignorantly missed behind the Jenson's tag of 'good and happy family' were the nights in the basement that reverberated with the most melodious music one could hear. Music was the only solace for Harry. Every night he would create melodious music. But the confines of the damp

Music was the only solace Harry had to feel normal. So, every night he would create melodious music.

basement, where he was granted nothing more than the basics ie food, water and a bathroom, horrified him. Through his beautiful music, Harry expressed his desire for freedom. One night, as usual, when he was playing his music, James Brown, the owner of Highland records- the musical record giant, happened to be walking past his house. The enchanting melody emanating from the basement filled his soul. James understood immediately that he had found the one musical genius he had been looking for. He approached the Jensons who initially denied the existence of any such thing but later surrendered before him. They handed over Harry to him. Under the mentorship of Mr James, Harry Jenson found a flight to his dreams. He cut numerous albums, participated in many concerts and orchestras. Today, he travels widely and is accompanied by his family who are proud of him and feel ashamed too of having neglected him once.



Iti with her nachos and dips

Iti Rai, AIS Mayur Vihar, XI F

Ingredients

For Tartare Dip

Mayonnaise 200gms
Onion (finely chopped) . . . 1 (small)
Lemon juice 1/2 tbsp
Parsley (freshly chopped) . . . 3 tbsp
Black pepper as per taste
Salt. as per taste
Capsicum (finely chopped). 1 (small)
Cabbage (finely chopped) 1

For Mexican Salsa Dip

Tomatoes (chopped) 2 cups
Garlic (freshly chopped) 6
Onion (chopped) 1/2

Corns (boiled) 1/2 cup
Jalapeno (finely chopped) 1
Salt 1/2 tsp
Lime juice 1 tbsp
Coriander leaves a bunch

Method

- For Tartare dip: Mix all the ingredients together in a small bowl and serve fresh. This can also be stored and used from time to time.
- For Mexican salsa: Mix all ingredients to form a mixture. Refrigerate overnight for maximum flavour and then serve cool.
- Serve the dips to enjoy best with your readymade nachos.

Anagrams

Sudeepti Naithani, X C & Rishik Sood, VIII C, AIS Mayur Vihar

Fancy a read? Let's find out how well you know your authors. To judge a book by its cover is one thing and to fetch your favourite author's read is another. Solve the following Anagrams and prove your love for reading.



Illustrations: Paluk Gupta, VI B & Samiksha Ramesh, VI B, AIS MV

- I am an American author and a humourist. I wrote The Adventures of Tom Sawyer and its sequel Adventures of Huckleberry Finn. My more known pet name is kmra ntaiw
- My novel, "The Kite Runner" went on to become an international best-seller and my second novel, "A Thousand Splendid Suns" debuted at #1 on the New York Times best-seller list. My latest novel is "And the Mountains Echoed". Akhdel shoeini
- I am best known by my pen name. I am a British novelist, best known as the author of the Harry Potter fantasy series. These series have gained worldwide attention, won many award and sold more than 400

- I am an American Novelist and I am best known for my novel "The Da Vinci Code". My second novel "Angels and Demons" was the best-selling mystery thriller novel which was later adapted into a film. Nad norwb.
- I wrote 66 detective novels and 14 short story collections. I have the Guinness World Record for the most selling novels. Gataha Eritchist

Answers
1. Mark Twain 2. Khaled Hosseini 3. J.K. Rowling
4. Dan Brown 5. Agatha Christie

POEMS



Illustration:Prakshi Bhardwaj, AIS MV, XI E

Trying to fly again

Rishika Arya, AIS Mayur Vihar, XI F

I just came out of my cocoon, now I was a butterfly, I was absolutely free, now on me, no rule did apply. I was fragile, but not so agile. I hadn't known this world for long, I wasn't really sure what's right and wrong. But before I could introspect, life taught me a different concept.


That it is always the innocent who has to pay, the evil can just simply get away. I am trying to fly again, but now it's too late, because I have lost my lovely wings with pain.

To be a child again

Bhavneet Singh Bindra, AIS MV, XI B

When under the tree, without worries we stood, just playing with toys, from day to night, most cherishable moments, are of childhood.

Always active and always on a hype, to do notorious things, from sun to moonlight. Not obeying rules, and treating dad like a horse, being stubborn and acting like a boss.

And still somewhere in my heart, that little child remains, and if gotten a chance, I would like to be that child again.

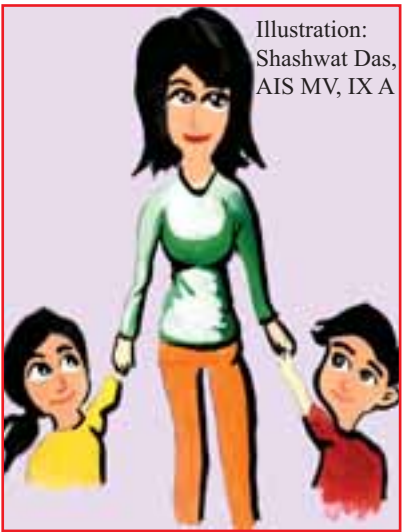


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Beaks reaching peaks



Wild tusker



Elegance in fields



Articles wala, illustrations wala, graphics wala love, hota hai jo love se zyaada GT wala love.

Sudeepti Naithani, AIS Mayur Vihar, X C, Page Editor

The happy circus

Illustration: Tanvi Nigam, AIS MV, VI A

Short Story



Aksh Gupta, AIS MV, VIII A

Ramu was a poor little boy who roamed around empty handed. He survived on whatever little money he earned by showing tricks and acrobatics on the streets. One fine morning, he was sleeping on the roadside, when a sudden screeching sound woke him from his deep slumber. Ramu turned around to see the source of the sound.

He was amazed to see a brightly painted caravan with the words “Happy Circus” written over its wall. A clown made his way out of the van and greeted everyone. Ramu was anxiously staring at the clown. The clown announced, “A golden chance for acrobats to display their talent, just come with us and your life will take a wonderful turn.” Without giving a second thought, Ramu shouted, “I’d like to come with you,” and entered the

van. But to his surprise, instead of driving it on the road, the clown pushed a lever and the van shot up above the clouds and entered straight into a tent with strange creatures. There stood an elephant with a beard and a horse with six legs! “Where am I?” asked Ramu, scared as hell.

“Welcome to the Happy Circus,” the clown chuckled happily. The strange animals gave Ramu goose bumps but he tried to ignore them. He was trained well and was added to the acrobatics group. Other acrobats were well built and healthier than Ramu, but that never bothered him because he was unprecedented in his work. Years passed by, and he was everyone’s favourite. The audience roared and clapped when he stepped on the stage in various towns. One day, Ramu was getting ready for his show. A dwarf in the circus crew caught his attention. He was new to the circus. Ramu asked about this boy from his best friend in the team. He answered “You don’t know!? This boy was brought here just like you. This circus is a God’s organisation to help the needy children and animals on streets. We feed them by the money we earn by doing shows in towns and caring for them.” Now Ramu knew all the secrets of the circus and continued working happily.

So, what did you learn today?
A new word: Unprecedented
Meaning: Extraordinary



Pranjal Jain with her Banana cake

Banana cake

Pranjal Jain
AIS Mayur Vihar, VI A

Ingredients

Parle G biscuits 2 packs
Ripe bananas 2
Milk half a glass
Eno 1 pouch
Gems For garnish
Colourful fennel For garnish

Method

■ Crush Parle G biscuits and put them

aside in a plate.

- In a blender, add lukewarm milk and slices of ripe bananas. Blend it properly to form a smooth mixture.
- Now add the crushed biscuits to the mixture. Add Eno to it. Mix well.
- Transfer the mixture to the baking dish and bake it in microwave for around 5 minutes.
- Let it cool for some time and then garnish it with gems and sweetened colourful fennel.
- Yummy banana cake is ready!

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God's Creativity



Illustration: Tanvi Nigam, AIS MV, VI A

Paluk Gupta, AIS MV, VI B

God, what’s the secret of your mind-blowing creativity, you made so many things, so easily.

How did you get the idea of making the Earth round, and make Saturn look as if it is crowned. From where it came in your mind to shelter the birds with trees, and all the aquatic animals with smooth blue seas. How did you come up with making a diamond shaped India, and situating it at the south of Asia. How cleverly you wrote in dictionary the word love before rich, and selfishness after it I hope people had noticed it a bit. How beautifully you made the clouds holding a rainbow, seeing it, anyone can completely forget their sorrow. Can you tell me the shop from where you got those

vibrant colours, with the help of which you painted sky and flowers. How did you create such difficult chemical formula names, even if I just remember two one is sure to get out of my brain. Oh dear lord! I would like to salute your remarkable intelligence, it's more than anyone could sense.

The Global Times

Vaanya & Paluk, AIS MV, IV B

The best newspaper of all time, is our very own The Global Times. Editorial facts, sports and news, the best of it is what it includes. The Chairperson’s message inspires, it teaches us to rise from fall.

The latest news keeps updating us, so that in GK paper there is no fuss. Wonderful is the science and technology page, so much so that it is all the rage. The facts are simply amazing, so exciting and so amusing. A total recall goes into history, a travel to past without any fee. Its always fun to read the backpack, interviews of celebrities it has in its sack.

It has lip-smacking recipes from cakes and pastries, to burgers and pizzas full of cheese. And then comes the Jokey Pokey with its best jokes, to make you laugh till you choke. The Global Times is definitely newspaper number one, reading it is always fun!

Model: Bhoomi Singhal, AIS MV, X C
Pic: Shashwat Das, AIS MV, IX



It's Me



My name: Navyam Thakur
My birthday: October 15
My school: AIS Mayur Vihar
My Class: I A
I like: To play cricket and computer games
I dislike: Teasing animals
My favourite book: The Tiger and the Frog
My favourite mall: V3S Mall, Laxmi Nagar
My favourite food: Garlic bread
My best friend: Purunjay
My role model: My father
My favourite teacher: Heena Pahuja ma’am
My favourite subject: Math
My favourite poem: The leaky tap- save water
I want to become: A pilot
I want to feature in GT because: I want to become famous in my school and among my friends

Painting Corner

Tanvi Nigam
AIS MV, VI A



Amiown among Noida's top 5 preschools

Amiown receives recognition for its dedication and involvement in nurturing the young ones with another award to its credit

Adding another proud feather to its beret, Amiown has been rated among the top 5 pre-primaries in Noida by EW (Education World) India Preschool Rankings 2013.

The survey: A respondent sample base comprising preschool parents and 52 parents/principals in Noida were polled by the well known Delhi based market research firm, C Fore, to rate and rank the city's top 10 preschools on the ten parameters.

Parameters: Among the 10 parameters of early childhood care and excellence (ECCE) were teacher competence, individualised attention to students, leadership quality, parental involvement, innovative teaching, infrastructure, spe-



Ms Sapna Chauhan, Vice Chairperson, Amiown schools and ACERT receiving the prestigious award in a glittering ceremony at Bangalore

cial needs education, safety, hygiene, etc. **Methodology:** The ratings awarded to each preschool were aggregated to arrive at a total score, on the basis of which, the top ten preschools of Noida were ranked for the first time.


Results: In the survey, Amiown was ranked the 4th best preprimary school in

Noida on the parameters of teacher competence, innovative teaching, infra, leadership quality, parental involvement, safety and hygiene. The prestigious award was bestowed on Ms Sapna Chauhan, Vice Chairperson, Amiown schools and ACERT in a glittering ceremony at Bangalore.



Ms Sapna Chauhan, Vice Chairperson, Amiown schools and ACERT was a panellist in the discussion 'Best practices in ECCE (early childhood care & education) - What Indian preschools need to learn and adapt' convened by chairperson Summiya Yasmeen, co-founder & managing editor, Education World at 'Education at World ECCE Global Conference'. She addressed the gathering on the relevance and impact of teacher education and training during the conference, held at hotel Ritz Carlton, Bangalore on Jan 24 and 25, 2014.

The noteworthy milestone is the result of the visionary approach and untiring efforts of Ms Sapna Chauhan. Her leadership and guidance has led the school to new altars of success. Dedicating her award to her role models and mentors Dr Ashok K. Chauhan, Founder President, Amity Universe and Dr (Mrs) Amita Chauhan, Chairperson, Amity Group of Schools, she says she feels "blessed to have them." Humbled by the award, she says, "I'm appreciative that parents and teachers in Noida have ranked Amiown among the five best schools in the city. Evidently,

there's growing awareness that we pay a lot of attention to teacher training in our own Amity Centre for Educational Research and Training to ensure that global best practices and contemporary pedagogies are incorporated into the curriculum." Accepting her award, she conveys her heartfelt thanks to everyone associated with Amiown family, "I'd like to thank the Amiown parents for their faith and support in the Amiown family. I would also like to thank the dedicated staff and teachers at Amiown who have constantly been a pillar of support and strength." 

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Jai Hind

Amity International Schools all over the country celebrated Republic Day, soaked in excitement, patriotic fervour and nationalistic spirit



Little ones of AIS Lucknow pay respect to their motherland

AIS Lucknow

One of the most important national festivals, Republic day, was celebrated in AIS Lucknow with great elation and nationalistic spirit, through a special assembly on January 25, 2014.

The special assembly began with a short video explaining the importance of the constitution. It was followed by an action song by the little ones. A group

dance dedicated to the motherland, performed by students of Classes V-VIII, enthralled everyone. A student's speech on the topic 'Live the patriotic spirit everyday' was applauded by one and all. The day's most awaited segment was the patriotic song competition. All the houses gave a tough competition to each other. The exciting competition concluded with Mandakini House as the winner followed by Alaknanda house in the second position. Vice Principal



AIS Lucknow students sing patriotic songs with vigour and zeal

Mukta Banerjee, brought home the significance of the day and reminded the children about their duties as responsible citizens.

AIS Mayur Vihar

AIS Mayur Vihar celebrated Republic Day with great excitement and patriotic fervour. The day commenced with a presentation on the making of the Indian constitution and the vivid glimpses of the Republic Day celebrations at India Gate. The school choir enthralled the audience with a patriotic song, *Ek rahenge, ek rahen hai, hum Bharat ki santaan*. It was followed by a street play which conveyed the message that only duty conscious and responsible citizens can build a better India. A colourful dance presentation depicted the message of peace, harmony and sacrifice. In her address to the students, principal Debjani Sengupta, urged them to have faith in themselves and steer the nation ahead with full com-

mitment. The programme concluded with a short movie on how differently abled children express their respect for the national anthem.

AIS Noida

AIS Noida commemorated Republic Day with patriotism and national fervour on January 24, 2014. In tune with the belief of Dr Ashok K. Chauhan, founder president, Amity Universe and Dr (Mrs) Amita Chauhan, Chairperson, Amity Group of Schools, to make India a super power by 2030, the 'Freedom Fighters' speech competition was organised on the day. The inspiring words of the children during the competition, reflected the lofty ideals they envisioned for their country. School principal Renu Singh and primary vice principal Soma Mukherjee urged the students to dedicate themselves towards the cause of nation building. [G.T](#)

Delhi Yuva Pratibha Puraskar

AIS Mayur Vihar

Students of AIS Mayur Vihar brought laurels to the school when they showcased their talent in the Indian Classical Music Dance and Arts festival at ML Bhartiya Auditorium Alliance Francaise de Delhi on December 19, 2013. The event was organised by 'The Art and Cultural Trust of India', a charitable organisation, which promotes Indian cultural and classical heritage. Eminent personalities from the field of music, dance and art adjudged the talented participants. Students of AIS MV, Sanchayan, Class XI C and Bhavneet, Class XI B participated in the classical vocal and instrumental music for Delhi Yuva Pratibha Puraskar and won the first prize which includes trophies and cash prize of Rs 1500 each. The prize distribution was held at Chinmaya Mission auditorium and graced by Padma Vibhushan sarangi exponent Ustad Sabri Khan, santoor vadaik Pandit Bhajan Sopori, and classical vocalist Pandit Baldev Raj Verma. It was a great opportunity for students to exhibit their talent at such a huge platform.

Oath of office

At their investiture ceremony, student council members pledged to fulfill their responsibilities with utmost diligence



Council members of AIS Vas 1 receive their badges

AIS Vasundhara 1

AIS Vasundhara 1 organised its investiture ceremony on January 22, 2014. The function commenced on an auspicious note with the traditional lighting of the lamp and the rendition of Ganesha *shlok Vakra-tund Mahakaya*. Students welcomed the audience with the melodious song *Mann Ki Veena Gunjith*. Smt Leelawati Shastri, fondly known as Ammaji, graced the occasion. School principal V Balachandran urged the students to cherish the values instilled in them at Amity. Ammaji, along with Col Ahluwalia, sports advisor, Amity Group of Schools and school principal, pinned the official badges and handed over the school flags to head boy Pramay Rai and head girl Arushi Verma. Agneev Das, Parth Sharma, Gargi Singh and Nishant Narain were inducted as house captains. The prefectorial board

included the sports captain, activity coordinators, house captains and editor in chief. The newly anointed office bearers undertook the oath to uphold the dignity and honour of the school and discharge their duties with utmost integrity and sincerity. Dr (Mrs) Amita Chauhan blessed the students and encouraged them to be trendsetters in every sphere of life.

AIS Gurgaon 46

AIS Gurgaon 46 organised its investiture ceremony, with the newly appointed council members marching in with their heads held high to the beats of the school band. The event began with the lighting of the lamp followed by an inspiring speech by principal Arti Chopra. The outgoing head boy and head girl bid a sentimental adieu to the school with their emotional speeches.

The newly appointed council members were adorned with sashes and handed over flags by chief guest Col Ahluwalia, sports advisor, Amity Schools and school principal.

Akashanjan Ayyalasomayajula, head boy and Sakshi Garg, head girl, and other council members took their oath of office promising to discharge their duties with sincerity.

On the occasion, a constitution was released jointly by the chief guest and school principal. As the stage lit up with vibrant colours of the flags, the event reinstated the faith in the calibre and leadership of the future generation. [G.T](#)



AIS Gur 46 head boy receives flag



Lucky dip at AIS Saket carnival



Amitasha stall at AIS Gur 46

Winter carnival

AIS Saket

AIS Saket organised its annual winter carnival on December 21, 2013. The school ground turned into a fun fiesta as the students laughed and joked, with everyone dressed in their best finery. A number of leading eating joints had put up their stalls in the carnival, offering scrumptious food throughout the day. Students came up with interesting games like miniature golf, latest ps2 and the ever favourite lucky dip. The raffle prizes, for which everyone waited with bated breath, were announced in the presence of Dr (Mrs) Amita Chauhan, Chairperson, Amity Group of Schools. Parents and special guests added to the fun galore. It was an exhilarating day, thoroughly enjoyed by everyone.

AIS Gurgaon 46

The winter carnival 'Rendezvous - 2013' organised by AIS Gurgaon 46 on December 27, 2013 was a great success. During the festivities, younger children were seen enjoying the exciting games, thrilling rides and lip smacking food whereas senior students enjoyed the pulsating musical sojourn with the DJ. Get-togethers like these provide ample opportunity for intermingling of students and exchange of thoughts, besides enjoyment.

To refresh old connections and memories, AIS Gurgaon 46 hosted the yearly annual meet 'Samanvay'. In her address, principal Arti Chopra stressed upon the importance of communication and staying connected in today's world. [G.T](#)

Grandiose celebrations

AIS Mayur Vihar

The young ones of Class I celebrated Grandparents Day on December 13, 2013 to honour and felicitate their most adorable and loving grandparents. The big day started by seeking the blessings of the divine which was followed by wonderful performances by the little ones. The grandparents were overwhelmed by the spectacular show and thanked the school for putting together a great day in their honour. [G.T](#)



Children put up a vibrant show

Monday ko hoga hungama,
jab aayega GT mama!

Rishik Sood, AIS Mayur Vihar, VIII, Page Editor



Contest Edition

Love stories ka zaroori tadka

A dash of lemon, a pinch of salt and a handful of sugar...
our bollywood movies are a mix of them all

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Ever thought of how ice creams would taste without chocolate sauce? How Oreo would be incomplete without that milk to dunk it in? Nah! Whether we like it or not, certain things are better the way they are. And here we take a look at what makes our movies complete! Dipped in the syrup of love and soaked in the spirit of romance, we give you the 5 necessary ingredients that help sustain the delectable recipe of all Hindi films.

Lambi Judaai/ The Lost & Found Syndrome

Which love story would ever be complete without the hero-heroine ka *bichhadna*? The severance proves to be the ultimate eye opener for the lead pair in movies like 'Veer-Zaara' or 'Baghban'. All in all, the separation just provides the perfect tinge of bitterness to the otherwise, *chashni mein ghuli* love story! *DDLJ ke Simran aur Raj ho ya fir Devdas ke Dev aur Paro*, both stories saw their lead pairs being separated for long time before they united.

Band, Baaja, Baraat aur Naach Gaana

Flower shower? Check.

Tear inducing violin music? Check. *Heroine ke dupatta ka lehraana?* Double check. And how can we forget SRK's iconic wide-arm pose? Ever wondered how incomplete the songs would be without all of this? How on earth will the hero express his true love for his lady without all of the above? These, my dear friends, play a huge role in making the heroine realise her true feelings for her man. Moreover, one cannot ignore the fact that these people somehow manage to pull a crowd that knows all the steps in sequence and performs them just well, PERFECTLY! *Woh bhi* in full sync with the lead pair!

The Bad Man

The spicier the better! We never fail to enjoy the entry of the villain in the plot which causes a serious turn of events leading to a *masaledaar* mayhem in the lovers' life. Just the way our *daal* is incomplete without the *tadka*, a love story is incomplete without the villain.

Love Triangles

How can a bollywood movie ever be complete without its fair share of drama? The three-way battle of hearts has been bollywood's one favourite plot! After all, what fun will it be if the hero and heroine have no *kaante in the phool jaisi* love story? And these love triangles seem to provide just the distraction

needed from the main plot. From 'Chaudhvin ka Chaand' to 'Kuch Kuch Hota Hai' to 'Cocktail', the love triangle continues!

Reunion Endings

And in the end, after all the drama, *gaana bajaana* and *bhaaga daudi*, the hero-heroine, their family and anyone who wasn't killed or shot dead, reunites like a one big happy family! After all, "All's well, that ends well." **Aankhon mein aasoon aa gaye!**



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Harry Potter: Wonderful yet so blunderful!

We all love Harry Potter, but it has its fair share of blunders!

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Well J.K. Rowling gave us *THE BEST book series of all time. Harry Potter movies are among the most watched movies of all time. After reading a Harry Potter book or watching a HP movie, each one of us goes, "OMG!!! What an incredibly fantastic, amazing, wonderful and 'FLAWLESS' book/movie." Right? Wrong. It isn't as flawless as you think it is. Find out for yourself.*

■ In the 'Goblet of Fire', while Mrs Weasley was cooking, she made cream coloured sauce pour out from her wand. This would be against Gamps Law of Elemental Transfiguration because later in the series, it says that you cannot create

food using magic.

■ In 'The Philosopher's Stone', when Professor Quirrell declared that there was a troll in the dungeons, Dumbledore told the students to go back to their common rooms, meaning that the Slytherin students had to go back to their common room which was present in the dungeons. *Uff! Yeh Dumbledore!*

■ Harry mentions how the Boa Constrictor in 'The Philosopher's Stone' inside the zoo had winked at him, even though snakes don't have eyelids! *Jhooth bole kauwa kaate... err... saamp kaate!*

■ Talking portraits can be seen in every part of Harry Potter. Well if people could have hired a painter to make magic portraits for themselves, why didn't every witch

and wizard have his/her portrait painted and lived forever? Now that's what you call a total LOL situation!

■ In the Hogwarts letter, students could bring a cat, a frog or an owl only. However, Ron brought his rat, Scabbers. *Rule Flouter, eh?*

■ In all the Harry Potter book series, there are a total of 74 spells spoken, while there are libraries stocked with thick books in the movie, which must have thousands of spells. But Voldemort, the greatest of wizards, spoke only one spell in all the movies: "Avada Kedavra."

So, don your error detecting hats and share some HP errors too!

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Timon & Pumbaa