

Temperate dilemma

Laksh Saxena, XII H &
Twisha Prasad, XI I, AIS Noida

After enduring a day that felt more draining than herding a parade of elephants, Yash finally surrendered to the floral-patterned sheets that adorned his bed. His room was cloaked in darkness, the atmosphere tranquil, but the room's temperature resembled the erratic plot of some low-budget sci-fi flick. It's at this juncture that we find ourselves plunging into the whimsical world of Yash, the Sultan of Thermodynamics. Wait, what?

For Yash, there was no room for compromise when it came to achieving the perfect sleep temperature. Yash demanded nothing short of the absolute pinnacle of comfort. And so, there he lay in his bed, grappling with existential questions like, "Should the fan be set to level three or perhaps level four? What's the ideal temperature – 24.5 degrees celsius or a daring 24.6 degrees?" Well, that was a tough question, after all.

His thoughts raced while grappling with the crucial decision of whether to leave the window cracked open by 2.4 or a risky 2.5 inches. At this point, Yash's bedroom had transformed into a battleground of climate control. He operated his air conditioner with the precision of a heart surgeon performing a delicate operation, and his fan settings offered more options

than a buffet you get at the big fat Indian wedding, you know. The permutations and combinations he concocted with temperature, humidity, and airflow could have confounded even the most adept Sudoku champions.

As the hours slipped away, Yash morphed into a mad scientist on an unrelenting quest for temperature nirvana. He muttered about 'thermal equilibrium' and 'wind chill,' blissfully unaware that he was stepping onto the cliff of sleep-deprivation-induced insanity. He fancied

himself presenting his findings at an esteemed scientific conference, where his fellow academics would nod in solemn agreement.

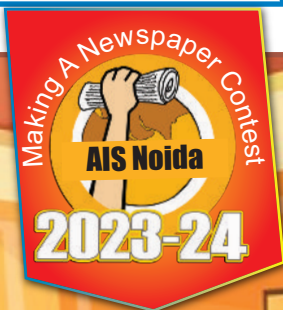
But just as it appeared that Yash was about to dive

headfirst into the abyss of temperature obsession with all his intellect put in, his fate intervened. A power outage struck his neighbourhood, plunging Yash's room into inky darkness. Brief panic seized Yash as he whirled in the darkness. Then, an unexpected turn of events occurred, sleep had won the war waged against perfectionism.

Sweat trickling down his forehead rang the bells of the morning for him when his mother knocked on the door. When he demanded an explanation, his mother simply blinked at him in oblivion. "Oh, Raja beta," she said, "there was a power cut in the area because of the storm outside. I came to check on you but you were lost in serene slumber."



Graphic: Aarushi Bera, XII J & Aadit Chadha, XII F, AIS Noida



A duck called Daisy

Deveshi Tandon, XI E & Yashi Sharma, XII J
AIS Noida

Pic: Ayushi Nandan, AIS Noida, XII J



Down goes waddling big old Daisy
Wings tucked in and eyes so lazy
This small duck, so down on her luck
Her very own pond the duck did fear
Never came near, so sure to disappear
If her cackling ever proves weary
A drop of water would make her bleary

Down goes waddling big old Daisy
On a path which was a bit crazy
Elephant dancing, monkey prancing
Donkey teaching, cuckoo screeching
And a pair of eyes lay watchful still
A crocodile gave her such a thrill!

Splish, splash, splosh, ahoy!
Flung into the water, croc's little toy
Oh, my dear, the end is near
She screams, yells and shouts
She panics, cries and pouts

Splash, splish and oh what a slip!
Water weighs her down with a grip
Flapping wings, crying more
Grabbing branches, she swam ashore

Down goes waddling big old Daisy
Strong as ever a duckling may be
Eyes so bright and fear so hazy

Brave she was, as she will be
Hear, you must, the tale of Daisy.

Read Play and Win 37

Reading your favourite GT can fetch you a prize too. Complete all the boxes below. Click a picture and send it to editor@theglobaltimes.in or submit your responses by visiting The Global Times website (<http://theglobaltimes.in/readplaywin/>). Three lucky winners will win a prize every week!



Q.1 Name the celebrity chef interviewed on p3.

Q.2 Which school has prepared this contest edition?

Q.3 What is the tagline of the article 'The battle of cepa' on p4?

Q.4 Who has clicked the picture for the article on p12?

Q.5 Name the countries whose birthday traditions have been featured in the 'cake it easy' poster on p7.

Q.6 Who is the author of the article 'Minting green' on p1?

Q.7 Name the character in the story 'temperate dilemma' on p8.

Q.8 Who is the author of the article 'An intricate discovery!' on p4?

Q.9 Which country has green lighted an executive order for ensuring safe AI usage?

Name:.....Class:.....School:.....

Results of Read Play & Win-36: Yuvraj Gupta, AIS Saket, IV D; Venya Verma, AIS Vas 1, XI C; Bhavya Kumari, AIS Pushp Vihar, II C