

Ms sunglasses



Storywala

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She looked stunning with her flawless complexion and a pair of exquisite sunnies protecting her from the sun. Gazing at her enviously, I sat next to her at the bus stop and pulled out a bunch of papers from my odd looking bag. As I began to sift through the papers, the girl asked me, "Beautiful day, isn't it?" I ignored her question because all that was going on in my mind at that point of time was the completion of the annual report. After all, managing two impossible bosses

was a humungous task, something that this girl wouldn't understand at all. Also, what exactly would this silver spooned woman know about debt, true labour, and toil? I murmured to myself. On receiving no response from me, she said, "Seems like you've got something on your mind." This time, I replied, but in a not so interested tone, "What's so beautiful about the day? It's the same as yesterday!" Sensing my annoyance, she smiled and remarked, "Relax and sit back. You should enjoy the beauty of everything in this world. We just have one life to experience around us."

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Relax? I don't even remember enjoying a hot cup of tea, listening to music with a free mind, going out for a movie or for that matter a simple lunch. In fact, sitting back is a luxury for me, for I am, always running to match up to my everyday expenses. Ever since I have become an adult, earning money has become everything. Just then, the girl jolted me out of my wistful ruminations and said, "I mean, it must be a wonderful day." Before I could say anything, I saw a man emerging from a vehicle, who assisted her off the bench. She whispered a quiet 'thank you', as she grabbed his hand in one palm and her cane in the other. Now, everything made sense. She said, "It must be a wonderful day," and I realised what she meant. The sunglasses, the cane - she was blind. I nodded in agreement, the world indeed was lovely. My world was indeed much beautiful than hers. Only I didn't appreciate it. But, I owe it to Ms Sunglasses, who took off my money-veiled glasses and made me realise what I had been missing all along.



Yaana Mithra

Vanilla cupcake

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Ingredients

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| Refined flour.....2 cups | Vanilla essence.....2 tsp |
| Powdered sugar.....1 cup | Butter(softened).....1/2 cup |
| Baking powder.....1 1/2 tsp | Milk.....1 cup |
| White vinegar.....1 1/2 tsp | Dark Chocolate.....1 cup |

Procedure

- To begin with, take 2 cups of refined flour and combine it with baking powder in a bowl.
- Now, mix powdered sugar and softened butter with the flour mix.
- Then, add vanilla essence and white vinegar to the mixture.
- Pour milk while simultaneously whipping the batter to a thick lump-free consistency.
- Now, grease the microwave safe cupcake moulds with butter and pour the batter into them.
- Microwave it thrice for 1 minute 30 seconds and demould once they cool down.
- For icing, melt the chopped dark chocolate and layer it on top of the cupcakes.
- Your ultimate burst of sweetness is ready!

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Q.4 What is the height of Burj Khalifa?	Q.5 Name any three ingredients used to make vanilla cup cake.	Q.6 Music album 'Native' was released on _____.
Q.7 Manasvi Kadian is an alumnus of _____.	Q.8 Which school hosted the 12th Inter- Amity Chess Tournament?	Q.9 What is the other name of pen drive?

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WORDS VERSE

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Go solo!



Your thoughts are your weapons
Your dreams are your feathers
They make you a true warrior

The world will undermine you
But you are just one of the few
Who'll not cave in to the slew

Be the moon, calm and serene
In this world that is so mean
Invade the darkness with sheen

Humankind is at times strange
Every now and then, it will derange
But time passes by, things change

But you must simply rise and glow
Chase your dreams and your goals
Do not stop anywhere, go solo!

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FILL THE GAP

Fill in the blanks using the clues given below:

1. _URT_E (A reptile)
2. M_GN_T (Attracts metal)
3. V_OLI_ (Stringed instrument)
4. N_EC_ (A relative)
5. GL__E (Model of the earth)
6. _TO_ACH (Part of digestive system)
7. BO__LE (Holds water)
8. SP_GH__TI (Kind of a pasta)
9. CAR__HYD_ATE (Part of balanced diet)

Answers: 1. Turtle 2. Magnet 3. Violin 4. Niece 5. Globe 6. Stomach 7. Bottle 8. Spaghetti 9. Carbohydrate