

Champak science

Short story



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“All we do is eat, sleep and repeat,” sighed King Shersingh, sitting on a huge rock, “I saw a drone flying above. If we do nothing, they’ll turn Champakvan into a picnic spot!” he added. “We must overtake the humans!” chipped in Baddy, the wily fox. “Calm down, Baddy! You’ll burst our eardrums with that shrieking!” said Jumbo the elephant, irritated. Everyone burst into laughter. But Shersingh cut in: “Baddy is right. We must not stay behind.” Blacky the bear, the prime minister, re-

plied, “Your Highness, we know nothing about science! How will we outwit the humans?”

“We must catch up somehow,” Shersingh said. “Whoever succeeds in doing this will be rewarded! Blacky, broadcast this on all the jungle TVs.” Blacky was **hesitant** about bringing tech into the forest, but he obeyed the king. Soon, the news reached far corner of the jungle where Ranky the crow lived with his friends.

“The king’s right. We shouldn’t stay behind,” said Jumpy the monkey. “Why wait? Let’s start today!” said Ranky. “But what do we do?” asked Gary the giraffe. “Why don’t we invent some-

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thing?” asked Cheeku the rabbit. “Yeah!” they said in chorus. Clueless but thrilled, they gathered at Sandy the camel’s house with rubber bands, broken pencils and tape. Ranky excitedly said, “Let’s use these to create something that helps in getting fruits easily — a slingshot!” “Something’s missing,” said Jumpy. “I know... A bag of stones!” exclaimed Sandy. The slingshot was ready after two hours of teamwork. “Let’s call it Fruit Fetcher 1000!” said Ranky with sparkling eyes.

Excited, the friends went up to the king. Even though their model was basic, Shersingh was impressed that a bunch of young animals had shown initiative. He made them honourable members of Champakvan’s very first science club. With such enthusiasm, Champakvan is just a slingshot away from an innovative future. 🇮🇳

So, what did we learn today?
A new word: Hesitant
Meaning: Unsure, or slow in acting or speaking

It's Me

KNOW ME

My name: Advait Rundwal
My Class: IV C
My school: AIS Noida
My birthday: September 4

MY FAVOURITES

Teachers: Disha Wadhwa and Alka Trivedi
Friend: Pragyan Gautam
Game: Skating
Food: Dal and roti
TV Show: KBC
Movie: Mission Mangal
Book: Timelines of Everything

MY DREAMS & GOALS

Hobby: Drawing, astronomy
My role model: Mahatma Gandhi
I want to become: An astronaut and land on Mars
I want to feature in GT because: It is cool and fascinating.



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Heads up! These jokes may make you hungry!

Knock Knock!
Who’s there?
Pasta.
Pasta who?
Pasta Pizza!

Knock Knock!
Who’s there?

Pasta.
Pasta who?
It’s Pasta your bedtime!

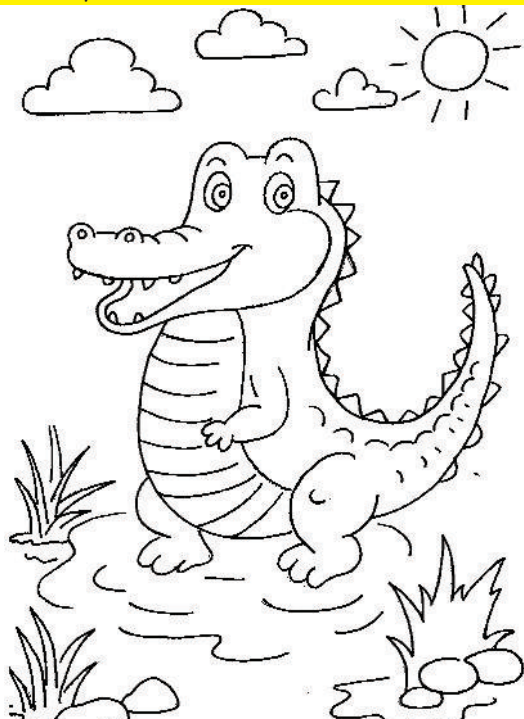
Knock Knock!
Who’s there?
Ice Cream.
Ice Cream who?
Ice Cream if you don’t open the door!



Knock Knock!
Who’s there?
Olive.
Olive who?
Olive you too!

COLOURING FUN

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Poem

Sunburned irony

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Sun’s blazing hot! Oh, summer is here
A vacation’s respite, but sweat draws near
Hold your applause for irony’s treat
In this satirical ode, take a calm seat

Out of school’s clutches, we are free
Yet homework lurks behind the scene
Books and assignments follow us still
Summer’s illusion is a bitter pill

At the beach, the waves crash
But academics we can’t just trash
There’s no time for leisure anymore
Summer break is a study-filled chore

Yet we can find humour in this paradox
With laughter and sarcasm, we unbox
The absurdity of holidays intertwined
In this satirical twist, summer defined.



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