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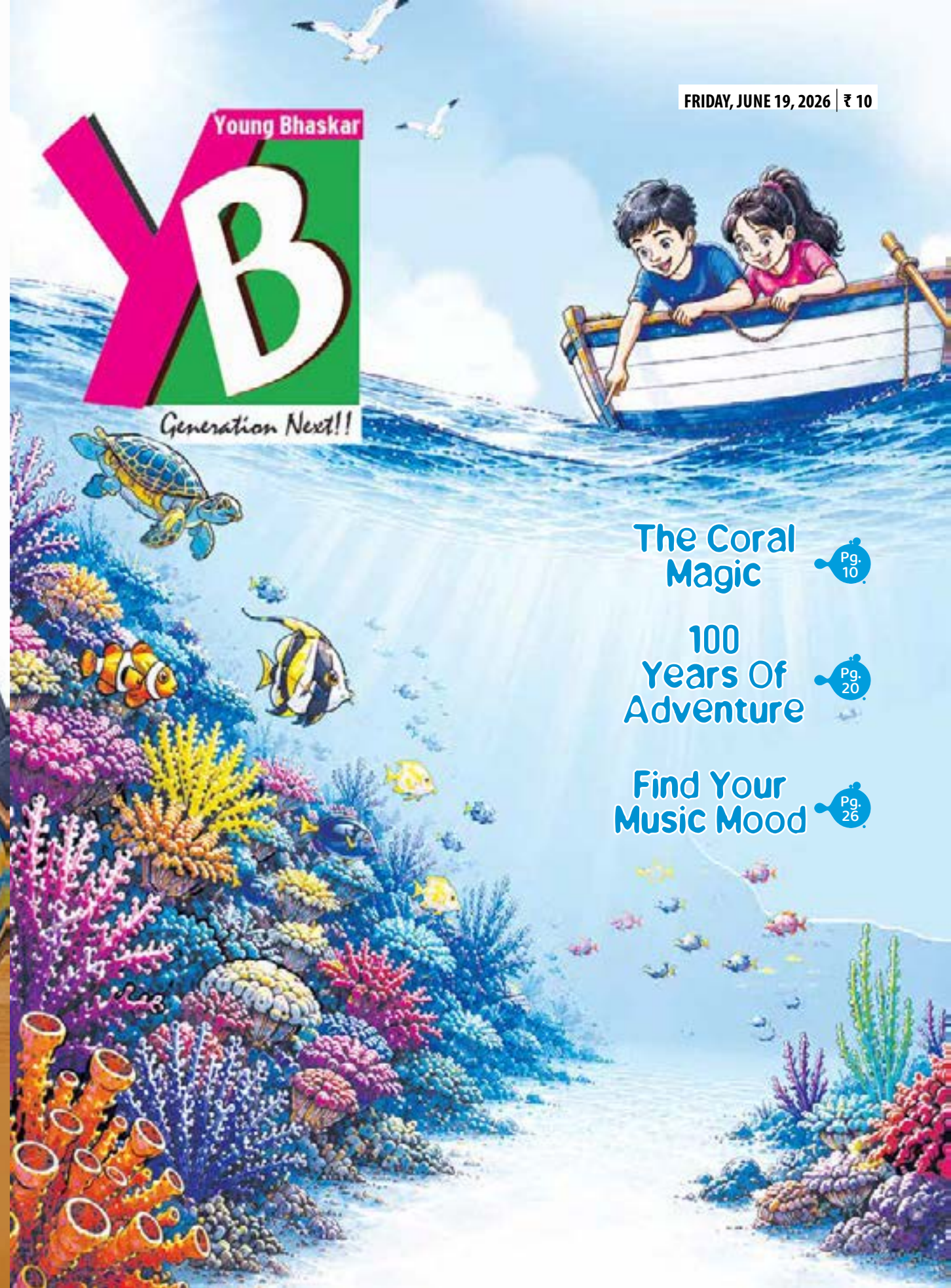
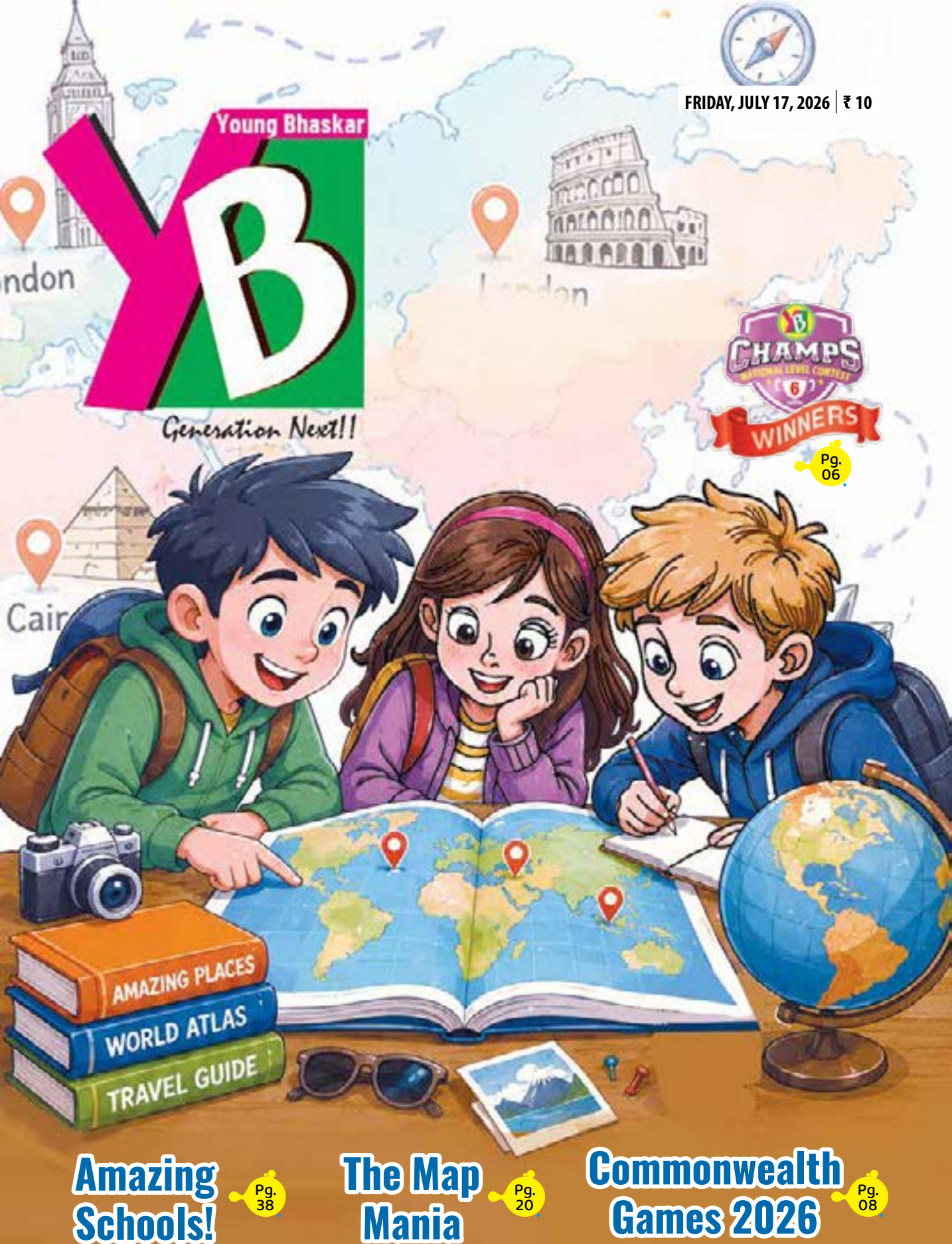
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Symbols. Stories. Flags.

Every country's flag has an amazing story behind it.
Here are a few fascinating ones.

US: A Student's Winning Design



◆ Bob Heft, a 17-year-old student, designed the flag in 1958 as a school project. His design was later adopted as the official U.S. flag, making it one of the most famous school projects in history!

◆ The flag has 13 red & white stripes representing the original colonies that gained independence from Great Britain. While the 50 white stars stand for the number of states, which keep changing as new states are formed.



Bob Heft Died In 2009

Mozambique: A Flag Unlike Others



◆ Mozambique's (East Africa) flag is one of only two national flags in the world to feature a firearm - an AK-47. The weapon represents the country's struggle for freedom and independence. ◆ The flag also has a book symbolising education.

India: The Wheel of Progress



◆ India adopted its current tricolour on 22 July 1947. At its centre is the navy-blue Ashoka Chakra, inspired by a 1,500-year-old stone carving.
◆ The 24-spoke wheel symbolizes the 24 hours, that represent constant movement and progress, making India's flag one of the few national flags that carries a message of action and growth.

Saudi Arabia: The Only Flag With Words



◆ Saudi Arabia's flag features the Shahada, the Islamic declaration of faith, written in elegant Arabic calligraphy.
◆ The flag is never flown upside down because sacred words are inscribed on it.

Denmark: The World's Oldest Flag



◆ Denmark's flag, known as the Dannebrog, is believed to be the oldest national flag still in use today.
◆ According to a famous Danish legend, the flag fell from the sky during a battle in 1219 and inspired the soldiers to victory.

Switzerland: The Square Flag



◆ It is inspired by the emblem of the humanitarian organization: International Committee of the Red Cross, which uses the same colours in reversed form.
◆ Switzerland's flag is square instead of rectangular, making it one of only two square national flags in the world.

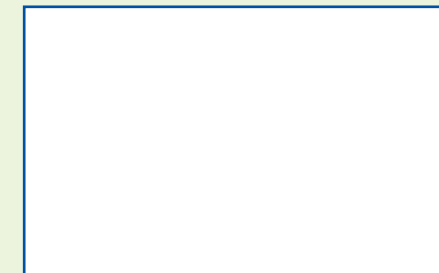
Nepal: The Flag That Breaks the Rules



◆ Nepal's flag is the only national flag in the world that is not rectangular.
◆ The crimson red colour represents the rhododendron, Nepal's national flower, while the blue border stands for peace and harmony.
◆ The sun and moon symbols are believed to represent Nepal's long-lasting spirit.



Activity Challenge:
Design a flag for the planet Mars!





Choco-Pie Mint Shake

Get Together:

- 1 cup melted dark chocolate to dip the rim of the glass, to squirt on the inside walls of the glass and to top off the whipped cream
- 3 scoops mint-chip ice cream
- ¼ cup milk
- 2 Orion Choco-Pie (one in the shake and the other standing vertically on the whipped cream)
- ½ cup whipped cream
- 1 tablespoon dark chocolate chips
- 1 straw



Put Together:

1. Dip the rim of the glass up to ½ inch into warm, freshly melted chocolate.
2. Drizzle the remaining melted chocolate on the inside walls of the glass unevenly. Freeze this glass for 5 minutes.
3. Add 3 scoops of mint chip ice cream, 1 Orion Choco-Pie and ¼ cup milk and blend evenly to a thick shake-like consistency.
4. Add a scoop of whipped cream on top of the shake, followed by a drizzle of chocolate syrup and dark chocolate chips.
5. Top it off with a straw and fix a Choco-pie vertically on the whipped cream.
6. Freeze for 5 minutes and enjoy!

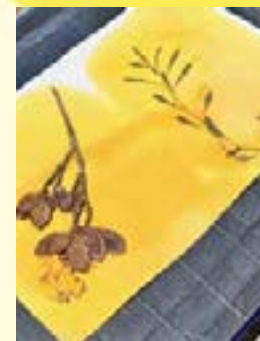


Pro-Tip:
You can try different flavours of ice cream for a change.

Sun-believable Art

Imagine turning sunlight into a magical paintbrush that can create incredible pictures. Let's see how it's done!

What is Sun Painting?



✧ Sun painting, or anatype printing, is an old technique that uses natural plant juices instead of ink to create pictures.

✧ Natural ingredients like turmeric contain curcumin, a chemical that supports sunlight painting.

✧ Mix turmeric powder with water, apply it to the paper, now place a leaf on it and leave it in the sun for 4-5 hours to get a leaf-shaped print.



Burning Art into Wood!



✧ **Asia's First Sunlight Artist:** R.Vignesh, 32, from Mayiladuthurai, Tamil Nadu uses the sun's scorching heat to burn amazing portraits into solid wooden boards!

✧ A small artwork can take three days in bright sunshine, but cloudy weather can stretch the process to a month!

Super Solar Facts!



✧ Vignesh once created a wooden Tesla logo that was shared on Tesla's official Twitter page!

✧ Spraying turmeric sun art with a water-and-soap solution can stop fading and turn yellow lines into darker brown shades.

✧ There are no erasers in sunlight art! Every ray must be focused at the perfect angle to avoid mistakes.



Commonwealth Games 2026

The Commonwealth Games bring together athletes from across the world. Let's dive into the sporting spectacle!

All About Commonwealth Games 2026!



What are Commonwealth Games?

The Commonwealth Games (CWG) are an international sports competition held every four years. The 2026 Commonwealth Games is the 23rd edition and it will bring together athletes that celebrate friendship through sport. They are often called the "Friendly Games."

Event Dates: July 23 to August 2, 2026.

Venue: Glasgow, Scotland



Official Mascot: Finnie, the Unicorn is the official mascot of the CWG 2026. The mascot is a unicorn which is the national animal of Scotland.

● Finnie spreads excitement and cheers on athletes throughout the Games.



● Around 3,000 athletes from 74 different nations and territories will be competing.

● This will be the very first CWG held with King Charles III as the Head of the Commonwealth nations!



Robots & AI Join The Team!

First-Ever AI Partner: A super smart UK software company called Ideagen is the official Artificial Intelligence (AI) Technology Partner for CWG 2026. This is the first time AI has been the main technology partner for the games!



What will AI do?

AI will work behind the scenes. Ideagen's AI-powered tools will help improve safety and event operations, making the Games run more smoothly and efficiently.

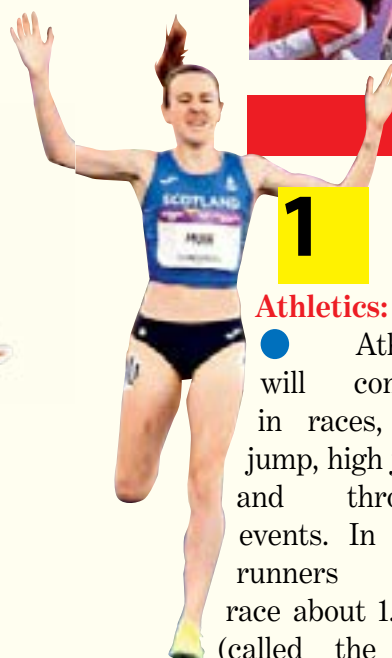
The Awesome 5 Sports!

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Athletics:

● Athletes will compete in races, long jump, high jump, and throwing events. In 2026, runners will race about 1.6 km (called the mile race), instead of the usual 1.5 km.

● For the first time, women will compete in the mile race too. Para-athletes will also be a part, making the event more inclusive.



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Swimming:

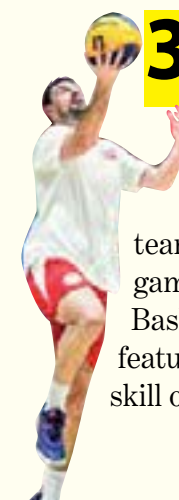
Athletes will race in freestyle, butterfly, and long-distance races. It also includes Para-Swimming events.



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3 x 3 Basketball:

Played on a half-court with just three players per team. It's a super speedy game. Wheelchair Basketball will also be featured, showcasing the skill of para-athletes.



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Artistic Gymnastics:

Watch athletes flip, twist, and fly through the air on the vault, balance beams, and high bars!



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Boxing: Fighters will step into the ring to show off their fast punches across different weight classes.



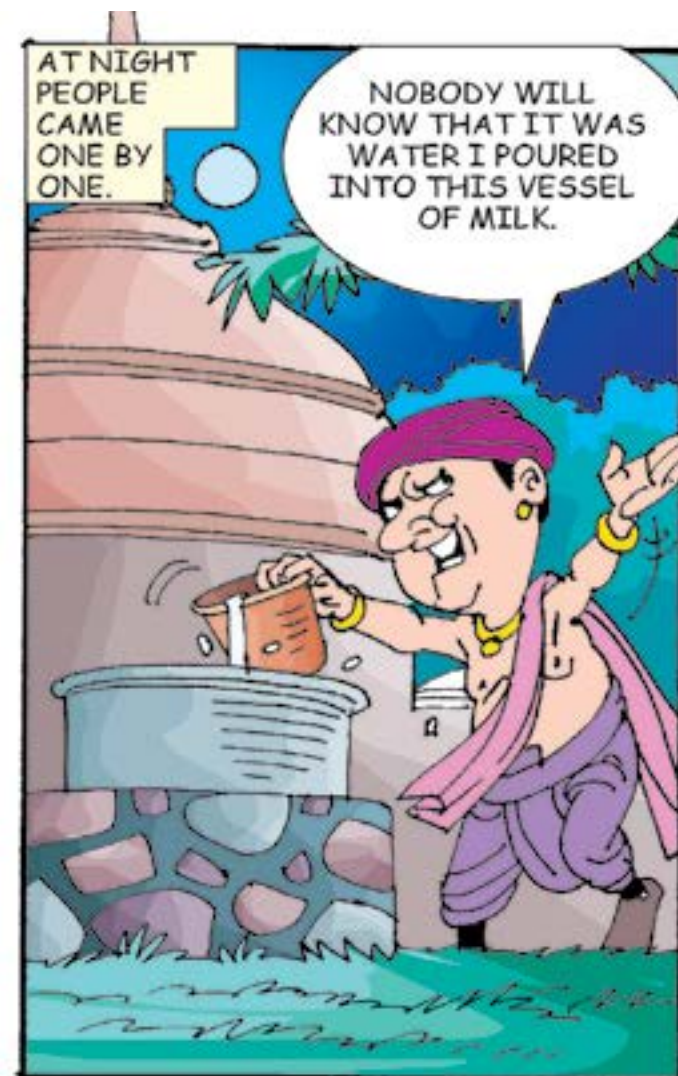
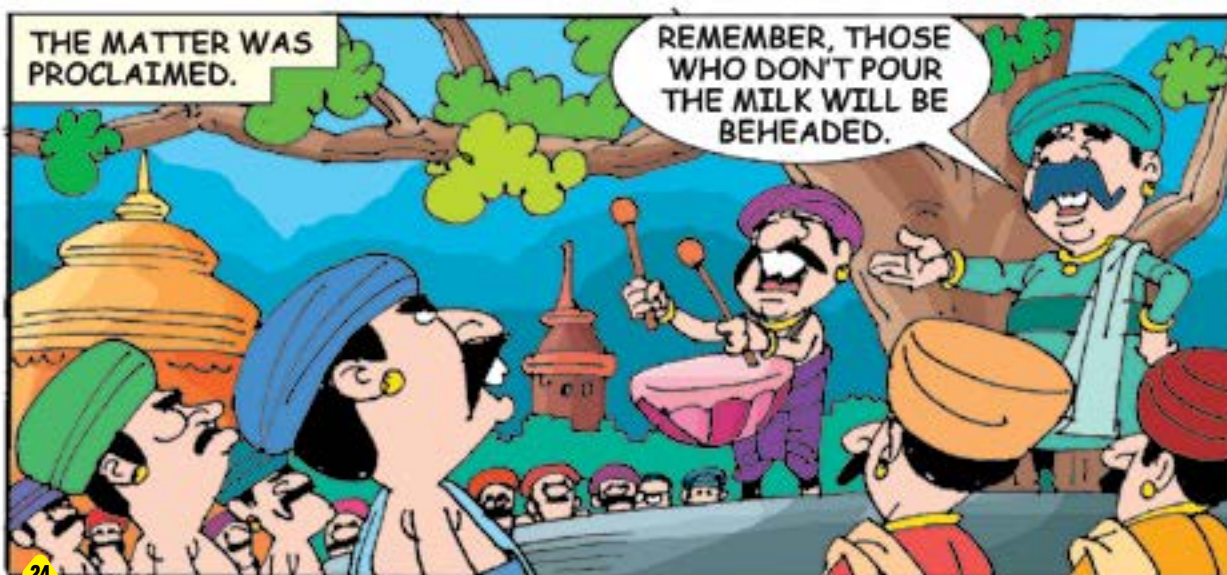
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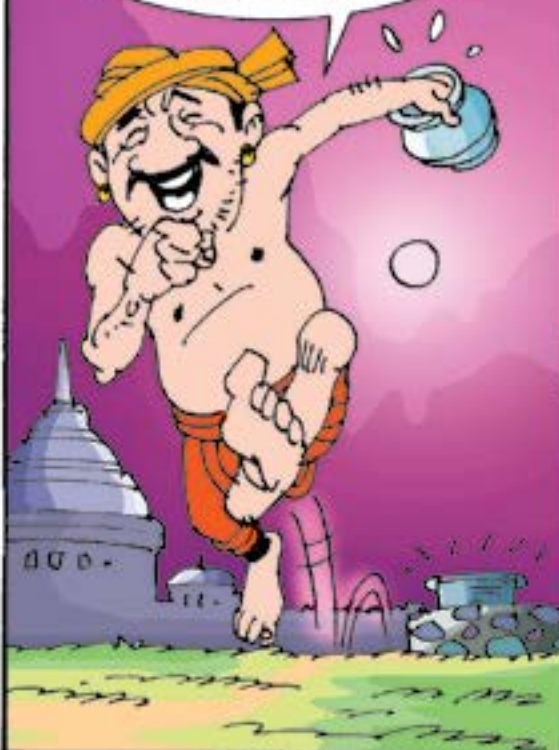


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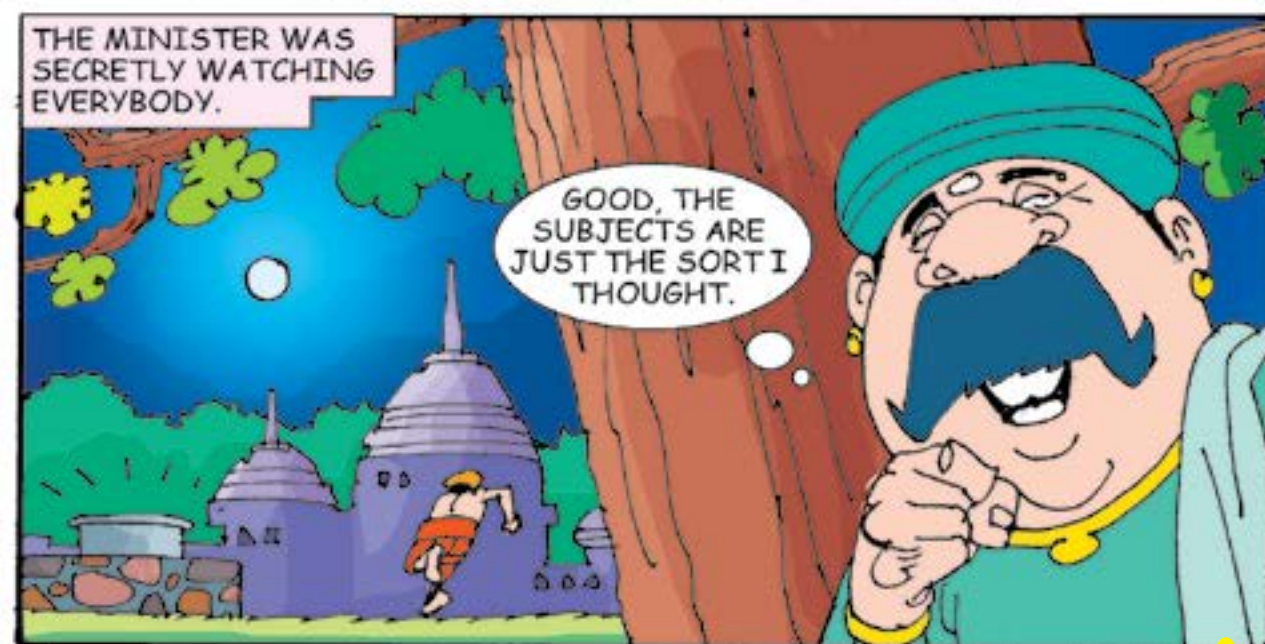


THEN ANOTHER PERSON-

IF THE MINISTER THINKS HE IS CLEVER, I'M HIS GRANDDADDY. I'LL KEEP THE MILK TO MYSELF.



THE MINISTER WAS SECRETLY WATCHING EVERYBODY.





SUMMER CROSSWORD



ACROSS

2. Let's build a _____ to help keep us warm.
4. Hot weather or temperature.
5. A swimming _____.
8. Long walk especially for pleasure or exercise.
9. The warmest season of the year.

DOWN

1. An area with sand next to an ocean or lake.
3. A place usually in nature where people set up tents.
6. A large area of water that is surrounded by land.
7. Can I ride my _____?
9. Very tiny, loose pieces of rock that kids like to play in.

Word
Google

1. PYRAMID
2. HERITAGE
3. ARCHITECT
4. MONUMENT

Eg.- ENGLISH

Answers-

- 1- SINGLE
- 2- SLEIGH
- 3- SHINE
- 4- LINE

YB Tip: Make at least four new words from each word.
Do not count duplicate words.



A Taste of Fine Dining Wordsearch

Find all the hidden words in the grid. Look in all the directions including backwards or diagonol.



- CULINARY
- AMBIENCE
- DESSERT
- NAPKIN
- SORBET
- RESERVATION
- WAITER
- CANDLES



QUOTE-
UNQUOTE



THE TRUE
METHOD OF
KNOWLEDGE IS
EXPERIMENT.

DON'T GO
THROUGH
LIFE, GROW
THROUGH
LIFE.

NOBODY
WHO EVER
GAVE HIS BEST
REGRETTE IT.

REBUS

Identify the words from the given hints.

 + da =	
m + 1 +  =	
 +  =	
 - rk + x =	
sn +  - c =	

Word Google

1. SUNFLOWER
2. MARIGOLD
3. LAVENDER
4. BOUGAINVILLEA

Eg- ENGLISH

Answers-

- 1- SINGLE
- 2- SLEIGH
- 3- SHINE
- 4- LINE

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Find 10 Differences!



Answers on pg. 36

Colour By Number



- 1 Orange
- 2 Yellow
- 3 Pink
- 4 Red
- 5 Green
- 6 Blue



Doubt can only be removed by action.

The journey of a thousand miles begins with one step.

Sudoku

Fill the grid with the missing pieces so that each animal appears in a row and column only once.



Answers on pg. 36

Circumlocution

Quick Term

Meaning: Using many words to say something simple.

Usage: Maya's circumlocution turned a short story into a long explanation.

THE K-POP WAVE!

Welcome to the bright, bubbly, and super-energetic world of K-pop! Let's explore this awesome music that is taking over the world!

What is K-pop?

K-pop stands for South Korean pop music. It is a super fun mix of pop, hip-hop, rap, and dance music. It is famous for its colourful music videos, amazing fashion, and fast dance moves!



The Big K-pop Bands

BTS: It's a band of seven super-talented boys (Jin, Suga, J-Hope, RM, Jimin, V, and Jungkook) who are global record-breakers! Their music combines catchy songs with meaningful messages about mental health, growing up, and self-love.

Hit Songs: Dynamite (2020), Butter (2021)



BLACKPINK:

Meet Jisoo, Jennie, Lisa, and Rose! Their group name perfectly blends strong and bold "black" with bubbly "pink". They are famous for their colourful music videos that feature amazing outfits and hairdo!



Hit Songs: How you like that (2020), Pink Venom (2022)



SEVENTEEN: The group's name comes from a clever math meaning! Even though it has only 13 members, they are divided into 3 special teams (for singing, rapping and dancing). Add 13 members + 3 teams + 1 united group, and you get SEVENTEEN!
Hit Songs: Super (2023), Love, Money, Fame (2024)



The Secret Training Behind K-pop Stars!

Becoming a K-pop star takes a lots of hard work! Young performers must first pass auditions, where companies look for talent, confidence, and star quality. Once selected, they spend months or even years training in singing, dancing, stage performance, and even learning different languages to connect with fans around the world, before making their big debut.

When K-pop meets India!

K-pop is now incredibly popular in India, with K-pop festivals bringing famous stars such as Suho and BamBam to India.
In the song "Paint The Town" by the K-pop group LOONA, Indian tunes and instruments like the tabla were used, adding a catchy groove.

Mind-Blowing Records!

BTS once set a Guinness World Record for getting the most interactions on a post on X (formerly Twitter).
It showed how powerful and dedicated their fanbase is.

Also, the animated K-pop movie 'KPop Demon Hunters' became Netflix's most-watched original film ever, and its songs topped music charts globally.

From ancient cave drawings to GPS on your phone, maps have come a long way! Join us on an exciting journey to discover the world of maps.

What Is A Map?

A map is a picture of a geographical area, usually drawn on a flat surface like a piece of paper or a screen. Think of them as tiny, organized versions of the real world.



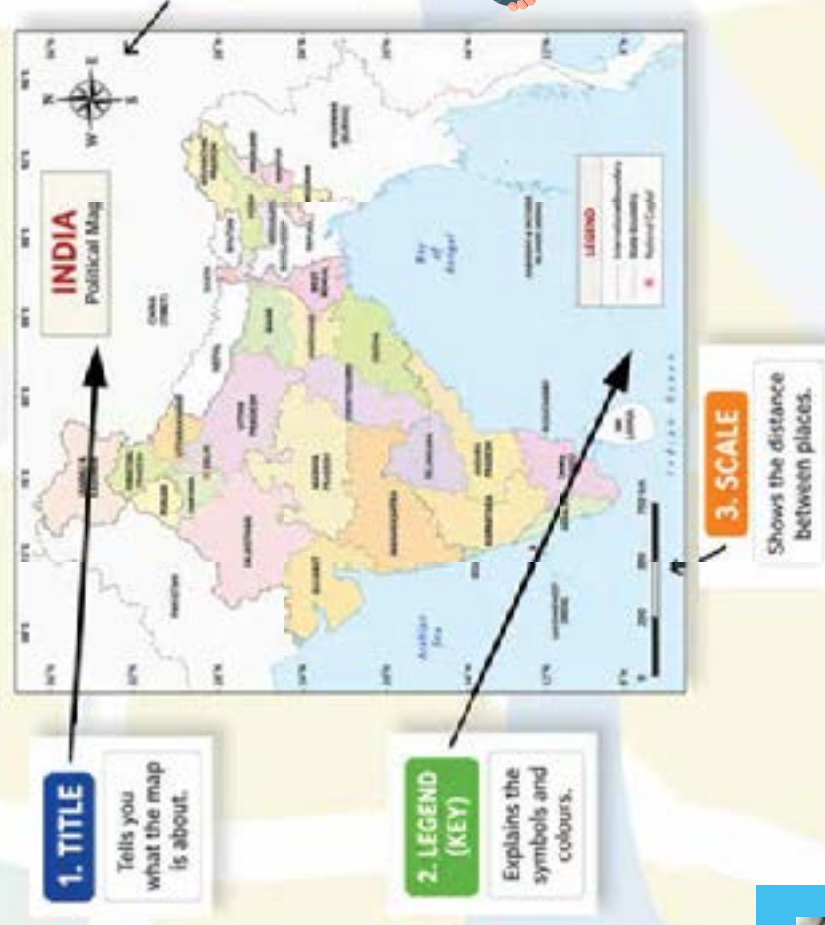
Cartography:

It's the art and science of making maps. Cartographer is the official title for a mapmaker! They use math, geography, and cool designs to build maps that are fun and easy to read.



Political & Physical Maps

We use these maps at school. Political maps show countries, states, cities, and borders, while Physical maps show mountains, rivers, and valleys using colours and curved lines to show how high or steep the land is.



- **The Very First Maps:** The oldest map was carved onto a mammoth tusk about 27,000 years ago and was found near Pavlov in the Czech Republic!



- **The Babylonians:** A round map on a clay tablet. It had 600 BCE, in Babylon (now Iraq), people made the first map of Babylon right in the center, surrounded by water.



- **Claudius Ptolemy**, known as the Father of Cartography revolutionized mapmaking by adding grid lines (called latitude and longitude) to help people find exact spots on the Earth.

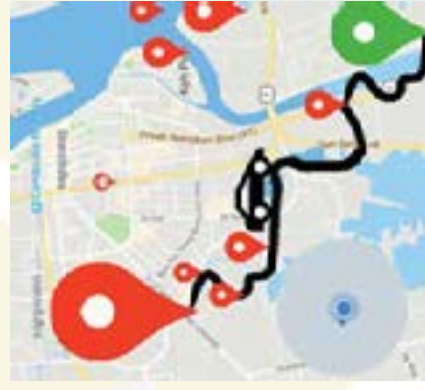


Thematic Maps

These focus on one special topic, like where it rains the most, where people live, or where certain crops grow.

Road & Navigation Maps

The Global Positioning System (GPS) used by the Google Maps show roads, highways, train routes, and directions to help people travel safely without getting lost.

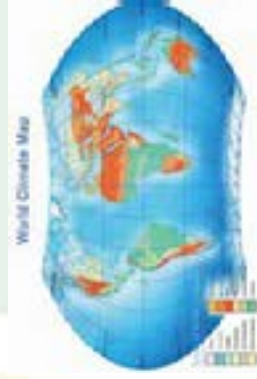


Historical Maps

These show what places looked like in the past, like towns that vanished or borders that shifted over time.

Climate & Weather Maps

These show what is happening in the sky! They highlight temperature, rain, and wind to show daily forecasts or long-term weather patterns.



Amazing Map Facts Long ago, mapmakers drew scary monsters in unexplored places. They warned travellers that these places were unknown & dangerous.

Mapmakers sometimes intentionally drew fake, made-up streets on their city maps. If another company copied their map, the fake street proved they stole it!

Parents: Their Unsaid Love

Story by YB Reader: **Ishita Tiwari**, 16 Yrs

Once upon a time, there was a girl named Ashley. Her parents had separated when she was young. She had grown up with her mother almost all her life. However, her mother was stricter than her friend's parents.

She didn't let her go on outings or picnics either. She remained quite upset due to this.

One day, while walking back to college, a car crashed into her, causing a terrible accident.

The nearby residents called an ambulance, and she was taken to the hospital. It turned out that she had lost a lot of blood in the accident and needed blood immediately. However, because she had a rare blood type, no donor was available at that moment. She felt so vulnerable that she almost lost hope of surviving and living.

That's when a miracle happened: a woman in her 40's who had the same blood type agreed to donate blood to Ashley. It felt like a blessing to her. She tried opening her eyes to see who saved her life at this tragic moment, and realised it was none other than her mom. Her mom had received a call from a nearby police station and rushed to the hospital as soon as she could. Her daughter was her life. As soon as Ashley saw her mother, she burst into tears and hugged her mom. She said, "I'm so sorry for treating you the way I did; you are the best mom ever".

Moral: Your parents might be hard on you, but they care for you and love you more than anything.



Amazing Schools!

While you ride the bus or hop on the front seat of your dad's car to go to school. Children around the world go the extra mile just to reach school.



Schools on Boats

Bangladesh & Coastal India



● Every monsoon, floods cover roads in many villages. Instead of cancelling classes, floating schools travel by boat to collect children.

● Schools in the coastal villages of India also operate the same way. Many boats have libraries, computers and solar panels. Floating libraries are open even after school hours.

Schools That Follow Nomads

Mongolia



● Families from the Nomadic tribes move from place to place with their children and livestock.

● Some of their children stay in boarding schools, and for some, teachers also travel to remote areas so education reaches children wherever they are.

Forest Schools

Scandinavia, UK



● Forest school students spend most of the day outdoors. Children climb trees, build shelters, observe insects and learn practical skills alongside regular lessons.

● They study maths under a tree, science beside a stream and make art using leaves and sticks! Researchers say spending time in nature improves confidence and problem-solving.



● Children living above the Arctic Circle sometimes travel to school by sledge, snowmobile or even skis because roads are covered with snow for months.

● Some schools are specially insulated to keep classrooms warm despite temperatures below -30°C .

Floating Classrooms

Lake Titicaca, Peru



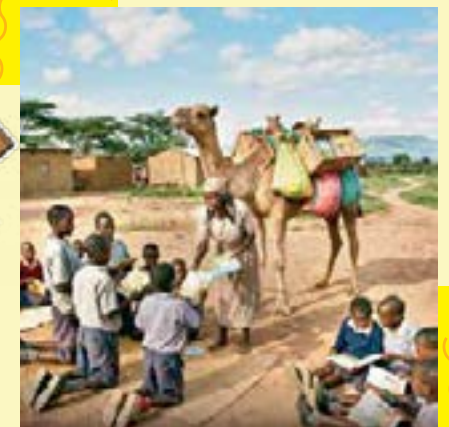
● Families living on floating reed islands send their children to schools built on the islands themselves.

● Everything from the houses to the classrooms rests on thick layers of reeds.



Camel Schools

Kenya



● In remote desert regions, teachers sometimes use camels to carry books and learning materials to children who live far from regular schools.



Hospital Schools



● These schools are developed for children who have to stay in hospitals for months for their treatment. Special teachers visit them so they can continue their studies while recovering.



LOL!



XB

LOL!



XB



Dad: Why are you putting your homework in the freezer?

Son: Because my teacher said it should be "cool work"!



Mum: Why are you carrying a ladder to school?

Aryan: I heard today's test is going to be on a higher level.



Teacher: Why didn't you bring your science project?

Student: It escaped.

Teacher: Escaped?

Student: Yes! It was an experiment about motion.



Teacher: Who can tell me what comes after the letter A?

Student: All the other letters.



Mum: Why are you wearing your backpack in the living room?

Daughter: I'm practising for my future.

Mum: Future?

Daughter: Yes, carrying responsibilities!



Riddles

- 1- What has cities, rivers and mountains but no people?
- 2- What gets sharper the more you use it?
- 3- The more you share me, the less you have. What am I?



Answer:
1. A map.
2. Your brain.
3. A secret.

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Teacher: Aryan, why did you write "I don't know" for every answer?

Aryan: At least I'm being honest and honesty gets full marks, right?



Adi: Dad, do you like to save money?

Dad: Yes, ofcourse.

Adi: Then please buy me a bike, I'll not wear out so many pairs of shoes.



Coach: Ravi, why didn't you run when the race started?

Ravi: I was waiting for the traffic light to turn green!



Customer: Are you sure your milk is pure?

Milk Man: Oh yes! Every drop of water we put in is filtered.

Customer is in shock.

Patient: Doctor, I think I'm shrinking!

Doctor: Well, you just have to be a little patient.



Customer: Can I stick this wallpaper on myself?

Shopkeeper: Yes, but it would look better on the wall.



Riddles

1. What kind of room doesn't have doors?
2. I have hands but I cannot clap?



Answer:
1. A Mushroom.
2. Clock.

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