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Story Time

Every Sunday evening, Marina Beach smelled like sea breeze and boiled peanuts. But one Sunday, something terrible happened. The famous Sundal Bucket near the lighthouse went missing.

Five people noticed it at the same time.

Anu, who loved solving puzzles, gasped.

Karthik, who ate sundal like it was homework, looked heartbroken.

Meena, always practical, checked the ground for clues.

Bala, the joker of the group, whispered, "Maybe aliens like sundal."

And Paati Lakshmi, who sold jasmine flowers nearby, adjusted her glasses and said, "Hmm. This is fishy."

The sundal uncle was panicking. "Without sundal, how will people survive Sunday?" he cried.

Anu took charge. "Okay, team. Mystery time."

They noticed wet footprints leading away from the stall. Not shoe prints—paw prints.

"Street dog!" Bala announced dramatically. The trail led past kite sellers, giggling toddlers, and one very suspicious MTC bus stop. Near a broken bench, they heard a slurp... crunch...

Behind the bench sat Raja, the beach's most famous street dog, with the missing sundal bucket. But Raja wasn't alone.

Three tiny puppies were trying to eat the hot sundal and sneezing.



“Oh no,” Meena said. “That’s why it disappeared.”
Paati Lakshmi smiled. “Raja is a good fellow. He only took it for his babies.”
Karthik sighed. “I waited all week for sundal... but it’s okay, the puppies are cute.”
They returned to the stall and explained everything honestly. Instead of getting angry, the sundal uncle laughed. “Next time, Raja should just ask!”
He made a fresh bucket—half for people, half without spice for the dogs.
As the sun set, the puppies wagged their tails, the kids shared jokes, and Marina Beach felt peaceful again.
Anu wrote the mystery in her notebook and asked, “What is today’s lesson?”
Bala grinned. “Always follow paw prints.”
Paati Lakshmi said gently, “When we choose kindness over anger, answers come quicker.”
Everyone agreed, including Raja with his big grin!



Vocabulary Builder

- **Vanishing:** Fading away or going out of sight.
- **Suspicious/Fishy:** When something feels "weird" or when someone is hiding a secret.
- **Gasped:** That "Ooh!" sound you make when you are shocked.
- **Grinned:** A giant, happy look on your face
- **Dramatically:** Doing something with a lot of extra feeling or "show."

TO PLAY ONLINE



Beat the Heat

CHENNAI
SUMMER
PUZZLE

Word Search

Find the summer & Chennai-related words hidden in the box. Words can be horizontal, vertical or diagonal. Circle the words when you find them!

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WORD LIST

MARINA, MANGO, SUN,
SWIMMING, FAN, AIR-COOLER,
VACATION



Logic Riddle -Summer Quest

Four kids from Chennai ate different summer treats. Read the given clues and identify the treats that each kid had enjoyed.

Kids: Anu, Bala, Chitra, Deepak
Treats: Mango, Ice Cream, Watermelon, Lemon Juice

Clues:

- Anu did not have Mango or Ice Cream.
- Bala had something cold but not a fruit.
- Chitra’s treat is yellow and it’s a fruit.
- Deepak drank Juice.

Identify the treats they had:

Treats
- Anu _____
- Bala _____
- Chitra _____
- Deepak _____



Unscramble based on the clues given

R A T O U K I C H S W A

Clue: A three-wheeled vehicle that you can see everywhere on Chennai roads. It helps people travel quickly.

U Y H I D M T I

Clue: When the air feels sticky and sweaty, especially in Chennai summers.

N S U C S N E R E

Clue: You apply this on your skin to protect yourself from the hot sun.

R E T A W E M O N L

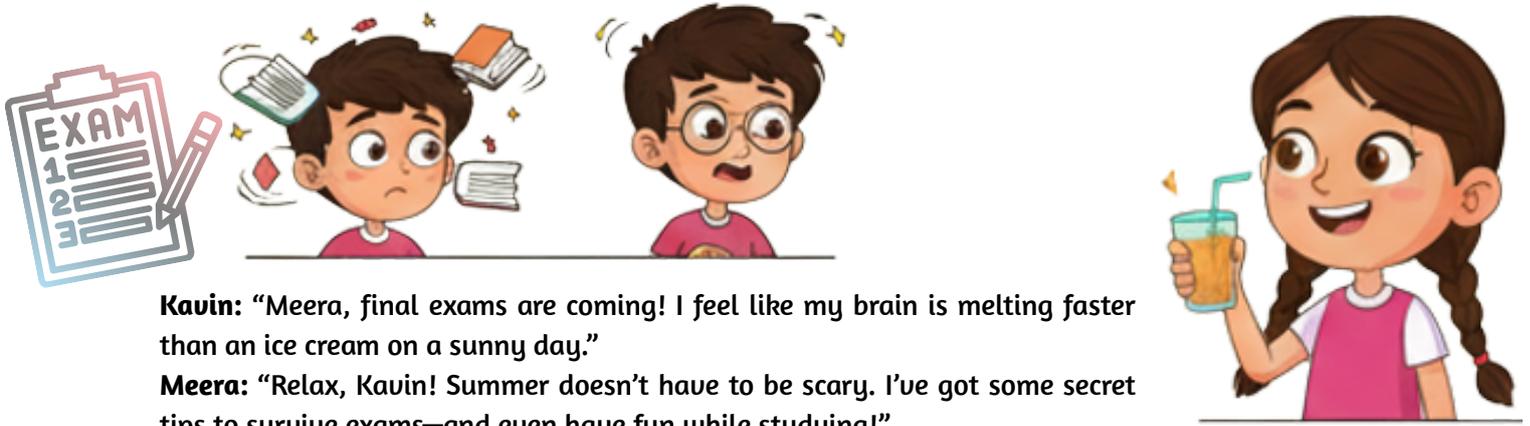
Clue: A juicy fruit with lots of water that helps you stay cool in summer.

V H E W T A A E

Clue: A time when the temperature stays very high for many days in a row.



EXAM PREP WITH KAVIN & MEERA: BEAT THE BORING STUDY BLUES



Kavin: “Meera, final exams are coming! I feel like my brain is melting faster than an ice cream on a sunny day.”

Meera: “Relax, Kavin! Summer doesn’t have to be scary. I’ve got some secret tips to survive exams—and even have fun while studying!”

Tip 1: Brain-Boost Drink

Meera: “Start your study sessions with a tall glass of something refreshing—water, juice, or even coconut water. It keeps your brain alert and energized.”

Kavin: “Ohhh... that sounds better than my usual ice cream strategy.”

Meera: “Exactly! And if you mix a few mint leaves, it’ll be like your own natural study potion.”



Hydration fuels your brain—start your study sessions with a refreshing drink to stay sharp.

Tip 2: The Magic Minute Method

Meera: “Try the Magic Minute Method! Study in short bursts—25 minutes of full focus, then 5 minutes to stretch, move, or relax. And then repeat!”

Kavin: “Like mini energy boosts for my brain?”

Meera: “Yes! These quick resets break the routine and keep your brain fresh and not tired.”



Use focused study intervals with mini breaks to boost memory and energy.

Tip 3: Memory Boost Walks

Meera: “After studying, take a short 10-minute walk outside. Fresh air and a change of scenery help your brain remember what you’ve learned.”

Kavin: “Even if there’s a lot of noise around?”

Meera: “Especially then! Your brain loves real-world signals to lock in new information.”



A quick walk outside clears your mind and recharges your brain—perfect after study time!

Tip 4: Level-Up Rewards

Meera: “Turn studying into a game! After finishing a chapter, give yourself a tiny reward—like a treat, a fun sketch, or some dancing.”

Kavin: “So exams are like secret levels in a video game?”

Meera: “Absolutely! And you’re the hero leveling up with every chapter.”



Reward yourself after completing chapters—turn studying into a fun game and stay motivated.



Kavin: “Thanks, Meera! I think I can beat these exams... and maybe still hit the beach this summer!”

Meera: “That’s the spirit! Study smart, stay cool, and don’t forget the coconut water.”



Are You a MONEY DETECTIVE?

PART 1: SMART MONEY CHOICES – NEEDS VS WANTS



SOLVE THE MYSTERY OF SMART SPENDING!

TASK 1 NEEDS OR WANTS?

Read the given text. Write N for Need and W for Want, next to each item.



TO PLAY ONLINE

| LIST | NEED VS WANT |
|--|--------------|
| 1. Rice and sambar for lunch | |
| 2. School uniform | |
| 3. New cricket bat even though the old one still works | |
| 4. Ice cream at park | |
| 5. Books and notebooks for class | |
| 6. Bus fare for travel to school | |

Everything we buy does not have the same value. Some things are **Needs** (we must have them), and some are **Wants** (nice to have, but not necessary).

PART 2: PLANNING MONEY – LET’S MAKE A SIMPLE BUDGET!

A budget is a plan for money. It helps families decide how much to spend, save, and share, so that money doesn’t disappear too fast! In many homes, money will be used for groceries, electricity bills, school fees, and sometimes saved in a bank or spent using UPI.

TASK 2 MINI BUDGET CHALLENGE

Ravi gets ₹300 as pocket money for the month. Help him plan his money by filling in the blanks and make sure that the total adds up to ₹300.

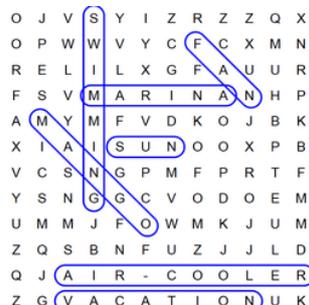
| Use of Money | Amount (₹) |
|--------------------------------|------------|
| Snacks after tuition | ₹ _____ |
| Saving in a bank or piggy bank | ₹ _____ |
| Bus or auto travel | ₹ _____ |
| Buying School Supplies | ₹ _____ |

Solutions

Summer Quest

| Kid | Treat |
|--------|-------------|
| Anu | WATERMELON |
| Bala | ICECREAM |
| Chitra | MANGO |
| Deepak | LEMON JUICE |

Word Search



Unscramble Words

- AUTORICKSHAW
- HUMIDITY
- SUNSCREEN
- WATERMELON
- HEATWAVE

Money Detective

- Task 1
1.N 2.N 3.W
4.W 5.N 6.N
- Task 2
INDIVIDUAL ANSWERS