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BEGINS WITH FRESH PAGE

May your year be filled with curious questions, brave ideas and stories that change you for the better. Happy New Year and Iniya Pongal Nalvazhthukal!

UPCOMING EVENTS

* PYTHON FOR KIDS

Jan 7, 2026

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Story Time

The Mystery of the Missing Meteorite

Maya, a bright 12-year-old with a passion for space, lived in the quiet town of Stony Creek. Her grandfather, a retired professor, had recently donated a small, priceless meteorite fragment—a piece of space rock—to the local museum. It was the museum's most valuable item.

One rainy Saturday, Maya and her best friend, Sam, visited the museum. They shuffled through the quiet halls until they reached the display case. A small velvet cushion usually held the meteorite, gleaming dully under the display light.

But today, the cushion was empty.

"It's gone!" Sam whispered, his eyes wide.

The museum curator, Mr. Davies, rushed over, his face pale with dread. "It was here this morning! Who could have done this?"

Maya noticed something Sam missed. Tucked just under the velvet cushion was a tiny, crumpled piece of paper. Maya slipped it into her pocket.

Back at her house, she smoothed out the note. It was a crude drawing: a crescent moon shape, a zigzag line, and an arrow pointing to a small, lumpy shape.

"A secret map?" Sam suggested.



"No," Maya replied, thinking. "It's a clue. Look at the shapes."
 The crescent moon was the local bakery's logo. The zigzag line looked like the old iron fence around the abandoned observatory on the hill. The lumpy shape? It reminded her of the big, uneven oak tree in her own backyard.
 They raced to the oak tree. The arrow on the note pointed to the base of the trunk. Maya pushed aside some damp leaves and felt something hard and smooth beneath them.
 It was a meteorite!
 They gasped, relief washing over them. But why was it here? And who left the note?
 Just then, Maya's little sister, eight-year-old Lily, skipped out of the back door, holding a crayon. "Did you find it? I was just playing 'Space Thief' and hid Grandpa's rock. I made you a special treasure map so you wouldn't worry!" she said, proudly pointing to the crumpled paper in Maya's hand. "The bakery, the fence, and your oak tree! Easy!"
 Maya and Sam stared at each other. The priceless, stolen space rock was never missing at all. It was just a prop in a game of make-believe.
 Maya sighed, shaking her head. "Well, Lily," she said, managing a smile. "You gave us a real thriller, didn't you?" They returned the meteorite to a very relieved Mr. Davies, and Maya realized sometimes, the smallest suspects make the biggest mysteries



Vocabulary Builder

- **Meteorite:** A piece of rock or metal that has fallen to Earth from outer space.
- **Curator:** A person in charge of a museum or an art collection.
- **Dread:** A feeling of great fear or anxiety about something that might happen.
- **Gleaming:** To reflect light, typically because it is very clean or polished.

The Meteorite Mix-Up



Unscramble the names of the places Maya and Sam went to during their search.

JUMBLED WORD	CLUE FROM STORY
YKABRE	Where is the crescent moon logo?
ARBYOSEVORT	The abandoned building with the old iron fence.
TRKEO AET	Where was the meteorite finally hidden?

CREATION corner



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Solve the given array puzzle using basic operations.

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Are You a MONEY DETECTIVE?



MISSION

DISCOVER THE
FLOW
OF MONEY!

PART 1: WHERE DOES MONEY COME FROM?

TASK 1 MATCH THE INCOME

Person	Source of Money (Income)
1. An IT Professional	A. Selling goods or services
2. A Student doing chores	B. Allowance or gift from family
3. A Person running a bakery	C. Salary (pay for a job)
4. A Child's Birthday	D. Earning money for a specific task

TASK 2 FILL IN THE BLANKS

| Income | Job | Chores | Gift |

Use the words in the box below to complete the sentences.

- When you get paid to do a task like babysitting, it is called earning money from _____.
- A parent's _____ is the main source of money for a family.
- Money you get on your birthday is a _____.
- All the money that comes in to you or your family is called _____.

PART 2: WHERE DOES THE MONEY GO?

TASK 3 SORT THE MONEY USES!

Look at the items below. Write the letter of each item into the correct row: Spend, Save, or Give.

Rows	Items
Spend (Needs & Wants)	
Save (Future)	
Give (Charity/Help)	

- Buying a new toy
- Donating money to an animal shelter
- Setting aside money for a future trip
- Putting money in a Piggy Bank
- Paying for a ticket to the movies
- Buying food for the family

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The money you earn is called your Income. Adults usually earn salary from their jobs.

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Money goes to three main places:
Spending, Saving, and Giving.

Solutions

THE METEORITE MIX-UP

1. BAKERY 2. OBSERVATORY 3. OAK TREE

FOOD CORNER QUIZ

1 - b, 2 - a, 3 - b, 4 - b

MONEY DETECTIVE

TASK 1: 1 - c, 2 - d, 3 - a, 4 - b
TASK 2: CHORES, JOB, GIFT, INCOME
TASK 3: SPEND - A, E, F; SAVE - C, D; GIVE - B

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