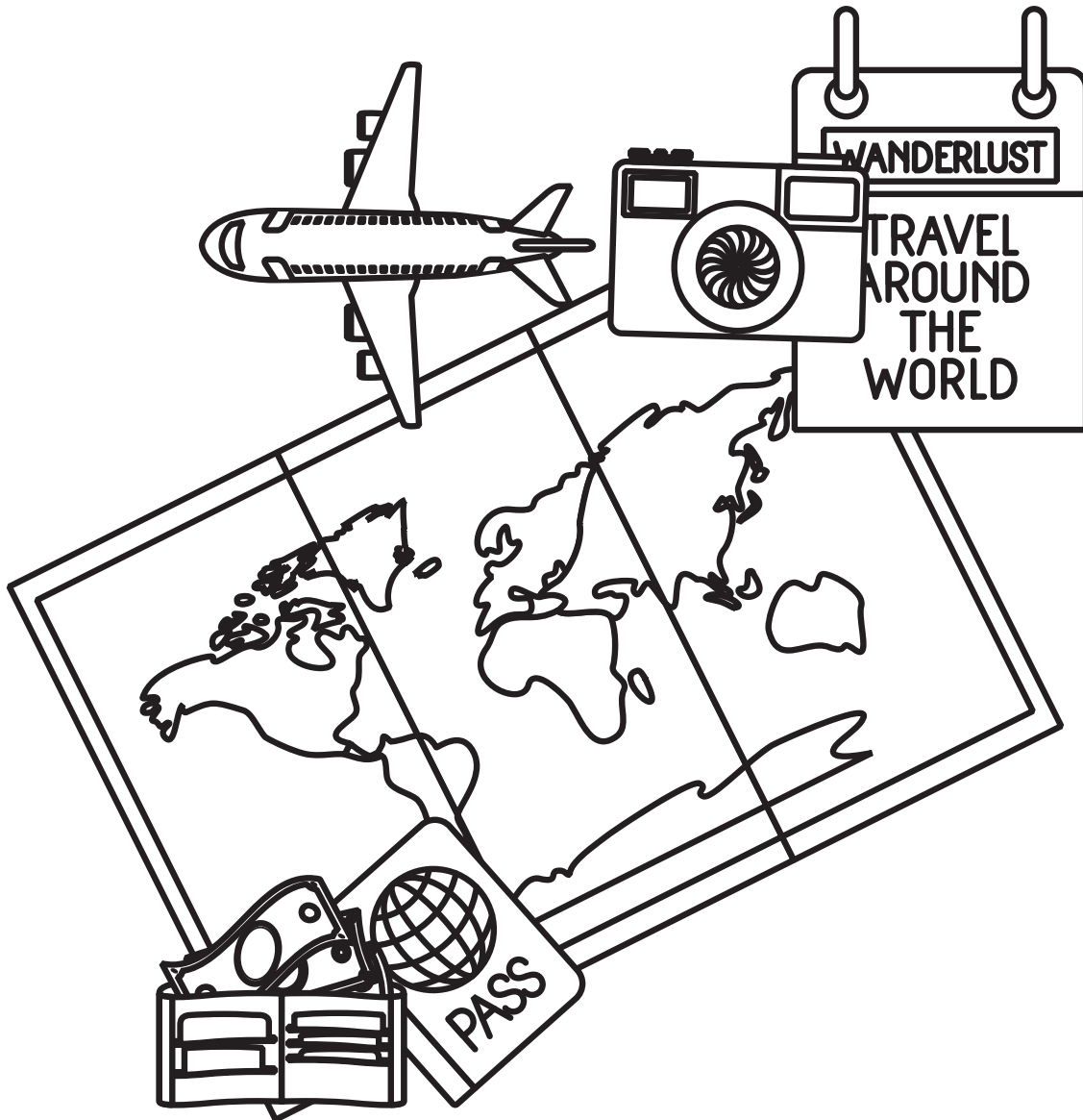


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WELCOME to the latest edition of The Kids' Chronicle.

In this issue:

- Meet the 13-year-old Football wonderkid who has been signed by Chelsea
- Find out about what's to come in Toy Story 5
- Read an amazing short story by our Author of the Month
- Plus, try your hand at our latest games and puzzles

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TOY STORY 5: A NEW ADVENTURE WITH A MODERN TWIST



Everyone's favourite toys are back! Buzz, Woody, Jessie, and the gang are returning for Toy Story 5, and this time, they're up against a very different kind of challenge — a tablet. That's right. The new villain in the movie isn't another toy or a scary toy collector — it's a screen. In this brand-new adventure, the toys face the challenge of being forgotten and ignored, not because they're broken or lost, but because the child who owns them is spending more and more time staring at a tablet instead.

A VERY MODERN PROBLEM

The film doesn't just bring back the magic and heart of the Toy Story series — it also shares a really important message. It shows how spending too much time on screens can sometimes mean missing out on the fun, imagination, and connection that toys and friends bring.

WHAT WE CAN LEARN

Just like the toys in the movie, real-life toys help us think creatively, solve problems, and have fun away from screens. Tablets can be great tools for learning and entertainment, but Toy Story 5 reminds us that balance is key. Too much screen time can leave our favourite playthings — and sometimes our real friends — feeling left out. So while we're all excited to see the new movie, maybe it's also a good time to look up from our screens, grab our favourite toy or game, and enjoy a little imagination time. Who knows what kind of adventure you might go on?

FUN CHALLENGE:

Can you go a whole day without using a tablet or TV? What would you do instead? Draw it, write it down, or act it out — and send it in to The Kids' Chronicle!

WORDSEARCH: TRAVEL

Where are you going this summer? Can you find all the countries in the puzzle below? Just remember that the words can go in any direction, and the words can share letters as they cross over each other.



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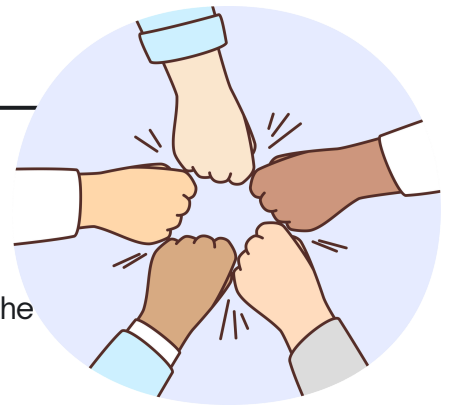
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CULTURE CLASH

This week, we explore two very different festivals from around the world: The Golowan Festival and American Independence Day.



THE GOLOWAN FESTIVAL: A MAGICAL MIDSUMMER CELEBRATION (21 - 30 JUNE)

Every summer, the seaside town of Penzance in Cornwall, UK comes alive with a festival called Golowan (pronounced go-low-an). It's one of the most colourful and exciting events in the southwest of England — and it celebrates Midsummer, which is the longest day of the year!

What's It All About?

Long ago, people in Cornwall lit bonfires and danced to mark Midsummer's Eve. They believed it was a magical time when the sun was at its strongest. "Golowan" means "the Feast of St. John" in the old Cornish language, and the festival blends ancient traditions, local legends, and lots of fun!

Today, the Golowan Festival is a modern version of this celebration and lasts for 10 whole days, usually in late June. The biggest day is called Mazey Day, when the whole town turns into one giant street party!

AMERICAN INDEPENDENCE DAY (4 JULY)

Every year on 4 July, people across the United States of America celebrate Independence Day — also known as the Fourth of July. It's a day filled with fireworks, flags, and freedom!



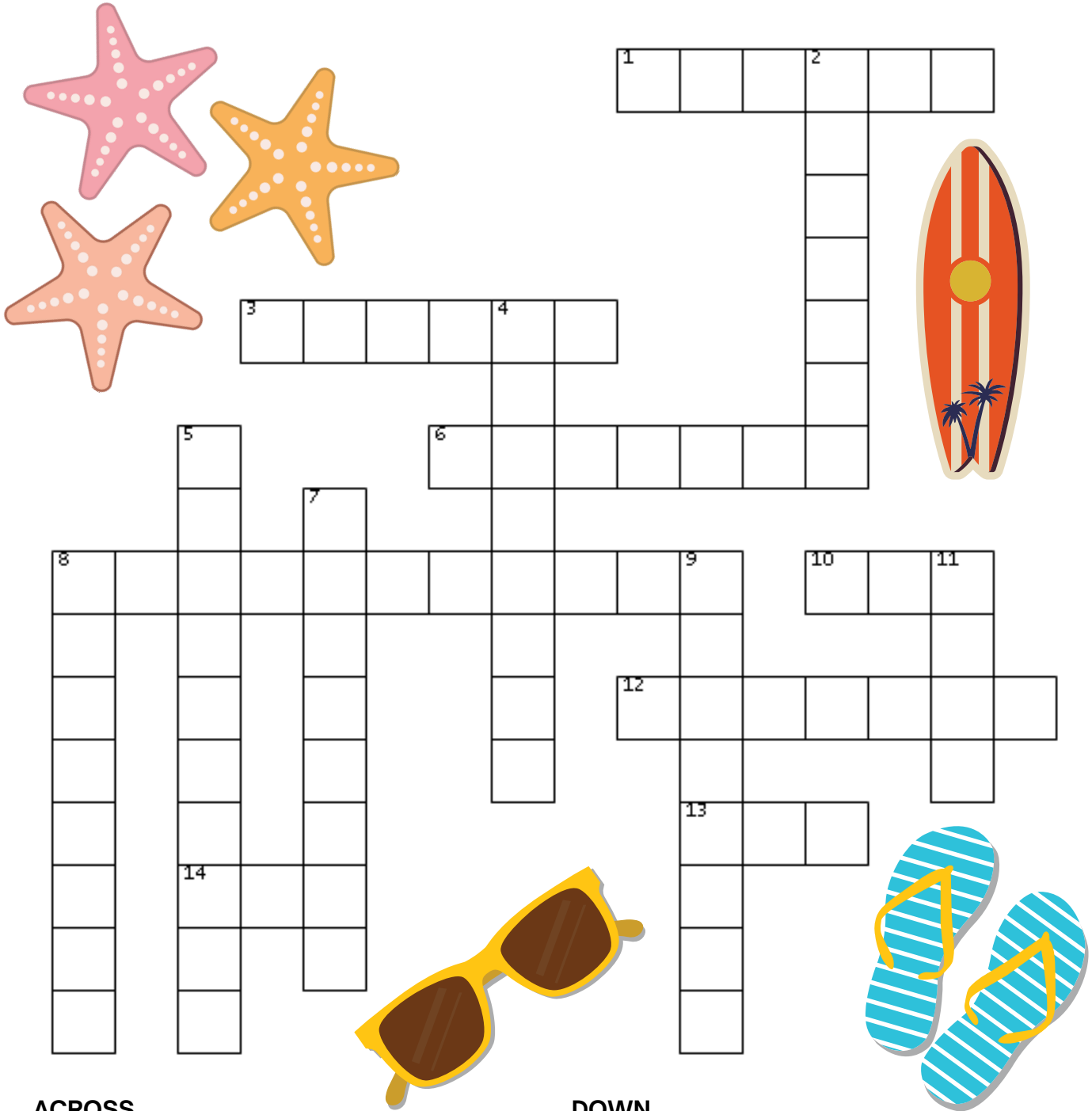
Why Is It Celebrated?

Back in 1776, the people living in what is now the USA were ruled by Britain. They wanted to make their own decisions and run their own country. So, on 4 July 1776, leaders from the 13 American colonies signed a special paper called the Declaration of Independence. That's when the United States was officially born!

American Independence Day is all about celebrating freedom and being proud of the country. People celebrate by hanging flags, having BBQs and picnics, watching fireworks and watching parades.



CROSSWORD: SUMMER HOLIDAYS



ACROSS

1. The opposite of sunrise
3. Something you use to take pictures
6. Sleeping outside in a tent
8. You build these at the beach
10. You may need this to help you find your way
12. A place you go to catch a plane
13. It shines brightly in the sky
14. What you swim in at the seaside

DOWN

2. A sport where you ride waves
4. A long trip taken by car
5. You wear these to protect your eyes from the sun
7. A cold, creamy treat on a cone
8. What you pack your clothes in
9. Clothes you wear in a pool or ocean
11. A funfair or amusement _____

SUMMER SHORT STORY COMPETITION!

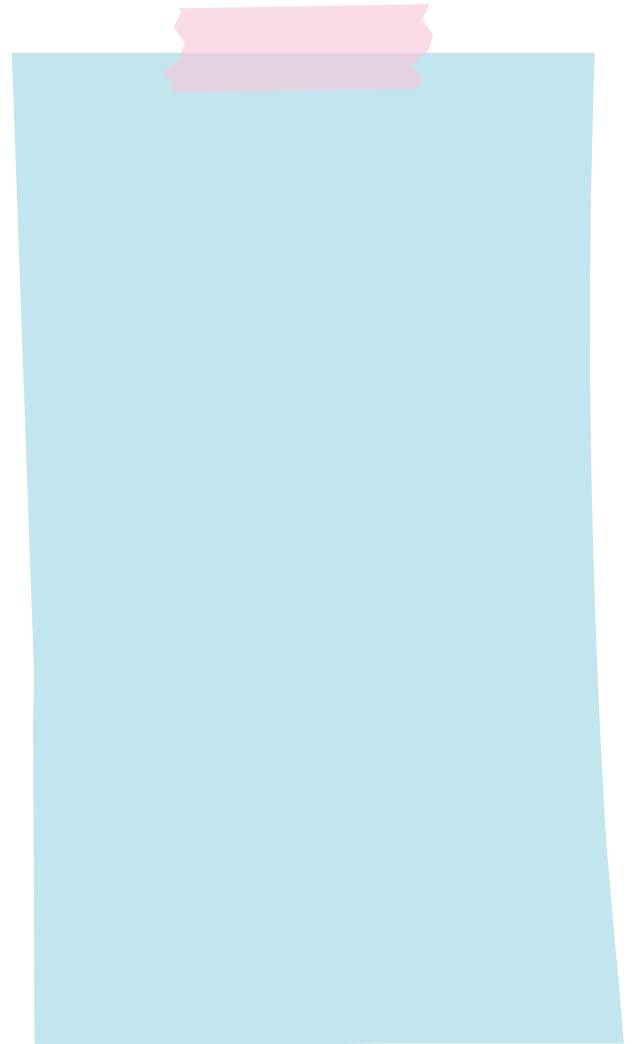
Calling All Young Writers!

The Kids' Chronicle is launching its very first Short Story Competition — and you could be our next published author! One lucky winner will have their story printed in the September edition of TKC as our Author of the Month, just in time for the new school year. To enter, write an original short story (no more than 500 words), give it a fun title, and email it to us at hello@thekidschronicle.com by 15 August. So sharpen those pencils, stretch your imagination, and get writing!

Need some help getting started? Don't worry, children's author Kathy Urban has some amazing tips to help you plan and structure your story:

- 1 Think about your character. Add a little detail to your character. For example, rather than just a bee, make a a friendly, talkative bee; or perhaps its about a girl who is really shy?
- 2 Decide where your story is set? At home? At school?
- 3 Figure out what the problem is. Is the bee unable to reach the flowers? Or can't find its way back to the hive? Or perhaps maybe the girl wants to join a sports team but is too shy to try out?
- 4 Next decide what they do to help solve their problem. For example will someone come to the bee's rescue? Does the girl make a friend who helps her become more confident?
- 5 Every story must have an ending. In books this means that the problem has been solved. How has yours? And where does that leave your characters? Is there a happy ending? A funny twist? How will your story end?

Make some notes in the post-it note below to help you along the way.



GOODBYE HUNGER, HELLO LEMONADE

BY SARA RANEY

One fine summer morning, when the sky was blue and the air was warm, a poor couple gave birth to a child. They named her Eva. She had sky blue eyes, and her black hair was as black as the midnight sky and as straight as silk. Her lips were pale pink and shaped like rosebuds. By the time Eva was six her skin was light brown, she had a shy smile whilst her cheeks turned reddish pinkish like she was blushing! She had rows of polished teeth and wore old, ragged clothes and a pair of patched up sandals. She also had a tiny, pointed nose like a pencil. She is kind, caring, helpful and ambitious.

Eva lives in a one-bedroom house, near the edge of town, she's been growing up in this house since she was born. It's a small basic house that is comfortable and cozy. She sleeps on a dirty, yellowish mattress next to her parents' bed. The house is very old and rusty, since it has been there for generations. In the winter, the house feels extra cold, due to the icy breeze that comes through the cracks in the windows.

Eva's dad has a learning disability which makes working hard for him. Her dad has had many different jobs since Eva was born.

Eva is now 8 years old and goes to the local school near her home. At school she doesn't have a snack or lunch, because her parents do not have money as her Dad's company does not pay him enough. Therefore, at snack and lunch times she feels a pang of jealousy and hunger. Sometimes her best friends share food with her under the table even though they are not allowed to share food at school. Eva feels guilty but happy at the same time as she feels she has the best friends in the whole world.

One day Eva took some of her little pocket money to a near by baker to try and buy a bagel for school. But the shopkeeper said her money wasn't enough, so she went back home feeling glum and hungry. When Eva reached home, her Mum could see she was sad. To cheer her up her mum exclaimed, 'Eva guess what? Some people from a charity group stopped by and gave us some food'. Eva felt over the moon! Her family happily ate all the chicken, rice, salad, boiled potatoes, gravy and dates together, but sadly, the food ran out and again they didn't have any more food to eat.

A couple of days later Eva noticed a new cool boy in her class at school. He was 7 years old, and his eyes were emerald green. Behind his ears were his dark red curls with a stripe of black down the back of his hair. He had a kind smile which made Eva think he was a good listener and would help her solve all her problems. As she advanced towards him, she noticed some other details about him, for example his skin was peach, and his lips were thin and red. At that moment, Eva decided to tell him that she didn't have any food, but she was so full of bewilderment of the boy that she couldn't constrain herself. She told herself "Concentrate Eva, concentrate!" As she started taking small steps towards the boy, what

GOODBYE HUNGER, HELLO LEMONADE

she didn't know was that the boy had been watching her as well, and he had been trying to think of a plan to help her. Just at the moment when she started walking towards him, he quickly turned around and wanted to find Eva as fast as he could. He ran towards her and called out her name, "Eva"!

He introduced himself as Tom and explained that he had an idea. It was this; Tom would bring a table from his house and buy some lemons, water and sugar and Eva would bring some cups and a jug from hers, so they could make lemonade together. They would set up a stall on the street and sell their lemonade. Eva said it was a brilliant idea.

The next morning, they gathered the things they needed, made lemonade and set up the stall on the street in the town center where it was normally busy. For the first 20 minutes nobody came. They thought it was hopeless, but just then Eva's best friend and her dad came by and bought 2 cups of lemonade and paid them 10 pounds. They said it was sweet, fizzy and delicious. Soon more people came, Eva's teacher, Tom's grandmother and many other people that lived nearby. Some paid 5 pounds whilst some paid them 20 pounds. After an hour, Tom needed to go home for lunch. Tom waved a goodbye to Eva and said, "That was great fun, let's do it again tomorrow" and headed off.

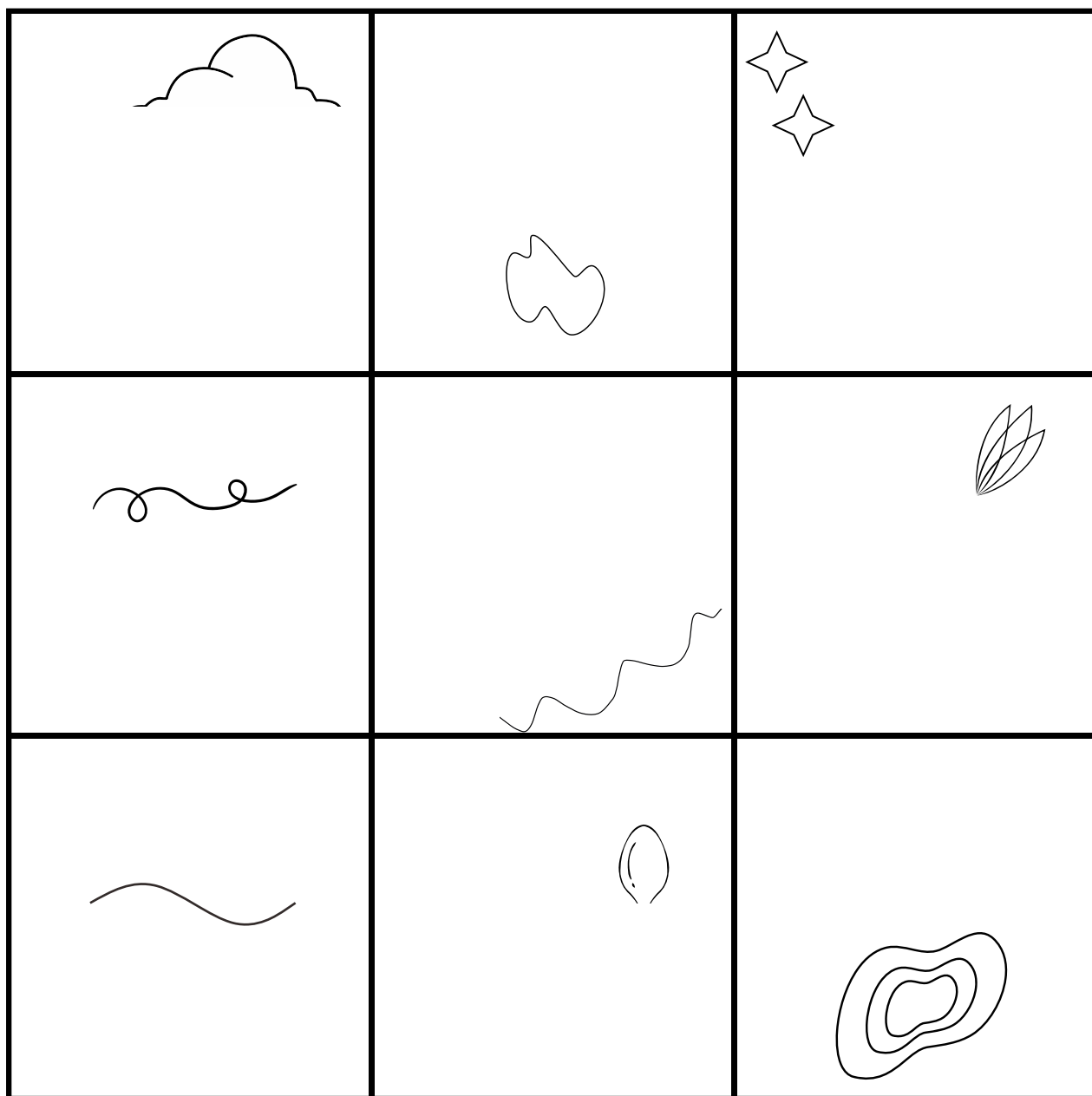
Eva was overjoyed, she felt so happy to have a friend like Tom and went half skipping half running home to show her mum all the money they made. Tom and Eva made 100 pounds. Eva's mum exclaimed, "Eva how did you make so much money, its spectacular!" Eva just smiled, "Should I go buy us some food mum?", she asked. "Yes please", her mum replied. So, Eva went off to the supermarket to get some food whistling a happy tune. Eva and her family were never hungry again.

THE END



Imagination Workout

Can you create an image from the lines below?



CAMDEN SCHAPER: A 13-YEAR-OLD FOOTBALL PHENOM SIGNS WITH CHELSEA!

Meet Camden Schaper, a 13-year-old football wonderkid from Benoni, South Africa, who's just scored a career-changing move — signed by Chelsea FC for an astonishing £750,000! That's the biggest transfer fee ever paid for someone his age.

WHAT MAKES CAMDEN A SUPERSTAR?

- **Goal machine:** Playing as an attacking midfielder for Blackburn Rovers U14, he scored a jaw-dropping 45 goals and made 65 assists in a single season.
- **Scouted by the best:** Big clubs like Manchester City, Liverpool, Arsenal, and Manchester United were all after him, but eventually, Chelsea won the race.
- **Early training:** He even trained with Manchester United when he was just eight and later captained his under-11 team on an unbeaten tour in Spain



WHY THIS IS A BIG DEAL

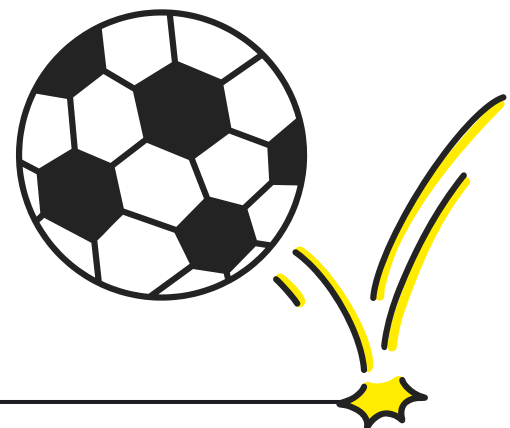
- **Record-setting transfer:** Chelsea's £750,000 deal shatters the previous fee for a 13-year-old, which was only £175,000.
- **Family of stars:** Camden's brother, Astin, is already a goalkeeper trainee at Manchester City, showing football talent runs in the family.
- **South African pride:** His success is an inspiration — showing kids from Benoni (and all around the world) that anything is possible.

FUN FACTS ABOUT CAMDEN

- He's already under Adidas sponsorship — and he's only 13 !
- Even during COVID lockdowns, he stayed focused and committed to training.
- His incredible goals and assists numbers would put many pro footballers to shame — they're like something out of FIFA video games

WHAT CAN WE LEARN FROM CAMDEN?

Camden's story shows that with hard work, passion, and support, big dreams can come true — no matter how young you are. So if you love football (or any other dream), keep practising, stay determined, and believe in yourself — who knows? Maybe one day, you'll be a superstar too!



SUMMER READING CHALLENGE

Colour in a popsicle for every book you read.

