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Puppet Dreams: Rajasthan's Women Lead Change



In the heart of Rajasthan, magic happens. Sunita Devi, with hands weathered by years of dedication, breathes life into puppets. These aren't mere toys – they're stories of hope, perseverance, and the power to craft your own destiny. Sunlight floods the workshop, highlighting the vibrant fabrics and a chorus of women's voices. As they work, they sing old Rajasthani songs, their voices weaving a tapestry just as their fingers do with thread and fabric. Each stitch, each puppet, embodies their hopes, their struggles, and their unwavering spirit. These women defy the odds, changing their own stories with every creation.

Each puppet is a work of art, a testament to the women's incredible skill and cultural heritage. Carvers shape wood into mischievous smiles and playful characters, while women stitch intricate designs that tell tales as old as time. Tiny bells jingle with joyful promise, waiting to bring the puppets to life. There's a dream in Sunita's heart – a dream where her puppets come alive. As she sleeps, they whisper, "We are you. Your strength is ours." These women aren't just puppeteers; they're keepers of tradition, passing down skills that help young girls imagine a brighter future. Their work is a celebration of heritage and a beacon of hope.

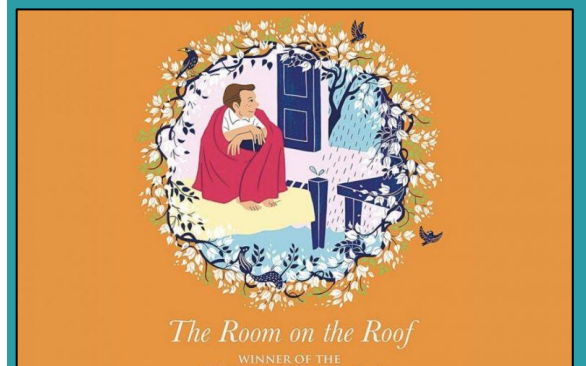
Prema Devi's puppets used to languish in the local market, her hopes of a better life dimming with each unsold doll. Then, a woman from the city arrived. She offered markets, exhibitions, the chance to sell beyond the village. Prema hesitated, the scars of past disappointments still lingering. But she thought of her girls and their dreams of school, and she dared to step out of her comfort zone. Her first exhibition was a triumph! People loved her creations, their meticulous detail and joyful colors. Now her income has doubled, dreams are taking flight. Challenges remain, but these women adapt. They're exploring online sales, determined to reach a wider audience and share their vibrant creations with the world.

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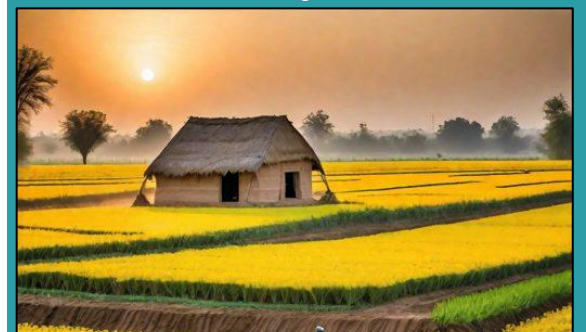
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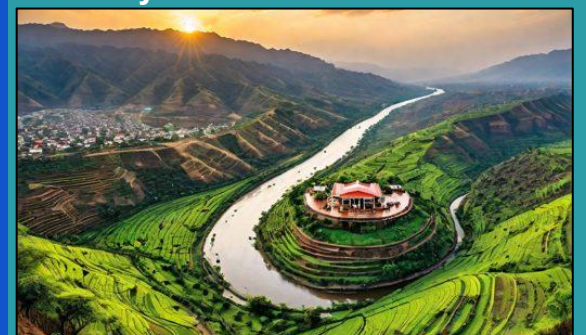
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Einstein's Birthday: Fun Facts & the Mind Behind $E=mc^2$



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Forget the genius stereotype! Young Einstein was a late talker, a classroom rebel, and...well, let's just say his teachers had their hands full. But beneath those wild eyebrows was a mind buzzing with questions about electricity, relativity, and things that made most heads spin.

Einstein adored music (even if his violin skills were a bit, uh, unique). He married Mileva, another brilliant physicist – love in the lab, perhaps? But even Einstein grappled with the consequences of his ideas, especially after the atomic bomb shattered the world.

That little equation, $E=mc^2$? It changed everything. It's about energy, atoms, and forces powerful enough to shake the world – for better or worse. Einstein the pacifist hated seeing his work used for war. Yet, his genius remains. He questioned the universe like no one before, proving that sometimes, the biggest breakthroughs come from the quirkiest minds.

Remembering Physicist Stephen Hawking!



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Once upon a time...okay, maybe not that long ago, there was a brilliant scientist named Stephen Hawking. Think of him as a space detective, exploring black holes and the secrets of the universe. He was like a science superhero!

Stephen loved science from the start. His parents were scientists, so he grew up thinking about stars and planets. He was so smart, school was easy! At college, he went deep into physics. He was so good, he graduated with top honors!

Stephen made mind-blowing discoveries. Black holes? He was the expert! It's like a cosmic vacuum so powerful, even light gets trapped! He also thought about singularities – places where the rules of the universe break down. And get this, he solved a puzzle that even Einstein couldn't crack! It was about finding a way to explain how EVERYTHING in the universe fits together. Imagine finding that ultimate answer! No wonder he was a science rockstar!

Pi Day: Where Numbers Dance in an Endless Circle

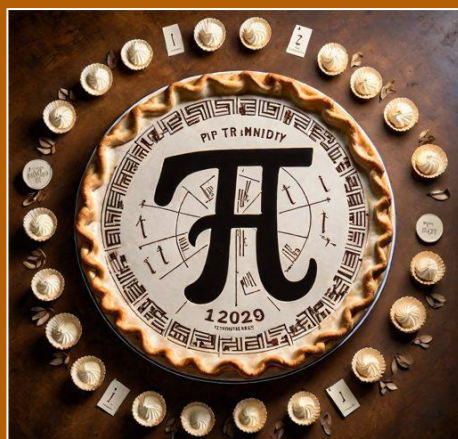


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Picture a pizza...now any circle at all! Hiding inside is a secret number called Pi (3.14159...). This number is wild – those decimals never end. Imagine a number hiding infinite secrets...that's Pi! People go nuts over Pi, trying to memorize crazy amounts of digits – like unlocking the secrets of the universe with numbers! The record?

Over 31 TRILLION digits! (For pizzas and bridges, 3.14 is usually enough.) March 14th (3/14) is Pi Day – that's some clever number magic right there! Plus, it's Einstein's birthday! Was that a coincidence, or does the universe love a good math joke? Pi is everywhere!

How does GPS know where you are? Pi helps calculate those distances on our round Earth. Love music? Pi's in those sound waves, making everything sound just right. Ever gaze at the stars? Pi helps describe how planets spin and dance! Pi is also about change, movement... maybe even secrets we haven't figured out yet!

Ever wonder what your brain gets up to when you sleep?



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As you drift off to sleep, your brain does anything but shut down. It's like a hidden movie studio coming alive! Imagine your eyes flickering under your lids – that's you watching a dream film that only you can see. This is REM sleep, where anything is possible.

One minute you're walking through a desert, the next you're swimming with dolphins made of starlight! Your senses go wild – you feel the ocean, the dolphins...it's almost like you're becoming part of the dream! Sometimes, dreams get a little scary, but that school bus horn? That's a familiar sound, like an anchor pulling you back to the real world.

Waking up doesn't mean the adventure is over. That dream feeling – the colors, the weirdness – it lingers. Your brain has been on a wild ride, and it takes a little while for things to settle back down. Dreams are a mystery, and maybe that's what makes them so much fun!

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Kashmir: Floating Village Serenity



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Forget maps – Dal Lake is a world unto itself. It's a town on water, where streets are ripples and Shikaras (boats) are like parked cars. Imagine floating markets, schools...a whole life on the lake! This is pure magic, something out of a storybook.

Shikaras are the heart of Dal Lake. They're how folks get around, buy groceries, even visit friends! The market is a burst of color – farmers bring fresh produce straight from their floating gardens. It's more than shopping; it's about community and connection.

Dal Lake is more than pretty, it's a place of traditions. Shikara-makers pass down their craft, turning wood into beautiful boats. In winter, the lake might freeze, but the Kangiri (a portable heater) keeps everyone cozy! Kids go to floating schools – proof that life here is about hope and the future. Dal Lake reminds us that even in the most unusual places, people find ways to create a life full of love and joy.

The Room on the Roof by Ruskin Bond

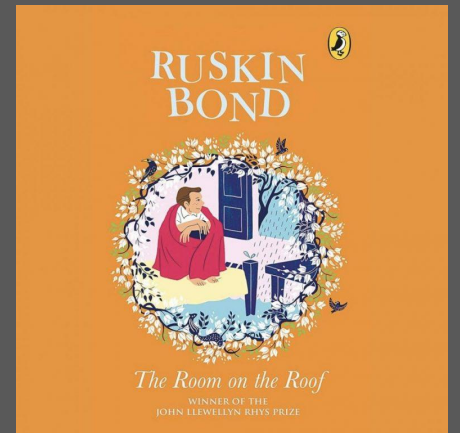


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Rusty's new home was more like a prison than a haven. Mr. Harrison's rules felt like bars, and Rusty was trapped. Growing up was confusing...he was a kid who wanted to be an adult, but the world didn't make that easy.

One day, Rusty took a risk. The bazaar, vibrant and forbidden, called to him. He met Somi and Ranbir – friends who made him feel alive! But Mr. Harrison was furious when Rusty got home. His punishments were harsh, but they couldn't break Rusty's spirit. He craved freedom, and he was starting to fight for it.

Rusty escaped, finding a tiny rooftop room that was finally his own. He fell in love, only to have his heart broken. Just when he was about to give up, a chance meeting with Kishen changed everything. They decided to forge their own path, together. Ruskin Bond tells this story with warmth and wisdom, reminding us that even when we're lost, there's always a way forward – sometimes, with a friend by our side.

Who Really Was Veerappan?

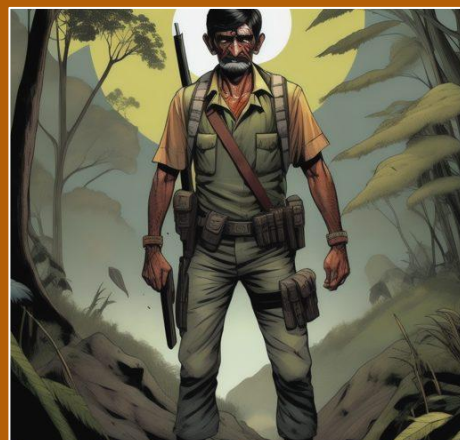


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Ready for a wild true story? Netflix's "The Hunt for Veerappan" takes you deep into the jungle to uncover the legend of a notorious outlaw. Veerappan was a real-life bandit, a bit like a forest Robin Hood, but way more dangerous! His wife, Muthulakshmi, starts the story, and she still thinks he was a hero.

Veerappan's life was a whirlwind – elephant poaching, smuggling, kidnapping! The series dives deep, with interviews from his wife, his gang, and the cops who hunted him. His wife fell for him when she was just 15. He was a smooth talker and a jungle survivalist, feared by many.

The series doesn't shy away from the dark stuff. Veerappan was brutal, and his battles with the cops were bloody. It gets intense, with kidnappings, political battles, and his mysterious death. The show does get close to making a villain seem like a hero. It's a wild ride full of twists, leaving you questioning who the real bad guys were.

Motu Patlu Cartoon: Kids Fiesta!



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Hey there! Ready for a wild ride? Meet Motu and Patlu, two best friends who get into all sorts of crazy adventures. They're like peanut butter and jelly – totally different, but the perfect team! Their silly scrapes will make you giggle all day long.

Motu loves samosas. Like, LOVES them with a passion! Imagine wanting pizza that badly, and then multiply that by ten – that's Motu and his samosas. Patlu's the brains of the operation – always reading, thinking up plans, and keeping Motu out of too much trouble. They live in Furfuri Nagar, a town where the weirdest things happen. Buckle up, because that's where the fun really starts!

Motu and Patlu show us it's okay to be different. They're super silly, but they always have each other's backs. Plus, the show is hilarious for kids AND grown-ups! Get ready to laugh, feel all warm and fuzzy, and maybe even crave some samosas. Motu and Patlu's world is a big, colorful party, and you're invited!

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Best Restaurants in Pune That Will Steal Your Heart



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Pune's streets hum with a mix of old and new, but one thing stays constant – amazing food! From sizzling vada pav to sweet treats, there's a flavor for every craving. Siddhartha, a local foodie, became our guide on a quest to taste the city's best.

First up: vada pav! Nothing beats the thrill of grabbing a spicy potato fritter from a bustling street cart. "This is real Pune street food," Siddhartha declared, "Mumbai can't compete!" Next, we stepped back in time at Marzarin, an old Irani cafe filled with charm. Their chicken sandwiches are legendary.

Camp revealed hidden gems like Dorabjee & Sons, where Parsi passion simmers in slow-cooked dishes. Locals swear it's the best hangover cure in the city! Then, it was caffeine and cuddles at Cookie & Coffee, run by ex-corporate escapees. Their Vietnamese iced coffee? A must-try! Pune's flavors are a delicious mix – old-school icons and fresh spots proving this city truly feeds the soul.

Escape the Ordinary: One-Day Getaways Near Pune

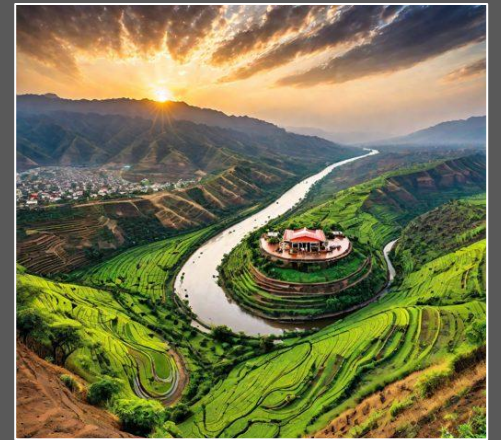


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The city's noise fades, replaced by birdsong and the rustle of trees. As Pune disappears in the rearview mirror, a sense of deep peace settles in. Banyan Bliss is one such haven – a place where a gentle couple, the Nairs, have created a sanctuary for those seeking tranquility.

Sunlight paints the valley in gold as we arrive. Mud cottages and a majestic banyan tree offer a timeless welcome. Banyan Bliss is the Nair's dream realized – a place to rediscover simple joys. It's built with love for the earth, where rainwater is conserved and traditional methods create harmony with the landscape.

The banyan tree's branches shade a lotus pond, its heart. Beyond lies an organic garden, a butterfly haven, and a promise of fresh food. This is more than a retreat; it evokes childhood – the rooster's call, the thrill of a bullock cart ride. Banyan Bliss reminds us that the best memories are made far from the city lights.

Places of Interest in Punjab: Taste the Flavors of Punjab

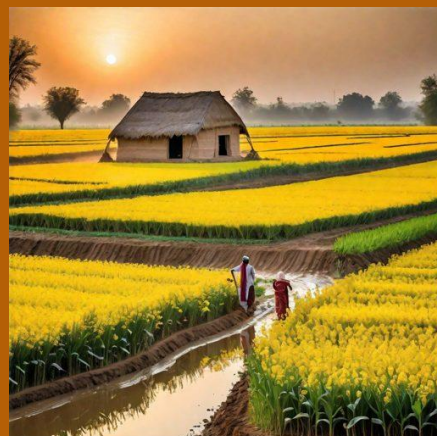


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Punjab's magic lies not just in fertile fields, but in the heart of its villages. At a farm stay, the soundtrack is a joyful dhol and the scent of damp earth. It's a place where time slows, and you savor the simple goodness of life on the land.

A farm breakfast is pure delight. Parathas sizzle, ghee gleams, and a cup of sweet chai completes the picture. The air crackles with warmth from the open kitchen, and a hint of woodsmoke adds a comforting edge to the sweetness. But Punjab offers more! Amritsar awaits, a buzzing change of pace, filled with spices, chatter, and the breathtaking sight of the Golden Temple.

Amritsar's streets are an adventure in themselves! The aroma of kulchas will lead you to legendary spots like Bhai Kulwant Singh's, where generations of tradition bake into every crispy bite. Don't miss the mango papad on Lawrence Road – a burst of sweet, sour, and spice that's a truly unique treat.

Unravel the Swirls of Happiness: The Jalebi Story



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In the heart of Chandni Chowk, Prabhu Halwai beckons with its warm glow and promise of sugary delights. For the narrator, the sweet aroma of jalebis frying in Prabhu's giant kadhai is a cherished memory, a sound that signifies the end of the school day and the beginning of happy moments with friends and family.

Prabhu, the master halwai, sees his work as a craft steeped in tradition. With a twinkle in his eye, he describes the process of making jalebi as a dance between batter and sizzling oil. The swirling flour becomes alive, transforming into golden spirals of sweetness – a testament to his years of dedication and the secrets whispered by generations of halwais.

Jalebis themselves hold a special magic. Their swirling golden shape is said to represent a heartbroken princess's longing, while the sweet syrup symbolizes a touch of joy. Each bite is not just a burst of flavor, but a story waiting to be savored.

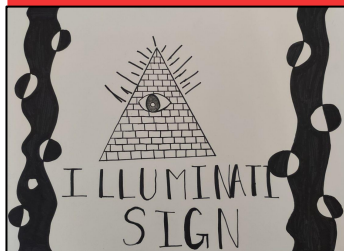
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The illuminati sign or the sign of providence is a symbol of a pyramid or triangle with an eye in it. This sign is associated with Freemasonry and the Illuminati.

The Illuminati and the Freemasonry is a group of individuals, who maintain secrecy, seeking to control global affairs. The Illuminati sign brought many conspiracies and theories with it.

The Illuminati

The Illuminati is a name given to groups, real and fictional. The name refers to Bavarian Illuminati a secret society founded on 1 May 1776 in Bavaria (now a part of Germany). The society was founded by Adam Weishaupt, a German professor. The society's goals were to oppose superstition, suppression of facts, religious effects on life and abuses of state power. The Illuminati and other secret societies were outlawed with encouragement of the Catholic church from 1784-1790.

During the continuing years the group was vilified or talked badly of by other societies and religious critics who thought the Illuminati trained underground and were also responsible for the French Revolution. The use of Illuminati was referred to a group of societies which are claimed to be connected to the original Bavarian Illuminati. The Illuminati used symbols like the owl.

They used fictional names to cover themselves and hide themselves from people's knowledge. They had complicated hierarchy which means the people were ranked by status. The Illuminati used spy like protocols to keep identities a secret. They promoted rational thought and self-rule.

But the Illuminati isn't real right? Maybe, conspiracy theories would say otherwise. While people believe it isn't real, theories suggest how the Illuminati became the bogeyman for the dark forces of the world.

Another theory took off after the second world war. The Illuminati conspiracy reaches the US. Lindsay Porter, a researcher, explains how things took a turn in the 1960's when it started to parody the conspiracy. Two editors published a trilogy, The Illuminatus. Out of that, everyone started thinking who could be in the Illuminati, including Martians. Instead of getting rid of the theory, people started quoting the book.

Now people have reached such a level of believing who could be in the Illuminati, they have started thinking celebrities such as Beyoncé, Jay Z, Kanye West and many other celebrities who have made the Illuminati sign are a part of the Illuminati.

What does the Illuminati sign mean?

Theories have suggested what it could mean. But no one really knows who actually came up with the sign. The triangle is a symbol of Christian Trinity, and sometimes in earlier centuries god was depicted with a triangular halo. The rays of light represent the light of the god's radiance. And lastly the eye. The represented isolation and for the viewer implying a living watchfulness. But the eye also goes way back. By way back, I mean to one of the earliest civilizations and religions.

The Sumerian civilization had sculptures and statues of people growing their eyes abnormally wide to enhance attentive watchfulness. But not only the Sumerian Civilization but also the Egyptian civilization. Some people believe that it was the Egyptians who really originated the eye. In the Egyptian civilization, the eyes painted on the coffin allowed the dead to see that afterlife. One of the most famous of the eyes in the Egyptian civilization is the eye of Horus.



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Spring Awakens: Embrace Renewal and Rebirth



In the grand symphony of seasons, spring emerges as the maestro, orchestrating a symphony of renewal and rebirth. It is a time when nature awakens from its wintry slumber, painting the world in vibrant hues and breathing life into every corner of the earth.

Spring is more than just a season; it is a metaphor for hope and transformation. As the barren branches of winter give way to tender buds and blossoms, we are reminded of the resilience of life and the endless cycle of growth and renewal.

I find solace in the timeless words of poets like Rainer Maria Rilke, who beautifully captured the essence of spring:

"Spring has returned. The Earth is like a child that knows poems."

Indeed, spring whispers secrets of poetry to those who listen closely. It is a time to revel in the delicate beauty of cherry blossoms and the intoxicating scent of freshly bloomed flowers. It is a time to dance in the gentle rain showers and bask in the warmth of the sun's embrace.

But beyond its aesthetic splendor, spring carries a deeper significance. It symbolizes the triumph of light over darkness, of hope over despair. It is a reminder that even in the darkest of times, there is always the promise of a new beginning, a fresh start.

As I recall the immortal lines of William Wordsworth:

"And then my heart with pleasure fills,
And dances with the daffodils."

So let us embrace the essence of spring with open arms, allowing its rejuvenating energy to infuse our souls with optimism and joy. For in the heart of spring, we find not just the promise of a new season, but the promise of a new life.

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Is it time to hop onto the Summer of Fashion already?



As the frost of winter melts away, the allure of summer fashion beckons with promises of vibrant hues and carefree elegance. This season, as the world emerges from its pandemic-induced hibernation, the stage is set for a sartorial revival like no other. Here's why now is the opportune moment to plunge into the depths of summer style.

Summer fashion isn't just about trends; it's a celebration of self-expression. For me, it's about donning a pair of vibrant shorts and feeling like a walking fiesta or slipping into a linen shirt and suddenly exuding the effortless cool of a seasoned yacht captain.

Yet, amidst the pursuit of style, there's room for laughter. I have had my fair share of fashion faux pas, like the time I attempted to pull off a bold floral shirt and ended up looking more like a misplaced tourist than a fashion icon. But in those moments of hilarity, I've realized that fashion isn't about perfection but the joy of the journey.

In essence, the summer of fashion invites us to cast aside our reservations and embrace a season ripe with possibility. So, whether you're a fashion aficionado or a skeptic like me, now is the time to infuse your wardrobe with sun-kissed charm and a dash of humor.



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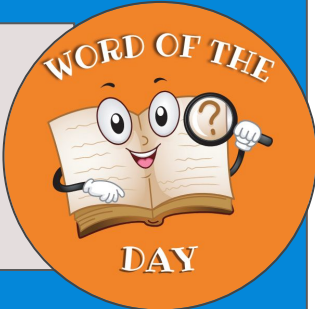
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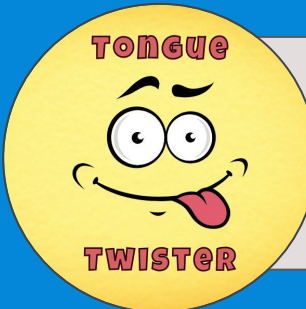


Q: What did one plate say to the other?
A: Dinner's on me!

Q: Why did the cookie go to the hospital?
A: Because he felt crummy!



Flibbertigibbet
Noun | flib-er-tee-jib-it
Meaning: A frivolous, flighty, or excessively talkative person
Example: With her constant chatter, she was a true flibbertigibbet.



In the shadow of the Taj Mahal, a turban-twirling tour guide named Taj told tales both tender and tall. "Ten tigers tiptoe through twisted tunnels, tasting tangy tamarind treats!" he trilled. Taj's tour group tripped and tumbled, their laughter a testament to his tongue-twisting triumph.



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