



# THE little BOOK of financial ADVENTURES



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We have come out with a collection of short stories in The Little Book of Financial Adventures. This Activity Story Book has been created exclusively for you to enjoy a fun-filled learning experience. Playing a few games, Finding some beautiful photographs, Planning a holiday; these will just be a few things that will happen while you read this book. And alongside these stories you will be introduced to basic financial terms which we come across in our day-to-day life. So why wait, let's dive into the journey of Financial Adventures.

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# THE ONE RUPEE BAT

It's Kiara's summer vacation! And what are summers for if not to eat mangoes and play cricket all day long? Kiara is the opening batter of her gully cricket team and the rest of the team, well, heavily depends on the runs she gets! As she picks up her bat, there is a mighty crack! Kiara's precious bat has broken into pieces!

She runs over to her mother, who's busy getting ready for office.

'Ma, my bat, it's gone! It snapped! Like a toothpick! MA!'

'Kiara, why don't you just take the old bat?' says her mother!

'Ma, are you trying to end my gully cricket career?' As she storms around the house, her father looks up from behind his laptop, 'It's not the bat alone that makes the batter great, you know. But let me make you a deal, I'll give you one rupee today to use the old bat, and for everyday you stay not out, I'll double that money everyday till the day you do get out!'

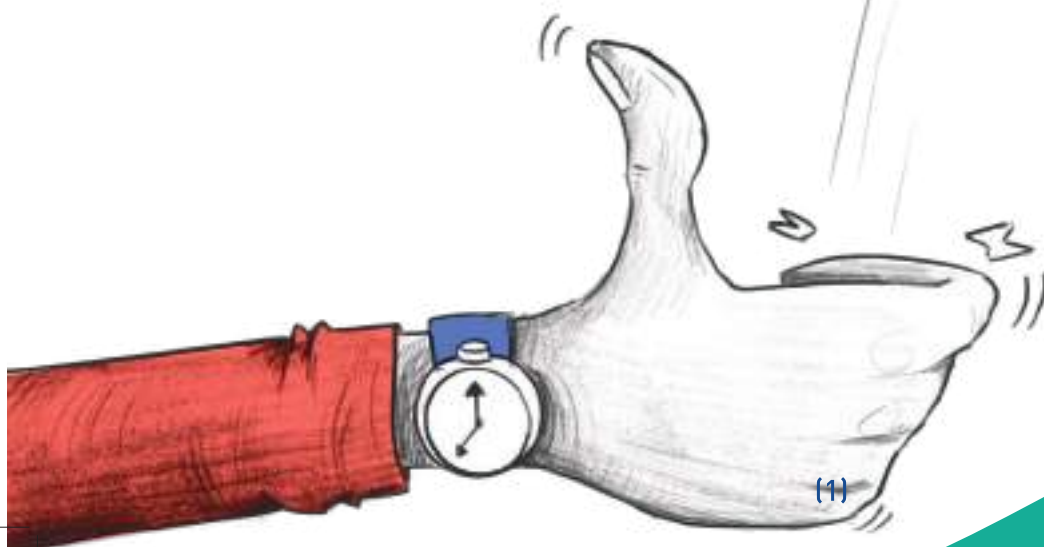
Kiara is confused. One rupee only? This may take a lifetime! 'Well, if nothing, maybe I'll be able to buy some mangoes with these coins!' thinks Kiara. On the first day, she gets one rupee. On the second day, she bats through the day and stays not out, so Pa gives her two rupees. On day three, she gets 4 rupees.

'Pa, this will take forever!' moans Kiara. Pa says, 'Stay not out for a few more days & I promise you'll be surprised!' And on day four, she gets 8 rupees! Day five, she gets her 16 rupees! Now Kiara's excited! She focuses harder. Day six - 32 rupees. Day seven - 64 rupees! The days go by. On day eleven, Kiara's earned 1,024 rupees! She's running out of space in her pockets now! And on day twelve, she finally gets out! 'Pa, this was like magic! I thought it would take me 1,000 days to get my bat!'

Pa smiles, 'Thank God you got out today Kiara, I was running out of money to give you!'

And all this started with one rupee! How? Well, that's the **power of compounding**! When the one rupee doubled, it became two rupees. Now on the third day, Pa had to give Kiara double of what she had, which was not one, but two rupees now! And that's how compounding works! Each day she stayed not out, one more rupee was added to the amount that needed to get doubled!

If Kiara had stayed not out for thirty days, that one rupee would have become 53 crore rupees!

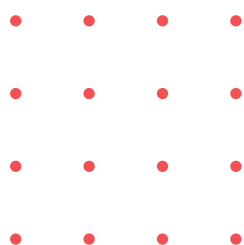
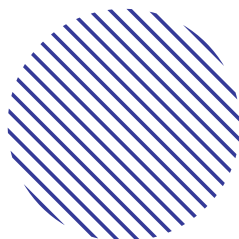




What's the magic word?

## COMPOUNDING!

Money makes money. And when the money that money makes, makes more money, it's called compound interest. The longer an investment is allowed to compound interest, the more your balance increases each year. So, in the case of compound interest, time really is money!





# MONEY MATTERS

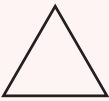
In this activity, you will learn about Symbol based counting. On the basis of the story, with each passing day, your money doubles! Now wouldn't you like to know how much money you have? Let's count & colour the money that you have on each particular day! But be careful, this counting is a bit tricky! For each denomination, we have created symbols, thus you must colour the correct number of symbols to match the money value of that particular day.

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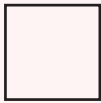
Here is how much money each symbol represents



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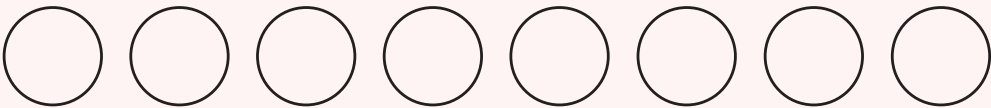


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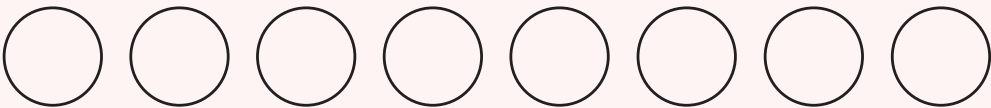


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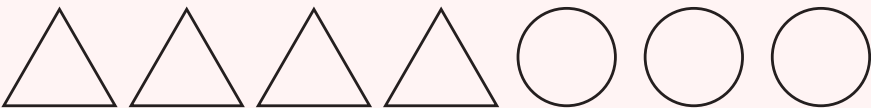
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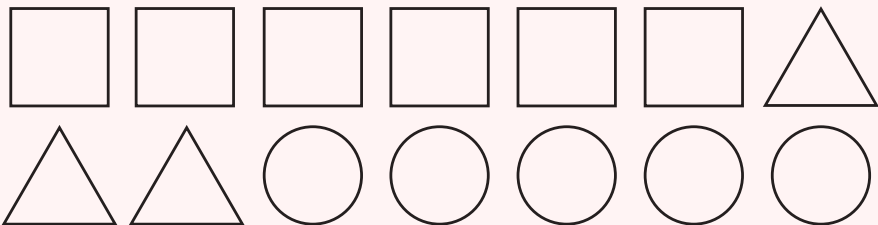
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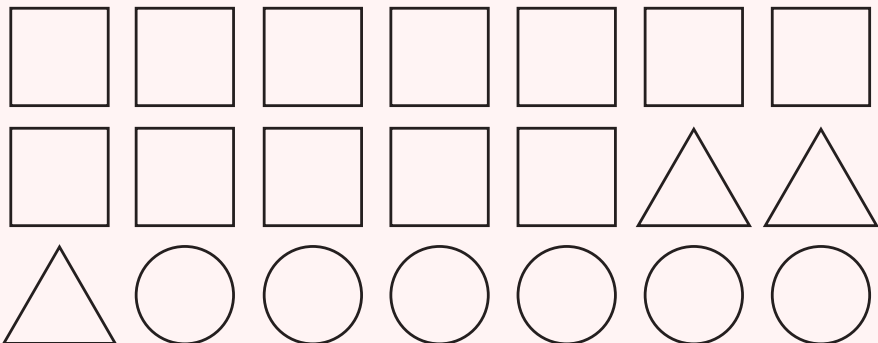
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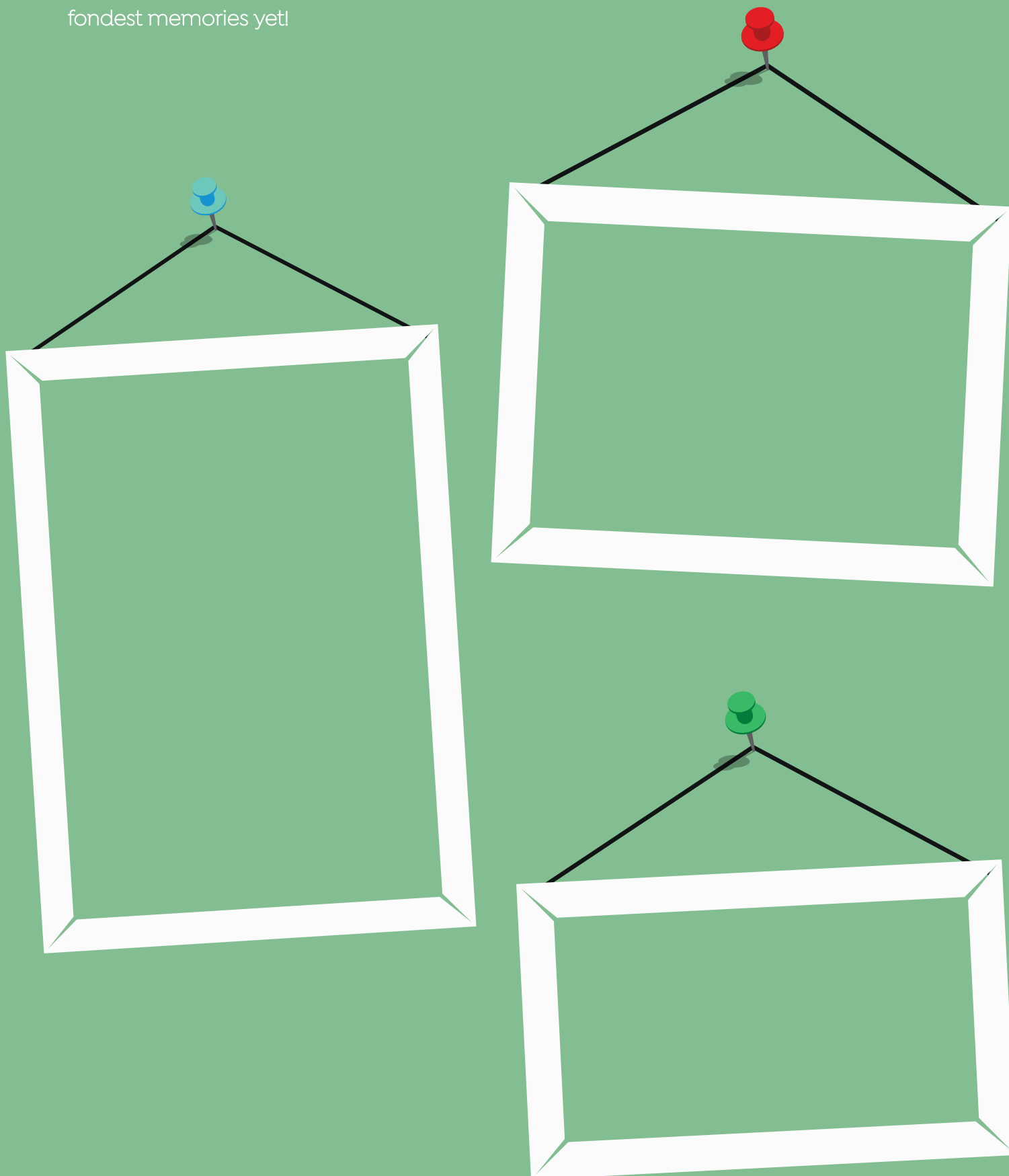


**DAY 11 - ₹1,024**



# MAKING MEMORIES

Memories make childhood special! Stick 3 of your most favourite memories below, and write down a note about where the picture was taken, and why it's one of your fondest memories yet!



# HOW DO YOU 'SPEND'

Most people have a favourite time of the year. For some, it's springtime when the birds sing and flowers bloom and for others, it's wintertime, when the mornings are colder and the blankets feel warmer! Arjun's favourite time of the year, however, was HOLIDAY time!

You see, every year, during the holidays, Arjun's entire family took a vacation together! All his aunts and uncles and cousins from all parts of the country would meet for a week of non-stop food, laughter and fun! But for months before the trip, a strange thing used to happen. Arjun's mumma and papa would have a piece of paper with all sorts of numbers written on it. They would write a number, have a little chat, nod, write another number and do it all again!

But this year would be different! A few months before the trip, Arjun pulled out his little notepad, 'Mumma, Papa, I am also coming for our holiday, so it's only right if I also write some numbers for this trip!' His parents smile, 'Well, you're right! You see, a family holiday is a wonderful thing! But it's also quite an expensive affair! What we do when we're writing down all those numbers, is calculating how much money we'll be spending! Everything costs money right?' Arjun looks at his parents, 'Yes, that's right. But where exactly do we begin?' 'By making a list of everything we need to pay for!'



# THE HOLIDAYS?

Arjun nods his head, 'So the first thing we would spend money on is to reach the destination!' 'Yes, the plane tickets as well as the money to reach our hotel! Which leads us to the hotel itself! We're going to be there for a week so it's got to be comfortable! Then there's the sightseeing, the amusement parks, the wildlife safaris, we need to pay for each of them too! Of course, we'll spend on all the yummy food we'll eat, and the gifts we'll buy for all your cousins! And then, the most important part, spending on shopping for clothes, magnets and souvenirs!

'Wow, mumma, papa, I never realised how many different things we need to spend on to enjoy our family holiday!' says Arjun, 'I'm going to start saving some of my pocket money to use on the trip!' In the notepad, he scribbles one sentence: 'LOTS OF MONEY!'

What's the magic word?

## SPENDING!

Spending and saving are two sides of the same coin! To save, you must first know how much you spend! So keep a track of your expenses, find ways to cut down on the non-essential expenses and save that money to buy something you may want later on!

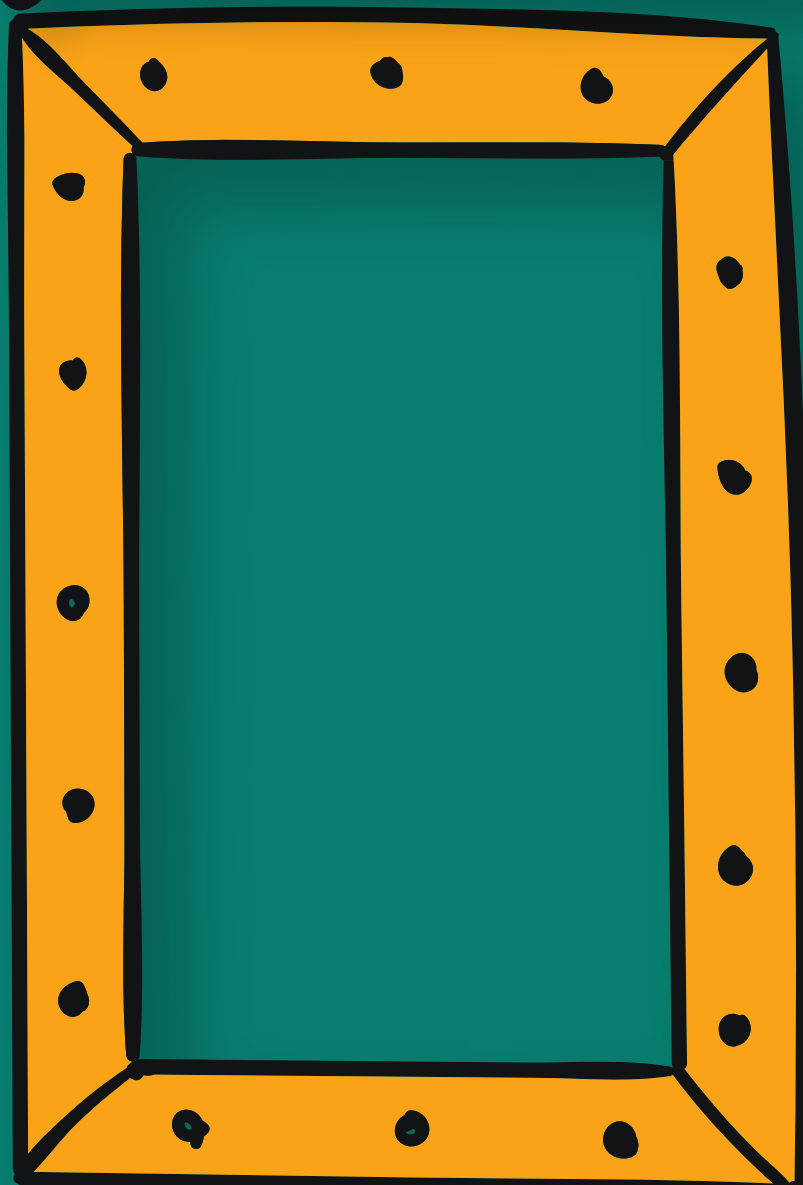
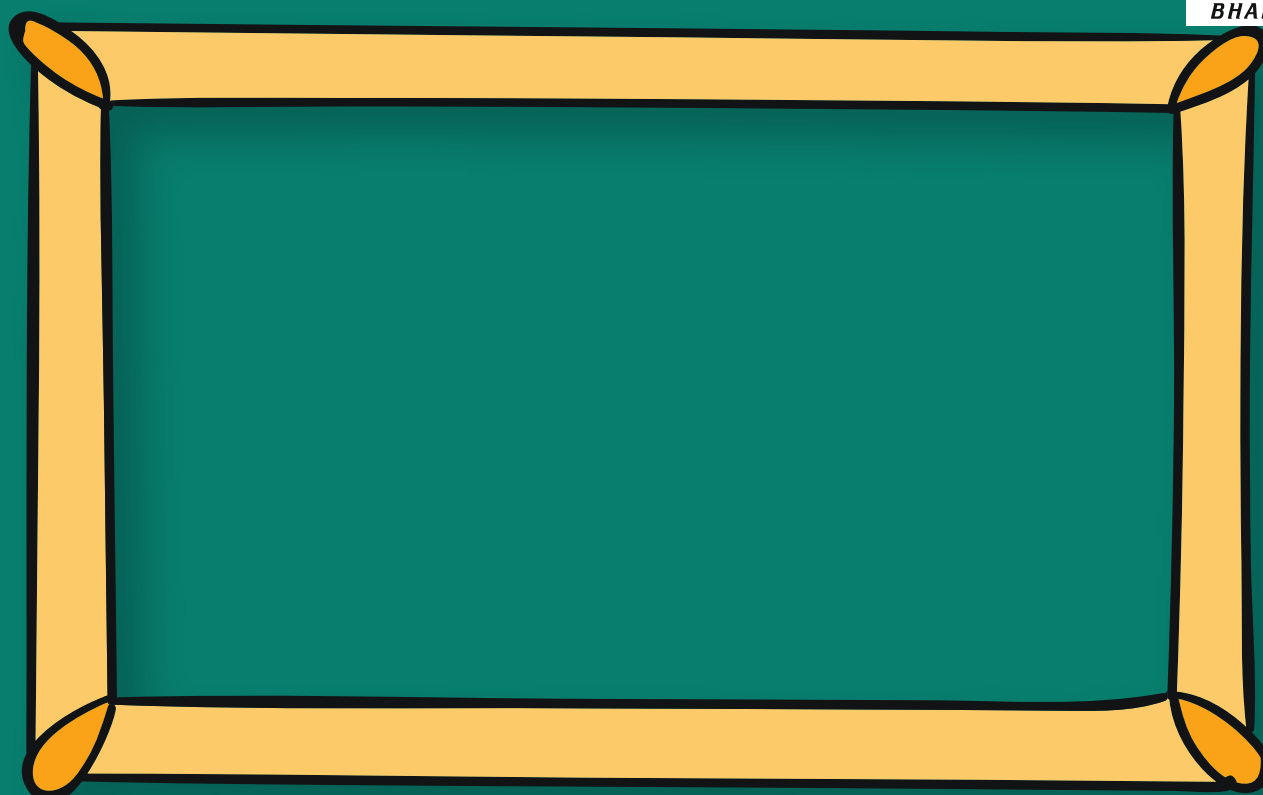




# THE FAMILY HOLIDAY

Now that you have a fair understanding of how hard it is to plan a family holiday, you decide to take up the role of the family holiday planner this year! Can you Plan a 5 Day Holiday?  
Put down Time-Experiences-Expenditure for each Experience and make a list of all the other things you will spend money on too!





Stick your best travel memories in the two frames and put in a note of either the place or why these particular holidays were so, so special!



# THE TOUGHEST DECISION

One morning Amyra walks down to the dining table, rubbing the sleep out of her eyes when she sees one giant, round, delicious looking chocolate chip cookie! She picks up the cookie, ready to gobble it up, when her Mumma comes bursting into the room! 'What do you think you're doing?' 'I was about to have the happiest breakfast of my life Mumma! LOOK at this beautiful cookie!' she says.

'I've cut some fresh fruits out for you!' says Mumma. 'Fruits may be nice and sweet, but nothing's as sweet as a chocolate chip cookie!' Amyra groans. Mumma sighs and says, 'I'm leaving both the plate of fruit as well as your delicious chocolate chip cookie on the table. I'm going for my meeting. If I come back and you've finished the fruit plate, you get 3 chocolate chip cookies over the next week! But, if I come back and the fruit plate is full and the chocolate chip cookie is over, then no more chocolate chip cookies for you! Your choice!'

And just like that, Mumma leaves! This is probably the hardest decision of Amyra's life! 'Hmmm! Three chocolate chip cookies sounds like all my dreams come true but on the other hand, there's one waiting right here for me!' Fruit today and 3 cookies over the week? Or the beautiful, yummy cookie today and 0 cookies over the week?'

After what seemed like 10 years, Mumma comes back home. She sees Amyra sitting as far away from the dining table as possible. And on the table, sitting just like she left it, is one, giant, delicious, beautiful chocolate chip cookie! 'Well done Amyra!' Mumma smiles, 'You've earned yourself 3 cookies over the next week! And as a bonus, you've learnt what **opportunity cost** is!' 'If this is a lesson, Mumma, it's the hardest one I've had to learn! What is this opportunity cost?'

'Well, opportunity cost is what you sacrifice when you choose one option over the other. In this case, you chose eating the fruit over the cookie, and the opportunity cost was eating the cookie instead!' explains Mumma.



# IN THE WORLD!

'On the other hand, if you had eaten the cookie, then the opportunity cost would have been losing out on a nutritional breakfast as well as losing out on getting cookies for the rest of the week! Every time we make a choice in life, the opportunity cost is the value of the option we let go of!' says Mumma. Amyra nods her head and sighs, 'Well Mumma, opportunity cost or not, this was definitely an opportunity lost!'

What's the magic word?

## OPPORTUNITY COST!

The Opportunity cost is the loss of other options when one option is chosen. Every time you make a choice, there is a certain value you place on that choice. When you choose one thing over another, you're saying to yourself, "I value this more than another choice I had." For example, At the ice cream parlour, you have to choose between rocky road and strawberry. When you choose rocky road, the opportunity cost is the enjoyment of the strawberry!



EAT THE FRUIT NOW,  
BUT WAIT TO GET  
THREE COOKIES LATER!



# MAKING CHOICES

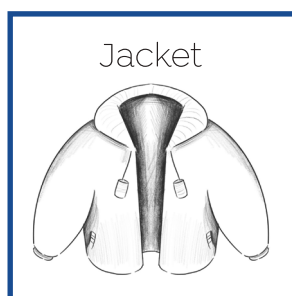
What would you Choose - This or That? You must choose one option between every two pairs. And once your decision is made, you must answer the following questions.

Note: These questions need to be answered for each and every choice that you are making.

- What would you choose ?
- What is your opportunity cost?
- Why have you made this choice?



**OR**



What would you choose ?

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What is your opportunity cost?

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Why this choice?

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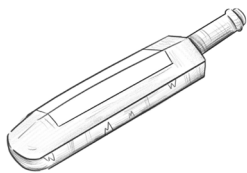


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Cricket Bat



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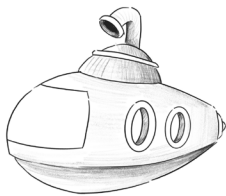


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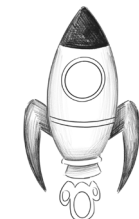
What is your opportunity cost?

Why this choice?

Submarine



**OR**



Spaceship

What would you choose ?

What is your opportunity cost?

Why this choice?

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Use this set to add your own options and choose between them!

What would you choose ?

What is your opportunity cost?

Why this choice?

# THE MAGICAL

One winter morning, the task of getting the groceries has been given to Kabir. As he opens the house door, a nice, thick, white, secretive looking envelope falls in! And inside it is a shiny, new, piece of... plastic? 'Papa, why are we getting plastic in our mail?' he asks.

'That plastic card can pay for your things!' says Papa. 'Papa, we need money to pay for things, not plastic cards!' Kabir walks to the store. There are quite a few things on this list, 'Good morning uncle! I need all the items in this list!' The shopkeeper pushes his spectacles up, 'There's my favourite customer! That's quite a long list! Let me gather everything. Look around till then!'

The store has the sweetest chocolates and the coolest toys! Can there be a better combination? As Kabir walks around, he spots a pair of skates; looks at the price tag and groans. They're so expensive! Uncle notices him looking at the skates, 'Kabir! Take the skates home to show to your parents! If they agree to let you have them, you can pay me the money at the end of this month! That's still 20 days away!' Kabir lets out a hoorah, grabs the bag of groceries and skates and runs home as fast as he can!

He bursts through the door, 'Mumma, Papa! Please get me these skates, please, please!' They smile, 'You have been a good boy lately, we'll buy them for you! We'll even use the plastic card to pay for it!' Kabir looks at thin, shiny plastic card in Papa's hand. It sure doesn't look like it contains any money! 'Are you sure you've not been fooled Papa?' he asks.

'Kabir, this little plastic card is called a credit card, and it is quite similar to uncle actually!'



# PLASTIC CARD!

'Just like uncle gave you the skates that you didn't have the money for right now, and even told you we can pay him at the end of the month; whenever we want to buy something we don't currently have the money for, we can use this credit card to pay for it!' 'So I can buy everything I want?' Kabir is amazed!

'No!' says Papa, 'This card is a promise you make to the bank; that I may not have the money to pay for this right now, but I will pay for it at the end of the month! So the bank lets you borrow that amount of money with an understanding that you will pay it back! Kabir looks at the tiny piece of plastic in Papa's hands, 'Papa, this is my favourite piece of plastic in the whole, wide world!'

What's the magic word?

## CREDIT CARD!

This small plastic card allows somebody to get goods or services without using money. You usually receive a bill once a month for what you have bought. You pay back the amount then! Credit cards are the best alternative to cash, as they eliminate the need for carrying cash. They're also a lot easier to carry - imagine if you had to pay someone ₹50,000 - that's a lot of notes to carry!

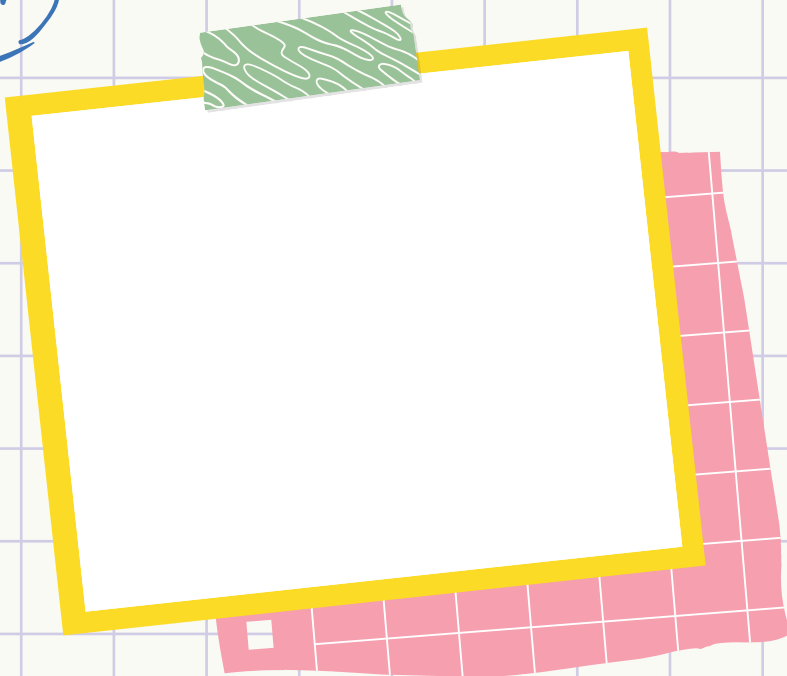
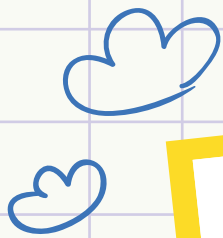




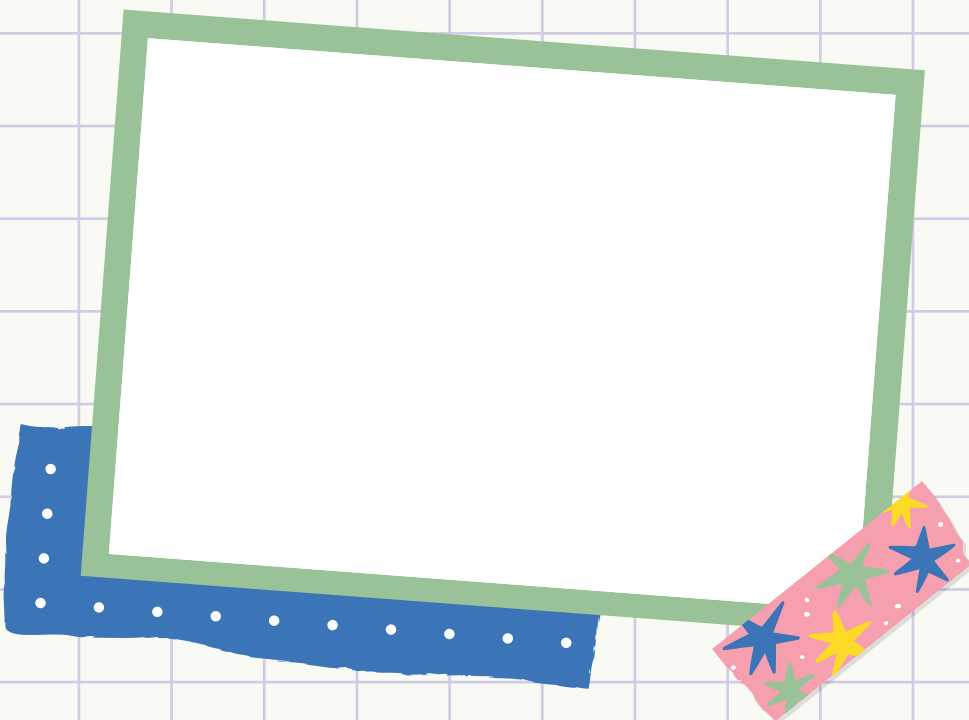
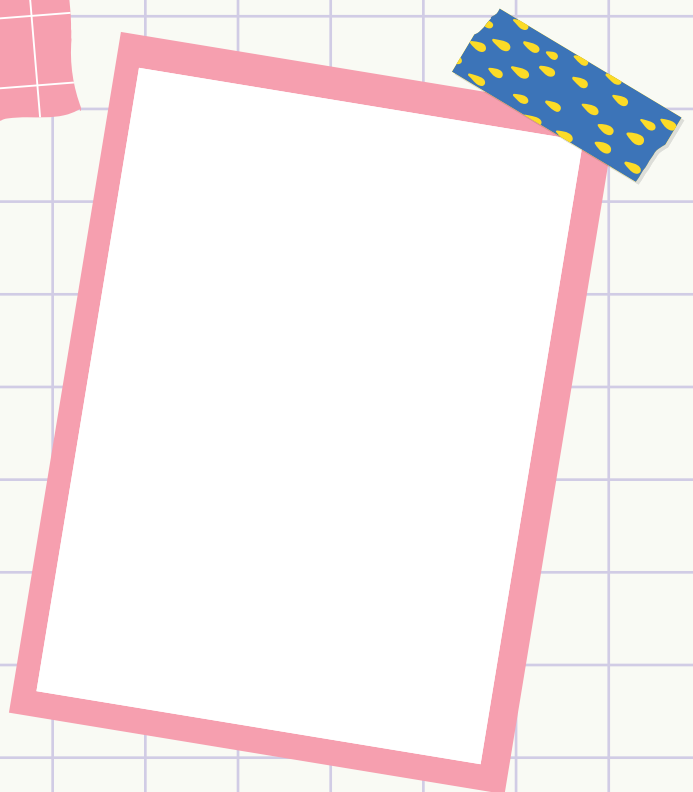
# MY BIG BIRTHDAY BASH!

Who doesn't like a good birthday? It's probably our favourite day of the year! But if you had to throw yourself a birthday party 10 years into the future, what would it be like? Go wild with your imagination! What would the theme be? What unique decoration would you have? What would be on the menu? What will the activities be like? Who will you invite? What do you want as your gift? And what would you like to give as the return gift?





Birthdays over the years.  
All birthdays are special,  
but some are just super-  
special! Stick your top 3  
birthday moments here!



# HELP! EVERYTHING IS SO EXPENSIVE!

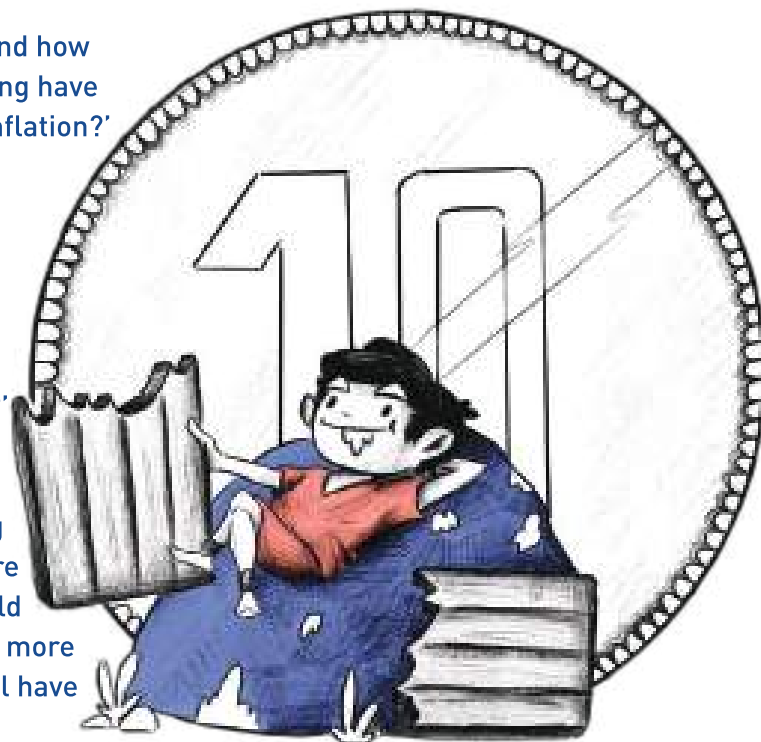
Vivaan loved it when his grandparents came over. They got sweets and gifts and an endless supply of stories from their times! He knew he was in for an hour or two of the most fascinating stories when his grandparents said the words, 'Back in our day.....'!

And so, when he opened the door, like always, armed with big, big bags and even bigger smiles, stood his grandparents! As they started unpacking their bag of gifts and handing them over, they say, 'My God, do you know how expensive everything is these days! 'Why, back in our day, airline tickets cost only ₹100!' '₹100!' exclaims Vivaan, 'Why, these days, even taxis cost more than ₹100! Was everything so cheap when you were growing up?' 'Well, yes! It would still be if not for this inflation I tell you!' they said!

'We were just talking about my college fees and how expensive it is going to be! Why does everything have to cost so much more now! And what is this inflation?' asks Vivaan.

His mumma says, 'Inflation, Vivaan, is a rise in prices. Say you paid ₹10 for a chocolate last year. Now this year, the same chocolate costs you ₹11. This ₹1 increase in price is called inflation.' 'How is that even allowed?' asks a shocked Vivaan!

'Well, what if the price of milk used in making the chocolates has increased? It will cost more to make the chocolate, so it will have to be sold for more, won't it? Inflation means things are more expensive as compared to before! But you still have ₹10 only, so you wouldn't be able to buy any chocolate this year!' 'That's so sad!' says Vivaan.

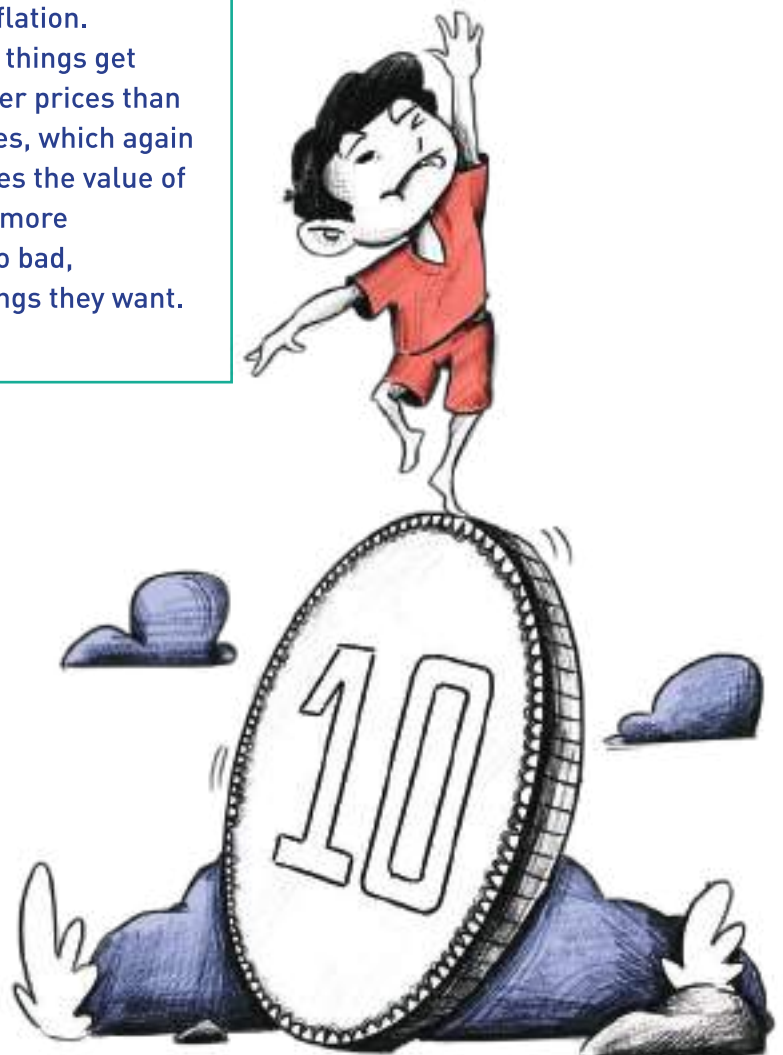
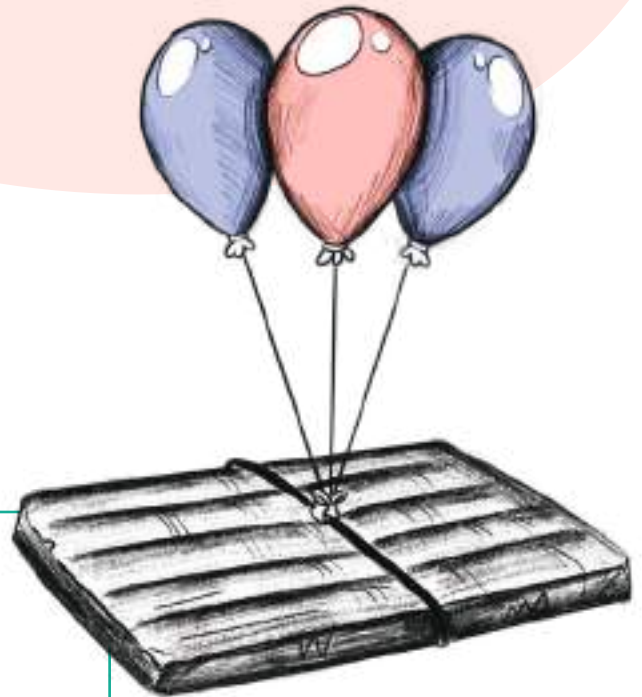


'This inflation sure sounds complicated. But I did understand one thing Mumma, 'You will need to increase my pocket money because of inflation! I can't not have money to buy my chocolates!'

What's the magic word?

## INFLATION!



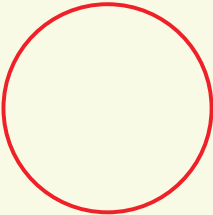
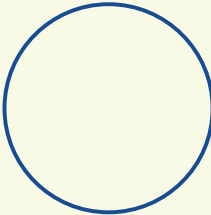

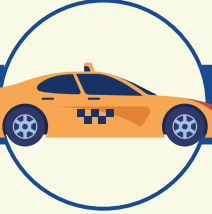
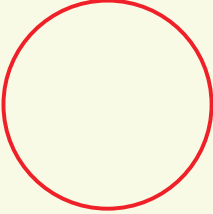
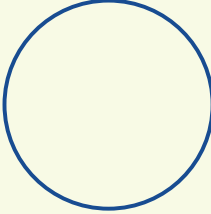


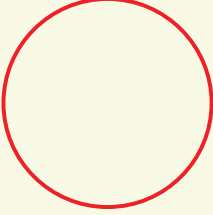
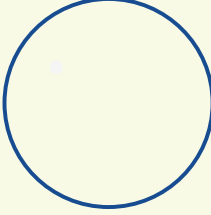

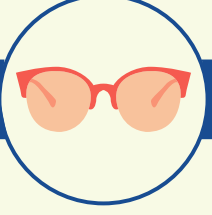
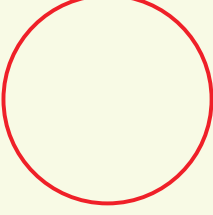
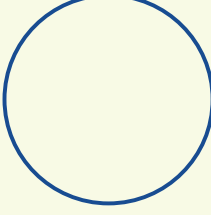

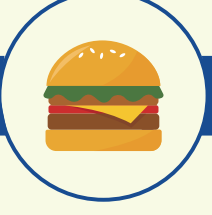
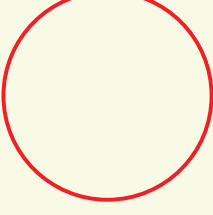
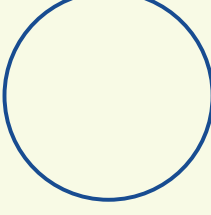

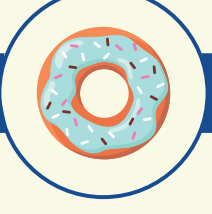
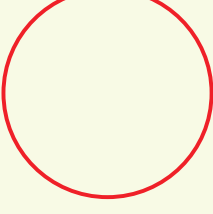
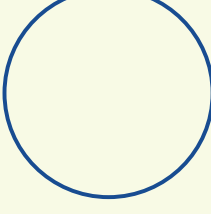


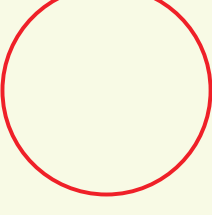
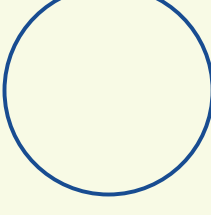
Inflation is a general increase in prices. Do games, sweets, sports equipment, or food cost a bit more now than before? That's inflation! There are lots of reasons for inflation. Sometimes the raw materials used to make the things get harder to find, and so factories have to pay higher prices than before. Sometimes workers ask for higher wages, which again makes the product expensive. Inflation decreases the value of money over time. This results in making things more expensive than before. Very high inflation is also bad, because it makes it harder for people to buy things they want.





# BUDGETING

So many things to spend on, but not enough money to buy them all! You've got a budget and a list of things you need! Are they in your budget? (Some of the 'Your Budget' and 'The Item' columns have been left blank for you to fill in your own values!)

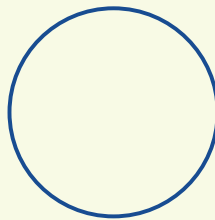
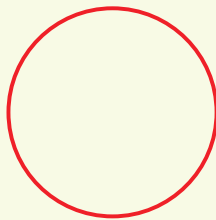
YOUR BUDGET	THE ITEM	DOES IT FIT IN THE BUDGET?	HOW MUCH MORE IS NEEDED?
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	Cab Fare  ₹50		
	Choc-olate  ₹20		
	Sun-glasses  ₹100		
	Burger  ₹_____		
	Donuts  ₹_____		
	Movie Ticket  ₹_____		



Shoes



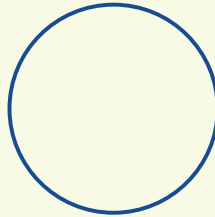
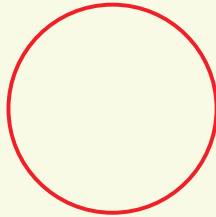
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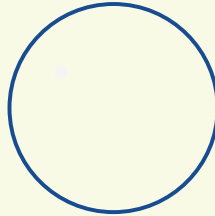
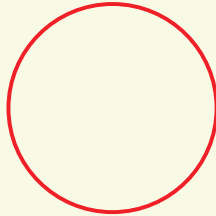
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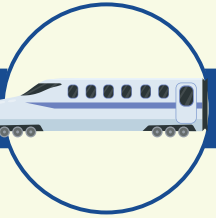
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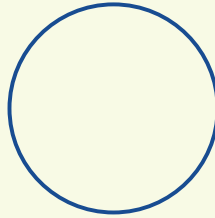
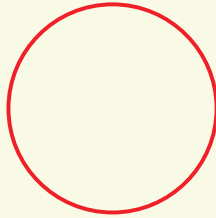
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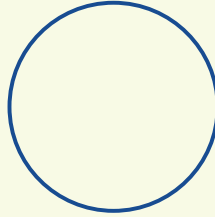
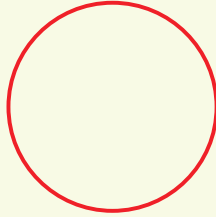
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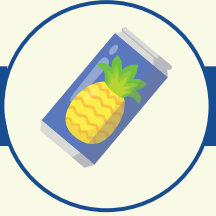
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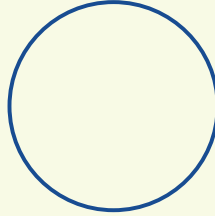
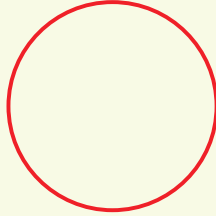
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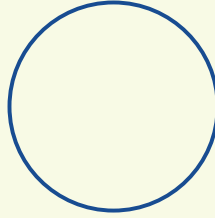
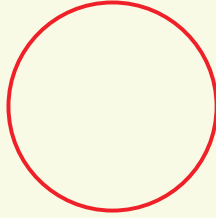
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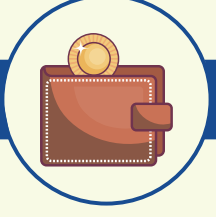
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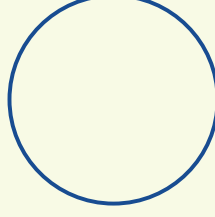
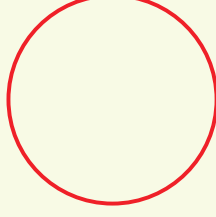
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Wallet



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# IT'S NOT MAGIC,

Maahi always used to think her house magically knew what she wanted! If she wanted milk, all she had to do was open the refrigerator, if she wanted clothes, there was a cupboard full of them and if she wanted a new pencil, all she had to do was ask Mumma or Papa and they would open a drawer and give her a brand new one! It was like magic!

One month, however, she lost a whole lot of pencils! Every few days, she would go to Mumma and Papa, 'Need a pencil!' and they would go, 'Again? What are you doing with the pencils?' After losing a few more Papa asks, 'Maahi, do you know how we get these pencils for you?' Maahi scratched her head, 'Well, doesn't the house just have these pencils? You remove it from one of the drawers of the house and give it to me!'

'And do you think these pencils just magically appear in the drawer? It all costs money!' 'But Papa, doesn't the house have money too? I've seen you remove it from some of the drawers!' says Maahi. And that's when she learnt that it wasn't magic, it was money!

Maahi, the money in the house belongs to us! We use it to buy all the things we need!' 'But Papa, why do we need money to buy pencils? The shopkeeper has thousands of pencils! Can't he just give us some?' asked Maahi. 'Well, think of it like this. When you do all your chores well, like cleaning your room and making your bed, what do you get as a reward?' asks Papa. Maahi smiles, 'CANDY!'

'Yes! Now, the shopkeeper also works hard to make sure his shop has everything we need. Doesn't he deserve a reward too? And because we don't know what he likes, as a reward, we give him money! He can use the money to buy whatever he likes now! And it's not just the pencil, most of what you see around you costs money! All your clothes, the car, the fridge, the electricity to run the fridge, and yes, even the candy!



# IT'S MONEY!

'So each time you lose a pencil, we need to buy you a new one! We could have easily bought you something bigger with all the money we spent on the pencils!' Maahi nods her head, 'I understand, Mumma and Papa. I'll be more careful with my things because they cost money which you work so hard to earn! But I didn't understand one thing Papa, do people like money more than candy?'

What's the magic word?

**MONEY!**

Money clearly does not have any substitute and is the basis of how livelihood exists. But there are two sides to Money, we either lose money or we spend money. And this helps us understand its value even more. The value of money, then, is the quantity of goods in general that will be exchanged for one unit of money. The value of money is its purchasing power, i.e., the quantity of goods and services it can purchase. Beyond the basic needs, money helps us achieve our life's goals and it supports the things we care about most deeply - family, education, health care, charity, adventure and fun. It helps us get some of life's intangibles -the opportunity to make the most of our skills and talents, the ability to choose our own course in life, financial security.







Purchased a first aid kit.  
**MOVE 2 STEPS AHEAD**

Dance to your favourite Song



Threw your spectacles in anger, and they broke. Buy new ones.

Started an SIP (Systematic Investment Plan)

Broke a toy.  
**GO BACK 2 STEPS**

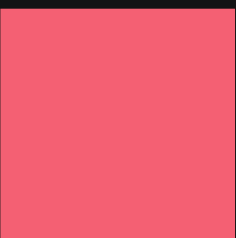
Say a Tongue Twister 5 times



Paying premium for the Car Insurance.

Do 10 Frog Jumps

Lost stationery at school.



Do 30 Jumping Jacks.

Say 1 - Do - 3 - Char... till 30.

Bumped into a tree due to careless driving!  
**PAY FOR DAMAGES!**

# GIVE & GET

How to Play:

- Take a dice and a token.
- Roll the dice, move your token ahead and identify if the box you land on is an Expense or an Investment.
- You will also come across some fun tasks to perform, that serve as little lessons to remind you to keep control over all our expenses!



An investment is something that's either going to give you more money than what you originally had or is going to benefit you in some way or the other.

An expense, on the other hand, is something that makes you spend money. Expenses are a part and parcel of life, but some expenses are unnecessary.

# BETTER TOGETHER

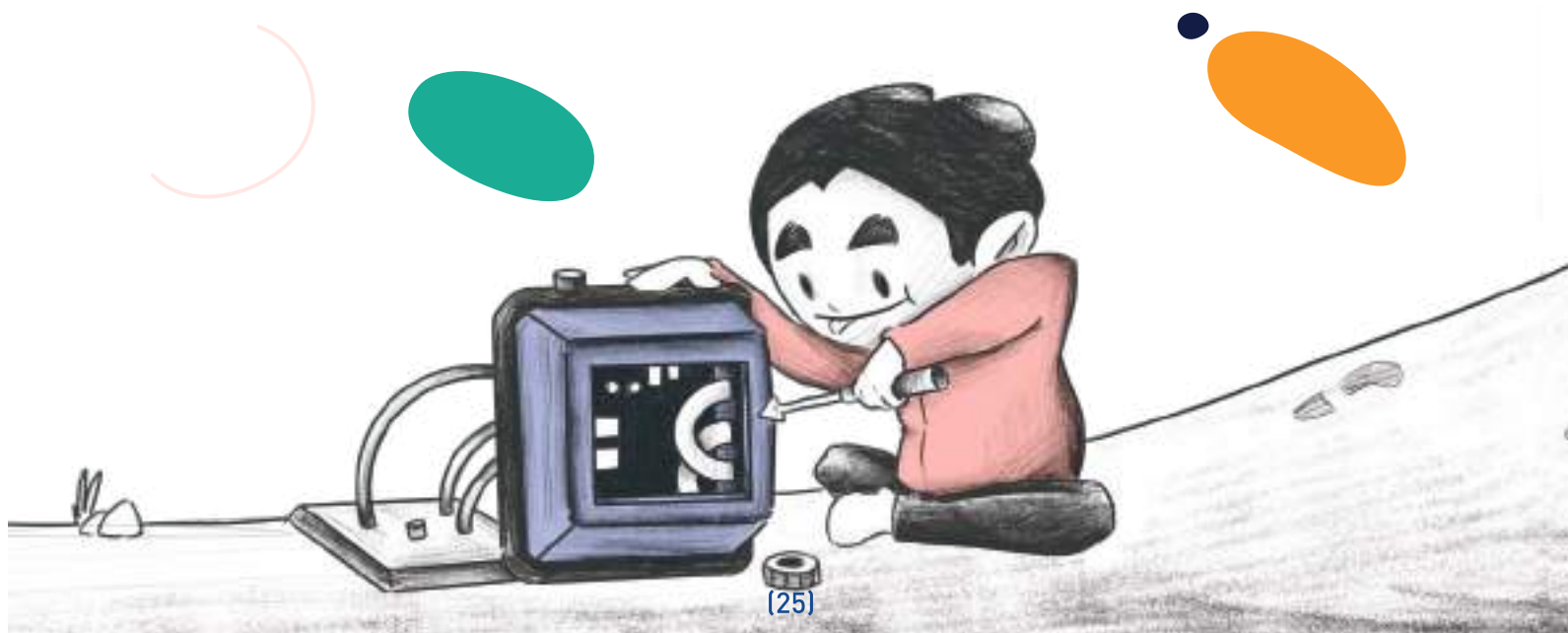
Aayush and his gang are focusing on a group of strange looking objects on the ground. These objects are their science projects! Aayush has got a speaker of some sort, Kiana has a screen and Ayaan has something that looks like a very, very heavy battery! 'Wow!' says Aayush, 'My speaker makes nice noises, your screen plays some bright pictures and that battery looks like it could charge a superhero! But which will win the science fair award?'

They're all lost in their thoughts when a voice calls out, 'Are you all sitting together or are each of you in your own worlds?' It's Aayush's Papa! No Papa, we were checking our science projects!' says Aayush, 'And I think mine could do with something more!' he says sadly. 'Ours too!' say Ayaan and Kiana.

'Well, it's nice that you want to improve what you've got, but that means more time, more hunting and more money! And isn't your science fair two days away? I think you need to talk to an expert to see what can be done!' says Papa. Of course! Aayush, Ayaan and Kiana pick up their gadgets and sprint to the garage. And there, behind a mountain of tools, is sitting Aayush's Mumma! 'Mumma!' cries Aayush, 'We need to make our science projects mindblowing! I've got these speakers, Kiana has this screen and Ayaan has this powerful battery! What can we add to them!'

Mumma looks at the strange devices and looks around the garage. She looks back at the devices. 'Well, I don't see too much here to add,' says Mumma, 'But something tells me these three will work better together!' Aayush and the gang look confused, 'What's that supposed to mean!' 'Well, we can combine your three gadgets into one really cool one! We've got sound, light and power! We could build a portable, super-powerful television!' exclaims Mumma! That would be mindblowing! They nod excitedly and get to work.

A few hours later, their three gadgets have combined into the coolest looking television ever!' At the science fair, Papa sees the television and lets out a whistle, 'Wow, that looks awesome! You guys just behaved like a mutual fund!' Aayush looks confused, 'What's a mutual fund got to do with our science project?'



'Well,' Papa laughs, 'a mutual fund is when people pool in their money together, hand it over to an expert called the fund manager, who then decides what to do with the money! And the fund manager tries to ensure that their money is put to good use! You too pooled together your resources, gave it to an expert, who's definitely put them to great use! Just like a mutual fund!' 'Well Papa, you've given us the perfect name for our science project! The three-in-one mutual fund!'

## What's the magic word?

# MUTUAL FUND!

A mutual fund is an investment scheme made up of a pool of money collected from many investors to invest in different securities. Mutual funds are operated by professional fund managers, who invest in stocks, bonds, etc. and try to grow the wealth of the investors!





# BOX THEM UP!

Can you identify which of these goes into which box?

Rental  
Income  
received  
from Tenant

Sold a product  
worth ₹1000 at a  
20% Discount.

Received  
money from  
your Aunt on  
Diwali.

Purchased  
products worth  
₹500 but sold  
them at ₹450

Booked an  
airline ticket

Purchased a  
book for ₹80,  
paid uncle ₹100  
(& forget to take  
the change)

Purchased  
Goods worth  
₹100. Sold  
them for  
₹300

1 dozen  
apples cost  
₹40 & the  
shopkeeper  
took ₹50.

## PROFIT

A financial gain that occurs when you earn money by selling something at a price that is higher than the price you bought it at.

Profit can also be made by saving money by buying something at a price lower than its original selling price.

## EXPENSE

The cost incurred by you for buying something or creating something that can be useful in the future.

Interest  
received on a  
Fixed Deposit

Cost price  
of a biscuit  
packet is Rs 35 &  
selling price is  
Rs 50.

Purchased  
a toy from  
the toy store

Salary

Purchased  
candies

Purchased  
clothes  
during  
the sale!

Tuition  
Fees

Getting a  
cash prize  
in a  
Competition

Filled petrol  
worth ₹120 per  
litre yesterday,  
price dropped  
today to ₹100  
per litre.

# LOSS

A financial damage that occurs when you lose money by selling something at a price that is lower than the price you bought it for.

# INCOME

Money received on a regular basis for the work done or on an investment made.

# THE GIANT

It's Miraya's first day at her first job! 'My school and college years flew by! Sure, there were times I couldn't wait for it to end, but now that it's all actually over, I feel a bit sad! I thought I would be happier than this!' she tells her parents, 'No more timetables, no more exams, no more studying...' Papa smiles, 'Yes Miraya, school and college times sure are special! But now you will enter the real world. As you say goodbye to your schooling years, you're saying hello to a new job, to new adventures and to taxes!'

'Taxes? Why am I supposed to pay taxes? Isn't that something you do when you have lots of money?' asks Miraya. 'No!' says Papa, 'In our country, everybody is required to pay a part of their income to the Government as tax! If you have a lower income, you'll pay lesser taxes as compared to someone who has a higher income! But you will pay taxes!'

'But it's my money! Why should I give it to the Government?' Miraya frowns. 'Do you use the road to go to work? Do you need the street lights while walking back home at night? Do you use the garden that's near our house?' asks Papa. 'Yes!' she says. 'Who do you think should pay for these things?' he asks.

'Well, everybody who uses these things should pay for them!' Miraya says thoughtfully, 'So all of us should!' 'Yes but can you go around collecting money from every single person who will use these facilities before building them?' asks Papa.

'That's impossible Papa! It would take years to collect enough money to build them!' 'You're right!' says Papa, 'So think of taxes like a giant piggy bank. Every taxpayer is putting a bit of money inside the piggy bank. And this piggy bank will be used to help everyone!'



# PIGGY BANK!

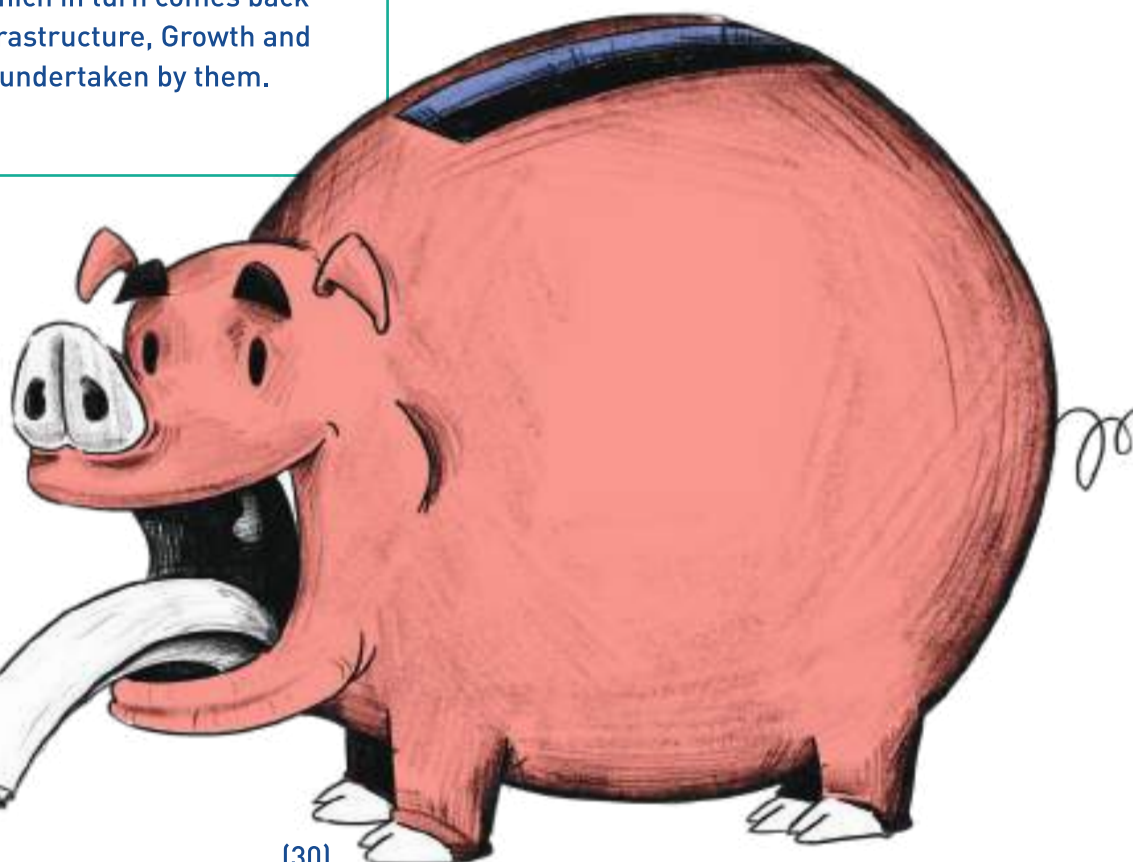
'So the road, the street lights, the garden, it's all built by the Government! And when we pay taxes, we're helping the Government to continue building things that are good for all of us! That's why we must all pay our taxes! And yes, that includes you too, Miraya!' says Papa.

'I never thought about taxes that way Papa! I'll definitely pay my taxes!'

What's the magic word?

## TAXES!

Tax is an amount that we give to the Government so that they can build a better country for us. We pay taxes on services and products that are exchanged in the country. They are termed as Direct and Indirect taxes. Taxes are a source of revenue for the Government, which in turn comes back to us in the form of Infrastructure, Growth and Development projects undertaken by them.







# THE A-Z OF TAX

Can you find these tax related words in this giant ‘tax’ing word search?

1. Refund
4. Gift
7. Declare
10. Salary
13. Earn
16. Revenue
2. Job
5. Money
8. Personal Income
11. Loss
14. Profit
17. Penalty
3. Income
6. IRS
9. Amount
12. Report
15. Audit
18. Gross Income

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19. Credit
20. Budget
21. Liabilities
22. Equity
23. Value
24. Filing
25. Government
26. Indirect Tax
27. Annually
28. Custom Duty
29. Service Tax
30. Income Tax

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# IT'S MOVIE TIME!

One rainy afternoon, Aryan is watching the storm clouds play hide and seek with the mountains. 'It's the perfect weather to curl up on the sofa, watch a good movie, eat some freshly popped popcorn and have a nice cup of hot chocolate!' he thinks. Aryan opens his wallet to see how much pocket money he's got left! But alas! All that peeks back at him is... one note! He runs to his parents' room, 'Mumma, Papa! Don't you think the weather is perfect for a nice movie, some fresh popcorn and a nice hot chocolate?'

Mumma and Papa smile, 'That sounds wonderful, Aryan! Why don't you run to the store and get yourself the things you need with your pocket money?' Aryan smiles, 'Well, the ice creams I had last week sort of used it all up!'

'Maybe the next time it rains then! says Papa. 'Please? Can't you give me the money right now? I'll give it back to you when I have some money! I promise!' pleads Aryan! Mumma looks at him, 'So are you asking for a loan?' Aryan looks back at her, confused, 'What's that?' he asks. 'A loan is money that you borrow from someone with a promise to pay it back, says Mumma. 'That sure sounds business-like!' he says, 'Yes Mumma, I'd like a loan please!'



'Well then, we'll give you the ₹500 you need but in return, you will pay us ₹520 next month!' says Mumma. 'But why should I pay you ₹20 extra?' 'Well, after we give you the ₹500, we won't have that to spend on ourselves will we? Think of the ₹20 as a fee for getting the ₹500, without waiting till you have saved that much!'

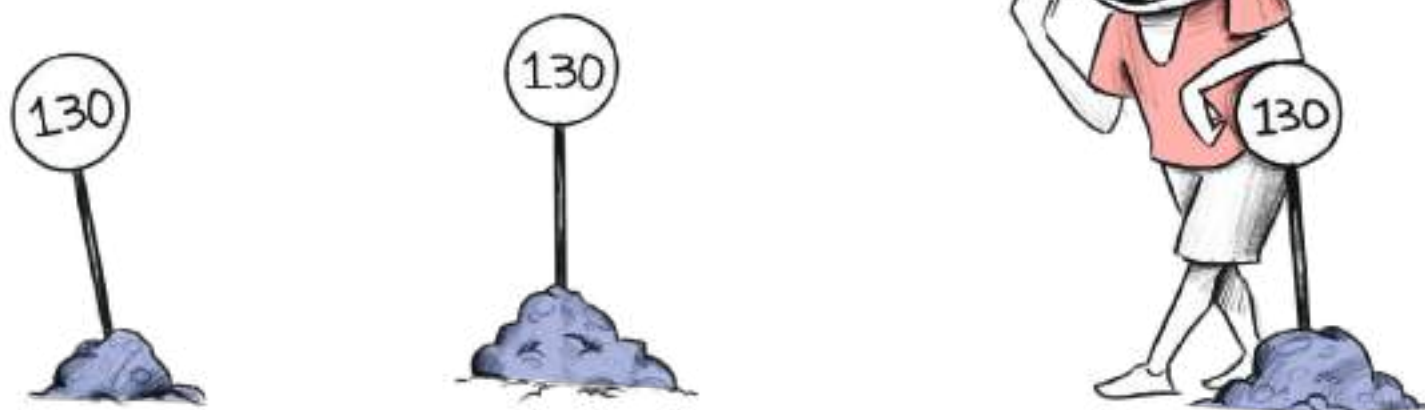
'But if I pay you ₹520 next month, I will barely have enough money for myself!' Aryan moans! 'We have a solution to that too! We'll let you pay us the amount over 4 months.' says Papa. 'Are you making all this up to get more money from me?' Aryan asks, suspiciously. 'Not at all, that's how people pay for things which require a huge amount of money! Like college fees! We'll take a loan and pay it off each month! This frees us from the burden of paying the entire amount at one go, and breaks it into smaller pieces! 'There is one small difference though,' his Papa says, 'Instead of the ₹20 as interest, I think I'll settle for a small bowl of popcorn!'

## What's the magic word?

### LOAN!

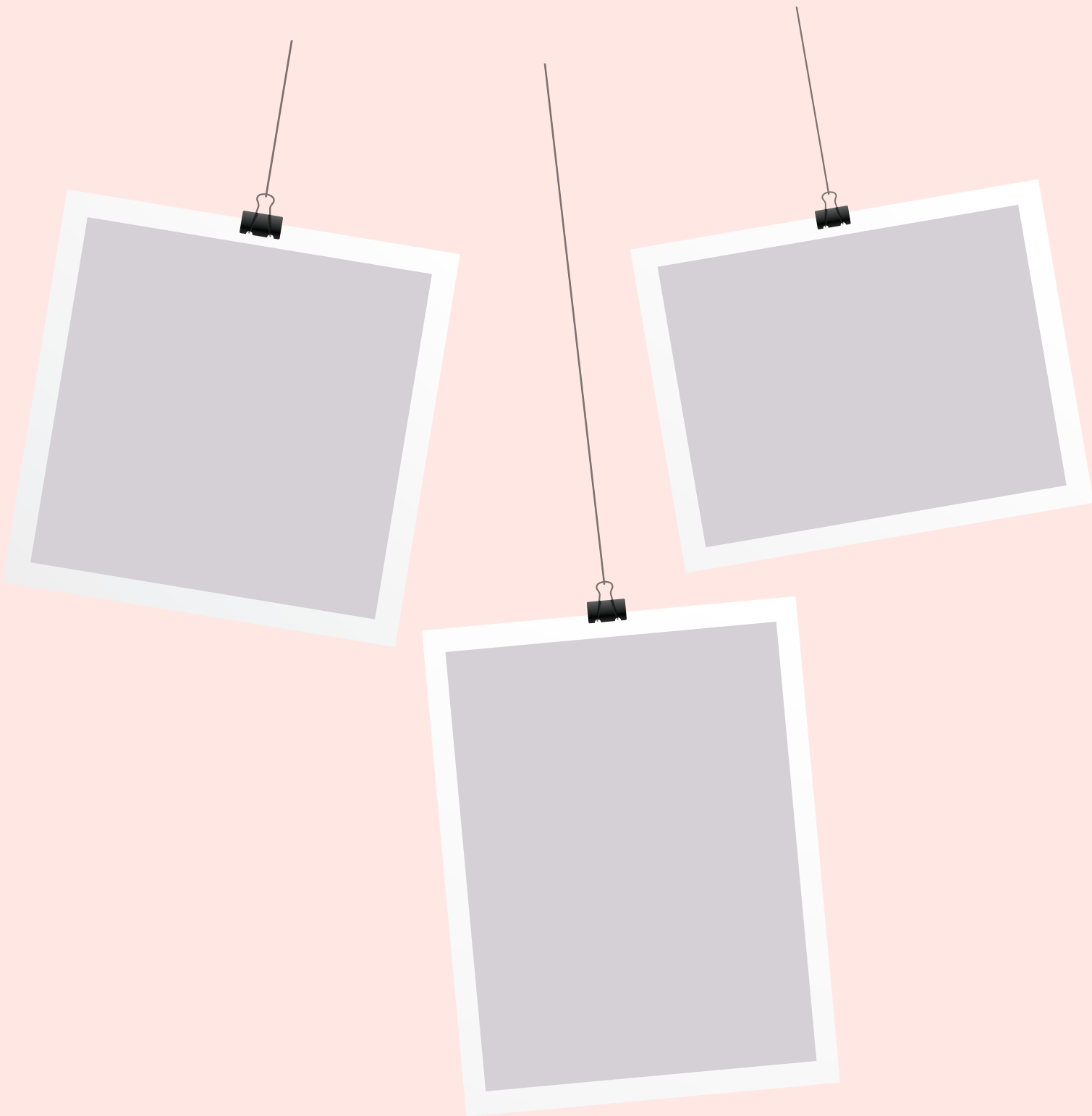
A loan is a sum of money that someone borrows from banks or other financial institutions to pay for expensive planned or unplanned events. The borrower has to pay the loan amount back along with an additional amount called interest within a given period of time.

Loans can also be repaid through EMI. An EMI is the amount paid back by the borrower each month to the bank until the loan amount is fully paid off. Through EMIs, the borrower can pay back the loan amount in smaller chunks instead of one massive amount!



# LOVE WHAT YOU DO, DO WHAT YOU LOVE!

Hobbies are a great way to break the monotony of our routine. Play an instrument, perfect an art, dance the day away, play a sport... Anything that keeps you happy and that you look forward to can be your hobby! Stick a few photos of you engaging in your favourite hobbies below! Jot down why they make you happy too!





A lot of times, a hobby can develop into a business too!  
What kind of business do you think your hobby can help you create?

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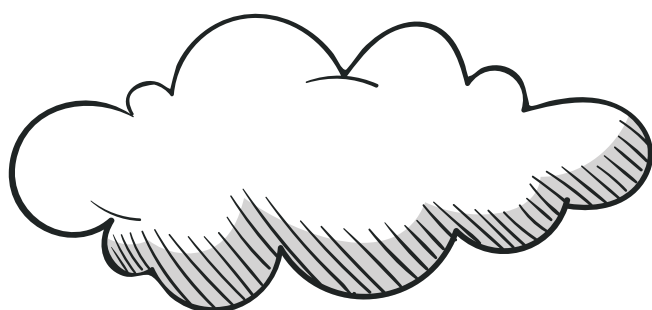
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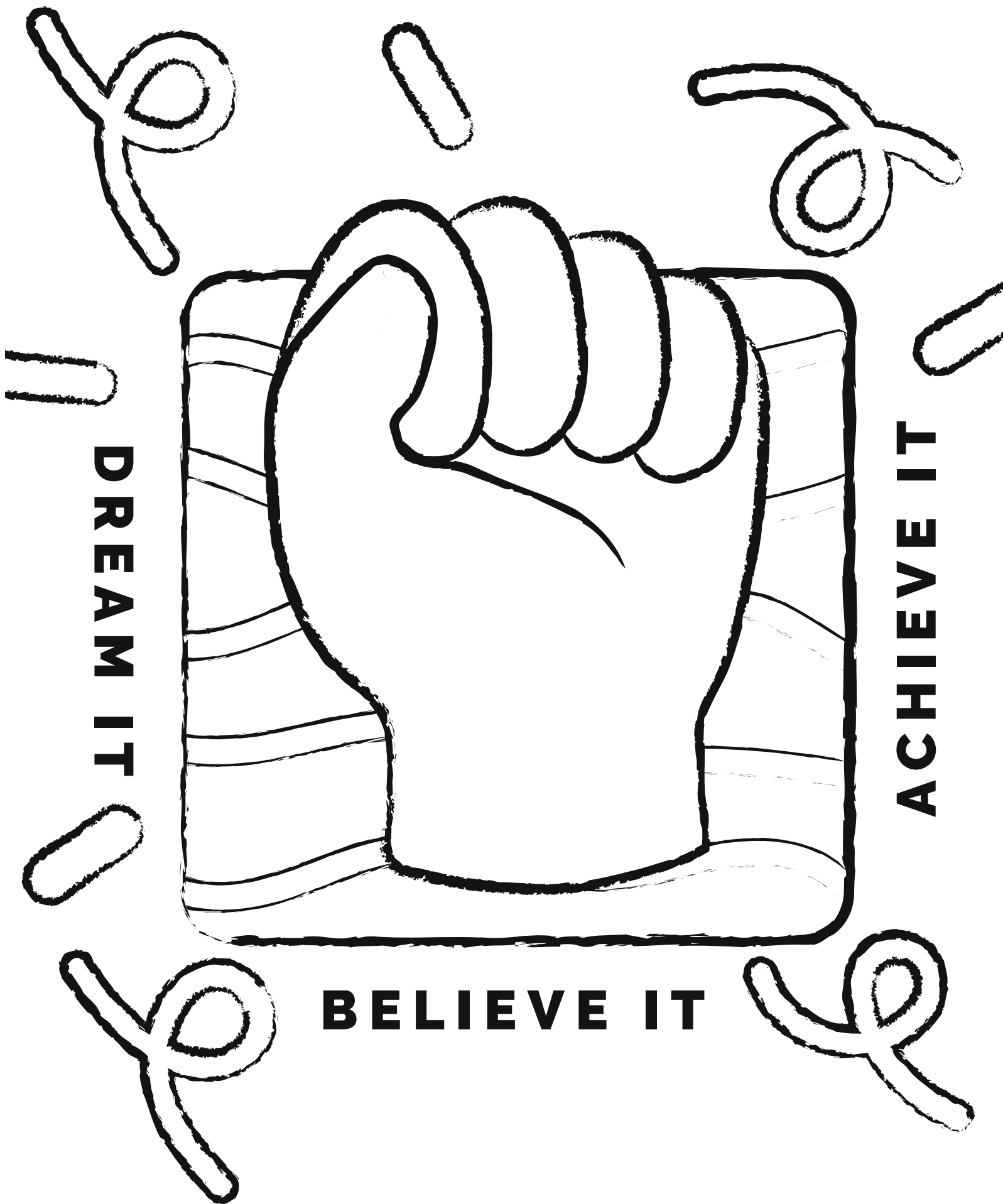
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