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Find out how Shakespeare is used in everyday English

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Read how reading Sudha Murthy's books have inspired a love for stories and reading

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Do you know what 'waiting in the wings' means? Find out in 'Wizard's Corner'

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**IN INDIA**

In a survey conducted by Times NIE on social media habits these were the results:

**Social media you are on?**

- YouTube: 44%
- Instagram: 34%
- Pinterest: 3%
- Facebook: 2%
- X: 1%
- None: 16%

As many as 1,675 students pan-India took part in an online survey conducted during September to October 2023

**FINDINGS**

- YouTube remains the most popular social media platform among 71% teens, with majority saying they use it daily.
- Runners-up included TikTok, Snapchat and Instagram, although all three trailed YouTube.
- Facebook is more popular among poorer US communities, as is TikTok, among teens in households earning \$75,000 or more a year.
- Pew survey, 'Teens, Social Media and Technology', was conducted from Sept 26 to Oct 23, 2023, with 1,453 teens aged 13 to 17 years in the US.

**IN SOCIAL MEDIA RACE, YouTube is numero uno FOR GEN Z**

According to Pew survey, Gen Z is addicted to YouTube, as 1 in 6 teens visit the video-sharing portal daily

Teen usage of social media hasn't dropped much, despite rising concerns about its effects on the mental health of adolescents, a survey from the Pew Research Institute found. But the data also found that roughly one in six teens describe their use of two platforms – YouTube and TikTok – as "almost constant".

**IN NUMBERS**

- 71% of teens said they visit YouTube daily
- 51% said they used Snapchat daily
- 47% said they use Instagram daily
- 58% said they used TikTok daily
- 16% said they used Facebook daily

**Time to include spirituality in education for well-groomed, mentally sound pupils**

As Nelson Mandela rightly said, "Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world".

We are in a competitive world, let us accept the fact that we are in a dynamic society. Change is the only constant in the universe. But this should not be at the cost of surrendering our culture and spiritual values. Modern education should be framed along with spiritual values and life skills. The intelligence

**Principal**  
Meena C, principal, BGS World School, Mahalakshmiapuram

tic, and cares about others. The purpose of combining spirituality with education is to prepare our children for life and learn from various situations they are likely to come across in their lives. India is the cradle of spiritualism. We are fortunate to be blessed with spiritual instincts. When the world is turning towards India for spiritual training, wistfully we are unaware of the divinity of the same. School is a miniature society that enhances the intelligence and character – that is the goal of true education. Moral and spiritual education should be an essential activity of every school and college.

Educational institutions should not only provide formal education but also provide opportunities for our students to become well-groomed individuals. Providing holistic education that motivates and empowers our students to be life-long learners and productive members of society should be the goal. As the stakeholders, let us strive to nurture morally, ethically, and spiritually strong students. It is with the government and educationalists to embrace spiritual values and frame the curriculum to encompass spiritual wisdom as a base and make India the land where one can find peace and truth.

This edition of The Times of India you hold today is a special edition that has been exclusively edited by Meena C, Principal, BGS World School, Mahalakshmiapuram, Bengaluru, and her team, to bring you a feel of what a youth newspaper should be like. We invited them to visit our premises, to write and edit articles and opinions for you.

**A SOP OPERA**

**₹12,000 cr-worth projects to be launched in Varanasi**

On a two-day visit to Varanasi, Prime Minister Narendra Modi is likely to gift projects worth ₹12,000 crore to his parliamentary constituency for developmental projects that are scheduled to be launched during the visit.

**PM'S AGENDA**

- ShivpurPhulwaria-Lahartara four-lane road project and many projects of railway and petroleum ministries will be launched.
- PM to announce the launch of another Vande Bharat train between Varanasi and Delhi. The first Vande Bharat train was launched from Varanasi in 2019.
- The announcement for establishment of a railway tribunal in Kashi, covering 18 districts of the region, can also be made, sources added.
- According to sources, the PM will visit an exhibition based on the Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra at Cutting Memorial School ground in Cantonment.
- He will visit Namo Ghat and attend Kashi-Tamil Sangamam 2.0 event.

**Was Indus Valley civilisation impacted by a meteorite?**

It took researchers from the geology department of Kerala University four years to hit paydirt – as science calls it. The team hit on melt-rocks, which are parts of a meteorite in the hamlet of Luna, in Kutch, Gujarat.

Radiocarbon dating of these melt-rocks show the meteorite impact may have happened around 6,900 years ago, roughly the period the Indus Valley civilisation was flourishing in this area. The intriguing question for researchers is whether the meteorite had any impact on Indus Valley. The impact location is 200 km away from the famous Indus Valley site of Dholavira.

"Luna is the impact site but the famous Indus Valley excavation site is about 200 km away. There's a 2 km crater in the place and the meteor that impacted must be about 200-400 m in diameter," professor Sajin Kumar KS said, adding, "This makes us look at human civilisation possibly being wiped out by a meteorite."

The Luna sample contains high-temperature minerals like wustite, kirschsteinite, ulvöspinel and hercynite. With this, Luna is the fourth impact-crater identified in India.

**KNOW THE TERMS:**

**PAYDIRT:** Ground containing ore in sufficient quantity to be profitably extracted.

**RADIOCARBON DATING:** Or carbon-14 dating, is a scientific method that can accurately determine the age of organic materials as old as approximately 60,000 years.

**METEORITE:** It is a rock that falls to Earth from space. However, they are not like Earth rocks, providing samples of other planets, asteroids and possibly comets in our solar system.

**T20 WORLD CUP**

**India vs Pakistan game to be held in 'pop-up stadium' outside NYC**

New York will host the marquee India vs Pakistan clash of the 2024 T20 World Cup, 'The Guardian' has reported. USA are co-hosting the T20 World Cup with the West Indies, scheduled to be held in June.

As per the reports, the match will be played in a pop-up stadium on the outskirts of the New York. A 34,000-seat pop-up stadium is a small portable stadium made from repurposed containers

ed temporary stadium will be constructed for the tournament in New York.

The match is being played in New York because as per the latest census data, around 7,11,000 Indian and about 1,00,000 people of Pakistani origin live in the New York.

Only three venues will be used in the US and those are Central Broward Park in Florida, Grand Prairie Stadium in Texas and Eisenhower Park on Long Island, about 25 miles from downtown Manhattan.

**Cricket is also making its way back into the Olympic fold after more than 120 years as it has been included in the Los Angeles 2028 Olympics.**

**Quote**

I am all over the place. I am also on the dark web.... Fifteen years ago, you measured academic institutions by how many students got hired by Google or went abroad. Now, it is about what kind of platforms the students of a particular institution are building for the world.

Union MoS For Electronics and IT Rajeev Chandrasekhar

**FACTOID JERSEY 7**

MS Dhoni's iconic No. 7 joins Sachin Tendulkar's No. 10 as both the jersey numbers have been retired now. The Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) has retired MS Dhoni's iconic No. 7 jersey, said BCCI sources. This practice of retiring jerseys is not uncommon and serves as a way to recognise the contributions of legendary players.

**Let's Call It A Wrap**

**PARIS PIPS DUBAI IN WORLD'S TOP CITY DESTINATIONS**

Paris remains the world's most attractive city destination, global market research company Euromonitor International's annual Top 100 City Destinations Index 2023 has revealed. Euromonitor International's report Top 100 City Destinations Index 2023 looked at six key pillars – economic and business performance, tourism performance, tourism infrastructure, tourism policy and attractiveness, health and safety, and sustainability.

**Seven out of top 10 in Europe, Asia in top 20**

The annual report revealed that this year's top 10 ranking was dominated by seven European destinations, with Dubai (2), Tokyo (4) and New York (8) the only non-European names in the top 10. Paris has retained the title of the world's leading city destination, followed by Dubai in second place and Madrid in third. Tokyo came in fourth, while Amsterdam rounded up the top five.

**Asia saw strong representation in the rest of the top 20 as Singapore (11), Seoul (14), Osaka (16), and Hong Kong (17) all made the list**

**LUMINESCENT CITY**

Lamps lit up the banks of the River Saryu on the eve of Diwali in Ayodhya on November 11, 2023. Ayodhya city in Uttar Pradesh set a Guinness World record by lighting over 2.2 MILLION EARTHEN OIL LAMPS during Deepotsav celebrations on the eve of Diwali this year.

**Trending Photo of 2023**

**Focal point**

**CANDELA P-12**

The world's first electric hydro foiling passenger ship has satisfactorily completed its trials in Stockholm. The sustainable vessel Candela P-12 uses computerised information to elevate its hulls above the water friction. In its first flight, Candela P-12 reached a speed of 30 knots, which is quite an achievement for an electric passenger vessel.

The secret to its high speed and long range are the three carbon fiber wings that extend from under the hull. These active hydrofoils allow the ship to lift itself above the water, thus decreasing drag.

Do you think India should take more active steps in adopting EVs? Write to toiniel75@gmail.com



# THE LEARNING CANVAS

Gone are the days of rote learning! **STEAM (STEM with Art) education** is a learning technique that provides children with deep concept understanding. Times NIE brings to you all the skill sets – be it in goal setting, career decisions, critical thinking or boosting your personalty with good communication – that has been designed by our experts

## CAREER

### INTERESTED in HOSPITALITY industry?



**P**ursuing a career in the hospitality industry can be rewarding and exciting. At the same time, do remember that it does involve a lot of hard work, perseverance and odd hours. Here are some steps a student can take to build a successful career in this field:

#### EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND:

Consider pursuing a degree in hospitality management, hotel management, or a related field. Many universities and colleges offer specific programmes tailored to the hospitality industry.

#### GAIN RELEVANT EXPERIENCE:

Internships and part-time jobs in the hospitality industry can provide valuable hands-on experience. Look for opportunities in hotels, restaurants, event management, or travel agencies.

#### DEVELOP SOFT SKILLS:

Hospitality is a people-centric industry, so developing excellent communication, customer service, and interpersonal skills is crucial. Focus on problem-solving, adaptability, and a positive attitude.

#### LANGUAGE SKILLS:

Depending on the type of hospitality career you're interested in, having proficiency in multiple languages can be a significant asset, especially in roles that involve dealing with guests.

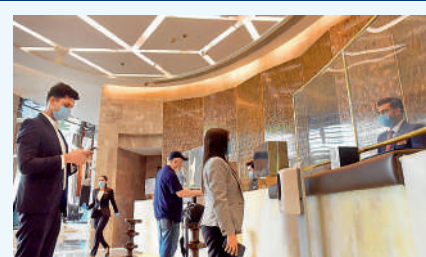
#### SPECIALISE IN A NICHE:

Consider specialising in a specific aspect of the hospitality industry, such as event management, hotel administration, restaurant management, or tourism. Specialisation can make you stand out in the job market.

#### JOB SEARCH AND INTERNSHIP PLACEMENT:

Utilise career services offered by your educational institution to find internships and job opportunities. Additionally, explore online job boards, company websites, and industry-specific platforms.

### Colleges to pursue hospitality management



**T**here are many colleges and universities around the world that offer hospitality management programmes. The choice of a specific institution will depend on various factors such as location, programme reputation, faculty, and personal preferences. As of my last knowledge update in January 2022, here are some well-known institutions that offer hospitality management programmes:

**CULINARY INSTITUTE OF AMERICA (CIA):** USA

**ECOLE HÔTELIÈRE DE LAUSANNE (EHL):** Switzerland

**CORNELL UNIVERSITY, SCHOOL OF HOTEL ADMINISTRATION:** USA

**LES ROCHES GLOBAL HOSPITALITY EDUCATION:** Switzerland, Spain, China, and the USA

**GLION INSTITUTE OF HIGHER EDUCATION:** Switzerland and the UK

**HOTEL SCHOOL THE HAGUE:** Netherlands

**UNIVERSITY OF NEVADA, LAS VEGAS (UNLV), WILLIAM F. HARRAH COLLEGE OF HOSPITALITY:** USA

**ROSEN COLLEGE OF HOSPITALITY MANAGEMENT, UNIVERSITY OF CENTRAL FLORIDA:** USA

**HONG KONG POLYTECHNIC UNIV, SCHOOL OF HOTEL AND TOURISM MGMT:** Hong Kong

**BLUE MOUNTAINS INTERNATIONAL HOTEL MANAGEMENT SCHOOL (BMIHMS):** Australia

**INSTITUTE OF HOTEL MANAGEMENT (PUSA):** India

## BUILDING BLOCKS OF BODY



When Sudha comes last in the heats for the district level athletics competition, her physical education teacher tells her to work on her strength and endurance with a protein-rich diet. Read the story spun by Saisudha Sugavanam, senior project manager, The Spoken Tutorial Project, IIT Bombay on the importance of proteins in our diet

**O**ne day, a very excited Sudha tells her mom that she has been chosen to represent her school for the district athletics meet. But at the heats, she realises that she is not as good in athletics as others. Seeing a disappointed Sudha, the physical education teacher decides to give her a pep talk. While doing so, he also enlightens Sudha about the importance of a protein-rich diet. Read the story...

**SUDHA:** Lalalala lalalalala (Sudha comes home singing)

**AMMA:** What is it Sudha, you seem to be very happy?

**SUDHA:** I've been chosen to represent my school in the district athletics meet next month. Only four students from my school have been chosen and I'm one of them.

**AMMA:** Very good Sudha. Do well and make us all proud. Ok?

**SUDHA:** Ok amma.

**PT SIR:** Sudha, Ramya, Varsha and Veena, you've all been chosen to represent our school at the district athletics meet. For the next one month, we will be practising every day. All of you must work hard to win a medal for our school. Finish your warm-up and come, we will do a mock race.

**PT SIR:** All of you, when I say on your mark, get set, go, and blow the whistle, you must start running. I will blow the next whistle when you reach the 100 metres mark. I will keep track of your timings. Take your

practice sessions seriously and focus. On your mark, get set and go (he blows the whistle). After sometime, he blows the whistle again.

**PT SIR:** Good job all of you. Ramya first, Varsha second, Veena third and fourth is Sudha. See you all tomorrow for the practice. All of you can go home now.

While all of them have left, PT sir spots Sudha crying alone near the school canteen.

**PT SIR:** Why haven't you left for home Sudha? Why are you crying here near the canteen?

**SUDHA:** I'm sad that I came last today sir. I really want to win a medal for our school in the district athletics meet.

**PT SIR:** You started very fast Sudha and then you lost the momentum. You need strength and endurance. Start eating protein rich food and you will start seeing results soon.

**SUDHA:** What foods are rich in protein sir?

And, what do they do to my body?

**PT SIR:** Before I answer that question, I want to tell you what happens to your body when you exercise.

**SUDHA:** When you exercise, your muscles get slightly torn and lose its mass. When you eat protein rich food like egg whites, meat, fish, and vegetarian proteins like daal, soya chunks, and nuts, the amino acids in the protein helps in the recovery of the injured muscles. The amino acids also promote muscle growth.

**PT SIR:** When you have stronger muscles, you will feel less tired and will also be able to run faster.

Our body also needs other nutrients like carbohydrates, fats, vitamins, minerals, roughage, and water for it to function well. A balanced diet is the food that contains all of these.

**SUDHA:** Wow, I never knew our food has so many things.

**PT SIR:** I think I have a food chart in my bag (takes out his bag and looks for the food chart). Here you go. It has a list of foods rich in these components and it also has details on how much you need to make it a balanced diet. Make good use of this chart in making your own balanced diet.

**SUDHA:** Thank you sir!

What's your favourite protein rich food? Send us the recipe to [toiniet75@gmail.com](mailto:toiniet75@gmail.com)

### GET TALKING

## 5 WAYS TO IMPROVE YOUR COMMUNICATION SKILLS

Having strong communication skills aids in all aspects of life – from professional life to personal life and everything that falls in between

**C**ommunication skills are essential for students to succeed academically, socially, and professionally. Communication skills are closely linked to critical thinking skills. Students who can communicate effectively are better able to analyse and evaluate information, and to develop and express their own ideas. Here are 5 ways you could hone your ability to communicate:

**Record a video:** Take any topic and write about that topic in your notebook. Then record your video with whatever you have written and listen to it and analyse your mistakes. Do this every day, improve it and it will increase your



You just have to give 1 hour to this daily. 15 mins to write and record a video, 15 mins to read a newspaper, 15 mins to read a short story, and 15 mins to practice in front of a mirror.

confidence as it is a fact that practice makes a man perfect.

**Think before you speak:** Don't speak rubbish. First, pause and think in your mind and then speak. It will work for you.

**Start reading English newspapers:** Believe me, this will work 100% for you

if you read the newspaper consistently. Within one month you will start to see changes in yourself.

**Practice in front of a mirror:** Think of any topic and start speaking in front of the mirror with full confidence by giving attention to your gestures, body language, smile, etc.

**Read, Read & Read:** Read a thousand books and your words will flow like a river. It is not an easy task but start reading with story books because it will develop an interest in you for reading. In the first month only read short English stories. This is just to help you develop a habit of reading, then start with novels, self-help books, fiction, non-fiction and more.

### KNOW YOUR IDIOMS

## SHAKESPEARE USED IN EVERYDAY ENGLISH

**D**ay-to-day English is full of words and idioms created by the Bard. Some of these expressions were not created by Shakespeare, but he made them incredibly popular and brought them to our days. Do you want to know what idioms you use are a living testimony of the genius of William Shakespeare?

**1. BREAK THE ICE:** In case you don't know, breaking the ice means to start getting to know people, avoiding social awkwardness and formality, and becoming more relaxed with a person whom you have not met earlier. Break the ice as a metaphor made its first appearance in 'The Taming of the Shrew' (Act 1, Scene 2) as a term for a social gesture.

**2. DEAD AS A DOORNAIL:** This idiom is used to indicate that

something is lifeless. "As dead as a doornail" is a very old English phrase that Shakespeare used and popularized in Henry IV Part 2.

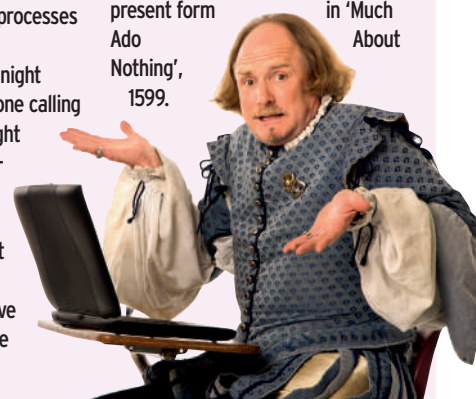
**3. IN A PICKLE:** This idiom is used to refer to a difficult situation or a troubling quandary. Shakespeare associated drinking too much to troubles, and if you think about it makes sense, since many pickling processes use alcohol.

**4. NIGHT OWL:** Are you a night owl? If you heard someone calling themselves or others "a night owl", you know this expression is used to refer to people who stay up late at night or goes to bed late. At first "night owl" and "owl" were synonyms. Its figurative use as a reference to people began in the 16th century.

Shakespeare used it in 1594 in 'The Rape of Lucrece'.

**5. TO CATCH A COLD:** I know, I know, crazy, right? Whenever you complain about a flu, you're talking Shakespeare! The Bard came up with the idea that cold caused illness for the first time in 'Cymbeline' (Act 1, Scene 4).

**6. TO LIE LOW:** To conceal oneself; to remain hidden. Even though many variants existed since the 13th century, Shakespeare used it in its present form in 'Much Ado About Nothing', 1599.



## FISH OR FISHES?

### WHEN TO USE FISH

When used as a noun, fish is described as a singular fish or multiple fish. It is a common, well-recognized word and does not require the addition of an "s" to make it plural. You can use fish to describe one fish, a school of fish, or a specific fish species. For example: ■ My fish, Nemo, was all alone in the fish-bowl before I bought him a snail for company. ■ We saw three Manta-Ray fish dur-

The noun "fish" has two different, completely acceptable plurals – "fish" and "fishes" – but "fish" is by far the most common plural

ing our glass bottom cruise.

### WHEN TO USE FISHES

Scientists use 'fishes'. Scientists who study fish

(they're called "ichthyologists") – "Ichthys" is Greek for "fish" – often refer to different species as fishes. As a noun, fishes is a scientific term that describes more than one species of fish in a group. Fish can be used in its stead, but fishes helps you recognize there is more than one type of fish being referred to. For example: ■ The biologist was studying the diversity of the fishes in the isolated mountain lake.

■ We saw 15 different types of fishes on our trip.



SAY IT RIGHT







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To sift is to isolate that which is most important after examining it thoroughly. With newsy challenges, writing practice and working on your critical thinking skills, this weekly page is here to help you sift and skill

## SKILL SIFT

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# JET, SET, GOAL!

Wield a pencil, sharpen your mind and get cracking. Try this Times NIE worksheet that is set to keep your brain ticking



### HOW TO USE THIS PAGE

'Skill Sift' is a page designed to promote the "21st century skills" or the 3Ls:

- **Learning Skills:** Critical Thinking, Creativity & Innovation, Collaboration, Communication
- **Literacy Skills:** Information Literacy, Media Literacy, Technology Literacy
- **Life Skills:** Flexibility and Adaptability, Leadership and Responsibility, Initiative and Self-Direction, Productivity &

Accountability, Social and Cross-Cultural Interaction

You can use this page daily to:

1. Enhance critical and creative thinking skills
2. Increase news awareness
3. Start a discussion on important current topics
4. Expand worldviews
5. Improve writing skills
6. Enhance visual thinking

### GET THE PICTURE

## What does the drawing portray?

1. Think of an interesting catch phrase. (Not more than 3 words)

2. Name the type of pencil used for creating the sketch.

3. Can you write a creative story based on the sketch.

Use your imagination to describe the feelings in this drawing

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### YOUR OPINION

## What is your opinion on carrying a heavy bag?

Our school bags were getting heavier day by day. This might be because we tend to carry a lot of books. We do not declutter our bags. This causes a lot of health issues and affects our posture. So looking at this our school came up with a lot of ideas for reducing the weight of our bag. We have a scheduled home work routine, so we carry respective books only on certain days. There are shelves in all the classes where we can leave behind the books that we do not require at home for the day. Besides, guidelines have been sent to parents regarding the type of bag to be purchased, to ensure weight management. The school reminds us to declutter our bags from time to time.

A No-bag Day is also scheduled in our school. This is the day when we learn the most, completely through activities. This helps us to be healthier and grow happily.

Yashu

S, class VIII, BGS World School, Mahalakshimpuram, Bengaluru

Students, tell us your opinion in the space below:

Prompts: 1. What do you feel about the weight of your school bag? 2. What are the health hazards from carrying a heavy bag? 3. What are the measures taken by your school to reduce the weight of your bag? 4. Write down your ideas to reduce the weight of your bag?

Share your thoughts at toiniet75@gmail.com

### THE WEEKLY NEWS QUIZ

**Question 1:** The kind of draw that happens in chess when one side has no legal moves to make.

- ☐ Checkmate
- ☐ Adjournment
- ☐ Stalemate
- ☐ Fianchetto



**Question 2:** The theory that states an imbalance in evolution of the solar cycle.

- ☐ Waldmeier Theory
- ☐ Dynamo Theory
- ☐ Modern Laplacian Theory
- ☐ Solar Imbalance Theory

**Question 3:** Name the Indian women listed most powerful in the Forbes 2023.

- ☐ Sudha Murthy
- ☐ Kiran Majumdar Shaw
- ☐ Indra Nooyi
- ☐ Chanda Kochhar

**Question 4:** Which evacuation mission was launched by India to bring back citizens trapped in war-hit Israel.

- ☐ Operation Ganga
- ☐ Operation Vijay
- ☐ Operation Zindagi
- ☐ Operation Ajay



Shaw, 4.(d) Operation Ajay

ANSWERS: 1.(c) Stalemate, 2.(a) Waldmeier Theory, 3.(b) Kiran Majumdar

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### GOOD TO KNOW

## DEEP FAKE TECHNOLOGY

It was a pleasant Diwali morning. My younger brother came running to me merrily jumping. He said "have you got Diwali wishes from Virat Kohli? I have got one". I was shocked to see Virat Kohli had sent a video message to him. How is it possible! When I saw the video, I remembered what I had read in the newspaper. It is a deep fake video.

videos and audios with an intention to deceive people. These are created and altered or synthesized with the aid of deep learning. They make it appear such that people believe it to be real. People have even lost money because of these fraudulent messages.

### SOCIAL MEDIA AND DEEP FAKE

It is important for people to distinguish between fake videos and real videos. It can propel gender, race and age biases. It can reinforce harmful stereotypes and put people at risk.

Gehna Jain, class IX, BGS World School, Mahalakshimpuram, Bengaluru

### WHAT IS DEEP FAKE TECHNOLOGY?

Artificial Intelligent Systems are becoming very good at creating fake images and videos. Deep fake is content created using Artificial Intelligence (AI)-generated images,



### TEACHERSPEAK

## William Shakespeare for eternity!

It is a known fact that Shakespeare is not for the 16th Century only. He is a dramatist for all ages and eternity.

Modern academics has included Shakespeare at the school level. There are reasons for this. Literature helps students learn life skills. Through the dramas of Shakespeare, students learn universal truths or facts. These facts are true to this generation too. Quoting real life examples in the classroom indicates that Shakespeare is in the present and not obsolete. For example, The reference to infancy, adolescence, youth, old age in As you like it, speaks about the 7 stages in a man's life. Speaking about moral values, we have

many to quote. "How far that little candle throws its beams! So shines a good deed in a naughty world." This quote from 'Merchant Of Venice' is very meaningful. It tells us that in this world that is filled with wickedness, a good deed is most necessary. This is compared to a little candle that throws its light far and wide, when surrounded by darkness.

In this world, filled with good as well as bad, these little quotes and examples elucidated in a classroom makes a huge impression. Such is the experience and excellence of Shakespeare!

Lakshmi Venkatadri, English Teacher, BGS World School Mahalakshimpuram, Bengaluru



### OUR READER'S VIEWPOINT

#### SUDHA MURTY AMMA: AN EPITOME OF INSPIRATION

My inspiration, which is influenced by creative imagination and pure innocence and takes me to another world, is Sudha



Murty. I have read seven of her books. These books take me to the magical world of imagination. She writes the truth and understands the reader's (the child) mind. She creates a bond between her story and the reader through her narration. Books like 'How I Taught My Grandmother To Read', 'How Earth Got Its Beauty', 'The Gopi Diaries - Coming Home, Finding Love, and Growing Up' are my favorites. These books have been my holiday companions. I felt I was a part of her stories. I would recommend that you too read these books. Even a non-reader will fall in love with reading. I learnt how to respect elders, I have become an animal lover, learnt to be down to earth, and would not miss a chance to listen to a story from grandma. Reading Sudha Amma's books is a blessed gift for me. The journey till now has been the best part of my life.

G Veeksha, class IV, BGS World School, Mahalakshimpuram, Bengaluru



### Painters' Gallery



**SHOOTING STAR:** Priyambika D M, class VI, BGSWS, Mahalakshimpuram, Bluru



**GANDHI:** Kritav S B, class VI, BGS World School, Mahalakshimpuram, Bengaluru

## Art has opened up many opportunities for me

From a young age, art and all that goes into art has fascinated me and kept me intrigued.

No matter how awful my day is, a canvas always gives me the most comfort. My art journey has been a very positive learning journey and growing process for me, and it is something that I take pride in.

Art has always played a significant role in my life. I am always curious and excited about learning new things. It has helped me to recognize my artistic talents. Art has not only allowed me to develop skills and techniques in art like painting and drawing, but also opened opportunities for me to appreciate the history and culture of the world.

My art teacher Manjula has played a major role in my development. She has always inspired me to give my best in every art work. My parents help me by giving prompt opinions about my art. My friends do appreciate my artwork and always motivate me to do better every time. I believe 'Art is not what you see, but what you make others see'. I have gone through many emotional changes in my life. I feel that I am constantly changing, but the one thing that has stayed constant within me is my art. Shareika G, class IX, BGS World School, Mahalakshimpuram, Bengaluru



## THE MAGIC OF POSITIVE THINKING

Positive thinking is the superpower for my mind. It is not just about being happy all the time. It is like putting on a pair of glasses that helps me see challenges as opportunities and tough times as chances to grow.



Positive thinking is more than just feeling good. For me, it is to believe in myself and my abilities to get through the tough stuff. I imagine facing problems like puzzles written for me to solve. That is the power of positive thinking. It helps me to figure out things with a hopeful and determined attitude. When something tricky comes up, I think "I got this!" It's like being a superhero in my own story. Positive thinking helps me to see challenges as a chance to learn and get better. At school, positivity is like having a

magic spell during tests. Instead of stressing out, I think "I can do this!" and the next second, I do my best. It's not about me being perfect; it's about my determination and belief in myself. So, my journey with positive thinking is like being on a quest to make every day a little more awesome. It's not easy but wearing these positive thinking glasses makes the adventure worth it! Nihal Kulkarni, class IX, BGS World School, Mahalakshimpuram, B'luru



### THE TWO POVERTIES

Boy! Beggar's boy come with me to the shore  
Where the sun does dance to the seagull song.  
A great way from the Slums' damp way  
What say? Come with me; make merry today,  
What say?



Small magic rectangle refers to cubical slum and mobile phone

Nay! To make merry I have plans today  
To run about till my heart gives out  
To then laugh and joke about my heart giving out  
What say, nay I say, what bear shore faraway?  
Why boy? Many pleasures await in shore faraway  
To wash away the slums' melancholic malaise.  
Why make tedious journey for the same story.  
The man stood, thinking of the boy's

poverty of will.  
Thought the man of men in poverty of will,  
Men to rather take joy in shallow pleasure,  
From a small magic rectangle\* rather than a journey,  
Make tedious journey to accomplish deeds great.  
Aryan Vikas Khoday, class IX, BGS World School, Mahalakshimpuram, Bengaluru





# WIZARD'S CORNER

MONDAY, DECEMBER 18, 2023

All work and no play makes Jack a dull boy. So the best way to pull yourself up is by indulging in mind teasers and laughter riots. Need a chill pill? Get into the **WIZARD'S CORNER!**

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## BRAIN TEASER: SPOT 6 DIFFERENCES BETWEEN THESE PICS



## DO YOU KNOW THE MEANING OF THIS METAPHOR?

"I'm too busy to attend this Sunday's brunch. I'll have to take a 'raincheck,'" said the man to his friend.

**WHICH STATEMENT IS CORRECT?**

a. The man meant that he will have to check weather forecast before the Sunday brunch.

b. The man explained to his friend that he won't be able to join the Sunday brunch, but would surely want to do so in the near future.

Answer: The second answer is correct. The metaphor 'raincheck' is used to indicate a situation when someone cannot accept an invitation now, but would like to do the same activity sometime in the future. The man used this popular phrase to explain to his friend that he won't be able to join the Sunday meet.

## HOW TO PLAY SUDOKU

- RULE 1** - Each row must contain the numbers from 1 to 9, without repetitions
- RULE 2** - Each column must contain the numbers from 1 to 9, without repetitions
- RULE 3** - The digits can only occur once per block

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Find the answers somewhere in the page

## GUESS THIS PERSONALITY

**HINT:** He is an American, entrepreneur, businessman and renowned author known for his personal finance and self-help book series "Rich Dad poor Dad."

**ANSWER:** Robert Kiyosaki, the 76 year old businessman, is the founder of Rich Global LLC and the Rich Dad Company, a private financial education company that provides personal finance and business education to people through books and videos.

Manvanth H N, class IX, BGS World School, Mahalakshmpuram, Bengaluru

## GO FIGURE

Place the four numbers in the first, third, fifth, and seventh boxes and whichever operators you want to use in the second, fourth, and sixth boxes in the correct order to get the answer. Use the numbers only once.

**THE OPERATORS**

÷ X + -

**EASY**    1 4 4 9    = 10

**MEDIUM**    1 4 7 7    = 20

**HARD**    3 3 7 9    = 2

**SOLUTIONS:**

Easy 4 + 9 + 1 - 4 = 10

Medium 7 - 4 x 7 - 1 = 20

Hard 3 - 3 - 7 + 9 = 2

## WUZZLES

Each Wuzzle is a word puzzle which creates a disguised word, phrase, name, place, saying, etc. For example: **WUZZLES** - **WUZZLES** - **WUZZLES**

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WORD PUZZLES BY **WOOD TOM**

1. **ful owner**

2. **HER WORD LIVING**

Print Your Answers Here:

1.

2.

Today's Answers:

1. Rightful owner

2. Living up to her word

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## KNOW YOUR WORD USAGE

- 1) Aplomb**
- discomposure
  - excitability
  - self-confidence
  - uncertainty
- 2) Halcyon**
- Peaceful
  - Idealistic
  - Unsettled
  - Perturbed
- 3) Perspicacious**
- Sagacious
  - Shrewd
  - Magical
  - Insightful
- 4) Pernicious**
- Harmful in a subtle way
  - Peaceful moment
  - Anticipation of future events
  - Keen sense of observation
- 5) Obfuscate**
- Enlighten
  - Discordant
  - Awareness
  - Confuse

**ANSWERS:**

1) Self confidence or assurance : Riya passed the test with aplomb.

2) Peaceful: Alas, those halcyon days are past.

3) Insightful: She considers herself a perspicacious judge of character.

4) Harmful in a subtle way especially gradual: Mothers think television has a pernicious impact on children.

5) Confused in an unclear state : The new rules are more likely to obfuscate people than enlighten them.

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## CHECK YOUR VOCABULARY

- 1) Impeccable
- Worried
  - Move
  - Regulate
  - Faultless
- 2) Ravenous
- Appetite
  - Extremely hungry
  - Uncertain
  - Hurry
- 3) Horrendous
- Fluent
  - Disruption
  - Terrible
  - Harm someone
- 4) Demure
- Shy or modest
  - Courteous
  - Proud
  - Surprised
- 5) Effervescent
- Lively, full of energy
  - Wicked
  - Extremely clean
  - Rich

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## ANSWERS

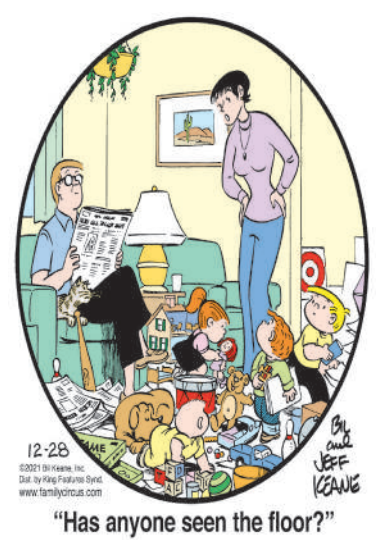
- 1 Faultless
- 2 Extremely hungry
- 3 Terrible
- 4 Shy or modest
- 5 Lively, full of energy

## MAKE SENTENCES HERE

MELLIFLUOUS .....

SERENDIPITY .....

## FAMILY CIRCUS



**DID YOU KNOW?** 'Home remedies for skincare' was one of the top Google searches in India this year!

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## ANSWER

## Idiom-etrics

- 1. Cut the ground from under feet**
- Meaning** - To do something which weakens someone's position, to anticipate someone's action or argument and make it irrelevant
- Example** - When team India hit more than 350 runs in the ODI match, they cut the ground from under the opponent's feet.
- 2. Waiting in the wings**
- Meaning** - To be ready and available while waiting to replace someone.
- Example** - She waited in the wings for long to take over the company from her father.
- 3. Hit the nail on the head**
- Meaning** - To do or say something that is exactly right.
- Examples** - She hit the nail on the head when she said we need to focus on productivity rather than innovation.
- 4. Not let grass grow under feet**
- Meaning** - Don't delay in getting something done. To not waste time or neglect opportunities
- Example** - Not one to let grass grow under the feet, he wrote out his application immediately.
- 5. Finger on the pulse**
- Meaning** - Having a good understanding of particular happenings.
- Example** - You need to keep your finger on the pulse and listen to what people want.
- Compiled by G Krithya Shree, class VII BGS World School, Mahalakshmpuram, Bengaluru

## TRIVIA

**Hit the nail on the head**

**Origin:** This idiom has ancient origins rooted in the practice of carpentry. The accuracy and precision required to successfully drive a nail into wood became a metaphor for accurately identifying the core or critical aspect of a problem or situation. This idiom has been in use for centuries, highlighting the enduring nature of its metaphorical significance.

## MAKE A SENTENCE with 'Waiting in the wings.'

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## Riding with the Riddle

- 1) I disappear every time you say my name. What am I?
- 2) I have billions of eyes, yet I live in darkness. I have millions of ears, yet only four lobes. I have no muscle, yet I rule two hemispheres. What am I?
- 3) The more you take, the more you leave behind. What are they?

## WRITE 100 WORDS ON THE IMPORTANCE OF SILENCE

**ANSWERS:** 1) Silence, 2) Human Brain, 3) Footsteps

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## TEST YOUR WORD POWER

- 1) tinoidua
- a) donut
- b) audition
- c) tedious
- d) iodinate
- 2) Soctriontunc
- a) continuous
- b) construction
- c) confution
- d) constrict
- 3) dnmertide
- a) determined
- b) demerited
- c) remedied
- d) tendered
- 4) siobelsp
- a) poises
- b) sloping
- c) possible
- d) blessing

**ANSWERS:** 1) b) audition, 2) b) construction, 3) a) determined, 4) c) possible

## WRITE THE OPPOSITE OF... AND MAKE A SENTENCE

Possible .....

Determined .....

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# PARIS MAY SCRIPT HISTORY



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Eliud Kipchoge

A century after the 1924 Paris Olympic men's marathon was won by Finn Albin Stenroos in two hours 41.22 minutes, next year's Games in the same city could feature the first official sub-two-hour time for the distance after 2023 saw more barriers smashed.

## ROUND UP '23 ATHLETICS

### New records

Kenya's double Olympic champion Eliud Kipchoge, who dipped under two hours with his unofficial Ineos challenge run in 2019, had dragged the record down to 2:01.09 in 2022. But in October this year compatriot Kelvin Kiptum stunned the sport when the 23-year-old took over half a minute off the great man's mark to post 2:00.35 in Chicago to kick-start talk of when, rather than if, a legal sub-two would arrive. That came two weeks after Ethiopia's Tigst Assefa astonishingly took well over two minutes



Tigst Assefa

## Kenyan superstar Kipchoge may smash all record in men's marathon in next year's summer Olympic Games

off the women's record with 2:11.53 - a time that would have been the men's world record until 1967. Talented and hard working though both champions are, the key component of their incredible times was unquestionably the latest developments in shoe technology that has made comparisons with earlier eras, even last decade, largely meaningless.

Kipchoge's performances opened the world's eyes to the condensed foam, carbon-plated super shoes the manufacturer claimed could increase running efficiency (the amount of oxygen consumed per minute) by 4%.

Soon, every major race start line was awash with the trademark variety. Although the sport's governing body World Athletics tried belatedly to rein things in with their



Sifan Hassan

stack height regulations in 2020, the genie was out of the bottle and it did not take long for other companies to close the gap.

### Racing flats out

Assefa ran Chicago in a shoe, retailing at just under \$500. It conforms to the 4cm height rule but, at 138 grammes, weighs about 40% less than any previous racing shoe. The latest theory around the shoes is that the carbon plates have only a limited effect and it is the "barely-there" weight, combined with the energy-return cushioning and "rockers", that prevents the fatiguing impact of previous thin-soled "racing flats" and allows athletes to maintain their optimum speed for longer.

Kiptum achieved his record in yet another prototype, also worn by women's Chicago champion Sifan Hassan, who took almost five minutes off her personal best with the second-fastest women's time ever of 2:13.44. It was a similar story in several athletics events at the 2021 Tokyo Olympics where a combination of a fast track and revolutionary spikes produced some jaw-dropping records.



Photo: GETTY IMAGES

Kelvin Kiptum

# PREMIER LEAGUE: CRYSTAL PALACE LAUNCH LATE FIGHTBACK



Photo: REUTERS

Michael Olise of Crystal Palace scores their second goal from the penalty spot

Michael Olise's stoppage-time penalty completed a remarkable late comeback as Crystal Palace grabbed a 2-2 draw at Manchester City. Crystal Palace completed an extraordinary late turnaround at the Etihad Stadium, as Jean-Philippe Mateta's goal and Michael Olise's 97th-minute penalty clinched a 2-2 draw at Manchester City.

City went close to opening the scoring after five minutes, with Julian Alvarez's header tipped wide by Henderson. Ruben Dias then flashed an effort from distance over the crossbar before Rodri's shot was blocked by Marc Guehi. City took a deserved lead on 24 min-

utes, Grealish slotting into the bottom corner after being played in by Phil Foden to score in three consecutive Premier League appearances for the first time.

City's domination continued in the second half, and they deservedly doubled their lead on 54 minutes through Lewis. Foden's pass inside the penalty area fell to Lewis, who drilled into the bottom-left corner from eight yards for his first Premier League goal. City looked fully in control, but Palace suddenly reduced the deficit with 14 minutes remaining. Finally Olise sent Ederson the wrong way to level and earn Palace an unlikely point. **ANS**

City, who were again without the injured Erling Haaland, stay fourth, three points behind Liverpool ahead of the Reds' home match against Manchester United on Sunday while Crystal Palace sit 15th with 17 points

## YOUNG HITS 100; BANGLA LOSE

Opener Will Young cracked a rapid century as New Zealand recovered from a dreadful start to beat Bangladesh by 44 runs on Sunday in the rain-affected first one-day international. The match was shortened to 30 overs each after three rain delays. The home side burst into life in the final stages to post an imposing 239-7. Needing an adjusted target of 245 to win the first ODI of the three-match series, Bangladesh were restricted to 200-9. New Zealand bounced back after losing two wickets in the game's opening over when seamer Shoriful Islam had Rachin Ravindra and Henry Nicholls both caught without scoring. A brilliant 171-run stand for the third wicket between Young, who hit 105 off 84 balls, and captain Tom Latham, who finished



Photo: GETTY IMAGES

New Zealand player Will Young celebrates after scoring a 100 runs during the first One Day cricket international between New Zealand and Bangladesh

with 92 runs, handed the advantage back to the hosts in a match played in overcast conditions throughout. **AFP**

## QUIZ TIME



Photo: GETTY IMAGES



Samantha Stosur

**Q1:** Eight-time Grand Slam champion Samantha Stosur was named captain of Australia's Billie Jean King Cup team. Which player did she succeed

- a) Kimberly Birrell      b) Arina Rodionova  
c) Alicia Molik      d) Astra Sharma

**Q2:** Which fast-bowler was named skipper for Pakistan's second ODI against New Zealand?

- a) Nahida Khan      b) Fatima Sana  
c) Javeria Khan      d) Aliya Riaz

**Q3:** Who won the 2023 Golden Boy and Kopa awards?

- a) Cristiano Ronaldo      b) Alfredo Di Stefano  
c) Vinicius Jr      d) Jude Bellingham

**Q4:** Tokyo Paralympics silver medallist Yogesh Kathuniya of Haryana bagged a gold medal in the Khelo India Para Games in

- a) Archery      b) Discus throw      c) Wrestling      d) 100 m sprint

**ANSWERS:** 1. c) Alicia Molik, 2. b) Fatima Sana, 3. d) Jude Bellingham, 4. b) Discus throw

# INDIA ANNOUNCE 6-MEMBER SQUAD FOR DAVIS CUP

A six-member Indian team has been picked for the Davis Cup World Group I play-off Tie against Pakistan in Islamabad from February 3-4. The team, picked on Saturday, includes Ramakumar Ramanathan, N Shriram Balaji, Yuki Bhambri, Niki Kaliyanda Poonacha, Saketh Myneni and Digvijay Pratap Singh, who is a reserve player in the squad. Ramanathan and

The team will be without veteran Rohan Bopanna for the Islamabad tie. The 43-year-old Bopanna played his career's final Davis Cup appearance against Morocco in September which India won 4-1.

Poonacha could play singles while Yuki, Balaji and Myneni could be picked for the doubles. Rohit Rajpal will be the non-playing captain of the team and Zeeshan Ali will serve as the coach. In a release, All India Tennis Association (AITA) announced that the selection committee meeting was chaired by Nandan Bal and other members present were Balram Singh, Mustafa Ghouse, Sai Jayalakshmy, Rajpal, Zeeshan and secretary Anil Dhupar. **PTI**

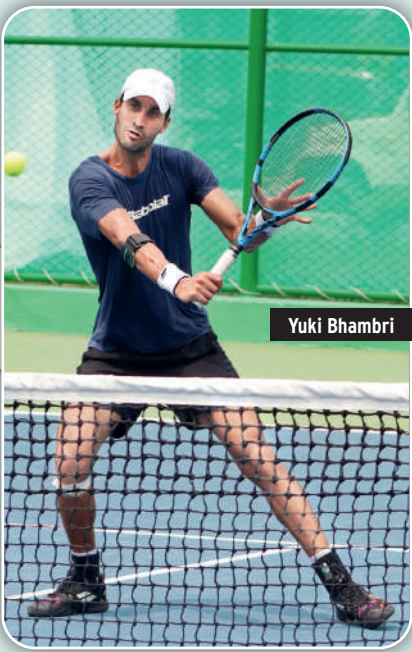


Photo: TOI

Yuki Bhambri

## Barca drop points in Valencia



Photo: GETTY IMAGES

Joao Felix

Barcelona's problems continued when they were held 1-1 away by Valencia, which made their La Liga title defending dim. Although Joao Felix put Barca ahead in the 55th minute after a brilliant pass from Frenkie de Jong allowed Raphinha to set him up, Valencia drew level thanks to a magnificent shot from midfielder Hugo Guillamon. Valencia keeper Giorgi Mamardashvili kept the score level with a couple of excellent saves in the closing minutes to deny Raphinha.

### Bilbao beat Athletic Madrid

Athletic Bilbao celebrated their 125th anniversary of the club's foundation with a brilliant 2-0 win at home over Atletico Madrid. Bilbao dominated the first half from start to finish, but saw Oihan Sancet send a penalty over the crossbar, Nico and Inaki Williams both hit the post, and Atletico keeper Jan Oblak produce fine saves to deny Gorka Guruzeta and Nico. Guruzeta finally broke the deadlock seven minutes into the second half and then Nico sealed the win with a magnificent goal in the 63rd minute to lift the Basque side to be within two points of the top four. **IANIS**



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## SHARP FOCUS



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► Denmark's Viktor Axelsen hits a return to compatriot Anders Antonsen during their men's singles semi-final match at the BWF Badminton World Tour Finals in Hangzhou, in China's eastern Zhejiang province on Saturday.

## KNOW YOUR PLAYER

### KYLIAN MBAPPÉ



Kylian Mbappé is a French professional footballer who plays as a forward for Paris Saint-Germain and captains the France national team. He is regarded as one of the best players in the world, he is renowned for his dribbling abilities, exceptional speed, and finishing.

### INTERNATIONAL DEBUT

► He made his debut for the French national team in 2017 against Metz.

### IMPORTANT TOURNAMENTS

► 2018 FIFA World Cup ► UEFA 2020 UEFA European Championship

### CLUBS PLAYED FOR

► Monaco ► Paris Saint-Germain

### GOALS AND ASSISTS

► He scored 43 goals in 66 UEFA Champions League appearances in 2016/17  
► He provided the most assists, 26 in 2021/22 season  
► Overall, he scored 302 and assisted 127 goals in 412 career appearances

### HONOURS

► Third place for the 2023 Ballon d'Or  
► Runner-up for the 2022 The Best FIFA Men's Player award  
► Named in FIFA FIFPro World11 in 2018, 2019 and 2022  
► UEFA Team of the Year in 2018  
► UEFA Champions League Squad of the Season in 2016-17, 2019-20, 2020-21 and 2021-22

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