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## The message from the president

I am pleased to wish the arrival of third volume of monthly magazine, INSPIRE,

“Reading makes a man full ” is a valuable saying for making our life fruitful and meaningful. In this sense, I hope this magazine will be consistent in making the minds of readers insightful about the upcoming changes and happenings around the world . Especially, teachers play the significant role of bring transformation in the society through enlightening the students of the current society in this digital era. The multi faceted knowledge of teachers will contribute in developing the students population with awareness of currently prevailing social issues and trends of educational world. They are the responsible persons who have to build up the feeling of confidence and safety in the students forever. Therefore, teachers should access to different reading sources and extend their thinking skills to prepare the students population of the society to face any challenges and issues in their lives . Prevention is better than cure !

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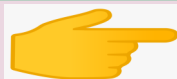
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## Idioms with meanings

### Let the cat out of the bag.

Meaning:- to accidently reveal a secret.

Eg:- I let the cat out of the bag about their wedding plans.

### To feel under the weather

Meaning:- not to feel well

Eg:- I’m really feeling under the weather today as I have a terrible cold.

### Once in a blue moon

Meaning:- Meaning:- an event that happens infrequently

Eg:- “I only go to the cinema once in a blue moon”

### A piece of cake

Meaning:- something is very easy.

Eg:- The English test was a piece of cake .

Kethusha.R, 2nd Year– Eng B

## Proverbs and meanings

- Practice makes perfect.

You have to practice a skill a lot to become good at it .

- A journey of thousand miles begins with a single step.

However, big a task is, it starts with a small step.

- Don’t judge a book by its cover.

Don’t judge someone or something by appearance alone.

- Actions speak louder than words.

What you do is important than, what you say.

A.Keetha  
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All our dreams can come true if we have the courage to pursue them-Walt Disney

## Emily Dickinson

Emily Dickinson was a famous American poetess. She is regarded as one of the great poets in American poetic world. She was born on 10<sup>th</sup> December of 1830 in Amherst, Massachusetts which is 50 miles from Boston. She was one of three children. Emily's grandfather was the founder of Amherst College. Her father also worked at Amherst College and served as a state legislator. Emily was an intelligent child and wrote rhyming stories for her classmates. She went to Amherst College which her grandfather founded and the Mount Holyoke female seminary. But she suffered from bad health and missed a lot of school life. It's believed she had problems with depression as well as physical illness. Emily was a good student even though she was absent from school much of the time because of bad cough. Her father finally took her out of school and brought her home in 1848. After Emily returned home, she became somewhat recluse which is someone who prefers to be alone because of her shyness and feeling uncomfortable in groups of people. She seldom left her home throughout her life. Few times, she travelled to give her chance to meet interesting people. She wrote letters for many years. Emily filled her needs to be social through her letters and poetry. She was an avid reader and was inspired to write poetry from the books she read.



Over her life time, she nearly wrote 1800 poems though Emily lived in a scheduled life. During her life time only 10 poems were published. The most famous poem by Dickinson, "Hope is the Thing with Feathers" is ranked among the greatest poems in English language. "A Bird came down the walk" is one of her nature poems. Her poetry shows that she wasn't without imagination and an ability to write beautiful and meaningful poems. She was inspired by nature and deep feelings which were able to express with her expert use of words. Emily never married and spent her entire life living in her family's home. She died there at the age of 55 from Bright's disease.

At the last moments, Emily had given instructions to her sister to burn all her letters after her death. Her sister came across a box full of Emily's poems which her family knew nothing of. A family friend typed up the poems and published the first edition of Emily's poems. Her poetry became famous and is still regarded as having a great influence on 20<sup>th</sup> century poetry. Often a writer or poet will try to publish their writings during their life time. But in some cases like the story of Emily Dickinson. No one knew she was a master poet even after her death.

Source: [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Emily\\_Dickinson](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Emily_Dickinson)

Thuvaraga .K  
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### Poetic Competition -1



Create an English poem on this picture in 6-8 lines and send it to [inspirejncoe@gmail.com](mailto:inspirejncoe@gmail.com) on or before 20th of August 2021.

### Answers for "know around the world 2"

1. Indonesia
2. Libia
3. Yet another hierarchical officious oracle
4. Peter Habeler
5. Kalidas
6. Vatican City
7. Tik Tok
8. Brazil
9. Cherry Blossom
10. Wuhan, China

The secret of your success is determined by your daily agenda -John Maxwell

### Creating interactive lessons using WORDWALL

Wordwall is an application which can be used to create both interactive and printable activities. Most of its templates are available in both an interactive and a printable version. Interactives are played on any web-enabled device such as computer, phones, tablets or interactive whiteboards.

We can use a limited numbers of templates free, and you can create activities quickly and easily in a matter of minutes. Once you have created an activity, it is shareable in different ways such as in WhatsApp, messenger, viber, google classroom and also as an embedded link into your website. Moreover, you can share your activity with other teachers and among the students as an assignment.

You can simply create your wordwall account by searching [www.wordwall.net](http://www.wordwall.net) in your browser and you can give your email address and a password to create an account. There are 3 types of accounts in wordwall as basic, standard and pro. In basic account, you have 18 interactives, 0 printable and you can create 5 resources. In standard account you have 18 interactives, 13 printable and unlimited number of resource and in pro account, you have 32 interactives, 21 printable and unlimited number of resources. To activate standard and pro accounts you have to pay a payment and the basic account is free for you.

When creating an activity, you can use any template and also you can add the due dates and time to it. And there is another advantage you can have the leaderboard which shows the participants list and their ranking. Besides, we can get to know how many minutes they took to complete this task. And also, we can provide several attempts to students as they can do it again and again. After finishing we can provide the answer keys also.

In wordwall community you can see so many activities which are related to so many subjects.

From that you can choose activities that you want and you can edit them as you want without changing the original activity when they provide a copy of that activity.

As teachers, it is very important and useful if we can teach our lessons in an attractive, interesting and in an innovative way. In this pandemic situation it is very useful because of that we are keeping the social distance and started the teaching-learning process remotely. So wordwall provides a huge space to conduct the teaching-learning process remotely in an attractive way.

source :<https://wordwall.net>

R.K.K.N. Kalpani Weerasiri  
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### Magic Starts Happening

When I look in the mirror

I can see me again

It's me that I want to be

If you don't change,

you don't grow

Mind only reads your beauty in

It's okay to smile at mirrors

You can't see who is in you

You all have the power to see yourself

May be a radiant diamond within you

Find a way to make it glow

To be a superman or super woman

It is to believe in yourself

only way to sign in the world

With your inborn power

Again tell you

Believe in your self

Magic starts to happen...

N.Rinola

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Don't let what you cannot do interfere with what you can do -John Wooden

## Has/Have

“Have” and “Has” are verbs. They show possession when they are main verb.



### Examples

- I have a car.
- We have a family business.
- They have many friends.
- She has a cake shop.

### Exercise

Fill in the blanks with has/have.

1. I ----- a cat.
2. You ----- two dogs.
3. He ----- a blue bus.
4. Mary ----- a bike.
5. We ----- a computer.
6. They ----- pencils.
7. Juan ----- a farm.
8. John and Mary ----- a baby.

W.B.M.P.S.Wanasinghe

2<sup>nd</sup> Year English B



## The Tale of the pencil

A boy named Raj was upset because he had done poorly in his English test. He was sitting in his room when his grandmother came and comforted him. His grandmother sat beside him and gave him a pencil. Raj looked at his grandma puzzled, and said he didn't deserve a pencil after his performance in the test.

His grandma explained, “You can learn many things from this pencil because it is just like you. It experiences a painful sharpening, just the way you have experienced the pain of not doing well on your test. However, it will help you be a better student. Just as all the good that comes from the pencil is from within itself, you will also find the strength to overcome this hurdle. And finally, just as this pencil will make its mark on any surface, you too shall leave your mark on anything you choose.” Raj was immediately consoled and promised himself that he would do better.

**Morality:**We all have the strength to be who we wish to be.

Source:<https://parenting.firstcry.com/articles/top-20-short-moral-stories-for-children/>

S.Sharmeja

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## Know around the world 3

- 1.What does UNICEF stand for?
- 2.Which is the latitude that runs through the centre of the Earth?
3. Which is the tallest mountain in the world ?
4. Who is known as the father of neuroscience ?
- 5.Who is considered as the father of artificial intelligence?
- 6.What is the scientific name of vitamin A?
- 7.Who is the author of the book “Forbidden Verses”?
8. How many countries are currently NATO members?

There is no substitute for hard work—Thomas Edison

## Games used in language teaching

### Charades

This simple but classic game is a great way to encourage your student to get out of their seats and participate in the lesson actively.

#### Resources:

A list of people, actions or concepts related to the subject you have to reinforce to the students.

#### Game:

Select a student to stand at the front of the room and act out a word from your list (no speaking allowed). The rest of the class must then guess what the student is attempting to portray. Other students can shout out their guesses or put their hands up. It depends on your teaching preference! Whoever guesses correctly can act out the next word. In this respect, the expected words can be reinforced enthusiastically in language lesson.

#### Alternative:

A more challenging version involves the student describing specific word related to a subject but restricted by a list of forbidden words, e.g. describing 'habitat' without using the words 'home' or 'animals'.

S.Praveena  
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Imagine that you are unable to return the library books on the due date as you are ill. Write a note to your friend requesting to return the books to the library.

**Note**

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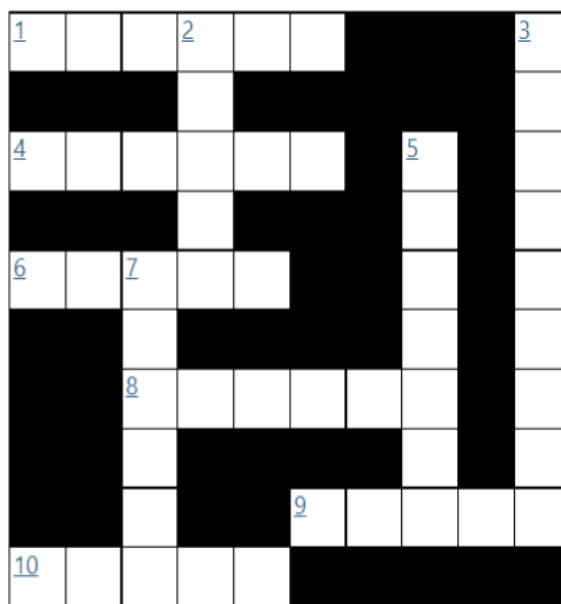
Mala,

I want a favour from you as I am unable to return the library books to the library on the due date, today. Because I'm suffering from fever since yesterday evening. I am sending the books to you through my brother. Please return them to the library. Thank you in advance.

Kavi

S.Sharmeja  
2nd Year-Eng B

## Word Puzzle



#### Across

1. This country's border is California
4. People like to play ice-hockey there
6. The highest mountain of Africa is in this country
8. The Kremlin is in the capital city of this country
9. The river Ganges flows through this country
10. A country with a famous canal

#### Down

2. An active volcano in Europe is in this country
3. This country is both an island and a continent
5. Tulips are grown in this country
7. A country with full of fords

*Try this and enrich your vocabulary*

S.Praveena  
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The best way to predict your future is too create it—Abraham Lincoln