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THE MAGAZINE



Squirrels arrested for spying!

Was Ramaya really jinxed?

What is accubation?

Why are sloths slow?

FOLKTALE



Tenali Raman and the Jinx

Tenali Raman was very famous and stories of his wisdom spread beyond Vijaynagar, in cities which are a part of Karnataka and Tamil Nadu now. A great scholar by profession, Tenali Raman also knew several languages.

There once lived a man called Ramaya in the town of Vijayanagar. It was believed that whoever saw the face of Ramaya first thing in the morning, would not be able to eat anything throughout the day. So, all the people of Vijaynagar avoided Ramaya all the time.

The news also reached the king's ears. He wanted to find out the truth for himself and called for Ramaya at once. He made Ramaya stay at a room adjacent to his bed chamber for one night.

The next day, when the king woke up, he went and saw Ramaya's face first thing in the morning.

Later in the afternoon, the king sat to have his lunch. He was served with freshly cooked hot food. As he was about to take his first bite, he noticed that there was a fly in his food. He threw away the platter and ordered for fresh food. But by the time the food was cooked for the second time, he was not hungry any more. Thus, the king realized that whatever the people said were true, Ramaya was indeed jinxed. So he ordered his soldiers to hang him immediately.

The soldiers did not want to hang him, but they could not go against the king's words. They were taking Ramaya towards the gallows, when they met Tenali Raman on the way. Tenali whispered something in Ramaya's ear and then Ramaya was whisked away by the soldiers.

Later, when the soldiers asked Ramaya about his last wish, he said that he wanted to send across a message to the king. He requested them not to hang him until he received the response of the king.

He said to the soldiers, "Go and tell the king that if it is true that anyone who sees my face in the morning loses his appetite for the day, then anyone who sees the king's face in the morning is destined to lose his life that day. Tell him that if I am jinxed then so is he, and in fact more than me."

The king was speechless when he heard Ramaya's message. He ordered the execution to be stopped immediately. He was ashamed of his ignorance. At once he called Ramaya and offered him a lot of gifts and also requested him to not disclose this incident to anyone in the town.

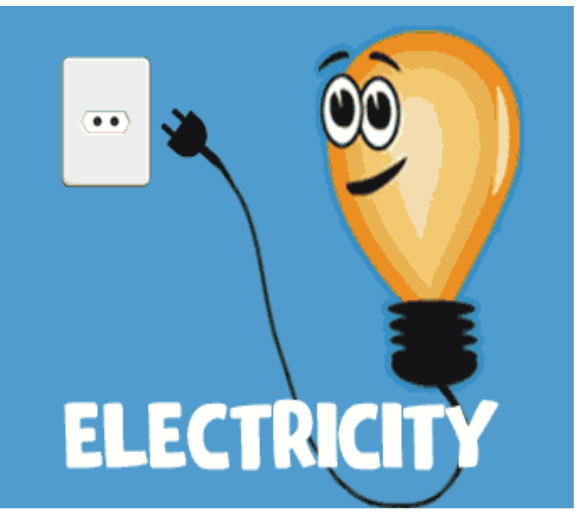
After all, the people of Vijaynagar would not like to be ruled by a man who was jinxed.



FIND THE HIDDEN OBJECTS







Ancient Egyptians from **2750BC** were unaware of electricity, but were aware of **shocks** from electric fish



Electricity can be generated from **water,** wind, light, and even **animal manure**



About **200 years** ago, Alessandro Volta discovered that **electricity** began to flow, when two strips of different metals were put in a **sulfuric acid** solution and connected with a wire.



One lightning bolt has enough electricity to service 200 000 homes.

Fireflies produce **light** using **chemical energy** from their **food.**



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about health and more!

Why should you not talk when your mouth is full?







When you chew your food, it passes through your throat to get into your body. The food and air travel through the same tube for a short distance until the tube divides into two – the oesophagus which carries food down into the stomach, and the trachea (windpipe) which carries air to the lungs. If you try to talk and chew at the same time, the food can slip into your windpipe and block it, which can cause you to choke.Now why would anyone want to choke and be unable to breathe, right?

So, make sure to chew every mouthful of food until it is small and soft enough to swallow and don't talk or laugh with your mouth full!

Why is fire orange?

Fire requires oxygen to burn. The centre of a burning flame, for example a candle, does not get much oxygen and is the hottest part of the flame. Thus it is blue in colour. So, the colour of the flame, also depends on temperature change. The further the flame is from the hottest part; the more orange and yellow it turns. If enough oxygen is present a complete combustion (burning process) takes place with no unburnt material left.

The colour of the flame also depends on the chemical composition of the material that is being burnt. If you see wood burning then you might see a strong orange colour. This is because wood contains a high amount of sodium. The atoms of sodium emit light that is strongest and visibly orange for our eyes.

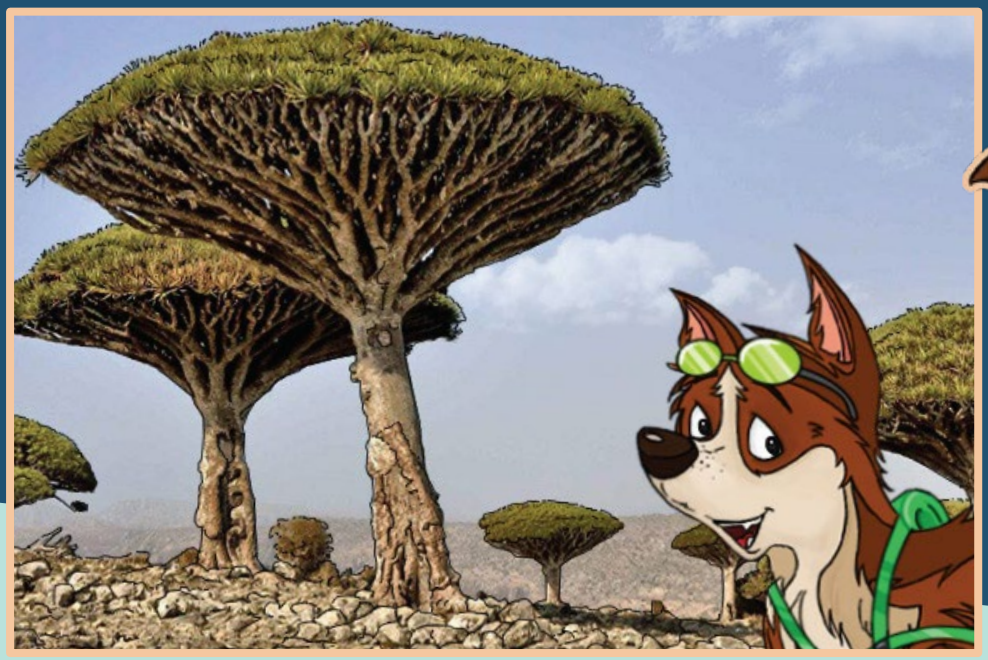
Some materials produce different coloured flames. Lithium and copper produce pink and blue flames each.





sam visits socotra

Discover a new place





Where is Socotra located?

Off the coast of Yemen in the Indian Ocean lies a small island, or rather an archipelago that is unlike any other place on earth. These 4 islands in the Arabian Sea make up the Socotra Island, also known as the Pirate islands.

Random Facts about Socotra Island

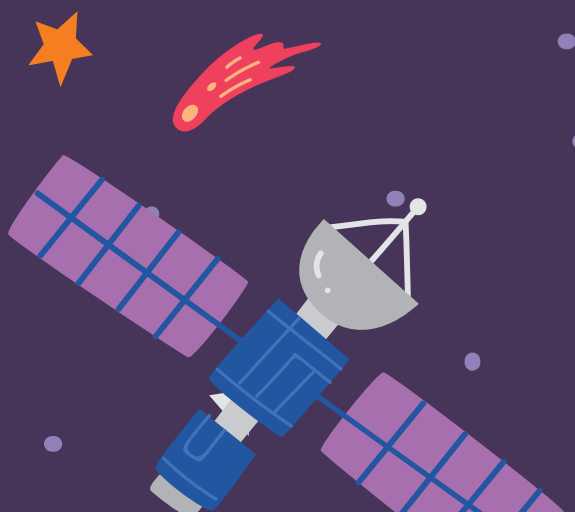
The island consists of the main island of Socotra, and 3 smaller islands of Abd al Kuri, Samhah and Darsa.

Apart from these, there are also small rock outcrops like Ka'l Fir'awn and Sabuniyah that are uninhabitable by humans but important for seabirds.

From the species of plants found on the island, more than a third are found nowhere else on earth. It is referred to as "the most alien looking place on earth!"

The Dragon's Blood Tree, a tree on the island, which looks like a giant mushroom is believed to have a legend behind it. The tree has a red sap, which in ancient times was thought to be dragon's blood, and was highly valuable. Used as a dye back then, it serves as a key ingredient for paint and varnish today.

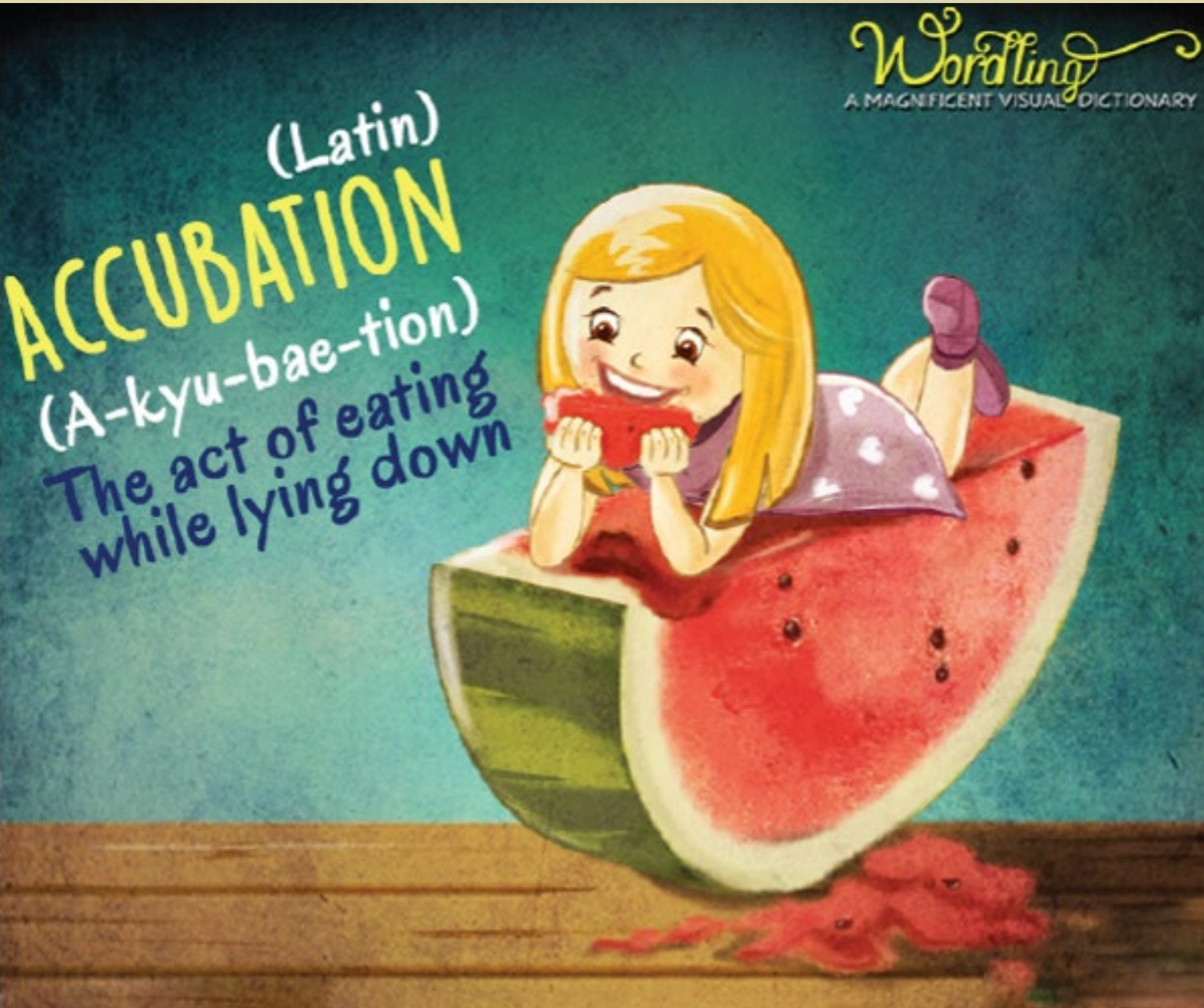
The people on the island believed in magic, and practiced many magical rituals back in the day, even though a majority of the population was Christian, and their magical practices were forbidden by the archbishop.



If you hold a grain of sand up, the area of sky it covers contains as many as 10,000 galaxies.

spot ten differences





I wasn't doing too well in my chemistry class and my teacher asked me to stay back in the afternoon with a few other children who were also having trouble. I was chattering away with my classmates when I heard a bubbling sound coming from the drain. Slowly and steadily, bright green slime began oozing from the drain, almost like it was alive? Was this a monster?



complete the story...

amusing news

ARRESTED: 14 SQUIRRELS ON CHARGES OF ESPIONAGE!

Iranian officials say

A team of 14 spy squirrels were arrested before they were able to take any action.

More News

These deadly rodents were found near the Iranian border and were allegedly equipped with spying and eavesdropping devices.



JOJO

a comic story































Tickle your funny bone

Q : What does an alligator do when he loses his tail?
A : He goes to the re-tail store.

Q : What do you call an alligator with compass?
A : A Navi-gator.

Q : Why don't alligators like fast food?
A : It's too hard to catch.



fun facts

With Hamlet the Hamster

To know or not to know, that is the question!

Well, wouldn't you prefer to know?

Cool facts about sleep

- The albatross bird can multitask by sleeping while flying.
- Within 5 minutes of waking up, 50% of your dream is forgotten
- Humans can sleep with their eyes open.
- 12% of people dream in black and white.
- Somniphobia is the fear of sleep.
- You can only dream about faces you have already seen.
- Dreams are experienced during REM sleep when the brain is most active.
- Everyone dreams 4 to 7 times every night.
- By the time you are 75 years old, you'll have spent approximately 25 years sleeping.









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