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Picture story

Come up with a witty caption for this photo

Reuters

Mannequins are placed in spectator seats to cheer South Korea's football club FC Seoul team during a match against Gwangju FC, which is being held without fans due to the COVID-19 outbreak, in Seoul, South Korea.

Can you sum up the picture in a few words. Be creative!

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Unscramble...

...to discover names of south-east Asian countries

1. MANETIV _____
2. DALNATHI _____
3. EINBUR _____
4. DAIMACOB _____
5. SALO _____

Niveditta Ganguly

Answers: 1. Vietnam, 2. Thailand, 3. Brunei , 4. Cambodia, 5. Laos.

Fun facts

1. Water on the Moon

It was India's first lunar orbiter Chandrayaan-1 that helped confirm the presence of water on the moon. Launched by ISRO in 2008, Chandrayaan-1 carried on board the Moon Impact Probe (MIP) along with other scientific instruments. The MIP crash-landed at the designated site on the lunar south pole on November 14. During its descent, it had picked up signs of the presence of water molecules there. The location of the impact, which took place on former PM Jawaharlal Nehru's birth anniversary, was named "Jawahar Point".

Q: When was India's second moon mission Chandrayaan-2 launched?

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2. Heard of "puppy cats"?

Those who cannot own a dog because of allergies, scarcity of space, or some other reason could consider having a dog-like cat as pet. Dog-like cat? Yes, some breeds of domestic cats exhibit unusual dog-like behaviour such as being loyal, friendly, playful, interactive and adventurous. What's more? They can be trained too. Manx, Ragdoll and Abyssinian are some of the cat breeds known to display canine behaviour.

Q: Can you find out the name of a cat breed that's hairless?

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Answers
1. On July 22, 2019.
2. The Sphynx which is also a "puppy cat".

Bits & Bytes

Given below are a few terms with something in common. Guess what it is.

BBM KakaoTalk
Viber Jabber
ICQ

Answer: They are chat messengers

Word of the day

Circumnavigate

Meaning: To travel around in a big circle, especially by ship or plane.

Origin: The word 'circumnavigate' is derived from 'circum' meaning 'around' and 'navigare' meaning 'to navigate'. It was first used in the era when sailors were trying to find new lands they didn't know about, and so the ;around' in question was the trip around the entire earth. 'Circumnavigate' is also used to describe something that's too difficult to go through, such as a massive crowd at a festival.

Usage: 1. He was the first person to complete the cirucmnavigation of Australia.

2. He gave up his circumnavigation attempt after his ship hit an iceberg.

Activity:

Use the word of the day in a sentence.

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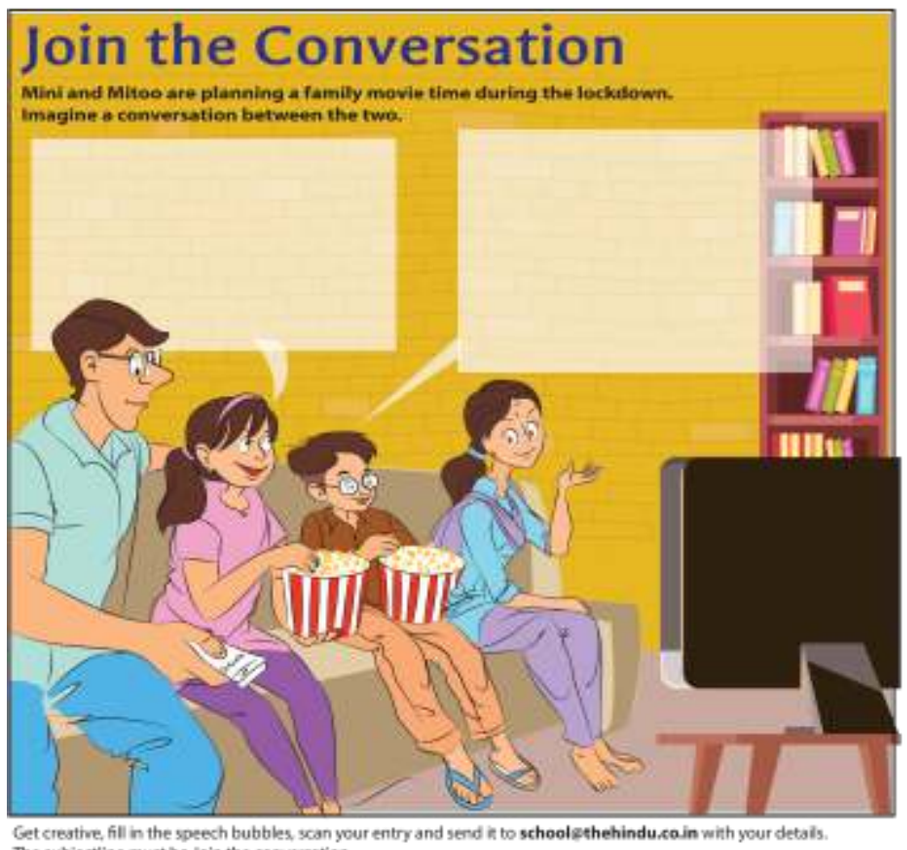
Join the Conversation

Mini and Mitoo are planning a family movie time during the lockdown. Imagine a conversation between the two.



Get creative, fill in the speech bubbles, scan your entry and send it to **school@thehindu.co.in** with your details. The subjectline must be Join the conversation.

Heritage trail

Read the clues and guess the UNESCO World Heritage Site.

PHOTO: WIKIMEDIA COMMONS

1. At more than 42 million acres, it is the world's largest tropical wetland, and one of the most pristine.
2. It is located mostly in the Brazilian state of Mato Grosso do Sul, and the countries of Bolivia and Paraguay.
3. It supports some iconic wildlife ranging from crocodiles and jaguars to the hyacinth macaw.
4. The name of this wetland comes from the Portuguese 'pantano' meaning bog, swamp, marsh or quagmire.
5. Around 80 per cent of the floodplains get submerged during the rainy season, and nurture a biologically diverse collection of aquatic plants.
6. This South American natural wonder was inscribed as a UNESCO World Heritage Site in the year 2000. Part of the wetland is a national park.

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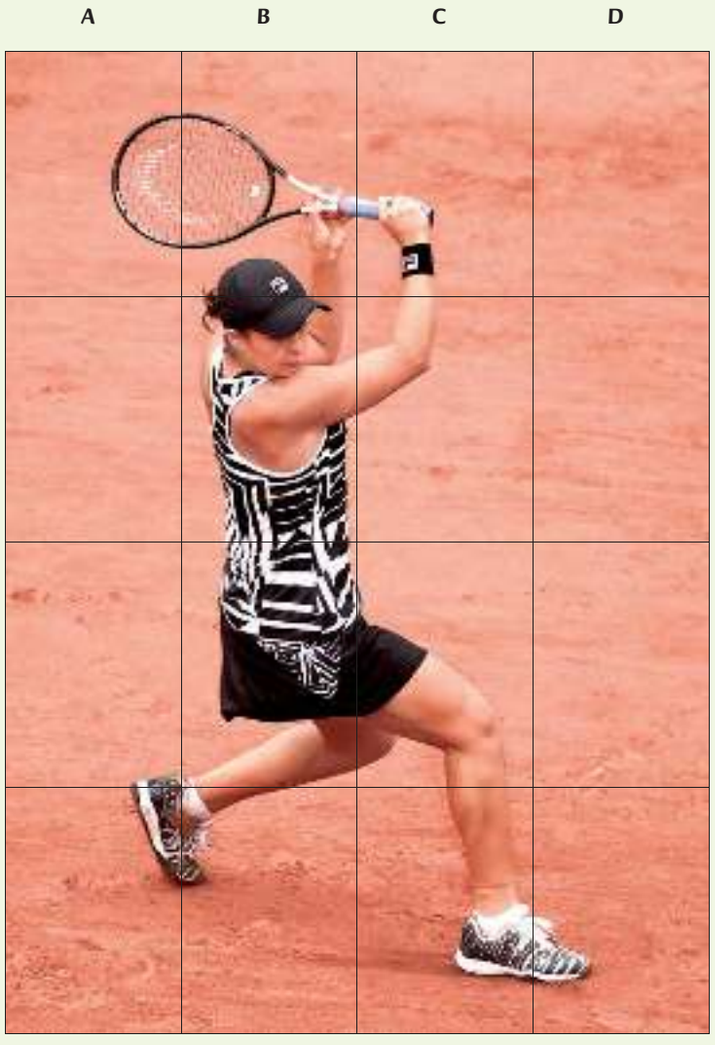
Answer: Pantanal region of Brazil

The W Corner

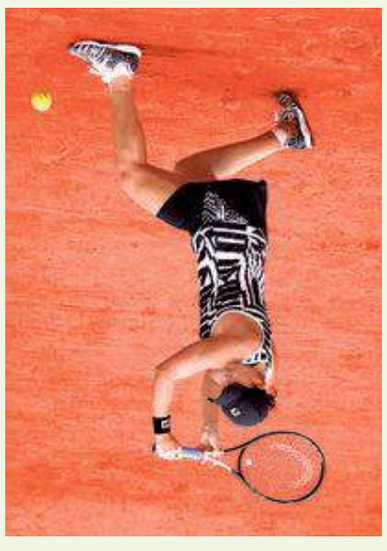
WHERE is the ball that Ashleigh Barty of Australia played during her 2019 French Open fourth round match against U.S.' Sofia Kenin?

The grid lines are only to help you and parts of the ball might be in more than one box too! Find that one box where the ball is or find them all if you think it is in more than one box...

Answer: _____



Answer: According to the grid lines, the ball can be found in 4D.



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Journal Writing

Dear Diary

Today is my best friend's birthday. Since it's lockdown time, we decided to...

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Imagine and write. You may even type a note and mail it to us at **school@thehindu.co.in.** We will select a few for publication when we resume

Today's Diary Picks

Dear Diary,

I was wondering how awesome it would be to have our classroom in a tree-house amidst the great Daintree forest of Australia! The buzzing of bees, screeching of bats and creaking of crickets finding their way through our ears... What a beautiful place to spend our learning time! They say learning happens effortlessly in a place where our heart wants to reside. I would love to learn in the safety-ensured tree-house with bamboo made benches, boards made of slate stone.

In a fabulous natural tree-house for a classroom, breaks will be fun. We can roam around the forest. Lunch-time would be shared with the nearby residents like butterflies and tree kangaroos. A thought of the environment brings heavenly fulfilment to the heart. In contrast to ideal classrooms, where sometimes learning is mechanical, these tree-house classrooms would serve as happiness classrooms where words like stress and depression have no place.

R Apsaraa,
Class 9, NSN Memorial Senior Secondary School, Chennai.

Dear Diary,

How cool it would be if my classroom was located in the moon! Students on floating benches, teachers having pens that can write upside down and under water, chalks and notebooks all floating, the ability to do backflips without much effort, drinking water suspended in thin air in various shapes, and so on... How we would love to go to school! People feel that space research is a waste of time, but I strongly believe that it is the one thing which is going to help us in the future.

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