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*"Often your utterances and expressions of your face leak out the secrets of your hidden thoughts."*

## World Soil Day: Celebrating the Ground Beneath Our Feet

*Salaam dear young friends, and hopefully you are all well by the grace of Almighty God in this cold weather.*

*Well friends, for your information the 5th of December (Thursday last week), was celebrated as World Soil day. The International Union of Soil Sciences (IUSS), in 2002, adopted a resolution proposing the 5th of December as World Soil Day to celebrate the importance of soil as a critical component of the natural system and as a vital contributor to human well-being.*

*This special day reminds us how important soil is for our planet. But why is soil so important? Let's explore!*

*Soil is more than just dirt under our feet. It is a living home for countless creatures like earthworms, ants, and tiny bacteria. These little helpers make the soil healthy so plants can grow. Without healthy soil, we wouldn't have fruits, vegetables, or grains to eat. Even the animals we depend on, like cows and sheep, eat plants that grow in soil!*

*Soil also helps keep our planet clean and safe. It stores water, filters it, and even traps harmful pollutants. Healthy soil can also fight climate change by capturing carbon from the air.*

*Unfortunately, our soil is in trouble. Pollution, cutting down too many trees, and using harmful chemicals are damaging it. Without good soil, farming becomes harder, and growing food becomes a challenge.*

*That's why World Soil Day is so important. It teaches us to care for soil by planting more trees, composting kitchen waste, and avoiding plastic that harms the earth. Even small actions, like watering plants wisely and not wasting food, can make a big difference.*

*This year, let's all become "Soil Heroes"! Protecting soil means protecting life. Next time you play in the garden or walk in the park, remember to thank the soil for all it gives us.*

*Together, we can keep our soil healthy and our planet happy!*

*That was all for this week. Goodbye and God bless you.*

## Fruits

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BLACKBERRY  
LIME  
WATERMELON  
BLUEBERRY  
PAPAYA  
KIWI  
ORANGE  
RASPBERRY  
APPLE  
BANANA  
STRAWBERRY  
GRAPE  
LEMON

## RIDDLES

Dear youngsters, could you answer the following questions.

1. I am bought by the yard but worn by the foot. What am I?
2. I never was but always will be. No one ever saw me but everyone knows I exist. I give people the motivation to better themselves every day. What am I?
3. I go up and down at the same time. Up towards to sky and down towards the ground. What am I?
4. I am a sharp looking horse with a flaxen tail. The longer I run the shorter my tail becomes. What am I?
5. I come in different colors and shapes. Some parts of me are curvy, some are straight. You can put me anywhere you like, but there is only one right place for me. What am I?
6. I am alive without breath and cold as death. I am never thirsty but always drinking. What am I?

Answers to the questions asked in the previous issue:

1. Shoe
2. Nose
3. Scissors
4. Seven
5. Book
6. Needle

Send your jokes. Heard any jokes lately? Well, try and make us laugh too!

Don't hesitate! Mail it to us.

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## Funny Questions & Answers

Why did the scarecrow win an award?  
Because he was outstanding in his field!

What do you call a bear with no teeth?

A gummy bear!

Why don't skeletons fight each other?

Because they don't have the guts!

Why did the bicycle fall over?

Because it was two-tired!

What do you call cheese that isn't yours?

Nacho cheese!

Why did the math book look sad?

Because it had too many problems!

What do you get when you cross a snowman and a dog?

Frostbite!

Why can't your nose be 12 inches long?

Because then it would be a foot!

## The Hare and the Hound

A Hound having started a Hare from his form, after a long run, gave up the chase.

A goat-herd, seeing him stop, mocked him, saying: "The little one is the best runner of the two."

The hound replied; "You do not see the difference between us; I was only running for a dinner, but he for his life."

MORAL: "Incentive spurs effort."

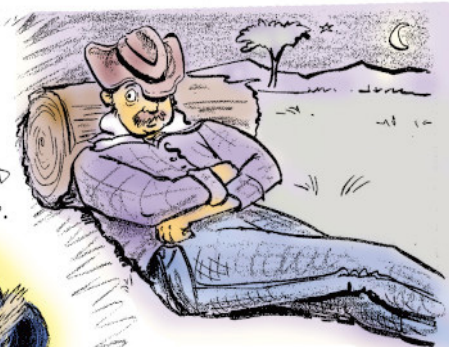


## RIPLEY'S Believe It or Not!

EARLY COWBOYS  
DIDN'T WEAR  
COWBOY HATS —  
THEY CHOSE STURDY  
BOWLERS, ALSO CALLED  
DERBY HATS, INSTEAD.



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WHEN SLEEPING IN A  
NEW ENVIRONMENT, THE  
HUMAN BRAIN REMAINS  
HALF AWAKE!

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## No Horsin' Around!

HORSES AND ZEBRAS  
SHOULD NOT LIVE IN THE  
SAME AREAS BECAUSE  
ZEBRAS CARRY A VIRUS  
THAT CAN BE FATAL  
TO HORSES.

