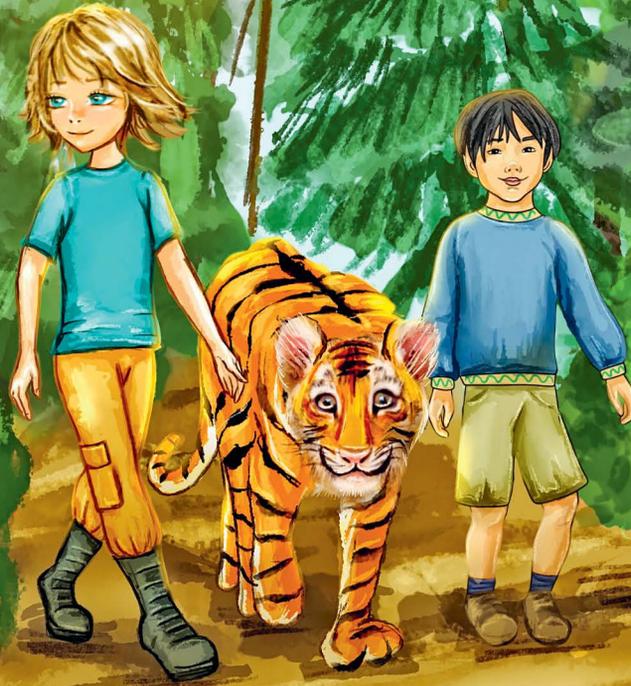


# BEST DAY OF SUMMER



Summer was almost over. The wind brought a distinctive autumn scent of rain, mushrooms, and something cool and fresh from the depths of Anui Park.

Anuta, Neku, and the little tiger Tisha were walking through the park. Tomorrow, Anuta will have to return home to Moscow.

«It is so beautiful here! I don't want to leave,» Anuta sighed.

«Don't be sad! It's not forever,» Neku cheered her up.

«Let's have the best summer day!» suggested Tisha. «What do you want to do, Anuta?»

She thought for a moment.

«It would be great to tell the kids at school about an interesting animal from the park! We could take pictures, too!»

«Park supervisor Arseni will surely help with the story, but as for photos...» Neku didn't get to finish his sentence.

«Shh!» Tisha pricked up his ears. «Did you hear that?»

Something rustled and fell behind the trees. The children heard a loud scream and rushed to help.

«No, it's a lynx. It's calling for someone... I don't understand lynx language very well,» Tisha said.

Tisha was watching a big, beautiful lynx from behind the bushes. The lynx was jumping from side to side, running in circles, and stopping to let out a loud cry.



«That really is a lynx! And she's behaving very strangely,» Neku said.

«Let's follow her quietly. Maybe she needs help,» Tisha suggested.

Meanwhile, the lynx caught a scent and started following it, going around the trees. The children hurried after her, keeping a safe distance.

«Poachers' camp! I knew they were involved somehow,» exclaimed Anuta and immediately clamped a hand

over her mouth. She dialed Arseni's number and told him in a whisper where the lynx had led them. The girl explained that they planned to watch the camp from a safe distance.

On a small clearing stood a tent. Guns and fishing nets were scattered around, and a pot was cooling over the remains of fire. But Mr. Chikh and Pli themselves were nowhere to be seen.



The lynx approached the tent and froze suddenly, pricking up her ears. A squeak came from the tent. Children rushed towards the sound.

The lynx was already in the tent, trying to open a cage where her two little kittens were crying for help.

Tisha knocked the cage over. Anuta and Neku started helping the kittens to get out.

Just then, Mr. Chikh entered the tent.

«You again! Get out, and don't expect anyone to come and save you! Arseni has more important things to do right now. I was going to sell these cubs to a private zoo. And now, thanks to you, I also have an adult lynx. She'll make a great fur coat!»

The poacher raised a rifle loaded with tranquilizer darts and aimed it at the lynx.

«G-g-grrr!» Tisha growled menacingly and stood in front of Mr. Chikh, shielding the kids.

«Quiet, you!» smirked Chikh, «or I'll have to put you down, too. I have enough tranquilizer for everyone.»

«Drop the gun and come out of the tent!» said someone behind Chikh's back.

«Arseni, you made it!» shouted Anuta happily.

Mr. Chikh put his weapon down and cowardly scurried outside, muttering something to himself.

The children came out of the tent and saw Arseni's quad bike. Pli was sitting on it, keeping his head down. He wore a long, colorful dress, heels and a straw hat.

«Who's this beauty we have here, Miss Anui Park?» chuckled Neku.

«You'll never believe it! I was already on my way to you when suddenly, I heard a woman scream for help. I had to stop and follow the voice. Turned out that this woman,» Arseni nodded towards Pli, «was running away from me as if on purpose. Well, you can't run far in the forest dressed like that! I quickly caught up with 'her' and discovered that it was Pli all along. He was hiding by my cabin. He was trying to distract and stall me by dressing as a woman and calling for help so that Chick could take the kittens away in the meantime.»



The warden had hardly finished his story when suddenly Pli jumped off the quad bike and dashed away. Tisha jumped in front of him, and the poacher stumbled and fell into a ravine. At the very last moment, the tiger caught the hem of Pli's dress with his teeth.

«Help!» Pli shouted in a high-pitched voice, dangling upside down over the ravine.

«A true damsel in distress,» smirked Arseni as he helped Tisha pull the criminal out.

«Hey, look,» Neku quietly called out to Anuta and pointed towards the bushes.

On the edge of the clearing, the rescued kittens were playing with their mother lynx.

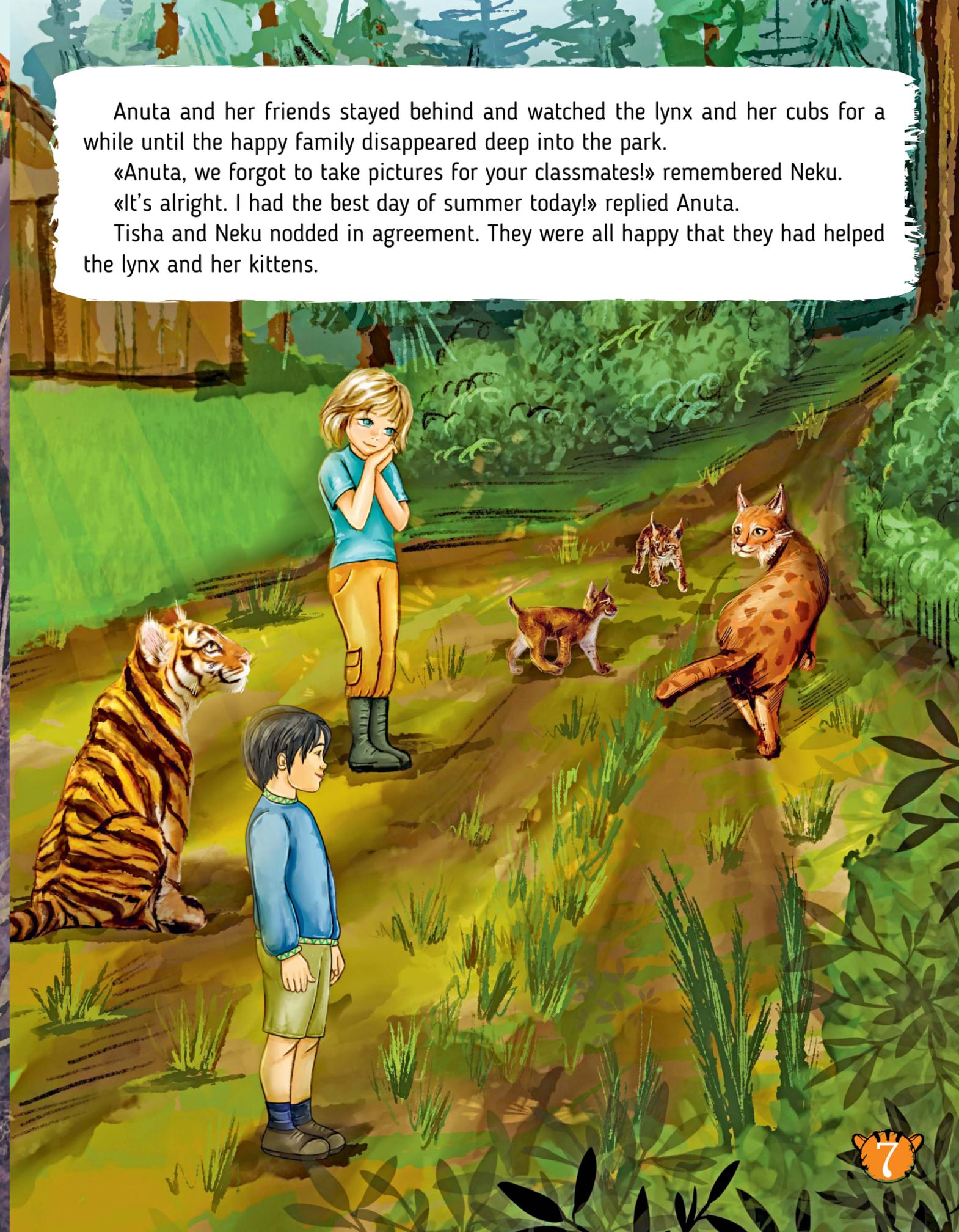
«Do you want to learn more about the lynx we saved today? Come to the station tonight, and I'll tell you everything I know about this animal.» Arseni patted Anuta on the shoulder. He started his quad bike and drove away with the poachers.

Anuta and her friends stayed behind and watched the lynx and her cubs for a while until the happy family disappeared deep into the park.

«Anuta, we forgot to take pictures for your classmates!» remembered Neku.

«It's alright. I had the best day of summer today!» replied Anuta.

Tisha and Neku nodded in agreement. They were all happy that they had helped the lynx and her kittens.



# WHAT ARE LYNXES?



Thick fur, chubby paws, cute tufts of hair at the tips of the ears – our lynx must really be the sweetest cat in the cat family. But nothing could be further from the truth! Lynxes are major predators, and you can't play with them or pet them. It is best to admire them from afar.

## INTERESTING FACTS

Lynxes can jump 3-4 m (10-13 ft) in a single leap. These cats can accelerate up to 65 km/h (40 mph), but only for a short time. They get tired after 60-80 m (65-87 yd.).

Lynxes' front legs are shorter than the hind ones. The front paws have 4 fingers each. The hind paws have 5 fingers each.

In winter, lynxes' paws become extra furry. This allows these cats to walk over a thick layer of snow without sinking down.

Lynxes are excellent swimmers.

Lynxes usually weigh around 20 kg (44 lbs). Larger ones can weigh over 25 kg (55 lbs).

## HOW WE PROTECT LYNXES

Lynxes' beautiful fur made them a target for human hunters for thousands of years. For centuries, these noble cats were hunted to make hats and coats.

Their numbers are dwindling not only because of poachers, but also due to destruction of their habitat: deforestation and extinction of game.

In many European countries, lynxes are rare. Despite protection and attempts to restore their population, they are still endangered.

Experts claim that there are 30-32 thousands of lynxes in Russia. In the Russian Far East, lynxes are represented by the Siberian subspecies.

Around 30 Siberian lynxes live in the Anui National Park. They are found throughout the park, and their numbers are contained by natural enemies – tigers and wolves.



Lynxes are ancient animals. This species of small cats appeared more than four million years ago.

Sharp and curved claws make lynxes excellent tree and rock climbers.

## FILLWORD

We've hidden the names of the Amur Region animals. Find them all.



HERON



SHREW



GOOSE



OLDSQUAW



SWAN



PLOVER



MARTEN



ELK



DEER



BOAR



BEAVER



LYNX



TIGER



WEASEL



MINK



OWL



DIVER



BADGER



WOLF



FOX

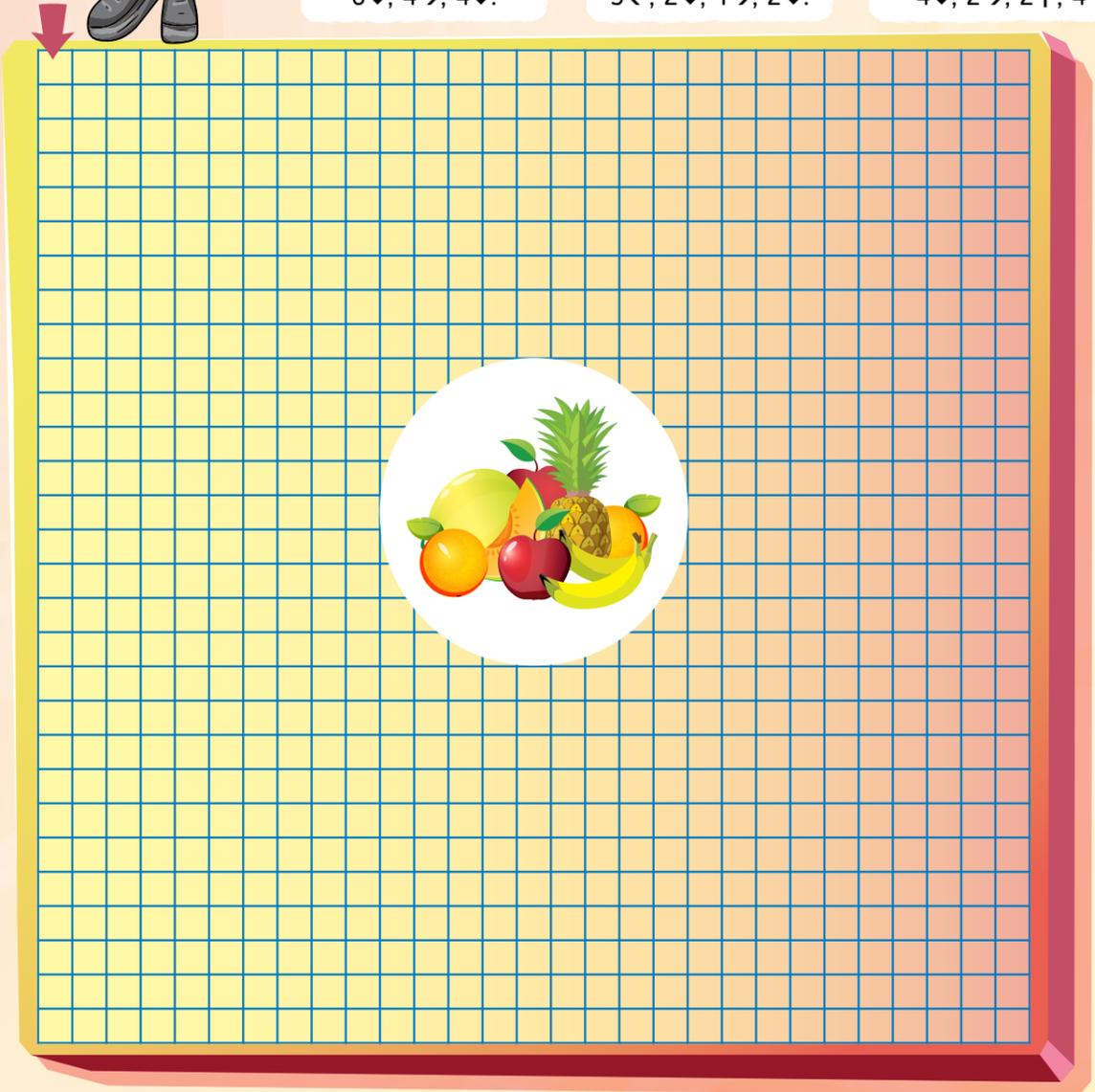


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## COORDINATES

Which path will take Tisha to the fruit?



2↓, 5→, 2↓, 3→,  
4↓, 2←, 6↓, 2→,  
5↑, 1→, 4↑, 12→,  
6↓, 3→, 2↓, 3←,  
3↓, 4→, 2↓, 5←,  
6↓, 4→, 4↓.

8→, 2↓, 2→, 1↓,  
2→, 2↑, 5→, 3↓,  
4→, 3↑, 4→, 5↓,  
1←, 2↑, 1←, 4↓,  
4←, 2↑, 3←, 2↑,  
3←, 2↓, 1→, 2↓.

10↓, 2→, 4↓, 2←, 3↓,  
4→, 2↓, 2←, 4↓, 4→,  
4↓, 5→, 7↑, 2→, 8↓,  
6→, 6↑, 2→, 3↓, 5→,  
6↑, 1→, 6↑, 1←, 3↑,  
2→, 10↑, 2←, 7↓.

3→, 3↓, 2←, 4↓, 2→,  
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5↓, 1→, 4↓, 2→, 6↑,  
5→, 6↓, 3→, 6↑, 4→,  
4↓, 2→, 2↑, 4→.

## REAL SLEEPYHEADS

Many animals prefer to sleep out the cold season – they hibernate till the warm weather returns. Find the following animals in the picture: cod, brimstone butterfly, badger, brown bear, hedgehog, common poorwill, bat, frog, gopher, grass snake.



# MAZE OF EMOTIONS

Get through the maze: follow the clearings of positive emotions, avoid the pits of negative emotions.



ENTRY



RAGE



AFFECTION



CONTEMPT

EXIT



AGGRESSION



ANTICIPATION



SADNESS



JOY



FEAR



TRUST

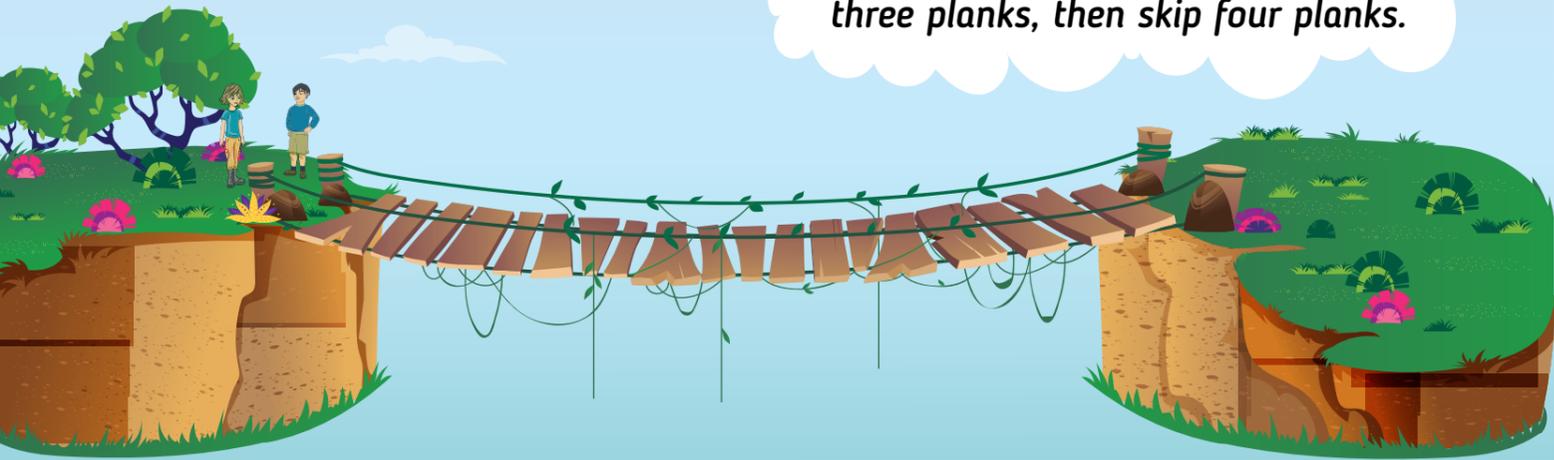


DELIGHT

## BRIDGE

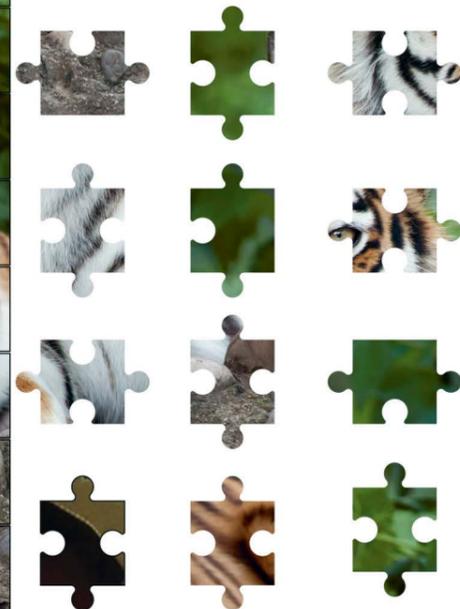
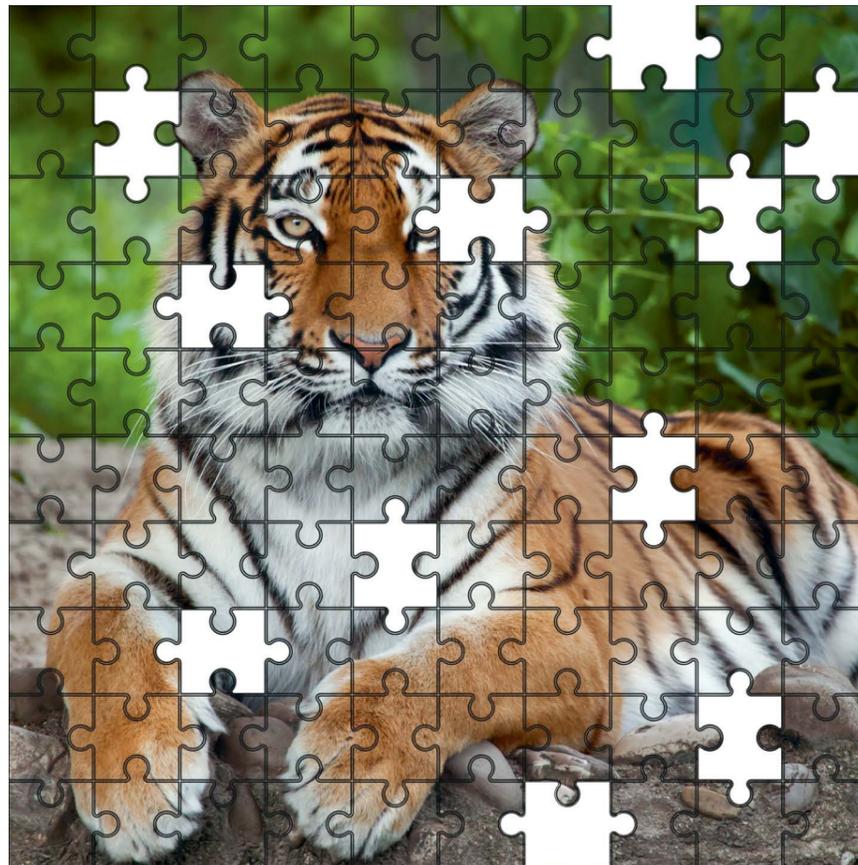
Help your friends cross the ravine by following the guide on the right.

Move forward: skip one plank, skip two planks, skip three planks. Move backwards one plank. Move forward, skip four planks. Move backwards, skip one plank. Move forward: skip three planks, then skip four planks.



## PUZZLE

Complete the puzzle and find the extra piece.



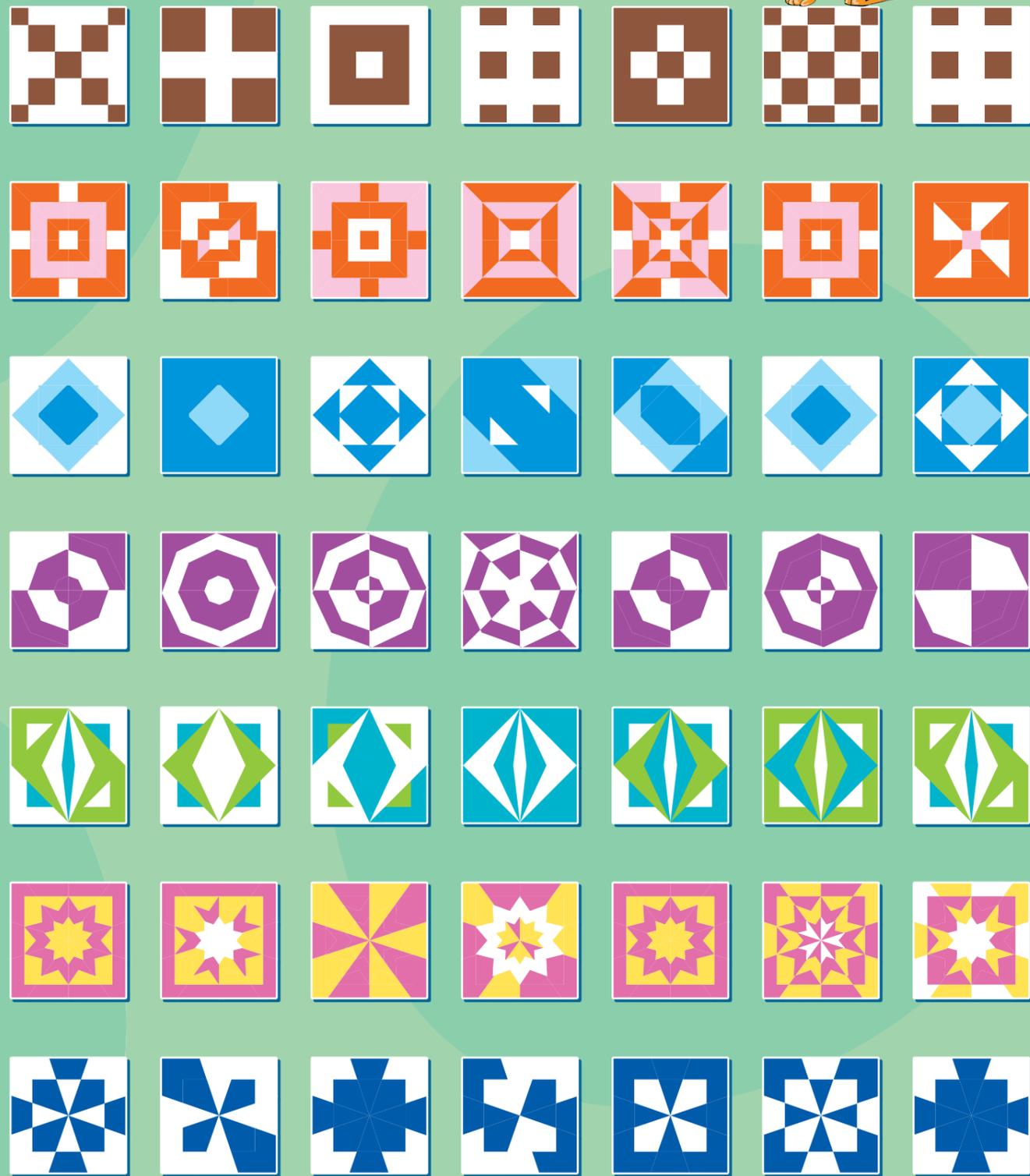
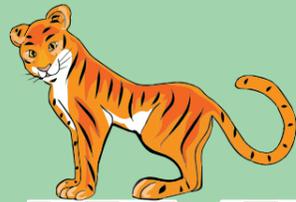
## UP

Get to the top of the cliff. Use only dry wood to move ahead.

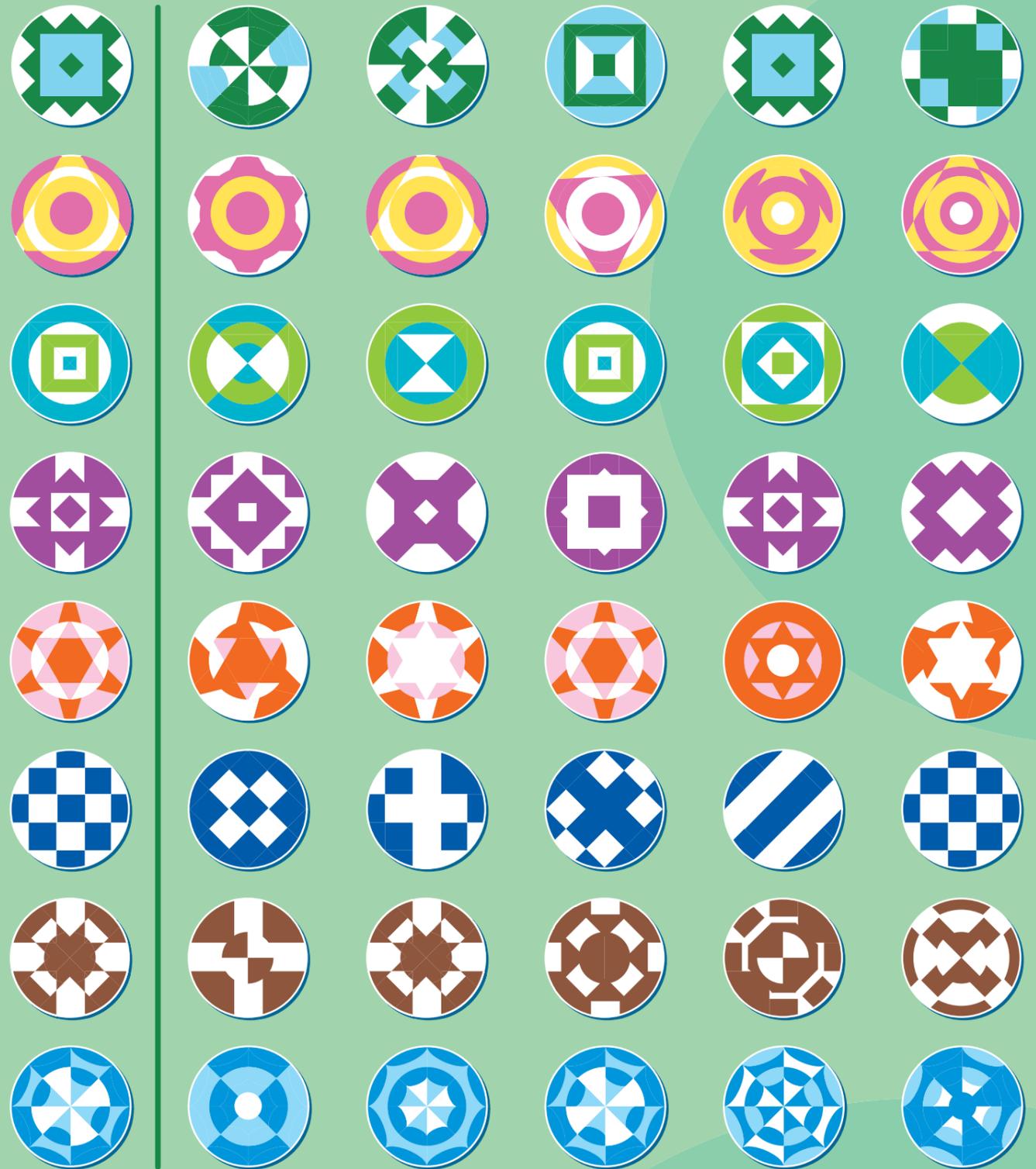


# PATTERN SEQUENCES

Circle identical patterns.



EXAMPLE



Find the figure identical to the example.

## WEATHER

Friends are looking forward to snow for sleighing, to rain for jumping in puddles, to clear sunny days for flying a kite. Weather can affect us and our plans. So, weather is quite important!



The fastest temperature drop happened in the town of Browning, Montana, USA. On one January night of 1916, the temperature there dropped from +6,7 to -48,8°C (+44 to -55°F).



Dirty snow melts faster than clean snow. Clean snow is white and reflects the sun rays better - so they take longer to heat and melt it.



Lightning hits oaks more often than other trees. The reason is in the oak's roots: they reach down really far to get to the underground water. Water is a good electricity conductor, and lightning is an electric discharge.

## INTERESTING FACTS

The scientists who study and forecast weather are called meteorologists. To make a forecast, they analyze the photos from satellites and the information they receive from the weather stations: temperature, rainfall, wind speed, and other weather data.

Weather can affect your mood and health. This effect is called weather sensitivity.

The coldest places on Earth are the cold poles. In Russia, the cold pole of the Northern hemisphere is in Yakutia - in the Oymyakon village and the Verkhoyansk town. The temperatures here can drop to almost -70°C (-94°F).



# SNOW, RAIN, AND EVERYTHING IN BETWEEN

Find the weather phenomena in the picture and write their names.



# DID YOU KNOW?

Rain clouds form only over seas and oceans, because these are the only places with enough humidity in the air.

The scent that we hear after the rain has a scientific name – petrichor.



The largest raindrops (10 mm in diameter) were recorded in the Marshall Islands in 2004.

Usually, large raindrops are 6-7 mm in size. The ones that are larger split into smaller drops before they reach the ground.



It rained the longest on the Hawaiian island Kauai, for 247 days.



There's a place on Earth where it hasn't rained for millions of years – in the McMurdo Dry Valleys in Antarctica. Local strong winds simply evaporate all water.



If the weather forecast promises 'intermittent rain', this means that it'll rain for up to 3 hours, but not longer.



Umbrellas were invented thousands of years ago, and their purpose was to shield from the sun. People began using them during rain only after 1750.



## AT THE METEOROLOGICAL LAB

Meteorologists are people who study weather. They monitor all weather features: wind direction, temperature, humidity, cloudiness, and atmospheric pressure. Different instruments are used for this. Find all these instruments in the lab.

### ANEMOMETER

gauges the speed of the wind.

### WEATHER VANE

shows the direction of the wind.

### WEATHER STATION

It is usually placed on hills and is used to remotely receive information about weather.

### RAIN GAUGE

determines the rainfall amount.

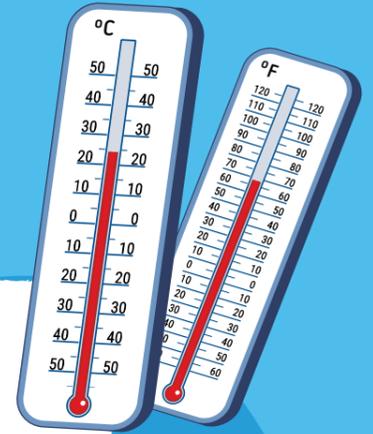


### HYGROMETER

gauges the air humidity.

### MERCURY THERMOMETER

measures the air temperature.



### INSIDE THE WEATHER STATION ARE:

### DIGITAL THERMOMETER

shows the air temperature on the display.



### BAROMETER

measures atmospheric pressure.



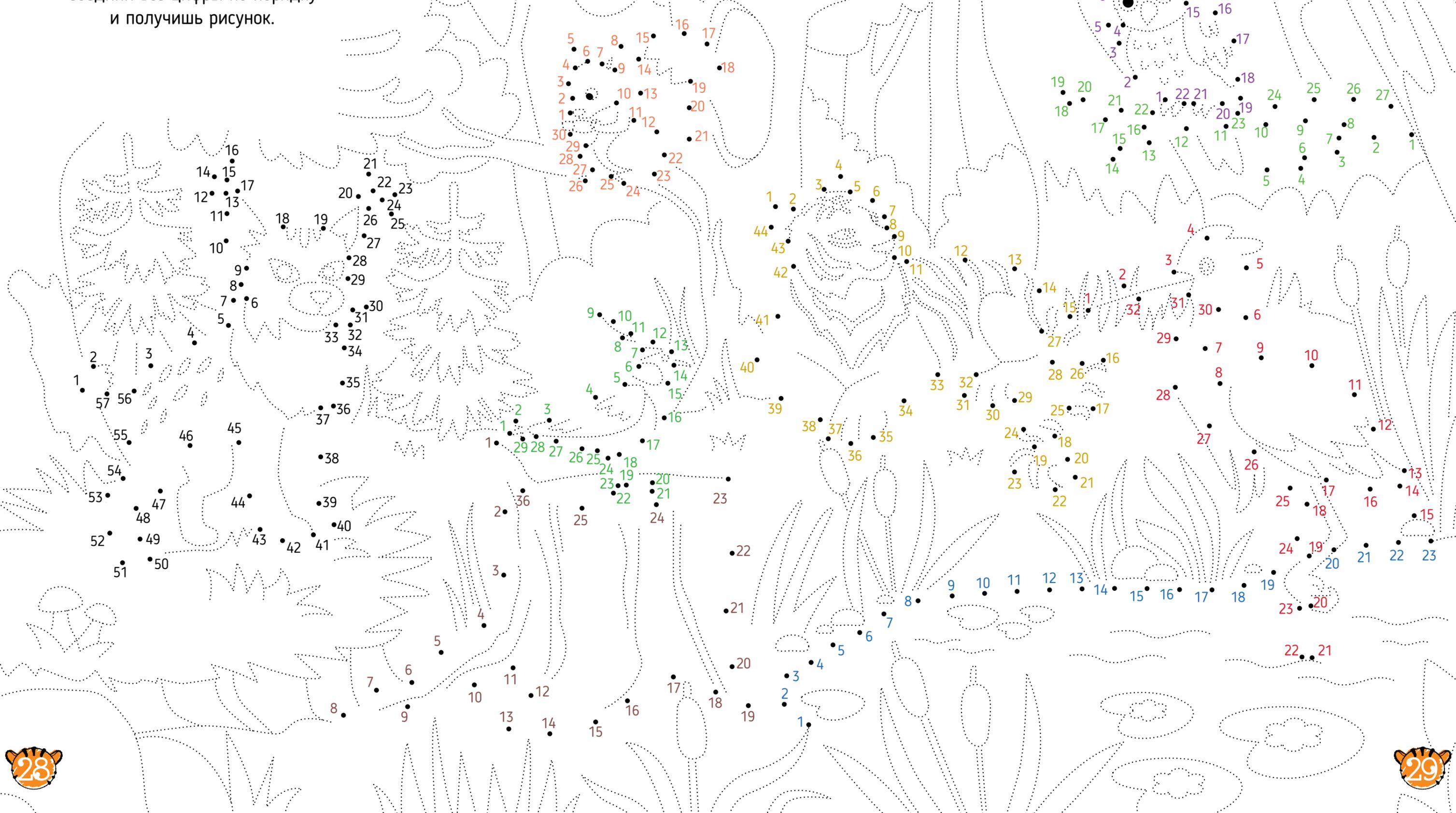
### HELIOGRAPH

helps measure insolation. **Insolation** is solar radiation received by surfaces.



# DOT BY DOT

Соедини все цифры по порядку  
и получишь рисунок.



# WHITE CRANE



White cranes are also called Siberian cranes.

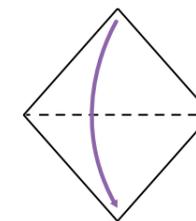
They are listed in the IUCN Red List as species on the verge of total extinction. Since 1974, a major conservation program has been trying to preserve the species.

*White cranes feed mainly on plant food. They love sedge and cereals, especially seeds and berries. In spring, white cranes may hunt small rodents, clams, and insects.*

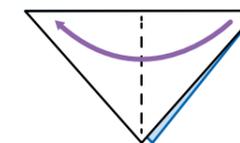
*Siberian cranes live only in Russia. They prefer swampy areas, shallow water, and ponds. For winter, they leave for India, Azerbaijan, Mongolia, Afganistan, Pakistan, China, and Kazakhstan.*

## ORIGAMI

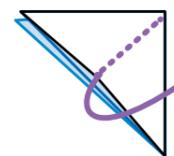
Cranes are a symbol of fidelity, joy, and peace. Let's make a paper crane ourselves!



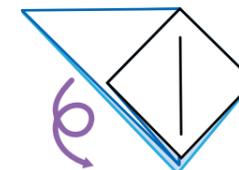
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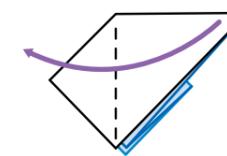
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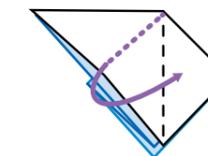
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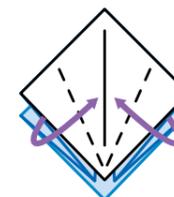
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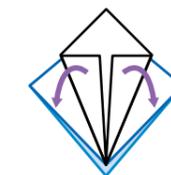
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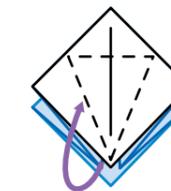
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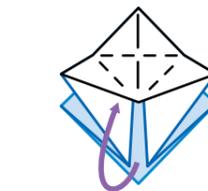
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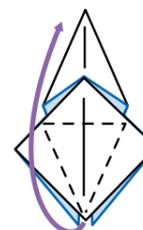
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9. PULL THE UPPER LAYER UP ALONG THE CREASES.



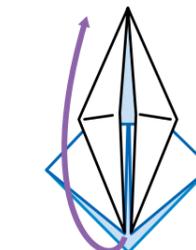
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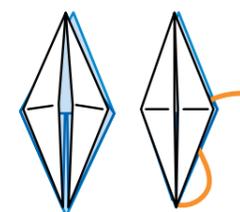
11. TURN THE FIGURE OVER AND REPEAT FOR THE OTHER SIDE.



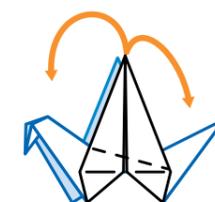
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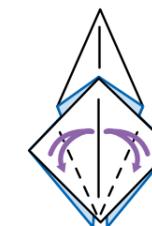
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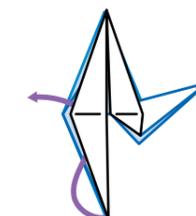
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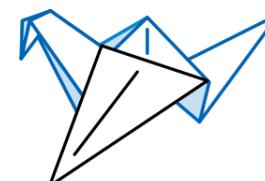
15. REPEAT THE SAME FOR THE LEFT END.



16. FOLD THE LITTLE SECTION ON THE LEFT END.



17. BEND THE WINGS DIAGONALLY.



18. FOLD OUT THE WINGS.

# CONTEST RESULTS!

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE WINNERS OF THE WINTER CONTEST FOR THE BEST DRAWING

Marianna Sedova,  
6 years



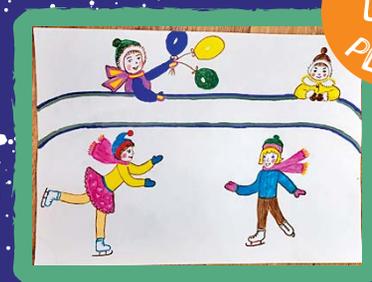
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PLACE

Karolina Pilipeyko,  
9 years



2  
PLACE

Eleonora Tsygankova,  
5 years



3  
PLACE

## CONTEST

ANUTA, NEKA, AND TISHA ASK YOU TO RESPECT NATURE.  
THEY ARE SURE THAT EACH OF US HAS THE POWER TO MAKE THE WORLD  
AROUND BETTER AND MORE SAFE.

Friends invite you to take part in a drawing contest: the subjects are ecology and respect for nature.

We accept drawings of any style from participants of any age!

The best pictures will be featured on our eco packaging for pizza or khachapuri!

The winners will receive prizes – Osteria Mario (@osteriamario) pizza subscriptions

Send your drawing to [kids@tigrus.com](mailto:kids@tigrus.com) or leave it at the restaurant till August 31, 2023.

Make sure to write your name, family name, age, and your parents' phone number for contact.

The contest results will be announced on September 1, 2023, at <https://osteriamario.ru/>

**Keep your drawing till the end of the contest, you might need it to receive the prize!**

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