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**Sweet
Words**

Reading is Life

Hello there, Sweethearts:

Reading is still an amazing and captivating world that fascinates you with all the discoveries in various fields of literature, science, and art.

Reading elevates our emotions, enhances our knowledge, broadens our perspectives, and expands our understanding. Books are more than just pages and lines, they are experiences, journeys, stories, poems, and encyclopaedias that provide us with the knowledge we seek without leaving our places.

Reading is a delightful journey into the world of knowledge, that requires no transportation because your book follows you wherever you go. If you want to explore the countries of the world, their wonders, monuments, cultures, mountains, seas, oceans, history, and geography, all of this can be found within the pages of a book.

Geniuses, scholars, writers, doctors, ambassadors, and leaders all read, knowing that reading serves as a bridge to worlds of enlightenment, knowledge, and brightness. We should emulate their example and read everywhere and at all times, in public libraries, clubs, buses, and other modes of transportation, to make reading a lifestyle.

We have every reason to be proud of being the nation of 'Iqraa'. The very first word revealed from the Holy Qur'an was "Read." This serves as a message from Allah, encouraging us to continue reading and learning.

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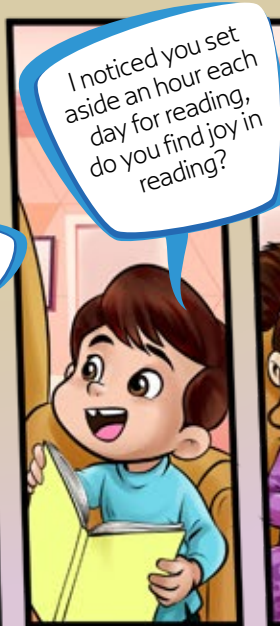
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I'm Salama



do you want to play a little bit?

It's time for my daily reading.
Just like me, you too, can read a story or a book.



I noticed you set aside an hour each day for reading, do you find joy in reading?



A book is a loyal companion, always there for you when you need it, and offers a lot of good when you do.

What does it offer?




It teaches you things you did not know before, enriches your knowledge, and exposes you to the cultures and traditions of different people. Reading is your door to knowledge.



Your conversation is delightful. I add to it that reading is like a magic carpet that takes you on a journey through its pages to explore the world.



Through reading, you soar over mountains, capitals, seas, and oceans, gaining knowledge of their features and identities.



By reading, you become familiar with great ancestral scholars like Al Farabi, Ibn Sina, Ibn Al Haytham, Ibn Al Nafis, and Al Biruni who shed light on the world with their knowledge.



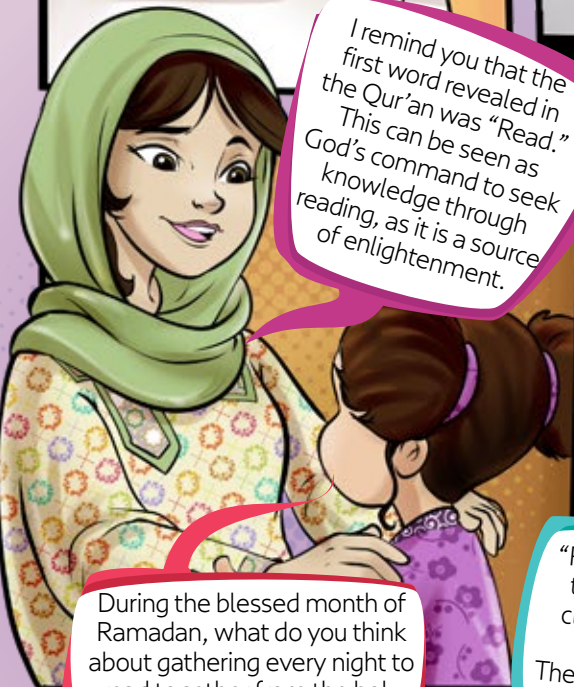
Reading is life. It can be enjoyed anywhere – at parks, clubs, or even while commuting on public transportation.



And we won't forget the public libraries across Dubai welcoming all readers.




Great. Ramadan is the month of the Qur'an, so let's draw closer to God by reading his book and reciting his verses.



I remind you that the first word revealed in the Qur'an was "Read." This can be seen as God's command to seek knowledge through reading, as it is a source of enlightenment.

During the blessed month of Ramadan, what do you think about gathering every night to read together from the holy verses of the Qur'an?



"Ramadan is the month in which the Qur'an, a guide for all and clear evidence of guidance and discernment, was revealed. Therefore, whoever sights the new moon should observe the fast."

Safe Driving During Ramadan

Illustrated by: Muhammad Qajoum

Engineer **Salem**



Dad, I'm worried about you driving during Ramadan because fasting can make you tired.

There are steps I can take to ensure my safety and well-being.

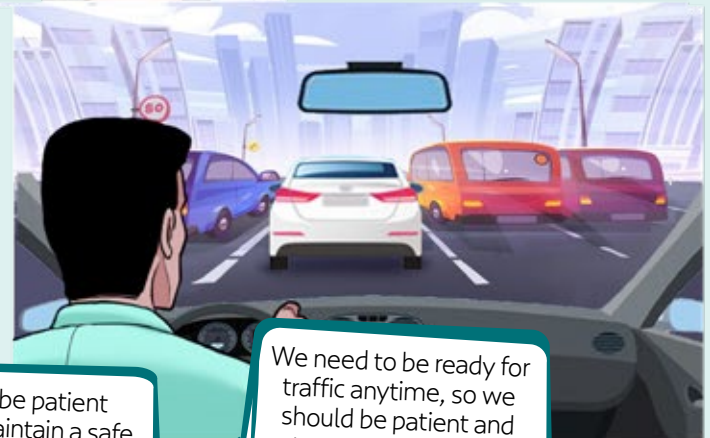
What are they?



The first step is to avoid driving immediately after breaking the fast with a heavy meal.



The driver must be patient while driving and maintain a safe distance from the vehicle ahead.



We need to be ready for traffic anytime, so we should be patient and not get we can reach our destination safely.



We must avoid getting into heated arguments with drivers who break traffic rules and just stay on our lane.



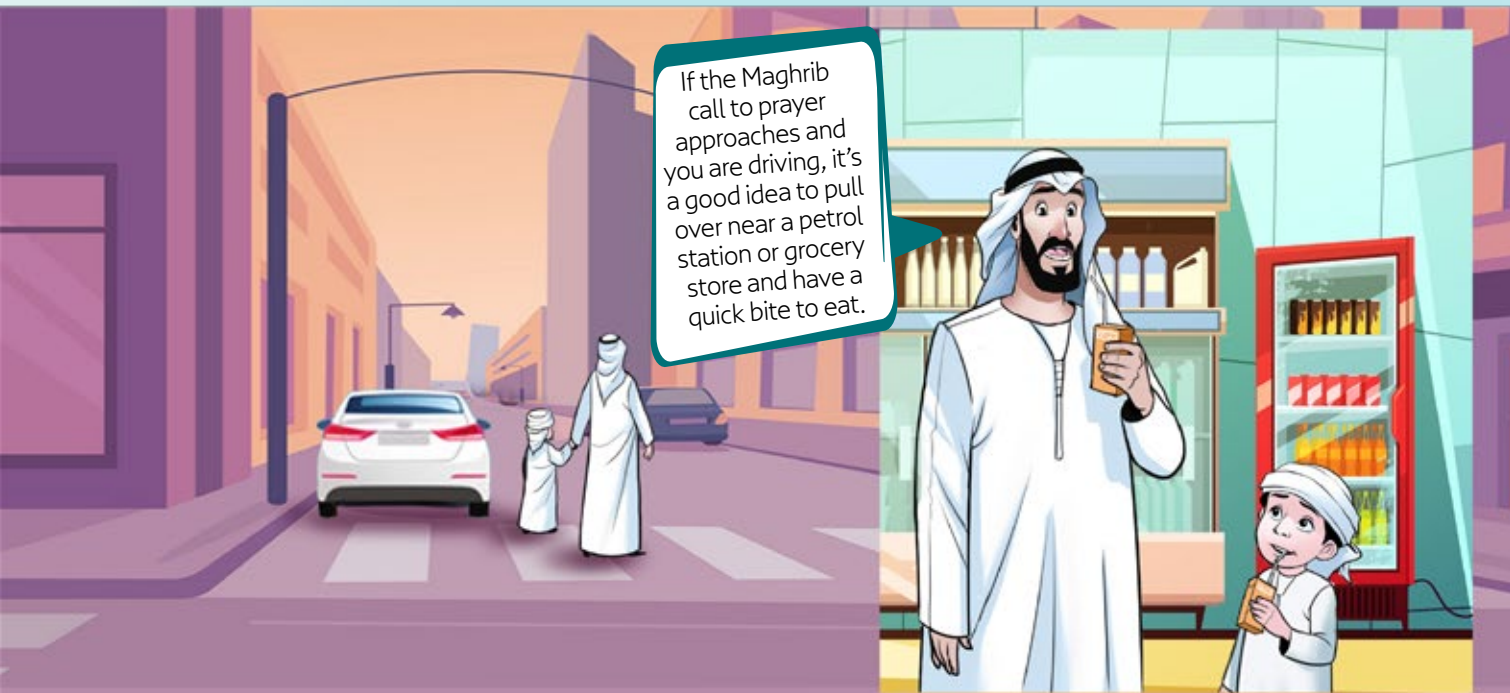
Remember to switch on the air conditioning in the car, as the hot weather can tire out the driver.



Don't lean the seat back too far and keep the driver's back straight and head up while driving.



It's important to get enough rest before driving, and if we feel tired or drowsy, we should stop driving right away.



If the Maghrib call to prayer approaches and you are driving, it's a good idea to pull over near a petrol station or grocery store and have a quick bite to eat.



pick up dates, juice or water and continue your way to your destination.

And when we return home, we complete our Iftaar as we like.



This is great advice, and anyone who follows it will drive safely and reach their destination safely during Ramadan.

STOP Sign

Illustrated by: Tarif Kalji

Champion **Nader**





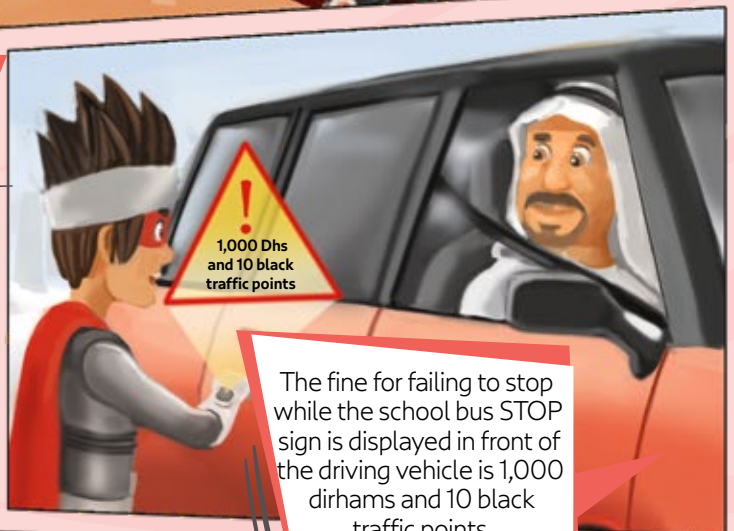
They should also steer clear of using public bus stops on major roads.



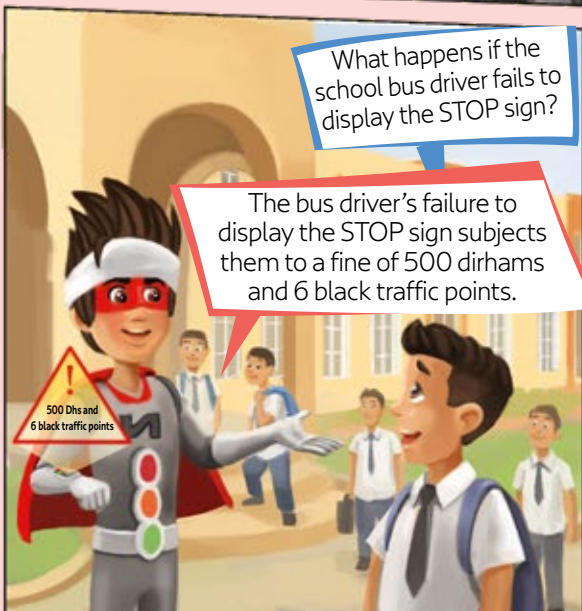
Vehicles behind the school bus must maintain a five-metre distance to ensure the students' safety.



Vehicles are required to come to a full stop when the STOP sign is displayed on school buses.



The fine for failing to stop while the school bus STOP sign is displayed in front of the driving vehicle is 1,000 dirhams and 10 black traffic points.



What happens if the school bus driver fails to display the STOP sign?

The bus driver's failure to display the STOP sign subjects them to a fine of 500 dirhams and 6 black traffic points.



Now let's take a beautiful selfie with our favourite superstar, Champion Nader.

It will be a memorable moment for me.

Salama Council discusses solutions for curbing congestion around schools

By: Aisha Al Shamsi – Sharif Abu Taha

Salama Council discussed with parents of girl students at Zayed Educational Complex in Dubai the traffic congestion that builds up around schools during morning and noon peak hours when students are dispersed, which causes a lot of confusion and snarls. The council called on all concerned parties to exercise responsibility and awareness. Several entities took part in the session, including Dubai Taxi Corporation's School Transport Department, Dubai Police General HQ, and girl students from grade 12 at Zayed Educational Complex.



Dubai Police

Dubai Police has developed a plan to address traffic safety and security measures for schools that marks the school year every year. It also runs security patrols and traffic controllers and identifies congestion spots. Dubai Police General HQ delivers lectures to sensitise students about safe boarding and alighting from school buses as well as crossing the street. The awareness package also covers parents by reminding them of the importance of good conduct in the event of traffic jams in front of schools and avoiding overspeeding for the safety of students.



RTA Plan

At the start of the session, RTA welcomed attendees and explained that the purpose of the session was to listen to all views and discuss solutions proposed to curb the snarls around schools. Solutions proposed included



initiating traffic improvements through monitoring the traffic movement in front of schools, conducting traffic studies to develop localised solutions to improve daily traffic flow, and initiating a plan for quick traffic improvements with long-term benefits in school zones recording the highest level of traffic congestion.

In cooperation with Dubai Police and school administrations, the RTA implemented traffic enforcement measures to facilitate traffic flow in front of schools and intensify traffic control measures for detecting violations and reporting offences against violators.

Measures also include making people more aware of traffic rules to stop people from doing things that cause more traffic in front of schools and running campaigns to teach students' families about traffic rules and stop them from doing things like parking on sidewalks where students get off at school gates.



Dubai Taxi Corporation

The Dubai Taxi Corporation stated that it owned a fleet of buses and a professional team of skilled drivers and female conductors trained to achieve the highest standards of security and safety. The buses it operates have the highest standards of safety in school bus services worldwide.

To enhance communication with parents, the DTC launched the School Transport App, which enables parents to track the school bus trip in real time and receive notifications of arrival and transfers that occur during the journey.



Bus Driver's Practices

Parents said that some bus drivers need to be watched and regulated so that traffic doesn't get too bad. They noted that various factors contribute to such congestion, including the large number of parents who opt to lift their children on private vehicles rather than using school buses, and the casual parking of vehicles by some parents.



Farah Al-Jazili, a parent, addressed another concern and urged officials to take action regarding the behaviour of some bus drivers on internal roads. «These drivers exceed the speed limit, which endangers the safety of students on the bus. Furthermore, I request implementing various measures and training courses aimed at irreversible improvement of some drivers' driving habits,» she noted.



Zahra Mohsen, a parent, said: «We thank the authorities for their ongoing cooperation in ensuring the provision of comfortable and safe facilities for children characterised by the highest traffic safety standards. As a parent responsible for transporting my daughter to school every day, I encounter several challenges that I hope decision-makers can address with practical solutions. These challenges include vehicle congestion, disorderly parking, and parents' unsafe driving behaviours when dropping off or picking up their children, such as speeding or disregarding traffic lanes.»



Ignoring speed limits

Roaa Iyad Rashid, a student in the 12th grade, told parents and everyone else to follow the speed limits and not underestimate going over the limit, which could lead to injuries or losses of both people and money. «We urge parents not to rush or become nervous while driving to get home quickly. They need to act wisely in traffic jams that occur in school parking lots for our safety and the safety of others,» she added.



Arriving Home Late

Mira Youssef, a 12th-grade student, said: «Traffic congestion has detrimental effects on students, teachers, and parents. One of these consequences is arriving home late, which can lead to students feeling exhausted. This issue is also repeated in the morning as students experience delays due to the accumulation of vehicles, making it difficult for them to arrive at school on time.»



Drivers Distracted by Phones

Moza Al-Janahi, a 12th-grade student, said: «Traffic congestion is a problem that affects everyone.» However, it can be resolved by adhering to traffic rules, refraining from overtaking or parking on the sidewalk, staying focused while driving, and avoiding distractions such as answering messages, taking photos, or making unnecessary phone calls while driving.

Peak Times
Zainab Al-Harthy, a 12th-grade student, spoke about the congestion during peak times, which causes traffic confusion and hinders smooth traffic flow. «This confusion undermines the safety of students and makes them liable to accidents or collisions. Therefore, we advise parents to prioritise the use of school buses over private vehicles,» she commented.



Dubai Opera

Faris and

Shaheen

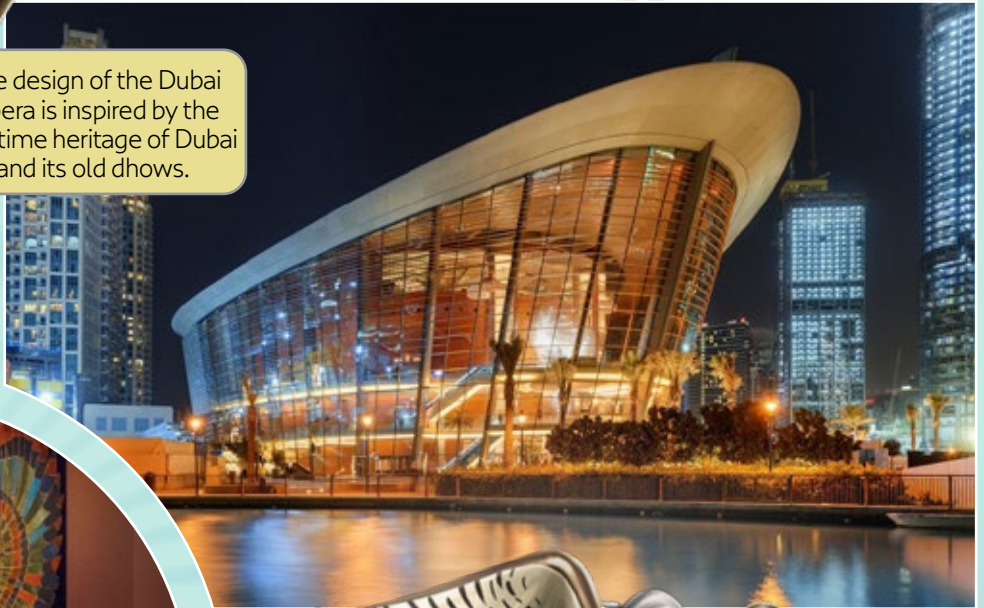


This is the first time that I visit the Dubai Opera.

Trust me, it won't be the last. The performances inside the opera are amazing.



The design of the Dubai Opera is inspired by the maritime heritage of Dubai and its old dhows.



Work on the Dubai Opera began in 2013. It was opened on August 31, 2016, in a grand ceremony that reflected Dubai's profile as a cultural and entertainment hub for the residents of the UAE.

The Dubai Opera is the first world-class cultural edifice in Dubai. It is situated beside the dancing Dubai Fountain and the world's tallest building, the Burj Khalifa.





The Opera House has an indoor and outdoor theatre, an art gallery, a museum, and a hall for ballet and folklore concerts.

Every year, the Dubai Opera hosts about 200 to 250 performances of classical music, Arab artists as well as jazz, rock, and pop music.



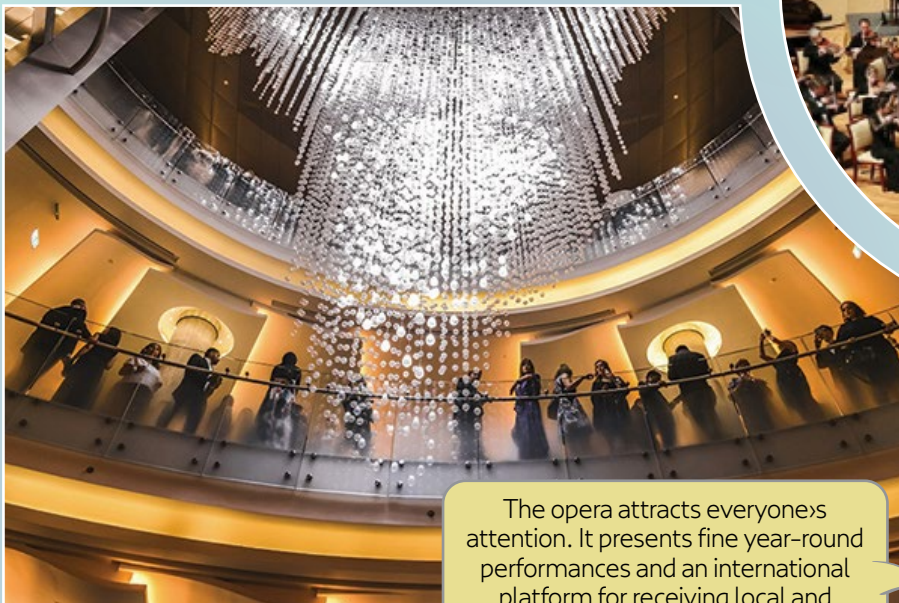
The Dubai Opera features a speakerless audio system that enables the person sitting in the rear seat to hear the sound with the same clarity and quality heard in the front seat.



The Dubai Opera stands out from other cultural facilities across the world, thanks to being located in Dubai; a vibrant city inhabited by people of different nationalities hailing from all corners of the globe.



I'm keen to go to the Dubai Opera and enjoy the performances.



The opera attracts everyone's attention. It presents fine year-round performances and an international platform for receiving local and international artists to present live performances to visitors.

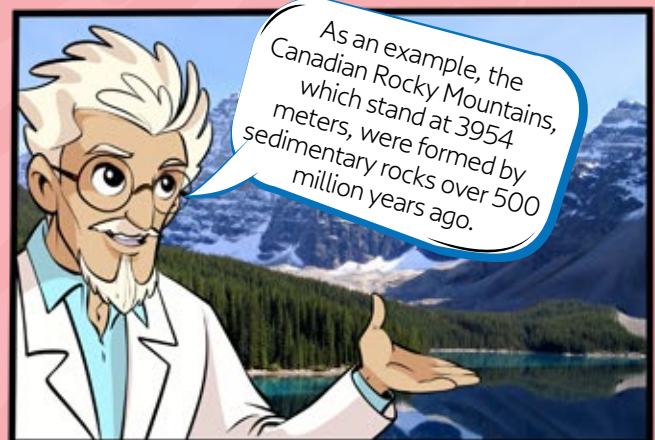
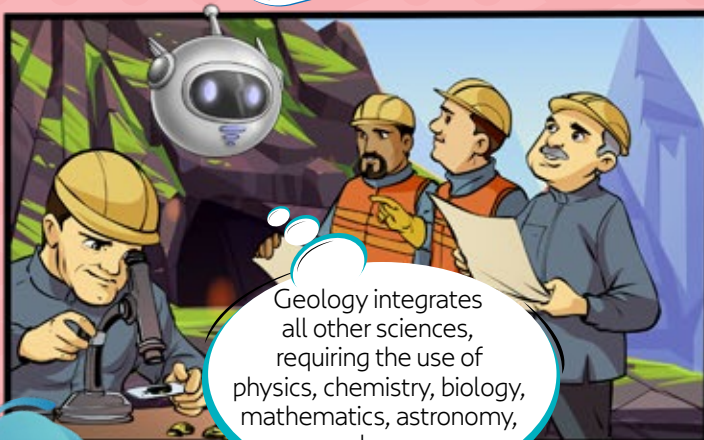
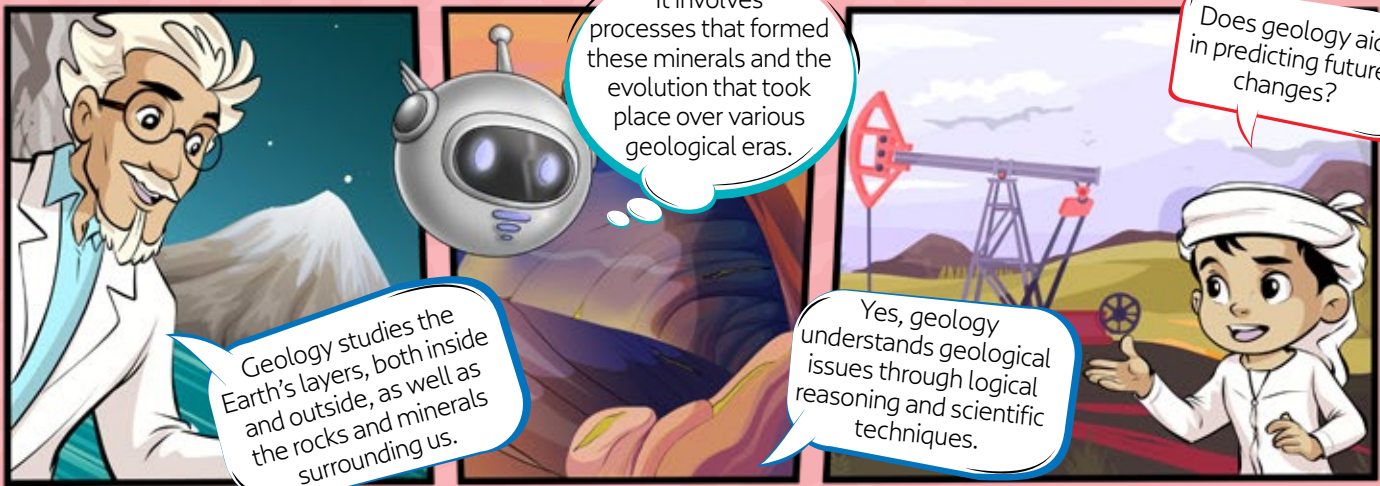
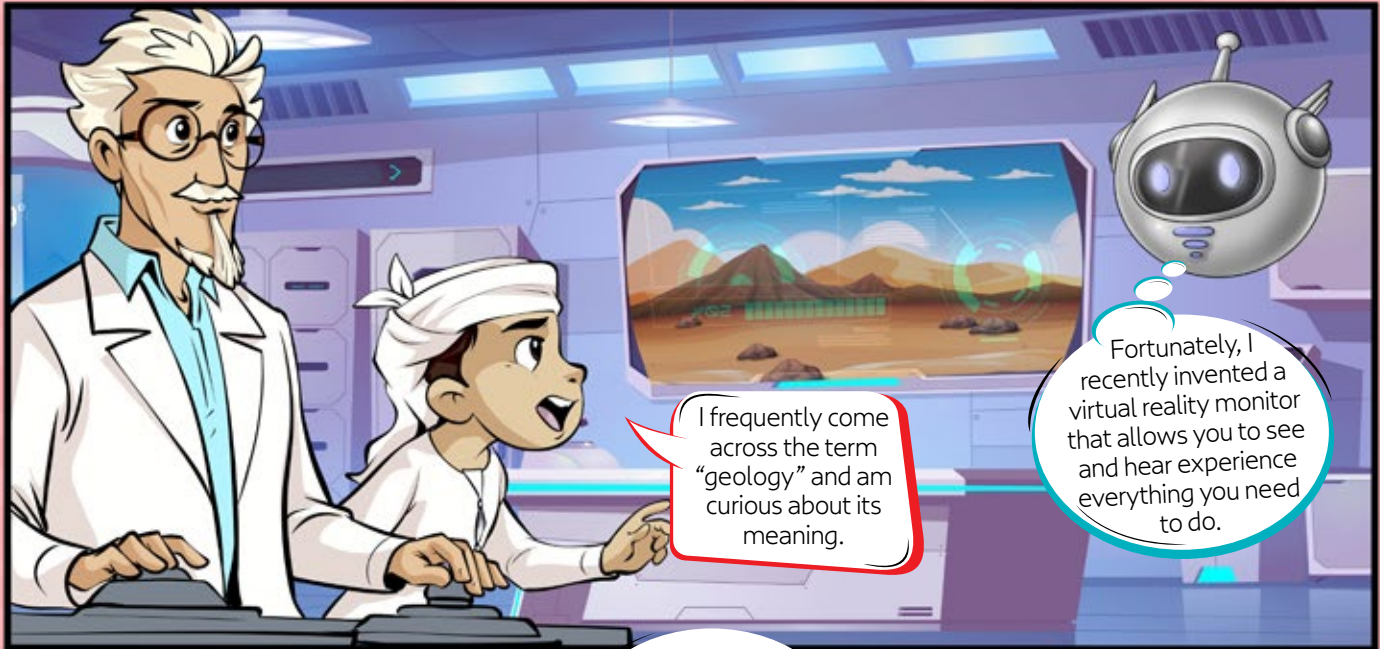
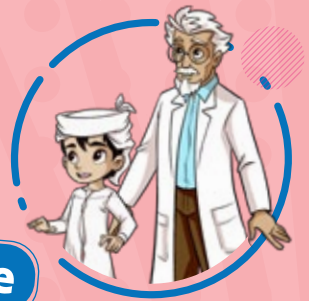


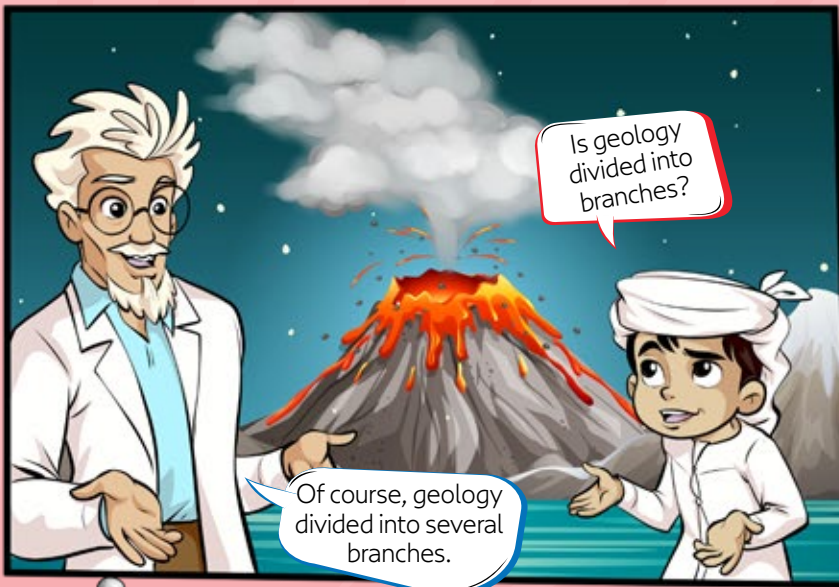
The Secrets of Earth (1)

Foreseeing

the future

Illustrated by: Omar Sharif



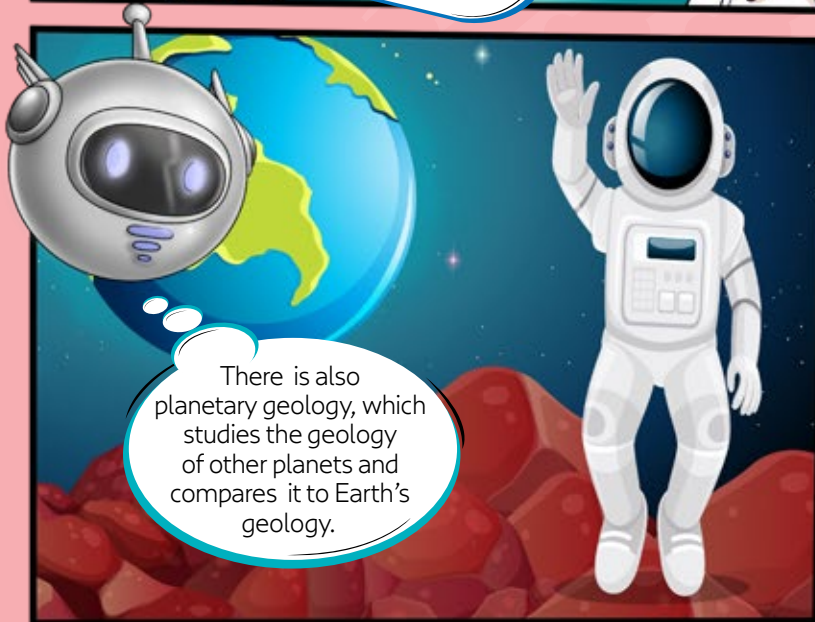


Is geology divided into branches?

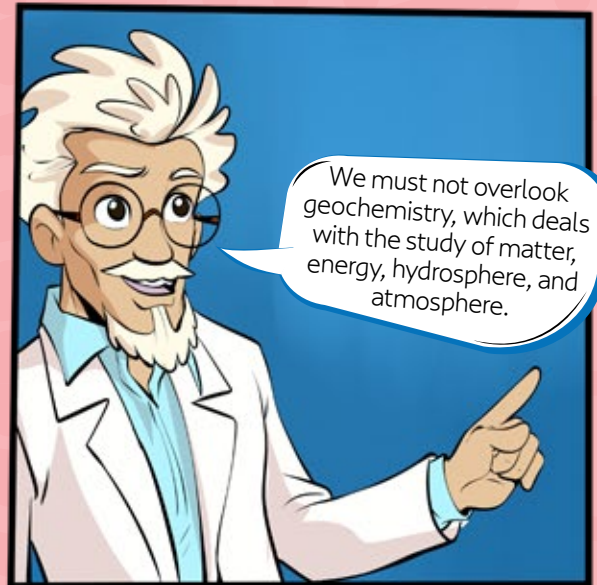
Of course, geology divided into several branches.



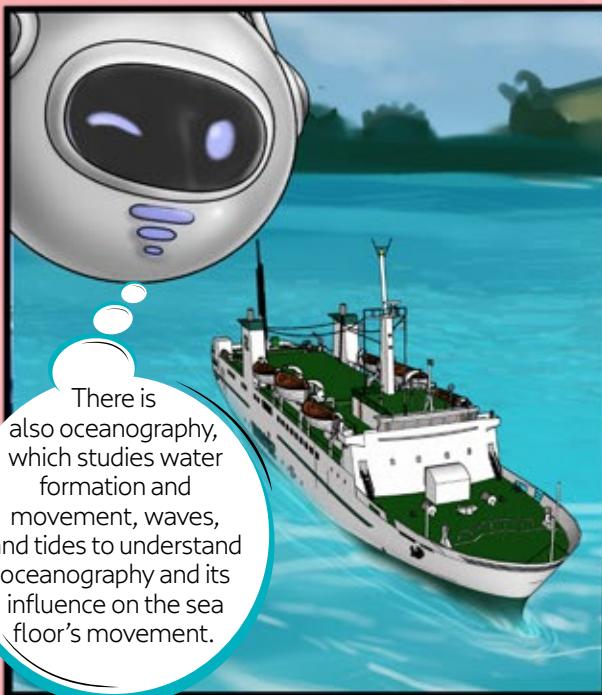
It includes mineralogy, which is focused on the study of minerals, and seismology, which focused on earthquake monitoring for the safety of people and the protection of property.



There is also planetary geology, which studies the geology of other planets and compares it to Earth's geology.



We must not overlook geochemistry, which deals with the study of matter, energy, hydrosphere, and atmosphere.



There is also oceanography, which studies water formation and movement, waves, and tides to understand oceanography and its influence on the sea floor's movement.



Stratigraphy uses fossils to determine the relative ages of rocks. Palaeontology explores how ancient organisms lived.

My interest grows, but we'll go deeper on our next trip.

Dubai Countryside and Rural Areas (2)

Illustrated by: Abdel Fattah Helmy

Dad, I am working on a piece about Dubai's Countryside and Rural Areas. I would appreciate it if you could provide me with additional information so that I can write a comprehensive and unique topic.

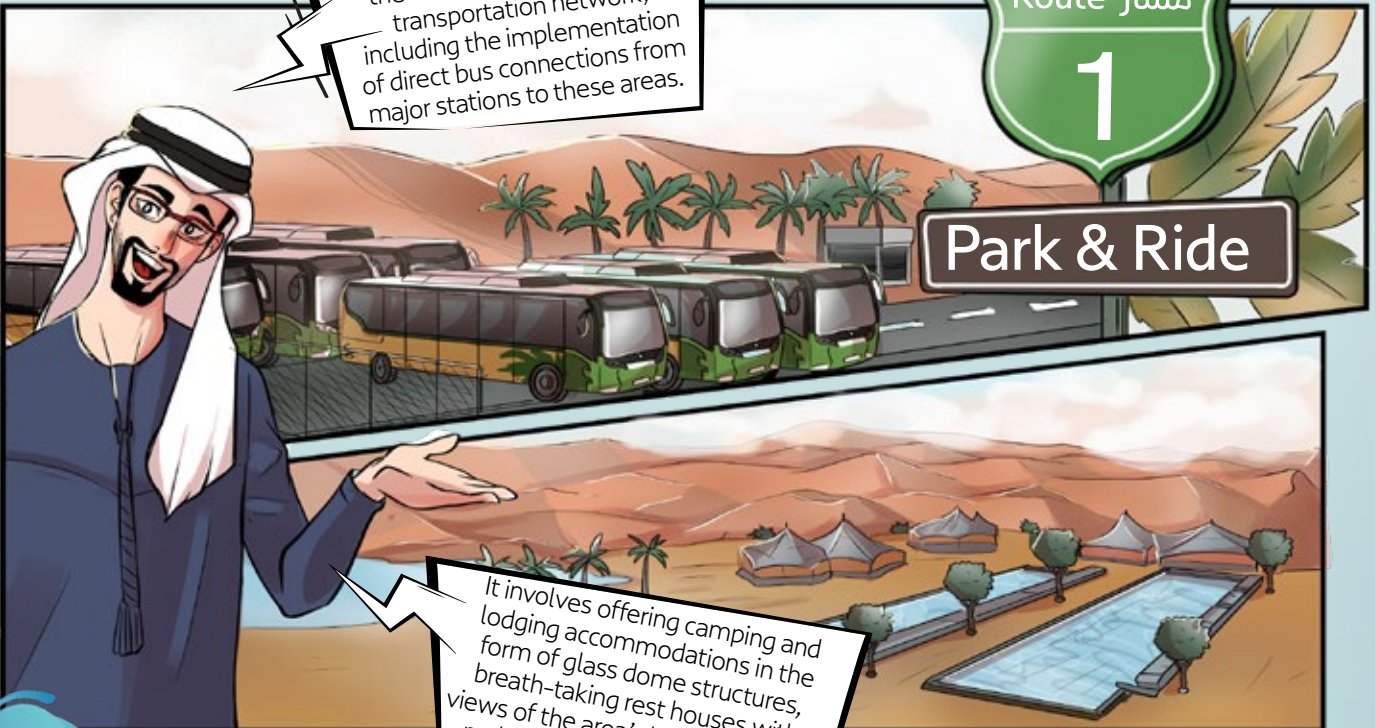
The Dubai Countryside and Rural Areas Development Master Plan provides economic benefits to the local residents through initiatives by addressing their needs and raising their standard of living.

Safety Road

The Plan entails establishing unique features of each area, preserving its natural environment and privacy, creating public parks, and implementing traffic solutions to improve mobility for both residents and visitors.



Additionally, the Plan calls for the creation of a sustainable transportation network, including the implementation of direct bus connections from major stations to these areas.

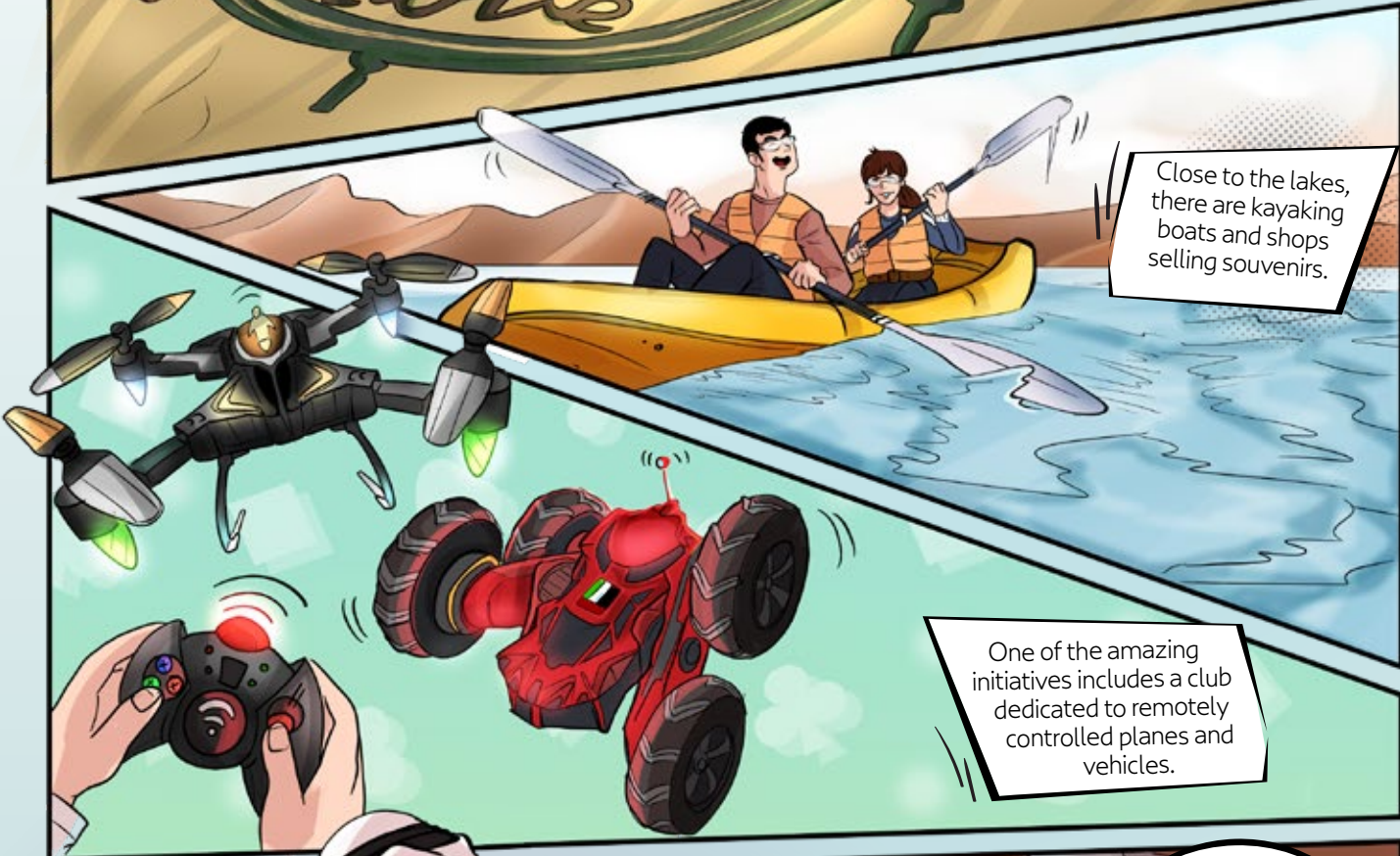


Park & Ride

It involves offering camping and lodging accommodations in the form of glass dome structures, breath-taking rest houses with views of the area's lakes, a caravan park, and birdwatching towers.



As for hot air balloon rides, it will be a delightful picnic trip that allows you to witness the stunning natural scenery and lakes, and capture keepsake photos.



Close to the lakes, there are kayaking boats and shops selling souvenirs.

One of the amazing initiatives includes a club dedicated to remotely controlled planes and vehicles.



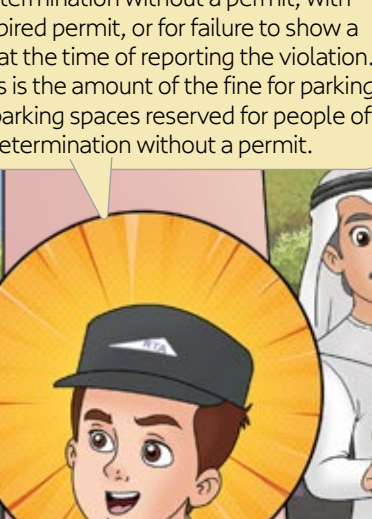
A wise vision from His Highness Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum, aligning with Dubai 2040 Urban Master Plan.

A fantastic initiative that will offer investment opportunities for the rural communities of Dubai and boost desert tourism.

People of Determination Parking

Illustrated by: Hossam Abdel Ghani

Inspector **Hamad**



Read with RTA

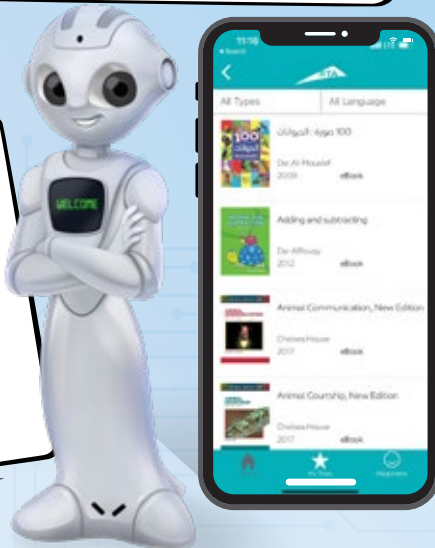


RTA has released a new version of its **“Read with RTA”** app for riders of various RTA transportation modes, which is available for Android and iOS platforms.

<https://apps.apple.com/ae/app/read-with-rt/id1214305519>

Users can download the app or scan the QR code provided on stickers at the metro, tram, bus, taxi, marine, and Abra stations.

The app shows the latest Arabic and English books and allows the user to scan the QR code to display the selected book for a specified period for reading.

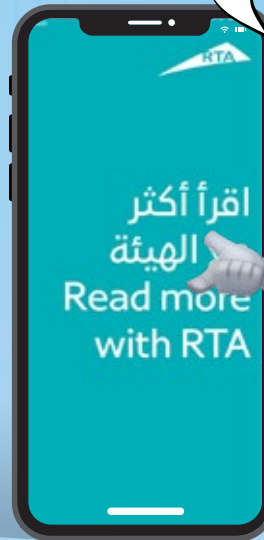


An electronic link has been added to provide readers with the ability to access various newspapers and magazines. RTA will reward readers with a total of 2 million Nol Plus points, making reading more beneficial and enriching

Mahboub



The app includes over 600 new educational resources, such as e-books in both Arabic and English, audiobooks, videos, and articles.



Users of the app can download all publications released by RTA, including Al Masar and Salama magazines.



Tips for Healthy Fasting

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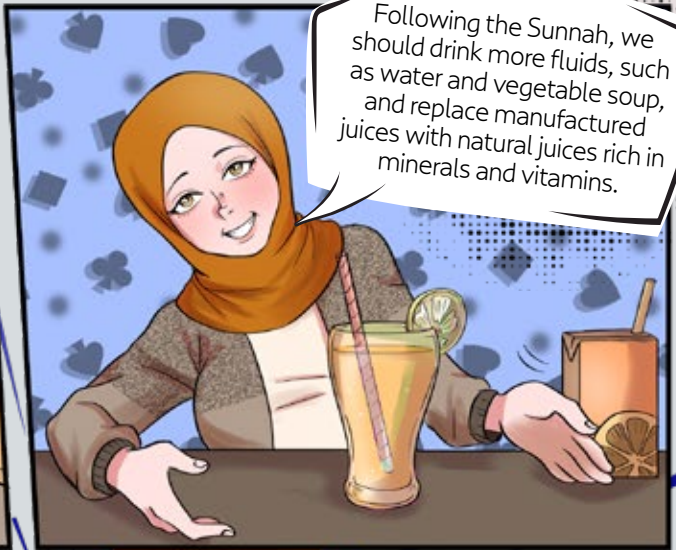
Miss

Weqaya





Our bodies need basic nutrients such as fruits, meat, rice, oats and barley, as well as foods rich in protein like meat and eggs.



Following the Sunnah, we should drink more fluids, such as water and vegetable soup, and replace manufactured juices with natural juices rich in minerals and vitamins.



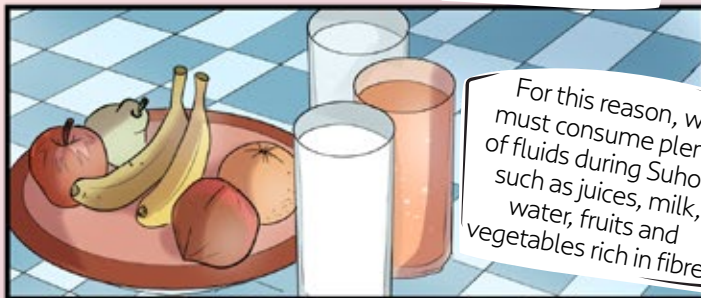
How do I avoid overeating at Iftar?

The key to reaching fullness is to slow down and chew thoroughly before swallowing.



We talked about Iftar - what about the Suhoor meal?

Eating the pre-dawn meal provides the body with energy and activity during fasting hours.



For this reason, we must consume plenty of fluids during Suhoor, such as juices, milk, water, fruits and vegetables rich in fibre.



A Suhoor meal containing carbohydrates, like rice, oatmeal, and pasta, reduces our hunger during the day.



We should eat Suhoor shortly before Fajr prayer in order to allow our bodies to absorb as much nourishment as possible.

Excellent work. God willing, your fast will be accepted and you'll enjoy a delicious iftar

Hag El Laila

Illustrations: Youssef Halim

Grandma

Aousha



How are you, my dear romore children?

We are doing well, dear grandma, thank God. We're thinking about how to prepare for the mid-Sha'ban night celebration (Hag El Laila), which, as you know, is a significant social event."



We agreed to celebrate the mid-Sha'ban night as our ancestry had.

Okay. Let me talk about the Emirati traditions for this night. In the past, families would celebrate by singing folk songs.

"Give us...", we used to chant. Allah will give you... And take you to Mecca". We would also prepare hand-knit bags for the children to collect nuts and money.

A lovely traditional atmosphere. Can you share with us the boys' attire and the girls' decorations for that night?



After Asr prayer, boys go out dressed in "Al Assama" and "Al Kandora", while girls wear "Sheela" and "Al Kandora Al Mokhawarah", with henna decorating their hands and feet.



The women gather in the house's yard, with a large bowl filled with sweets, nuts, and money in front of them. They distribute these items to all the children.



The kids go door to door with their hand-knit bags, collecting sweets, nuts, and money until the bags are full. They return to their homes near the Maghrib prayer, with bags full of delectable treats.



What a beautiful night it is, as we rejoice for the forthcoming holy month of Ramadan.

Sign Language (Colours)

In cooperation with the Community Development Authority

Hello, friends, let's learn about **colours** through sign language.



Sanad



The sign of the index finger and thumb at this right angle below the chin indicates the colour **White**.



White

As for the index finger below the neck, it represents the colour **Green**.



Green

When we touch the fingertips of the right hand with the palm of the left hand, we mean the colour **Orange**.



Orange

When pointing with the index and thumb fingers towards the head, it represents the colour **Black**.



Black

Meanwhile, a circular movement of the finger signifies the colour **Yellow**.



Yellow

Placing the index finger on the lower lip means the colour **Red**.



Red

Moving the index finger back and forth on the palm signifies the colour **Brown**.



Brown

The sign for the colour **Blue** is made by moving the index finger from the lips to the right and left.



Blue



Water is a Blessing

Illustrated by: Ahmed Haddad

Aliaa

The Eco-friendly

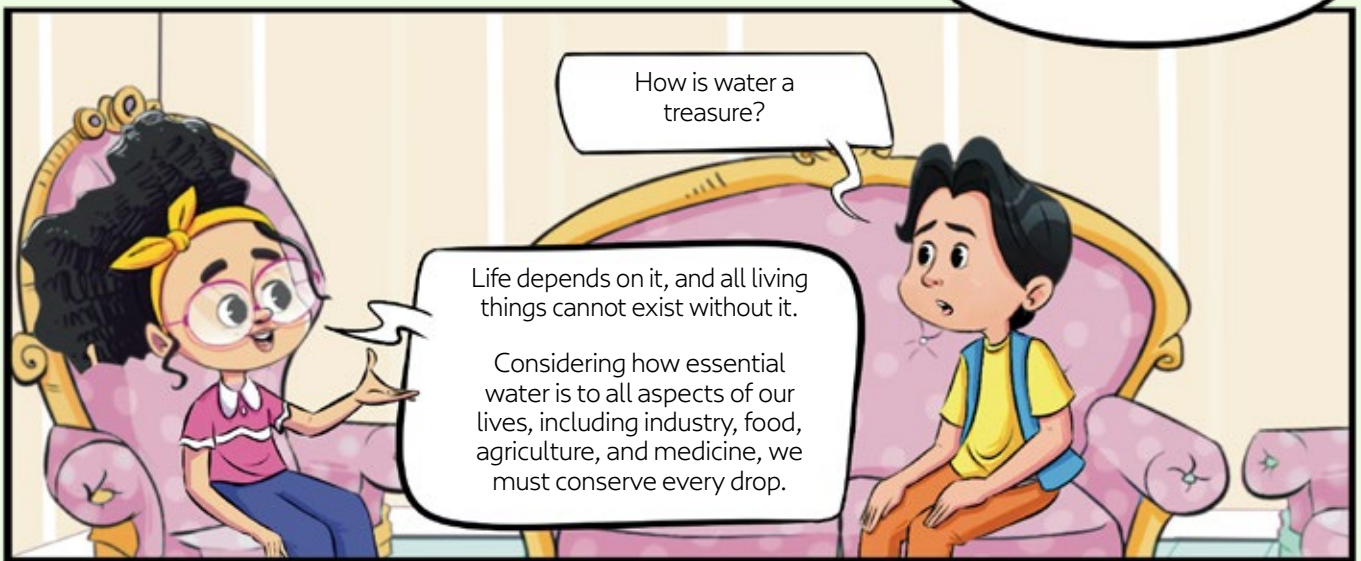


Why didn't you turn off the water tap when you washed your hands?

I'll dry my hands first and immediately turn off the water tap.



We must always turn off the tap after using water since water is God's most precious treasure.



How is water a treasure?

Life depends on it, and all living things cannot exist without it.

Considering how essential water is to all aspects of our lives, including industry, food, agriculture, and medicine, we must conserve every drop.



You are right. Every day I watch my mother fill the barn with water for our poultry and birds.





Water is also essential for plants and trees to grow and bear fruit.

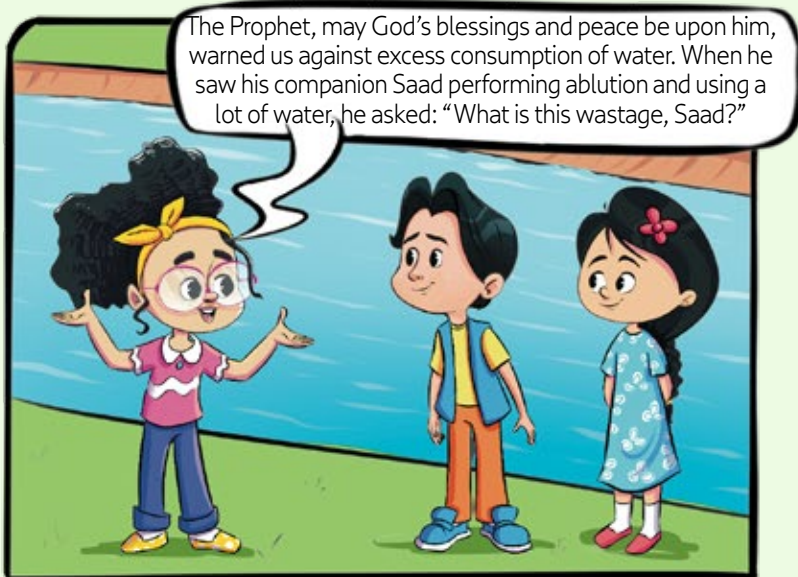
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That is why we observe World Water Day on the 22nd of March every year, to shed light on the immense significance of water.

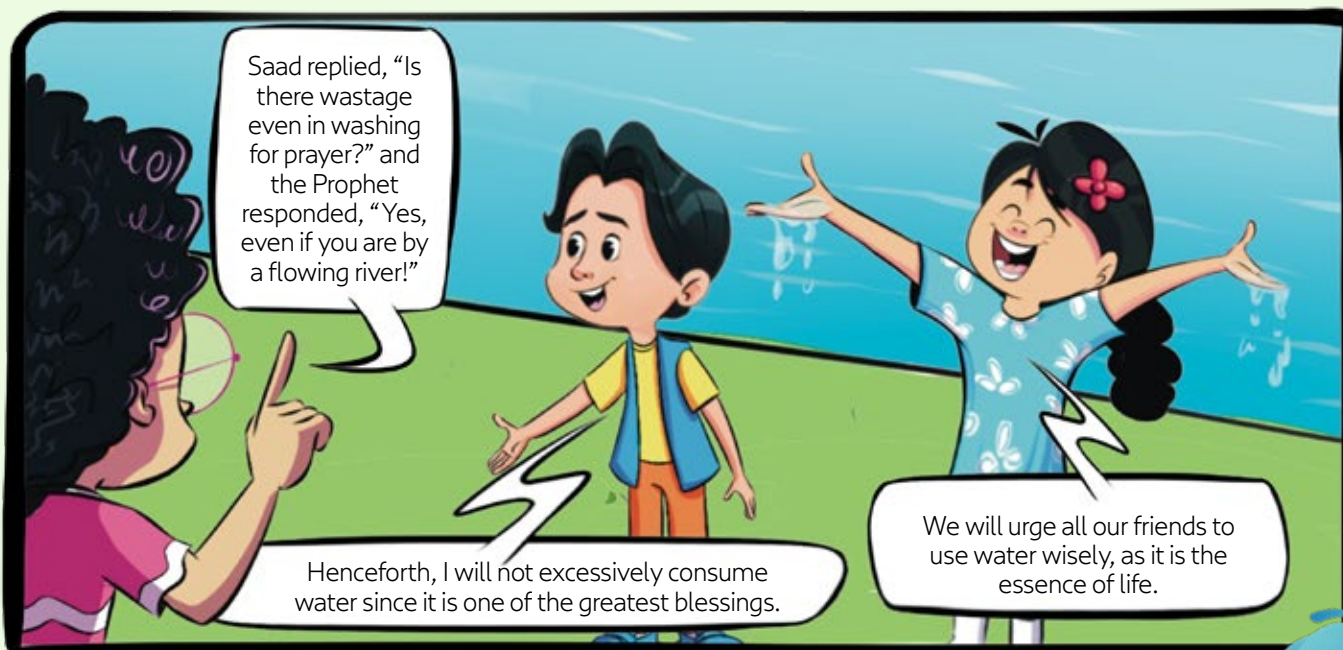
World
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The Qur'an also enlightened us on the importance of water, as God Almighty says "And We created from water every living thing" (Surat Al-Anbiya).



The Prophet, may God's blessings and peace be upon him, warned us against excess consumption of water. When he saw his companion Saad performing ablution and using a lot of water, he asked: "What is this wastage, Saad?"



Saad replied, "Is there wastage even in washing for prayer?" and the Prophet responded, "Yes, even if you are by a flowing river!"

Henceforth, I will not excessively consume water since it is one of the greatest blessings.

We will urge all our friends to use water wisely, as it is the essence of life.