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Hello, friends!

The announcement by our wise leadership designating 2026 as the “Year of the Family” is a national and inspiring initiative that highlights family as the foundation of society and a key pillar in preserving the authentic values and traditions of Emirati society. It is therefore a shared responsibility to safeguard strong family bonds.

As we bid farewell to the past year with all its lessons and experiences, we welcome 2026 with optimism and determination, in a nation that strives for leadership in every field. With the dawn of the new year, hopes are renewed, and new opportunities emerge, bringing brighter beginnings.

We pray to Allah to fulfil our hopes in the year ahead, protect our country, bless our loved ones, and grant us health and peace of mind. May 2026 be a year of joy, reassurance, happiness for all, and a beacon of hope for our nation and the world.

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Activities and Events



RTA Celebrates World Arabic Language Day

Dubai's Roads and Transport Authority (RTA) celebrated World Arabic Language Day, marked on 18th December, by organising a creative art workshop attended by 25 children from Beit Al Khair Society in Dubai. The workshop was delivered by Emirati artist Maitha Al Khayat, a writer and illustrator specialising in children's literature. The event included meaningful entertainment activities and fun competitions, creating an atmosphere of joy and happiness, along with the distribution of souvenir gifts and light refreshments.



"Golden Rules for Generations' Safety" at the Indian School

More than 300 middle school students at the Indian School in Al Garhoud took part in the "Golden Rules for Generations' Safety" programme, organised by the Traffic Department in collaboration with Tristar. The programme provided students with bicycles on a dedicated traffic track inside the school, helping them learn how to cross roads safely and follow important safety rules. Students also received awareness gifts printed with key road safety tips.

Awareness Messages and Field Actions During Weather Conditions

RTA closely followed changing weather conditions during December through a range of awareness measures and field engineering actions. Awareness messages were shared with the public, highlighting key safety tips and guidance on how to deal with weather fluctuations. Joint efforts between RTA and its partners helped maintain smooth traffic flow across Dubai and ensured that roads remained free from water accumulation.





Awareness Guidance for Delivery Bicycle Riders

The Traffic Department organised field visits across several areas of Dubai to raise awareness among delivery bicycle users. The visits focused on reminding riders of safety requirements, correct road-crossing practices, and the importance of complying with all required safety standards when delivering orders using bicycles.

Sixth Season of “Safety from the First Journey”

In cooperation with the Dubai Health Authority, Dubai Police, and UNICEF, RTA provided child car seats to around 500 newborns in Dubai during Eid Al Etihad celebrations as part of the “Safety from the First Journey” initiative. A total of 27 hospitals across Dubai participated in the initiative for the sixth consecutive year. From 1st to 5th December each year, newborns in Dubai hospitals are celebrated by receiving a child car seat free of charge.



Participation in the Emergency Medicine Conference at Al Jalila Hospital

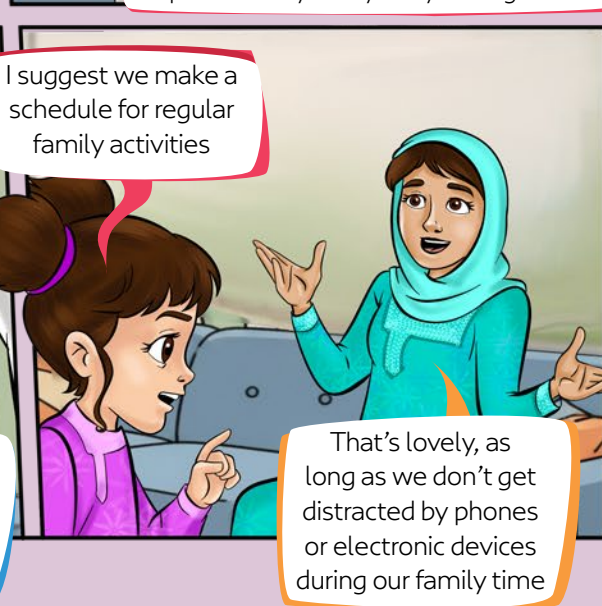
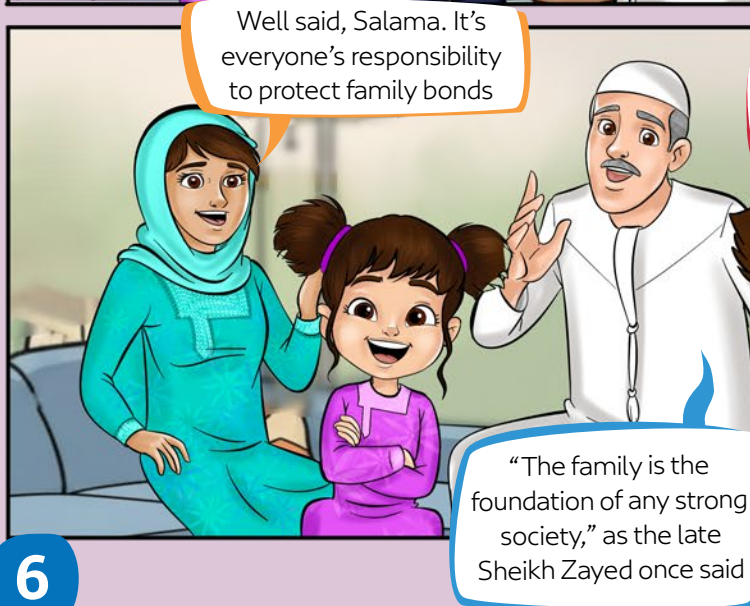
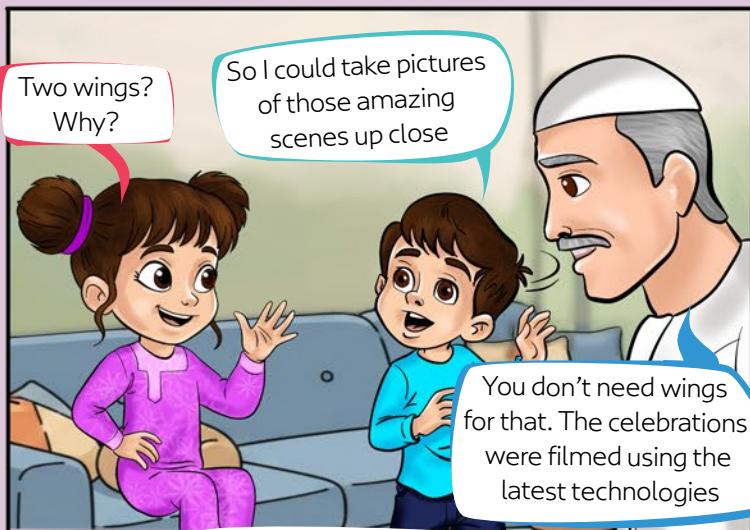
The Traffic Department took part in the “Emergency Medicine” conference organised by Dubai Health Authority at Al Jalila Children’s Hospital in mid-December. During the event, the department distributed awareness gifts to children, printed with road safety tips presented in a fun and engaging way. Children participating in the exhibition also received Salama magazine, published monthly by RTA.



UAE's Year of the Family

Illustrated by: Muhammed Mansour

I'm Salama





Let's start putting Salama's idea into action this weekend

Great! What will we do, Dad?

We'll go on a family trip to Hatta and spend the holiday with your grandmother

I love her stories and her wonderful memories



Now it's your turn, my son. What do you wish for in the new year?



I wished for wings, and you didn't like that wish!

Alright then. I wish to become an Emirati astronaut

That wish needs many years and a lot of effort to achieve



Your wish should be realistic

That's true, but he can start from now!



By doing well at school, staying physically fit, taking care of health, and exercising

How?

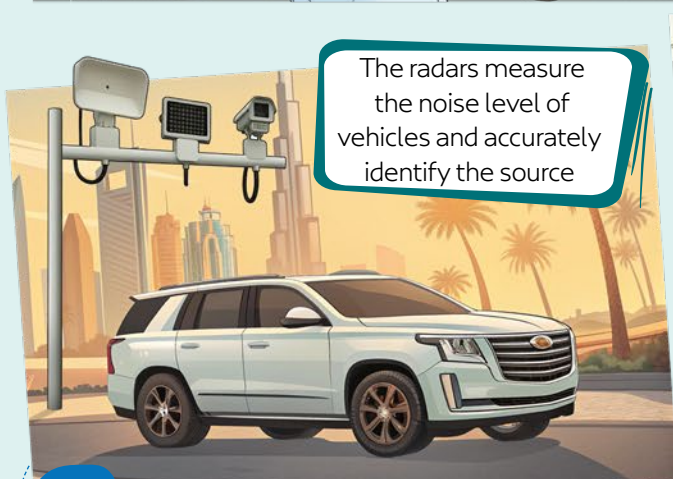
Every journey, no matter how long, begins with a single step. With hard work and strong determination, dreams can come true



Expanding the Use of Noise Radars

Illustrated by: Muhammad Qajoum

Engineer **Salem**



They also detect unnecessary use of vehicle horns



And they monitor noise caused by loud sound systems inside vehicles



That's great. These radars are a positive step towards making Dubai one of the most refined and civilised cities in the world



But the real goal is to raise awareness about respectful behaviour, not just to issue fines

Are there strict penalties for those who do not follow the rules?

Yes. A fine of AED 2,000, 12 black points, and AED 10,000 to release an impounded vehicle



What Pedestrians Should Do When Emergency Vehicles Pass

Illustrated by: Tarif Kalji

Even though the pedestrian signal is green, crossing the road at this moment is a mistake for this lady and her child.



Champion **Nader**

Stop, ma'am. Priority is always given to emergency vehicles

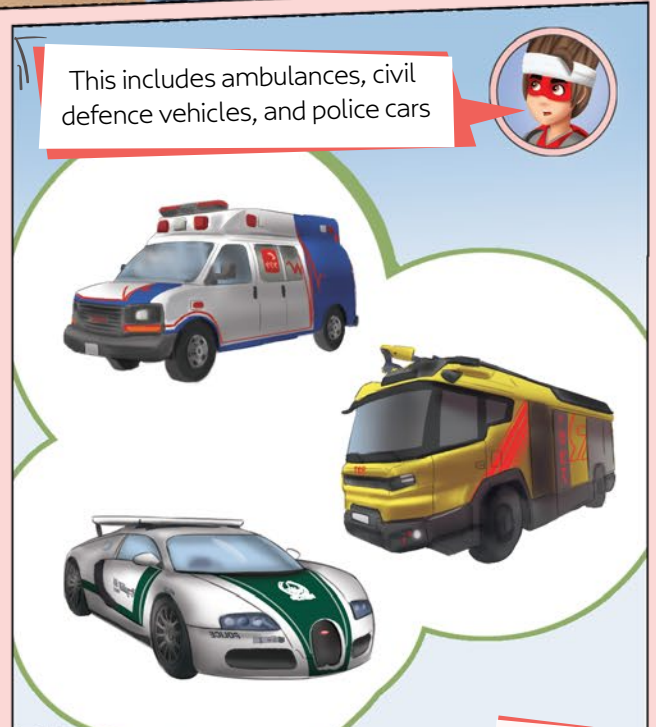
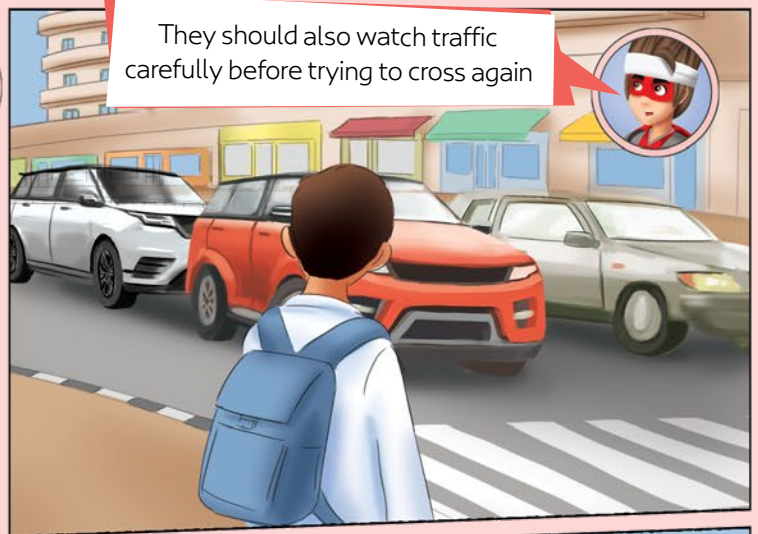


Some people mistakenly think that giving way to emergency vehicles is only the responsibility of drivers



But it also includes pedestrians, who must stop immediately when emergency vehicles are passing





Dubai Miracle Garden

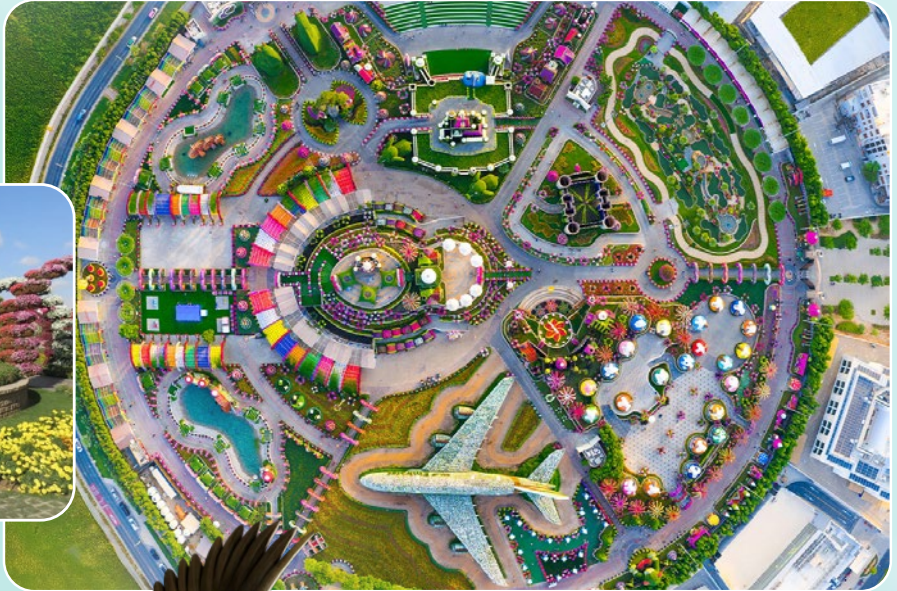


Faris and



Shaheen

Dubai Miracle Garden is one of Dubai's most popular winter attractions



Imagine walking among more than 150 million flowers arranged in stunning artistic designs



The lake at Dubai Miracle Garden gives visitors a wonderful sense of calm and peace



One of the garden's most distinctive features is the Heart Passage



There is also a clock made of beautiful flowers with lovely fragrances



My Family, My Happiness

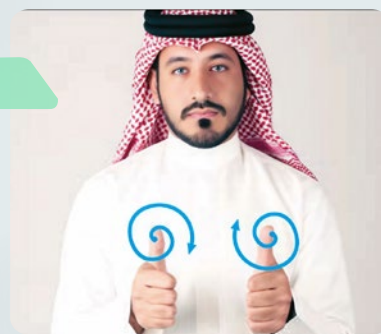
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My friends, a loving and close family is the backbone of society and the foundation of its progress. Let's get to know some family members through sign language.

This sign means family



One of its main members is the father



And the mother



And the brother



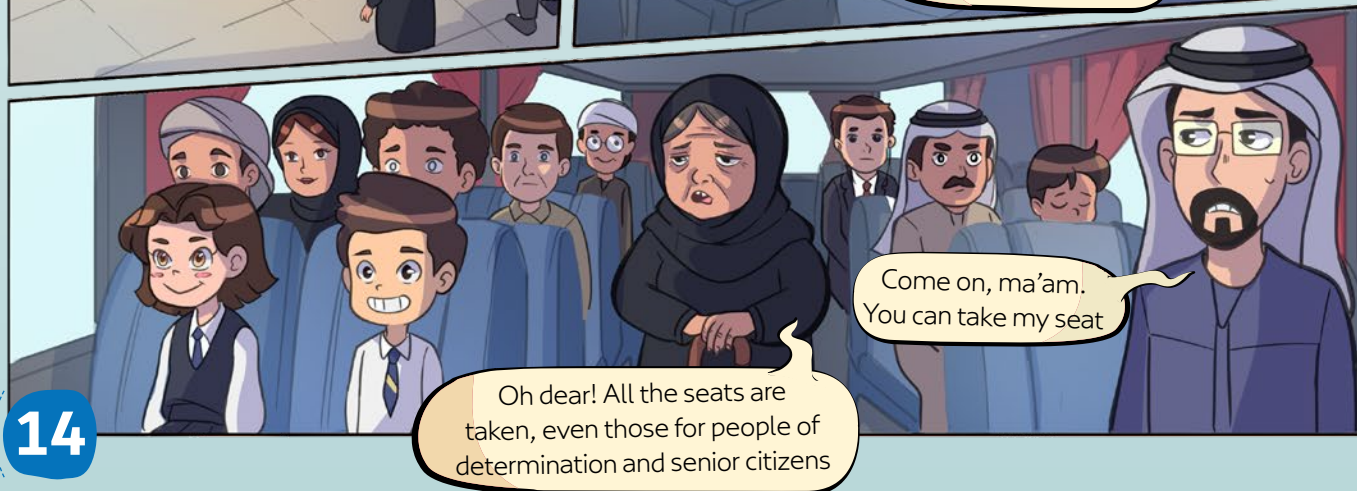
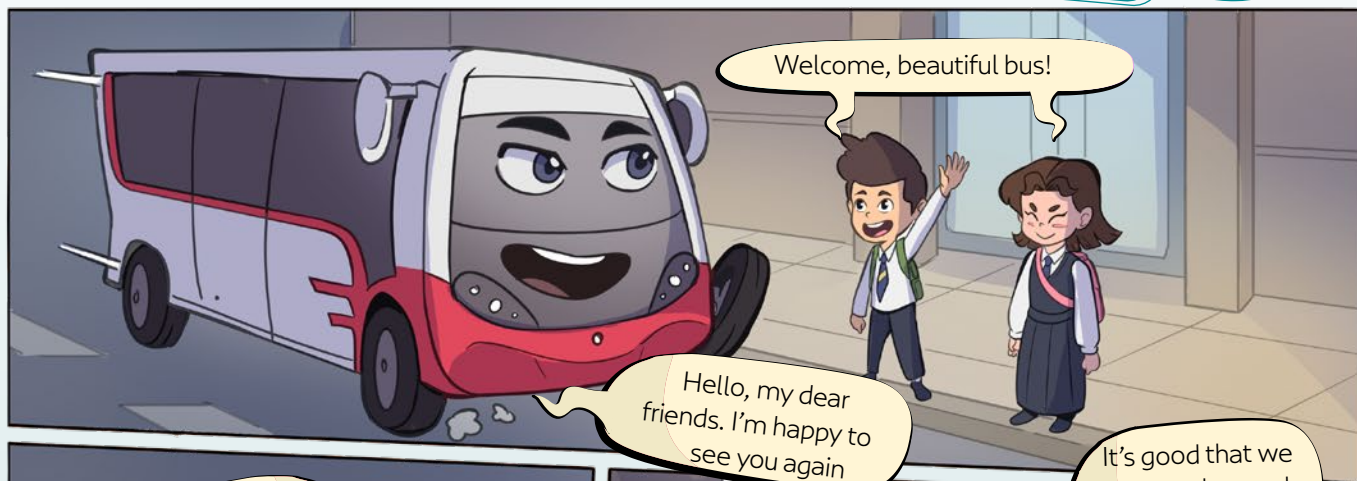
They all live in a home filled with love and kindness

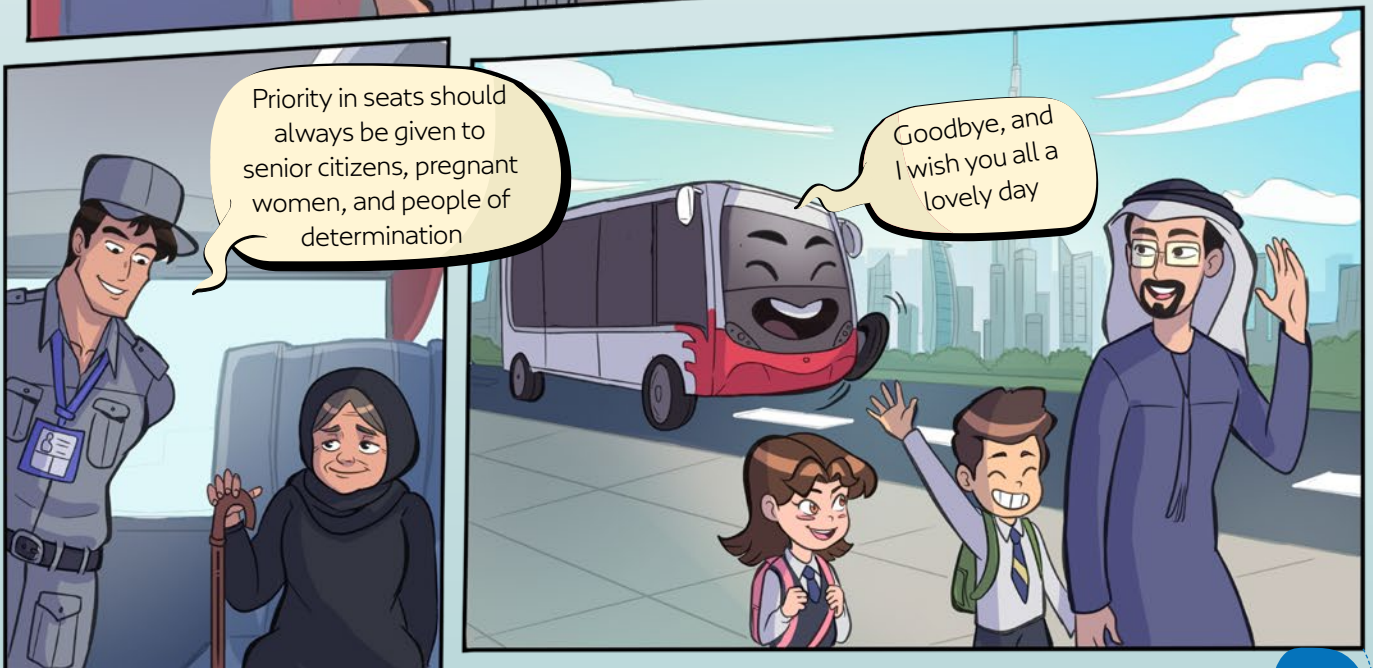


Give Up Your Seat – Others First

Illustrated by: Abdel Fattah Helmy

Safety Road





Guidelines for Using Hazard Lights

Illustrated by: Hossam Abdel Ghani

Inspector **Hamad**



Using hazard lights without a reason is a mistake. They are meant to show that a vehicle has stopped or that there is a real danger



Turning them on while driving can confuse other drivers and make them think the vehicle is broken down or about to stop suddenly



Hazard warning lights are used in these situations

When your vehicle stops suddenly on the road

To warn others of danger ahead

When stopping on the side of the road

If a traffic accident happens



And if a real emergency occurs, drivers may not be able to distinguish between a vehicle in danger and one using hazard lights without a valid reason



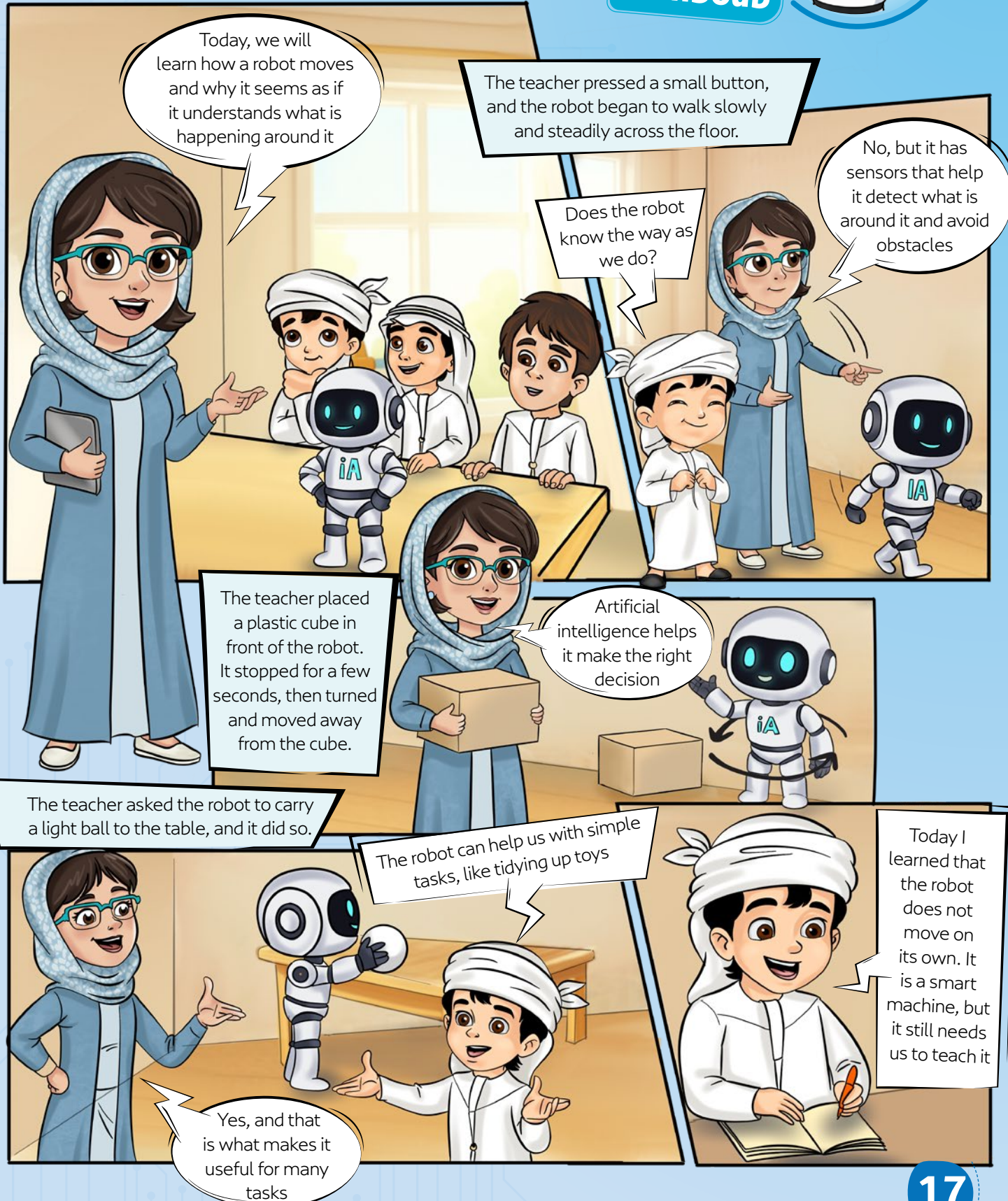
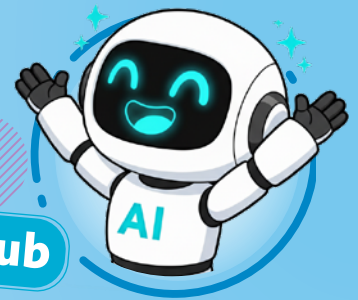
It also means the driver cannot use turn signals properly



How a Robot Moves and Helps

Prepared by: Artificial Intelligence and Data Science Centre (RTA)

Mahboub



Healthy Goals for a Happy Year

Illustrated by: Abdel Fattah Helmy

Prepared by: Hamda Al Mansoori
Dubai Health Authority

Miss

Weqaya



Our bodies need good food, so we have the energy to play, learn, and grow



A healthy meal is better than fast food and sugary snacks

Running in the park, riding a bicycle, or even tidying our room are great ways to stay active

Being active and energetic helps make our muscles strong and our hearts happy



Getting enough sleep and spending some quiet time are very important too





The Sloth's Slow Car

Illustrations: Youssef Halim

The Friendly Forest





One day, Police Officer Arnoub passed by and signaled him to stop.

