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Building a “Cabane”

Lucas is 15 years old and has embarked on a truly impressive project.

The hut is in a secret location in a forest near Brida. The hut was built by me and my friends aged 13 to 14. We started building the hut almost 3 years ago. We built the hut to be together and to have fun.

To build the cabin we used wood from the ground and tools like saws and hammers. To fix the wood together we used screws and nails. We are the only ones who use the hut and sometimes our parents. In the hut we have fun, and we create new things to make it bigger. For example, last weekend we created a swing that hangs from a tree above the hut and a launching ramp. This is all our idea.

We made our first treehouse when I was 7 years old, but it was destroyed. So, a friend's father said we could make it in his forest. To create the hut, we didn't make a plan, we just made it fit.

We are a group of ten. To build something new we all decide together. We quickly agree because we often have the same thing in mind. We go to the hut at weekends and on Wednesdays when there are no classes. During the holidays we go almost every day.

The hardest part to build was the hut itself because we were smaller, we were between ten and eleven years old at the beginning, and because it is the biggest part. The easiest part to build was the 4-meter tower.

For the future, we have the idea to make a zip-line and to continue the footbridges in the air. Thanks to this hut I learned to build things and to work in groups.

When you have the idea of doing something don't give up because you might miss out on something really good. Our parents say that we have done something very good and that we have had a good idea. They said we must not give up on the idea.

Later on, I hope my children will also have the idea of doing something like this and I will encourage them because thanks to the hut we have created a very solid group of friends.

Mysterious “Tommy”

Niki, from Azerbaijan met our bear “Tommy”. She tells what happened.

I want to tell you the truth about Tommy's life. He had a very long conversation with me before leaving his family in Brida.

I started my journey from very distant lands. I always wanted to visit wise people and not look at life only through the small windows of my room. So, I packed my bags and left my homeland.

I travelled to the light to reach my dreamland. I found myself in a country in East Asia. There I was greeted by a kind, hard-working and intelligent friend. I learned a lot about life from him. His books became my best friend and his thoughts showed me the right path. To be honest, I forgot all the tiredness of my soul in his house. He knew that I would continue my journey and leave his land soon, so he showed me another land and promised not to leave me alone as much as he could. I crossed rivers, mountains, forests and reached a land called Brida.

The people of Brida were very different from the people of other lands. Most of them were people who came from other places and lived there. Different languages, different customs, but they were all honest and friendly. Most interestingly, they spoke the same language they had learned there. Everyone respected each other's opinions. Religion, language, wealth, skin colour could not separate people. I fell in love with this city and decided to stay.

There, a friend who had made the city, welcomed me into his home and a new life began for me with that family. I learned more every day than the day before. We had a café there where we could easily talk about our problems, our joys and our nostalgia.

Honestly, I learned to socialize there and realized that no boundaries and walls can separate human beings. If humans themselves love to be together I learned humanity there from the founder of that city.

Each of us can be the same bear. He lived in Brida for a while and then the events of his life took him away from there. This bear can have different names in different places, but one thing is certain. He cannot move alone to be happy, to be useful, a lonely and isolated person cannot be happy for a long time. Those who make us happy can be our friends, our partner, our parents. The farther we go from our homes, the more we need friendship, empathy with others.



Cuban rice casserole

Ingredients (for 2)	Method
<p>300 g pork steaks or pork cutlets 1 tbsp soy sauce ½ tbsp honey ½ tbsp oregano, dried 1 clove(s) of garlic, more if desired ½ large onion(s) 1 tbsp oil 1 tsp. chilli paste or hot pepper paste, hot 100 g long grain rice ½ can tomatoes, chunky 200 ml vegetable stock or meat stock ½ can beans, white Salt and pepper</p>	<p>Preparation time approx. 30 minutes</p> <p>Cut the meat into strips and place in a bowl. Add the soy sauce, honey and oregano and mix together. Marinate covered for at least 1 hour, but preferably overnight.</p> <p>Peel and finely chop the garlic cloves and onion. Heat the oil and sauté the onion and garlic in it. Add the meat and any excess marinade and sear on all sides. Briefly sauté the chilli paste, add the rice and tomatoes and pour in the stock. Simmer, stirring occasionally, so that the rice is as cooked as possible when the liquid has boiled away.</p> <p>Finally, stir in the beans. Season with salt and pepper and serve.</p>



Who are you?

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You were wearing a short skirt, tights with heels and a blue coat. You asked me what the next stop was, but you didn't get off the bus. We talked for a few minutes and I got off at Brida Station.

I may have missed your advances at the time but realized later that you were trying to get to know me. I would love to meet you and see where it goes.

I was the guy with the blue puffy jacket, white, tall, short hair. If you are out there, contact me and hopefully we can get together.

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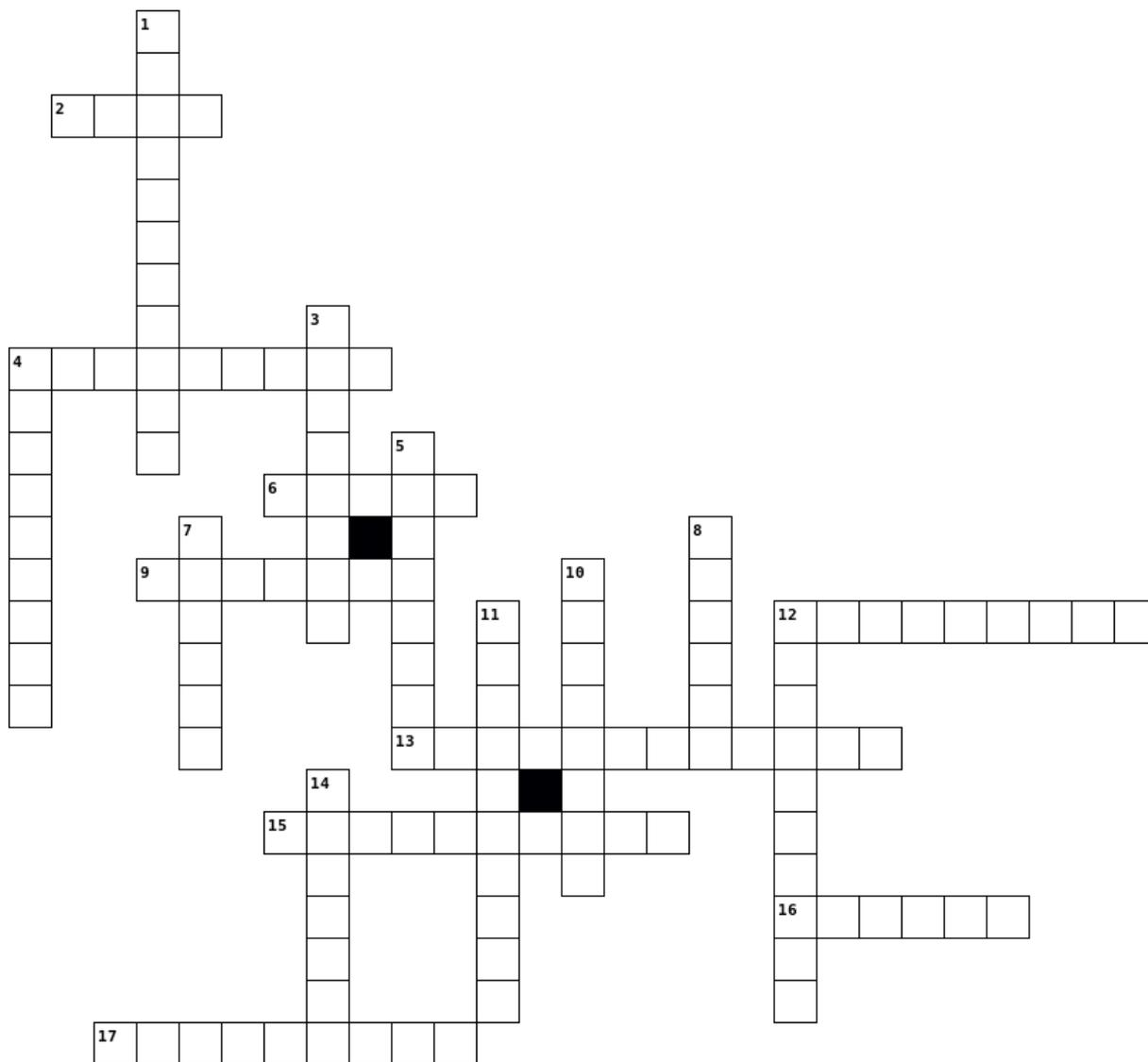
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The Crossword



Across

2. Waiter, can I have the ... please?
4. A tiny gherkin.
6. A category of films.
9. She embraced him with deep
12. A meaty, dark vegetable.
13. He has his own business, he is an
15. A shadow.
16. A young girl who looks after young children abroad. (two words)
17. Zucchini in Germany, Italy and the USA.

Down

1. Historical period after the dark ages.
3. When we go on holidays, we by one as a reminder.
4. A Professional driver for VIPs.
5. Her hair is brown, she is a
7. I do like eating a Black Forest
8. His wife is quite small, she is
10. A dish made from eggs.
11. I don't want to cook, let's eat in a...
12. To increase the speed of something.
14. This is my ... we will be married in June.

Solution 13/21

Across

3. bank.
5. Grocery shop
7. Bookshop.
12. Tourist information
13. Opticians.
16. Boutique.
19. Supermarket.
20. Town Hall.

Down

1. Kindergarten.
2. Bakery.
4. Library.
6. Bistrot.
8. Church.
9. Airport .
10. Garage.
11. Kiosk.
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