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"If you let the bad things stop you, you won't be here for the good things."

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"Don't ever let other people change the thoughts about yourself, because they will never know you as much as you know yourself. You don't live to be understood by other people, and so you don't have to live to satisfy other people. Live a life for yourself, not others. "

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"Quotes are meant to inspire us. Do what you want and you'll succeed. Hopefully that was inspiring."

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"Never give up on yourself because you're the only one who can 100% understand the pain, fear, and joy that you've gone through."

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"Stop taking your life seriously."



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3RD CONCERT COLORS

Busan Foreign School - Dance Club



Palette is a vibrant dance club filled with students who are passionate and interested in dancing. The current leader of Palette, Ewon Kim, quotes, "We are open to all dancers despite your level of dance skill! We are also open to song suggestions!"

Palette has recently held a major concert – Colors – in the gym to emphasize the uniqueness among the dancers performing in their own colors. The concert was divided into two parts at lunch from April 22nd to April 23rd to allow middle and high school students to pay a visit during their free lunchtime. Every week on Instagram, Palette uploaded a teaser video with a color representing each song to make students eager to watch their concert.

On April 22nd, the seats set in the gym were all occupied by students and teachers. The dancers were enthusiastic and delighted to have many audiences excited to see the concert which they spent countless hours to practice and prepare. As a leader, Ewon had many struggles gathering the dancers, planning the program, scheduling practices, and most importantly, teaching the choreographies to the dancers. However, her excitement to "perform in front of a live audience" had made "every struggle seem manageable". Ewon stated, "the entire experience was thrilling as well as nerve-racking. I was very excited to be able to dance in front of our school, yet I was nervous about this concert being the first concert that I am the only one in charge of."



After succeeding in their first exceedingly attractive concert in 2021, Ewon is looking forward to "dancing outside of school in front of a non-school-related audience". However, due to the pandemic, Palette and many activities in BFS were postponed from their original plans. Despite being in a devastating situation, Ewon is giving her best to organize and direct another concert: "We have an upcoming collaboration with our former leader, Ejew, and her university's dance club. For next year, I have a number of performances that I want to organize and perform during school events". The students and dancers are exhilarated to participate in the next concert!





UNDERCOVER

BUSAN FOREIGN SCHOOL'S

By: Bella Kim

VERY FIRST LITERARY & ART MAGAZINE

With May being the month of celebration, the creative writing class completed a stunning magazine to share the works created by the students of Busan Foreign School. The magazine, named Undercover, has not been published yet, but many are already thrilled to see the magazine released by late May. Many students who participated in creating the magazine have expressed their excitement to showcase the amazing works created by their fellow students all around BFS. The magazine covers a variety of topics from artworks to literature pieces such as personal essays and poems. Through voluntary submissions from students wishing to share their works, the creative writing class has successfully put together the very first art magazine in the history of BFS.



However, as with every project, the road to putting together the Undercover magazine wasn't all smooth for the students. All of the students from the creative writing class who were interviewed have recalled time management as one of their biggest struggles. Since the magazine was heavily reliant on the cooperation and participation from students outside of their class, the creators of the magazine had difficulty in receiving submissions from students in time. The delay in the submissions further led to a postponement in the editing process, making the end procedures rather rushed and packed. In addition, the Undercover magazine was created through a coherent teamwork among the students and as everyone knows, group work can be rather tricky at times. The students had trouble matching schedules, especially with everyone having conflicting and inflexible agendas.



Finally, while the name "Undercover" sounds like a perfect fit for the beautiful art magazine, the students had trouble getting this name agreed upon with deep and endless debates. Even though the difficulties in completing the magazine were rather rigorous and tough, the Undercover magazine definitely reflects the students' abilities to work through problems and move on as a group. The creative writing class cannot be more proud of their incredible achievement, as they should be. It is a privilege of Busan Foreign School to have such talented students, and we can't wait for the magazine to be published!



Book Recommendations

Last month, we released a small recommendations section on some of our favorite shows and movies. We hope you've enjoyed those recommendations, and for this month, we have recommendations for something a little bit different. Since a very long time ago, books have been a very popular source of entertainment and joy for hours on end, so the newspaper club has brought forth a few book recommendations.



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The Star Outside My Window

by Onjali Q. Raúf

The book "The star outside my window" is a touching story about hope. After learning about a new special star in the sky, 10-year-old Aniyah knows that the star has got to be her mother. After all, her mother had always said that the brightest hearts become stars. But, astronomers are planning to give the star a name that isn't Aniyah's mother. Aniyah and her friends go on a daring adventure to prevent this, but will they succeed?

(EXTREME CONTENT WARNING)

Jane Steele suffers from her predatory aunt and cousin, then at a grim school fighting for her life until she reached London. After years she discovered that her aunt has died and her childhood home has a new owner, Mr. Charles Thornfield, who seeks a governess. To know whether Mr. Charles Thornfield is a rightful owner, Jane starts to learn about Highgate House and many other secrets hidden in the house.

Jane Steele

by Lindsay Faye



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Grit

by Angela Duckworth

The book 'Grit' by Angela Duckworth is a book dealing everything about perseverance. The book analyzes the correlation of success and perseverance while talking about the psychological aspects of not giving up. Throughout the book, there are anecdotes and scientific discussions on the human mind: what is it about us that not everyone can be gritty?



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The 'Girl Online' series by Zoe Sugg

Penny Porter is ordinary a 15 year old girl who writes an anonymous blog with ID 'Girl Online' to be her true self and express how life sometimes really sucks. During Christmas, Penny visits New York with her family, where she meets a charming boy named Noah. Instantly in love, both make sudden, strange but heart-warming love. However, the new and sudden relationship slowly unveil secrets about each other, threatening to ruin Penny's secret cover as Girl Online.

LATEST UPDATE COVID-19 IN BUSAN

By: Youseung Kim

Unfortunately, the COVID-19 pandemic has not been kind to Busan nor South Korea for the past month. The virus continues to negatively impact a huge part of everybody's lives, and the numbers have been continually rising. Since last month's edition, South Korea has released one update on social distancing changes and guidelines. Then, the total number of COVID-19 cases in the country has risen to a staggering 125,000+. In Busan specifically, there were 5,100+ cases. Meanwhile, the average number of cases per day in South Korea has risen to about 450 to 700 cases per day.

In the most recent update regarding social distancing released by the South Korean government on May 3rd, the government announced that Busan will stay at level 2 social distancing. The maximum number of people that can meet together remains the same as last month, at 4. The government has also announced that its goal is to keep the number of confirmed cases per day under 1000 throughout the rest of May and June. If the number of cases is successfully maintained, the government plans to make changes to social distancing regulations starting in July.

Busan Foreign School still maintains several protocols within its campus to ensure everyone's safety, but we have not seen any major changes in recent weeks, with the school staying at its "Enhanced" level of safety learning modes.



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Children's

By: Val Kim

Day

May 5th, 1927

Living as a child in Korea just a century ago was tough. While children should have a similar level of respect as adults since they have equal rights as well, the Korean society did not care about this at the time. For instance, many children were hardly even given names and

were called 'this', 'that', and other words that are usually used to refer to things. They would be called like this until late in their adolescence and finally get a name as they enter adulthood. In addition, children were told to work for long hours on the farm or out in the market to sell food. This was because children were viewed more as an investment by parents to help with the family. To modern standards, this is unbelievable but this was how life was like for the Korean kids.



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From around the 1920s, voices started to rise that children also need equal rights as adults and need more respect. Hitting children in schools or at home was also criticized by many people since it was inhuman. On top of this new ideology, the various independence movements against the Japanese regime also boosted the idea that children need to be treated in a better way since society developed a theme of gaining equal rights for everyone. Finally, this resulted in possibly one of the most iconic holidays in Korean history: Children's Day.



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Children's Day was first officially started in 1927. Originally, it was said to be scheduled on the first day of May. However, this was later changed to the 5th of May because May 1st was already the holiday for Labor Day back then. On May 5th, there was a big parade for all the children where they all came out to the streets and paraded together. This was led by Bang Jeong Hwan, who is known as the creator of Children's Day. Just like Bang Jeong Hwan predicted, Children's Day became very popular in Korea. Children poured out into the streets and celebrated the rights that they deserved and adults gave presents to children as a symbol of respect.



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After Korea was liberated from Japan in 1945, Children's Day became an official holiday in Korea. On this day, children were not sent to schools and they were taken to places such as amusement parks or restaurants. With this day, laws were also established where it was prohibited to look down on children or beat them up just to the fact that they are smaller and weaker than adults.

It is shocking to know that what may seem obvious — children getting their names, not being hit, and getting equal treatments as adults — was not familiar to people just a few decades ago. In this context, we can realize how important Children's Day is since this day got rid of all the discrimination that children got and elevated their dignity to modern standards.



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Different

By: Val Kim

Types

of

Families

For hundreds of years, only a single type of family was believed to be 'normal'. This is where a family would consist of two parents and children or now known as the nuclear family. According to Time, nuclear families were believed to be the only family, and other families were not considered to be families in the past. However, this is different now since the number of nuclear families is decreasing rapidly. Instead, there are many new types of families that are replacing the original nuclear families.

The first type is called the extended family. This is when relatives including uncles, aunts, cousins, or grandparents all live together with a nuclear family to ensure financial securities and help each other. For instance, this type of family has an advantage over the traditional nuclear family in that they usually have a stronger financial ability since more people are joined together. Also, this type of family is able to help family members who cannot live by themselves such as elderly members or young people who cannot live on their own just yet. Especially with current circumstances such as the coronavirus, the extended family is becoming increasingly popular with more people looking for support from their family members.

Childless families are also becoming easier to spot in societies around the world. In the past, many people have argued that the core of a family is children. Children are who continue the pedigree of that family and lead the future of the world. However, that ideology is obsolete nowadays since children are not necessarily considered to be essential for a family to form. Childless families divide into two types: voluntary and involuntary. For example, involuntary childless families form when a couple cannot have children due to biological reasons that cannot be controlled. Meanwhile, voluntary childless families, which are more common, is about the belief of a couple where they might deem that they would not wish for children. LoveToKnow, a professional website that deals with many types of families, says that more and more young couples consider that having children could take away their opportunities of caring for themselves which is why they would rather not have children.

Another type of family that is becoming more prevalent in society is grandparent family. This means that the grandparents of children will raise or mostly care for the children in place of their parents. Grandparent families have been extant as well in the past, but they are more prevalent in recent years from the increase of female employment and divorce rates. At the moment, both males and females are at a good position for being hired which means that there are more families where both parents work. If their children are younger, they cannot take care of themselves while the parents are gone thus bringing in the grandparents for care. Another thing is that there are more divorced families which means that grandparents step in to help the single parent who raises the children. Experts say that the grandparent family will be more common in our society once life spans of people increase (grandparents are healthier for a longer time) and more families have both parents working.

There is no 'norm' for anything in 2021. This applies to how families look like and families are no longer the typical mother-father-children structure. Then, what is a family? As of today, a family can be defined as a group where the members can feel comfortable and support each other whether it may have an extension, childless, or with grandparents.



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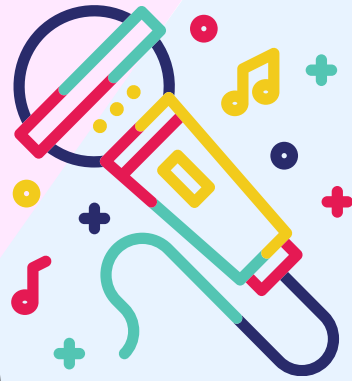
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INTERVIEW WITH ANDREW LEE

FROM 10TH GRADE

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How is life like in BFS?

Like in general, it just been a lot of stuff going on, especially because of the AP tests I've had. I'm happy it's over now. Life in BFS - school's kind of fun. I can engage in lots of sports and sports are interesting. There are lots of interesting after school clubs

Impacts of Covid?

There was a big impact last year because of online school for about 4 months. Obvious things like wearing masks, and other than that, nothing really changed.

How did you come to BFS?

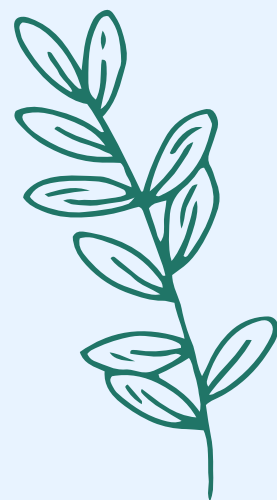
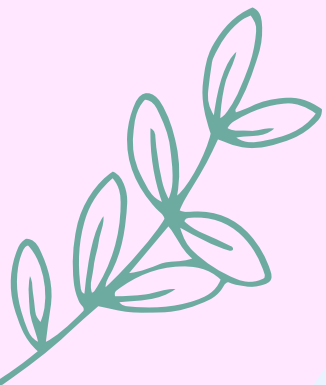
I've been here since nursery. My parents put me here when I was really little, so I don't know why I'm here.

Future goals?

Graduate quickly and go to college.

Any specific memory you remember from BFS?

Covid-19 was the most memorable because it was recent, and I didn't leave my house for a entire month, and it was really boring?



Q

INTERVIEW WITH JANITORS

권현숙 (KWON HYUNSUK)

A



How did you start working in BFS?

I was recommended to work here in my previous workplace.

Anything special about BFS?

Because it's a foreign school, I'm able to experience both Korean and foreign cultures. I think that's extremely special, and I love experiencing diverse cultures.

What do you like about working here in BFS?

All the staff, teachers, and students treat me like their family. I can always work in a comfortable environment because everyone is so warm and friendly for all the janitors.

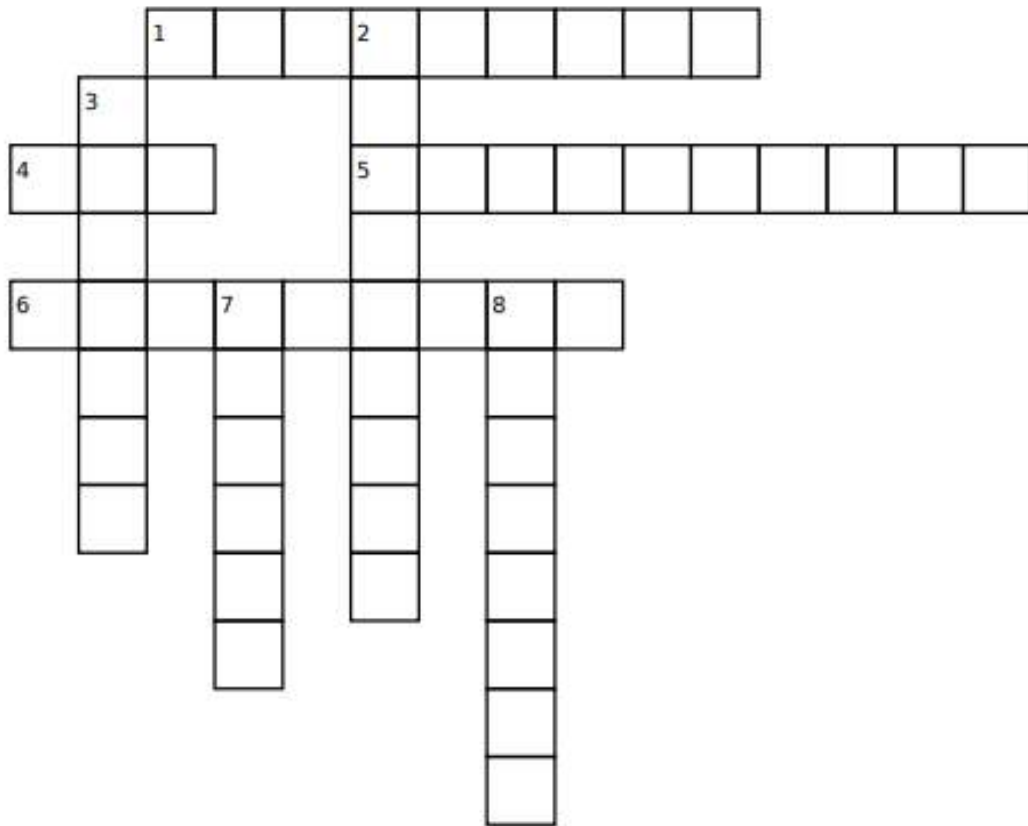
How has Covid-19 impacted you?

Thankfully, Covid-19 has not impacted me too much. There are obvious things such as changed safety protocols, etc., however, I've not had too big of an impact.

Do you have anything you would like to say to the students?

Thank you so much for always being so warm and kind, and I'd like to see you all grow up beautifully and healthily just like now.

GAMES OF THE MONTH

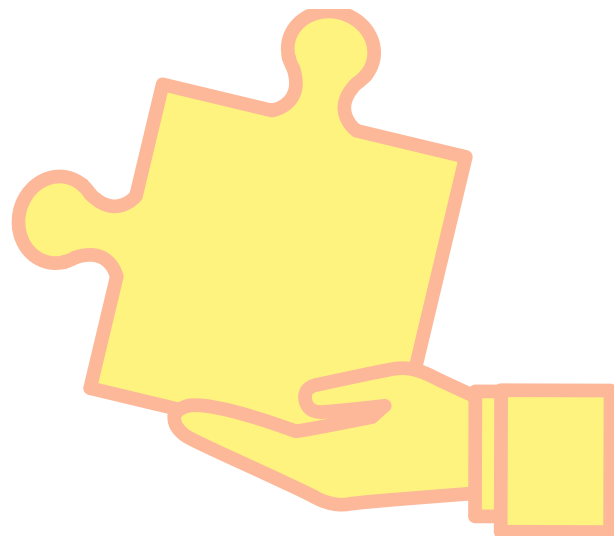
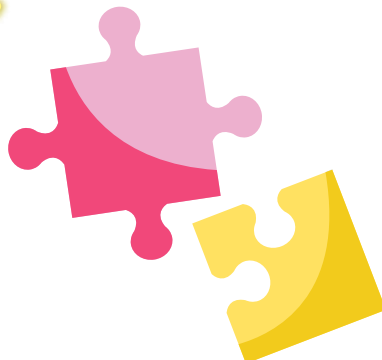
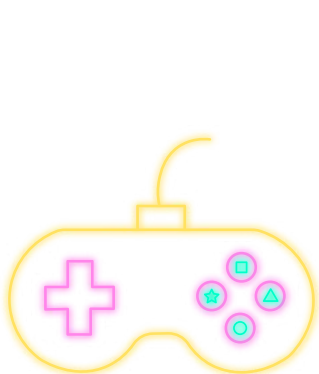


Down:

2. We receive this at school.
3. The name of the BFS dance team.
7. The place we go to learn.
8. A physical activity we do to be fit and healthy.

Across:

1. A section in our newspaper composed of questions and answers.
4. The month this newspaper was published.
5. The title of the BFS literary magazine.
6. What you're reading right now!



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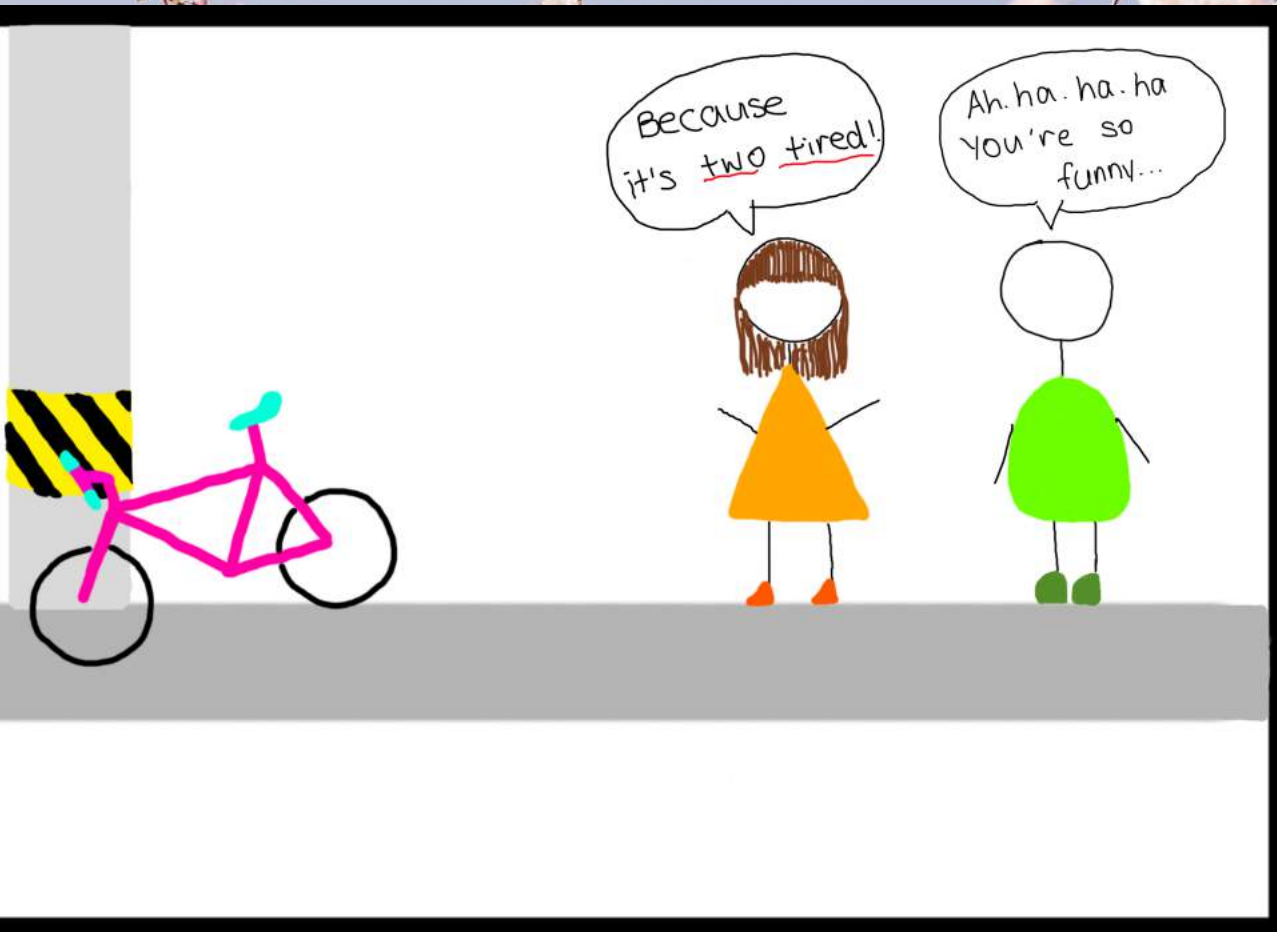
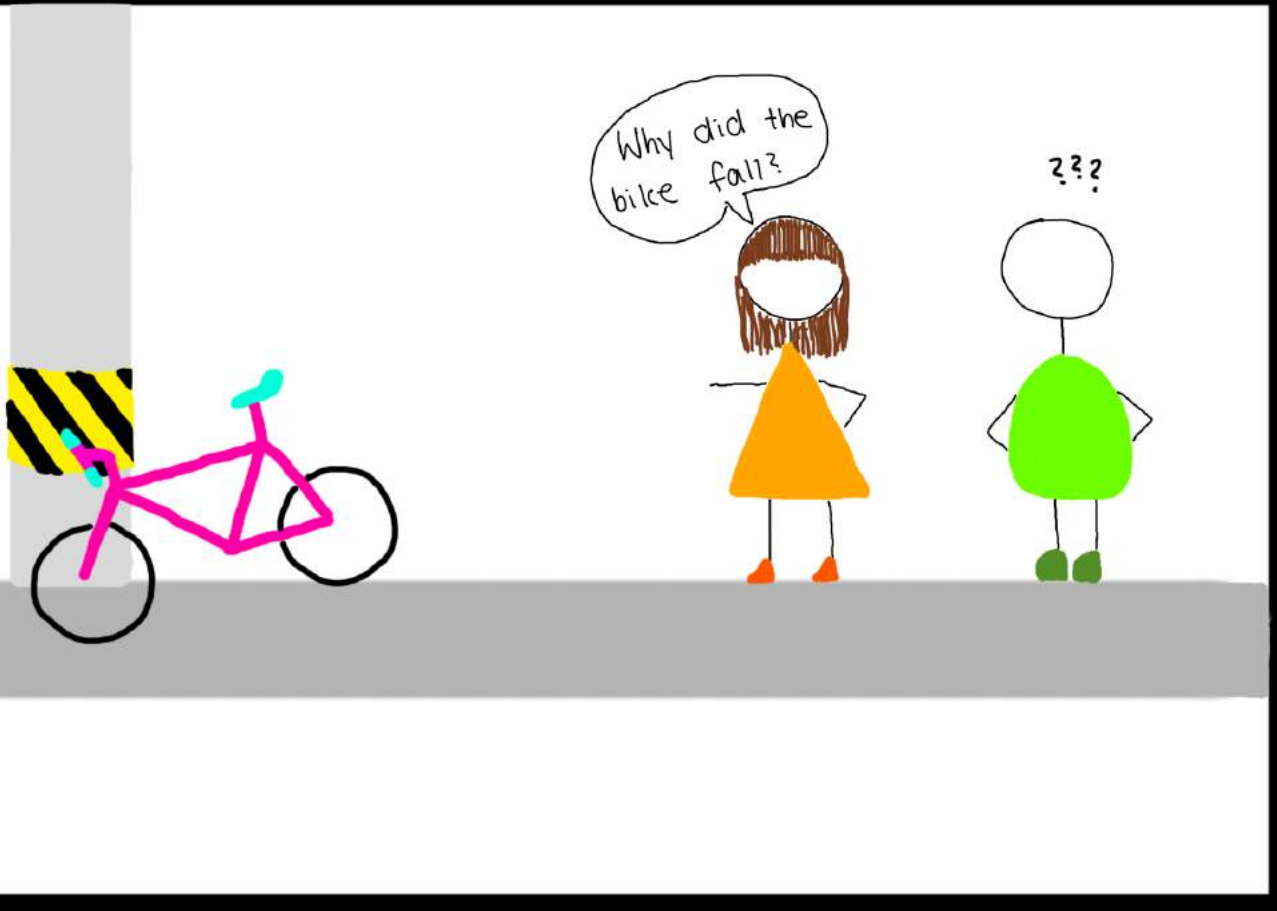
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