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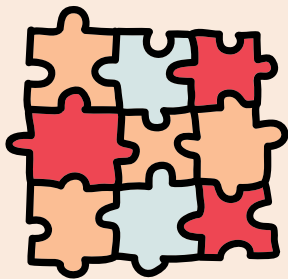
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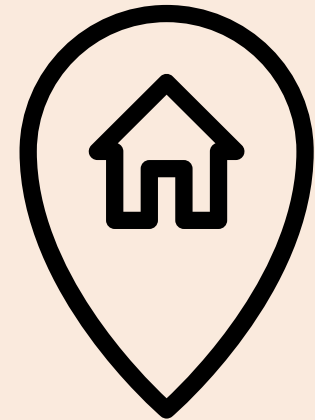
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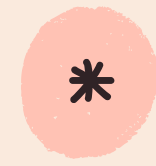
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FRANCE



Molière, cheese and Opinel knife



This song has been written by a scout band. This song has a double meaning, "La Caravane" is the name of the 14-17 scout units, and a Caravan (in english) is also a group of people travelling across the desert. So the song is about the travel of this caravan and the solidarity of its members



In english we would say "Chicken Fox and Viper". This game is a 3 team catching game . The Chicken have to eat the Viper Team, the Viper Team have to eat the Fox Team and the Fox Team have to eat the Chicken Team. In the basic version of the rules , you just have to touch your opponent to make him a prisoner. The winning team is the team with the most prisoners at the end of the timer.



Covid-safe activity

treasure search

An online treasure search through wikipedia. The rules are simple: all the teams begin in the same wikipedia webpage. The game master announced a destination : another wikipedia webpage. The first team to reach this page only by clicking on hypertext link win the game



FOR THE PIE CRUST

Sift the flour together with a pinch of salt in a large bowl. Rub in the butter until you have a soft breadcrumb texture. Add the egg to make the ingredients stick together and form a firm dough, then rest in the refrigerator for 30 minutes. Roll a large disk on a light floured surface and line a 27 cm/ 8.6 inch spring form. Prick with a fork and pre-bake the pie crust at 350F/180C for 10-15 minutes.

FOR THE PIE CRUST

- 1 1/2 cups (180g) all-purpose flour
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 cup (125g) butter
- 1 large egg

FOR THE FILLING

- 1/2 onion, peeled and finely chopped
- 1 Tablespoon butter
- 1 cup (200g) bacon, chopped
- 4 large eggs
- 1/2 cup (120 ml) milk
- 1 1/4 cups (300 ml) heavy cream
- 1 1/2 cups (150g) grated Emmental cheese
- Salt and pepper

FOR THE FILLING

Fry the onion with one Tablespoon of butter on low heat until the onion has softened, about 5-8 minutes. Fry the diced bacon in a frying pan for about 3 minutes. Whisk together the eggs, milk and cream. Add the grated Emmental cheese. Season with salt and pepper. Place the caramelized onions onto the pie crust and add the diced bacon. Pour the filling over and bake for 25 minutes at 350°F (180°C) in the lower part of the oven. The pie is done when the pie is golden and the filling has solidified. Garnish with fresh parsley and serve the pie warm.

GERMANY



Albert Einstein, delicious bread and black tents



This song is popular in all scout groups of Germany. The lyrics are about the campfire in the evening and singing together with their friends.





In this game one person needs to fetch the other. The “Dragon” (pls use vocals like “aaahhh” and “wwoooooohh”) is chasing after the princess (“mimimimimi” and “aaaahhhhh”). All other players are standing in pairs wide spreaded around. The princess can rescue herself by running to one of the pairs and keep standing in line. The person on the other side of the princess is now the new dragon to chase after the old dragon who instantly becomes the princess. If the princess got caught, the roles swap and the dragon becomes the princess and the old princess becomes the dragon.



story



Rübezahl

Rübezahl is a mountain spirit who lives in the Giant Mountains. There are many places there that belong to him, such as his garden, in which valuable medicinal herbs grow. Rübezahl watches over them carefully and has already played badly to many root collectors or learned botanist who have entered his area to steal precious herbs or roots.

Many strangers came to the Giant Mountains, especially Venetians, to look for gold or valuable metals. When they could not obtain the treasures naturally, they tried to force them from the mountain spirit through magic and evocations of the devil. But they had to feel his anger in a terrible way: with tremendous thunder and lightning he turned against them, and often they were only able to save their lives with great difficulty and great horror.

But Rübezahl also shows itself to be a benign being. A farmer was once in dire financial straits. In his distress he dared to turn to Rübezahl. He wandered into the mountains to seek out the mountain spirit. He appeared to the farmer and asked him what his concern was. The farmer replied: "I would humbly ask the ruler of the Giant Mountains if he might not advance me some money."

"With pleasure", replied the mountain spirit, "how much do you actually need?"

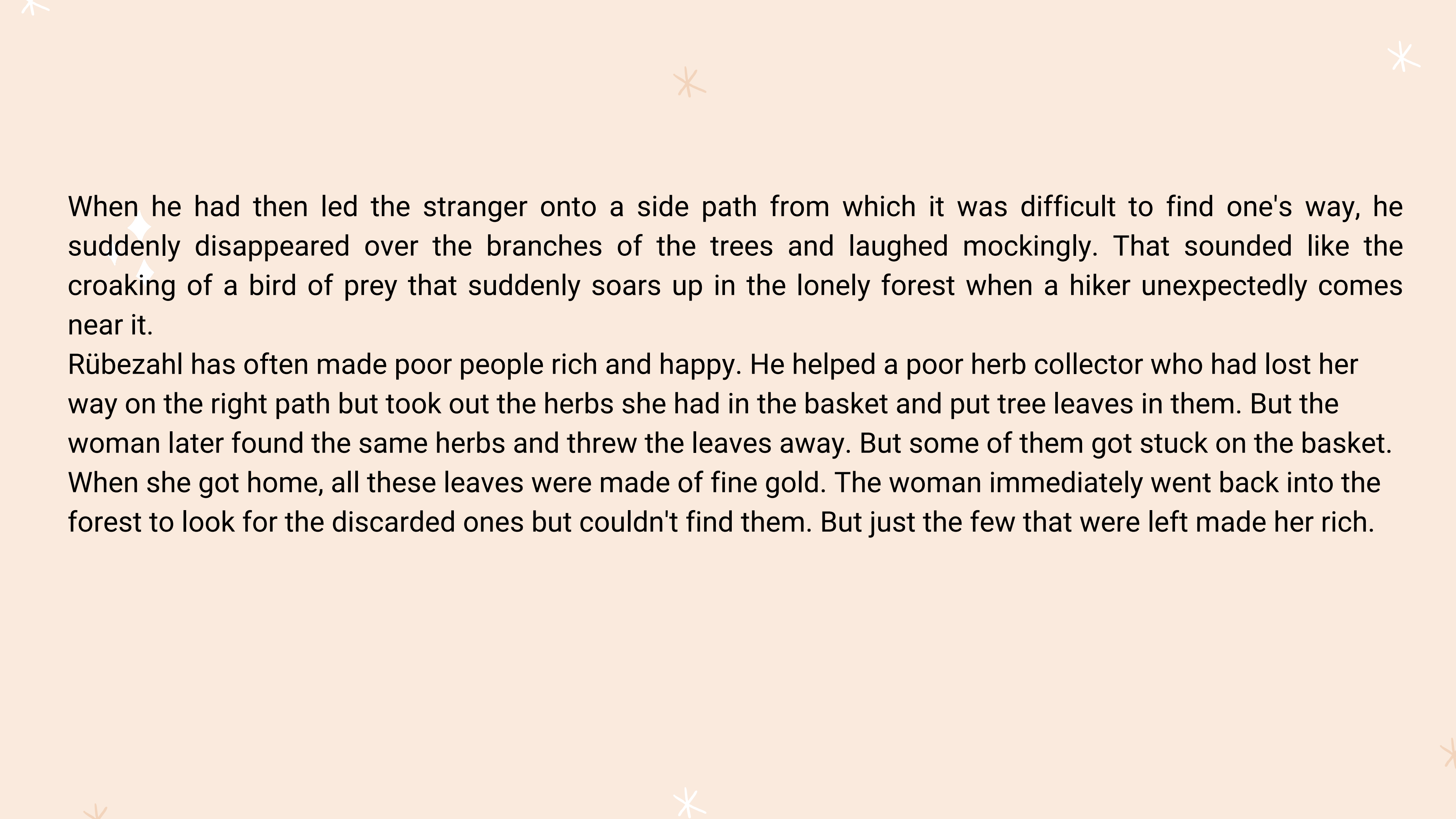
The farmer replied: "Mighty sir, could you lend me a hundred thalers? I want to deliver them to you here again over the year as an honest man."

Rübezahl then left and came back after a while. He brought a bag with a lot of money that he lent the farmer.

After a year the farmer reappeared in the mountains, in the same place as the previous year. There he met a man who looked very different from the one who had lent him the money. So the farmer hesitated and wasn't sure whether it was Rübezahl. When the man asked: "Where are you going, farmer?" So he replied, "I wanted to go to the mighty lord of the Giant Mountains and, as agreed, bring back the thalers that I got from him the previous year."

The ghost in disguise replied: "My dear farmer, Rübezahl has long been dead; go home with your money and keep it." Who was happier than our farmer!

Rübezahl liked to play jokes with people. Often, when someone did not know their way around the forest, they would accompany the hiker for a part of the way, disguised as a monk. During the conversation, he noticed that the other person could rely on him because he knew his way around the forest well.

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When he had then led the stranger onto a side path from which it was difficult to find one's way, he suddenly disappeared over the branches of the trees and laughed mockingly. That sounded like the croaking of a bird of prey that suddenly soars up in the lonely forest when a hiker unexpectedly comes near it.

Rübezahl has often made poor people rich and happy. He helped a poor herb collector who had lost her way on the right path but took out the herbs she had in the basket and put tree leaves in them. But the woman later found the same herbs and threw the leaves away. But some of them got stuck on the basket. When she got home, all these leaves were made of fine gold. The woman immediately went back into the forest to look for the discarded ones but couldn't find them. But just the few that were left made her rich.



Covid-safe activity

Paper camping

Building a miniature campingsite with paper



Elsässer Flammkuchen



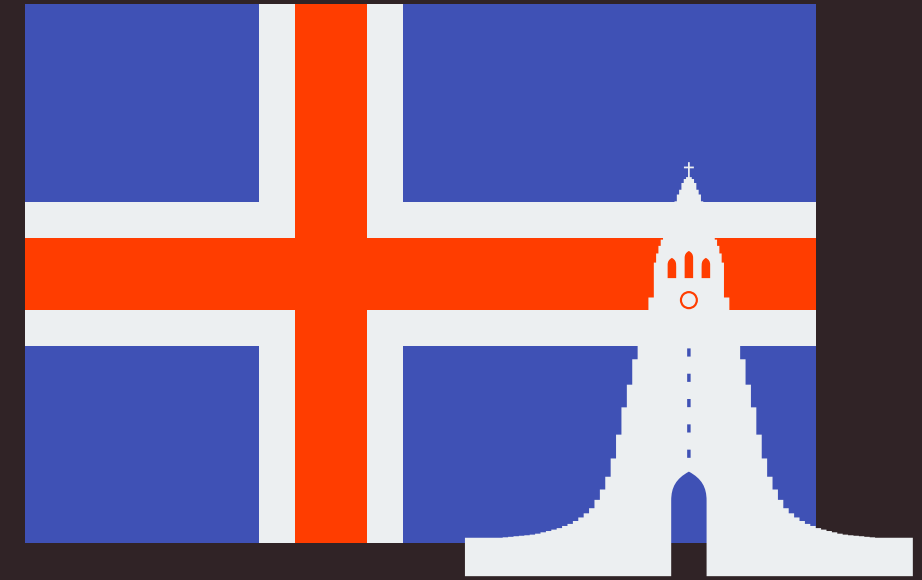
Recipe

Flour Type 550 (400g)
Handwarm water (¼ l)
Bacon (125g)
Sour cream (250g)
Salt and pepper

Fresh yeast (20g)
Oil (3 spoons)
Onions (500g)
Sweet cream (250g)

For the dough, mix the yeast with a little water. Leave it 10 min. Sift the flour into a bowl, add the yeast mixture, the rest of the water, the oil and a little salt. Now knead everything into a smooth dough and cover for it for 30 minutes. Put your bowl in a warm place. In the meantime, cut the bacon into fine strips and cut the onion into thin slices. Whisk the sour and sweet cream with salt and pepper. Quarter the risen dough. It is best to roll out each piece of dough on a large piece of baking paper into a wafer-thin rectangular sheet. Spread 1/4 of the cream mixture on each and sprinkle it with onions and strips of bacon. Put the tarte individually in the convection oven at 220 degrees and bake it until golden brown for 10-15 minutes. Variations: Top with Roquefort, mushrooms, pressed and salted garlic.

ICELAND



The Land of Fire and Ice



Song

Daði og gagna Magnið





This is a fun little game that Icelandic farmers used to play out in the fields during their downtime. It probably originated somewhere else (like most everything) but for me it's always connected to the thought of old Icelandic farmers using every available minute to have some fun. No equipment required.





Now I Would Laugh If I Were Not Dead

Two wives were arguing. “My husband is more foolish than yours!” “No, mine is the more foolish!” “Mine!” “No, mine!” This went on for a few minutes, until finally one wife said “No use arguing about it when we can prove it one way or the other. We shall each test our husbands and see which is the more foolish.” “Agreed!” So the wives went home and set to work. The first wife went through the motions of carding and spinning, but without wool. When her husband asked “Why are you scraping the cards together without any wool?” she said “Oh, but this is a very fine wool, and hard to see. I am going to make you a fine set of clothes from it.” And so she continued going through the motions. Carding, spinning, weaving, washing, cutting, and sewing. Her husband watched her go through all these steps with wonder and admiration, thinking his wife an amazing woman indeed.

Meanwhile, the second wife said to her husband "Why are you out and about? Don't you know you are very sick?" "But I feel fine." "No, you are very sick. You must go lay down." And her husband did. A few days later, she said [crying a little] "I have ordered the coffin" "But why?" "Silly man, don't you know you are dead?" "Dead?" "Yes, you died in the night." And so her husband lay very still, thinking he was dead. His wife washed him and dressed him in his best clothes, and he lay limp the whole time, just like a corpse. Then the coffin arrived, and she had him put in the it. On the day of the funeral, the first wife helped her husband dress in the fine new clothes she had just made for him. [look proud and pleased] He strutted around, thinking himself very well dressed when in fact he was naked as the day he was born. And so they joined the funeral procession for the second husband. Now the second wife had had a window put into the coffin, so her husband could see all the people in his funeral procession. Everyone in the procession was sad and sorry until they saw the first husband strutting around naked. Then they could not help laughing. And when the "dead" husband saw his friend naked, he opened the coffin, sat up, and said "I would laugh if I were not dead!" And then everyone realized that the two wives had played tricks on their husbands, and they laughed at both of them. The two wives laughed hardest of all. Then the first wife said to the second [laughing] "I convinced my husband to walk naked in clothes that weren't there, but you convinced yours that he was dead. You win the argument, your husband is the more foolish."



Covid-safe activity

Nature Bingo



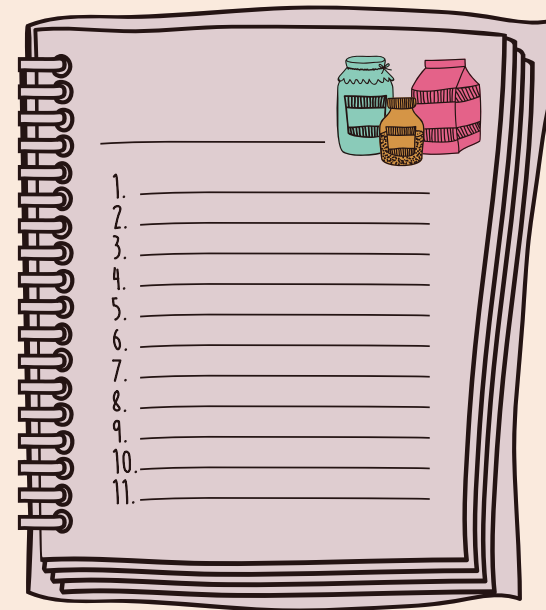
A fun game to play with family and friends out in nature. Think of 10-20 things that can be found out in nature. Then it's a competition between people on who can find all the things on the list first and get BINGO



Recipe

lamb soup!

Just skip the meat in the recipe to make it totally vegan, that version is also very delicious.



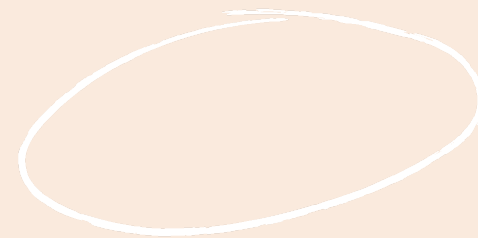
LIECHTENSTEIN



Small but mighty



Rääs - Weder dahaam





Scout Version of Hide and Seek

Set up three logs in a standing triangle. One person, "the seeker", will close their eyes and count to 30. In the meantime all other participants of the game have to hide. The aim of the seeker is to find the hidden participants, run back to the log triangle and call out "[insert Name] I found you [insert Location]". The aim of the hidden participants is to destroy the log triangle before any names are called out.



story



The Devil's Hole | Das Teufelsloch

For a farmer from Schaan, the work on his field in the Schaaner Riet* was too much. So he accepted an offer from the devil, who promised him to mow his field in one day, but the farmer accepted only with the condition that the work had to be done before the church rang in the evening. By evening, the devil was almost finished with his work and was looking forward to the farmer's soul when unexpectedly, he heard the evening ringing from the church. In the meantime, the farmer had gone to the sacristan to ring the bell one hour earlier that night. The devil took a thin tree and hurled it in anger with full force over the river Rhine. His anger and the force of the tree were so great that it knocked a hole into the Swiss mountains above Gams and Sax. From then on, the whole in the mountain was called the 'Teufelsloch' – the devil's hole.

*The Riet is a nature reserve with unique fauna and flora due to the moors, meadows, and ponds that spread across small parts of Liechtenstein. It is an ideal habitat for endangered animals and plants.



Recipe

Käsknöpfle



600g flour	8 eggs
1dl fresh water	a pinch of pepper
a pinch of nutmeg	a pinch of salt
Cheese	Onions

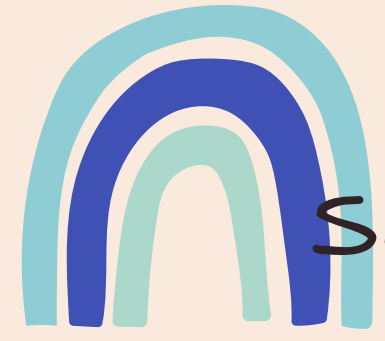
Place the ingredients in a bowl and mix them into a dough. Leave for 10-20 minutes. Then pass the dough through the special grater ('Knöpflehobel') into boiling, salted water (2 heaped tablespoons of salt). If you don't have a Knöpflehobel, just use the dull side of a cheese grater. Leave the small pieces of dough in the boiling water for a couple of minutes, then place them in a bowl, add grated cheese, and mix together. Fry onion rings in butter until they are golden, then place these on top of the dish and serve. Traditional side dishes are green salad, potato salad and apple sauce. In my family we serve it with applesauce!

*Enjoy :)

LUXEMBOURG



the world's last Grand-Duchy



Song

Héich de Bockel voll Gepäck





Set two lines, about 20m apart. One person is in the middle, the rest of the group is on one of both lines. The person in the middle calls out a color and shouts '1,2,3 Faarwekinnék'. Everyone tries to run to the other side and the person who is in the middle tries to catch them. Those who are wearing something in the color that was called out are 'immune'. Once you get to the other side of the line, you're safe. If you get caught, you need to help the person in the middle catch the others in the next round. Whoever survives the most rounds wins.



story



The myth of Melusina

It is said that the Count Siegfried (Siggy) of the Ardennes, who was living in Koerich, one day got lost during one of his hunting trips and found himself in the Alzette valley. While enjoying the view on an old Roman ruin from a cliff - the Bockfiels - , he heard someone singing with the most beautiful voice he ever heard. He looked around and saw that the sound was coming from a young woman sitting high among the ruins. It was Melusina from the Alzette valley. Upon his return to Koerich, the Count could not forget this beautiful woman and decided to return to the Alzette valley day after day until Melusina reappeared. Siegfried declared his love for her and asked for her hand in marriage. Melusina, flattered by such passionate love, accepted the offer on two conditions: she should never have to leave the cliff, and every Saturday, the Count should leave her alone and never ask what she would be doing with her time. Overwhelmed by his love, the Count swore he would uphold these demands.

In order to meet the first demand, he purchased the Alzette valley, including the Bockfiels, in exchange for his current properties, thereby founding what would become Luxembourg. As for the second demand, Siegfried never broke his promise to leave Melusina alone on Saturdays, but he became more and more devoured by curiosity. One day, pressured by his friends, he peeped through the keyhole and saw Melusina lying in her bath and combing her long blonde hair while humming the melody that first made him fall in love. What was his surprise when he saw that Melusina's legs had been replaced by a long and slimy fishtail! As he gasped in horror, Melusina realized her husband had broken his promise and jumped out of the window into the Alzette, never to be seen again. Rumors say that she reappears every seven years and waits for someone to free her from the river.



Covid-safe activity

Re-create your summercamp!

Have the kids recreate a miniature version of a Summercamp, with small tents, tiny constructions, etc; and send you a picture. You can make a competition out of it, or just let anyone share their creativity freely.



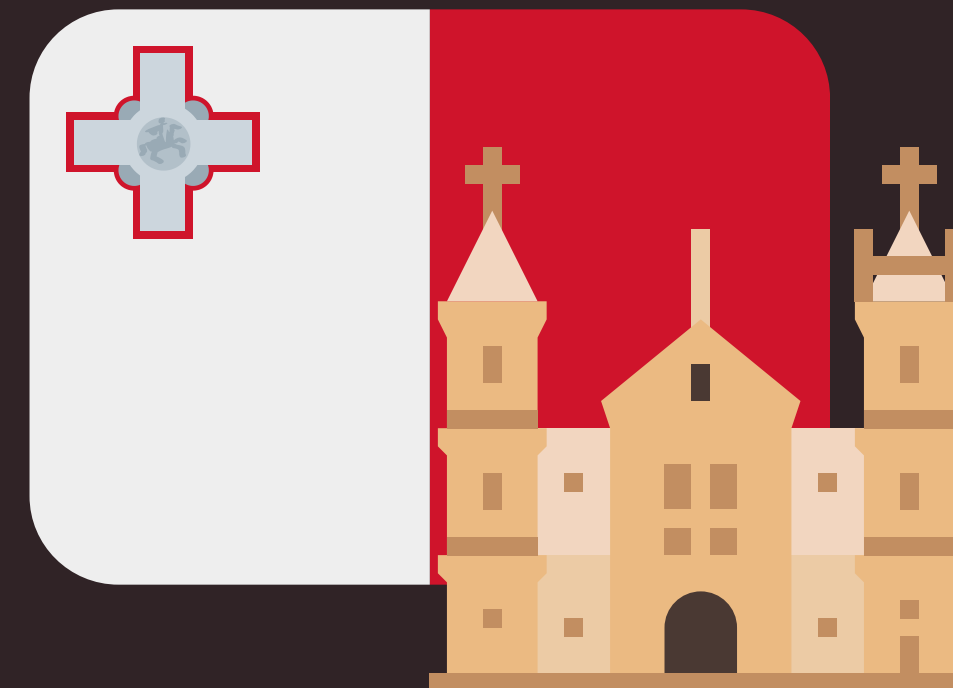
Recipe

Kniddelen

500 g flour 1 tablespoon salt
3 eggs Enough milk to make a thick batter
60 g butter Strips of smoked bacon
For cooking the kniddelen: 5 liters salted water

First get the water boiling. Add plenty of salt. Sieve the flour into a deep bowl. Make a well in the flour, and add the eggs and tablespoon of salt. Start beating in the eggs and salt, and meanwhile slowly add enough milk to make a thick batter. It should stick to the spoon when you pull the spoon out. Start dropping the dough into the boiling water by teaspoonfuls. They will sink: when they rise, they're done. Use a slotted spoon to remove them to a bowl into which you've scooped out some of the salted boiling water. While the kniddelen are cooking, fry or grill the smoked bacon. Drain and chop up well. Melt the butter. When all the kniddelen are made, take them out of the warm water, drain them briefly, and mix the bacon with them: pour melted butter over the top. Serve.

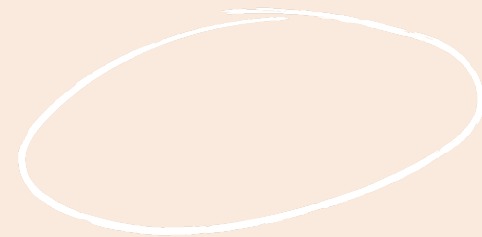
MALTA



The island with chapels/churches enough to
visit one every day of the year.



Xemx u Xita





Brilli is a very old game with roots stretching back before the arrival of the Knights of St. John. Brillli resembles bowling in a way because it's played with skittles and a ball. Brillli is an outdoor game played with 9 wooden skittles and relatively light wooden ball about the size of a grapefruit.

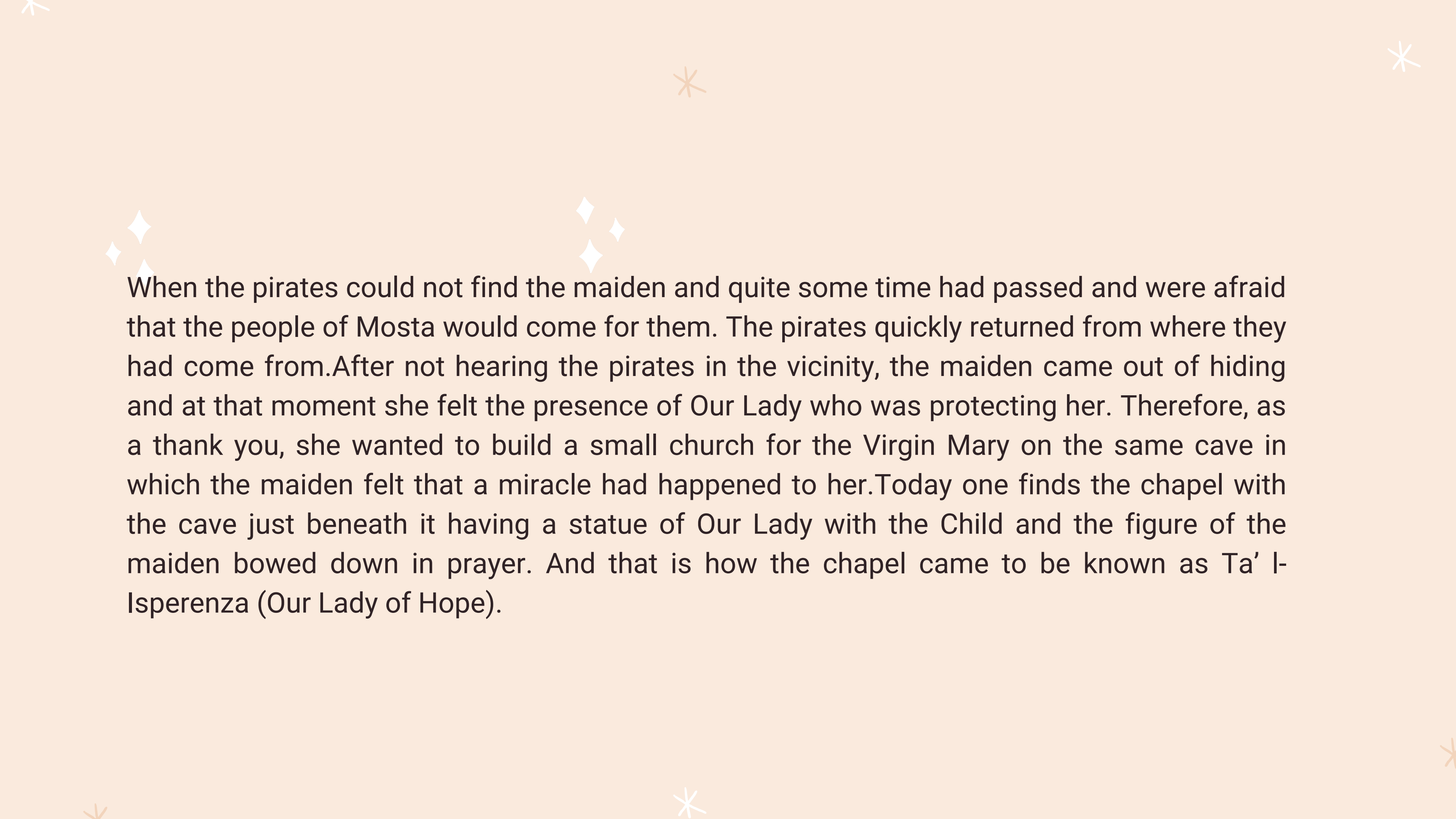
The rules that have to be followed are the following: All the skittles are arranged in a square-diamond shape. The aim of the game is to knock down the pins and score points. The object is to get exactly 24 points. If someone surpasses this number he is out of the game straight away until the next round. Different pins have different names and values. The centre one is called is-sultan and is worth 9 points. The corner skittles are known as is-secondi and have 6 points. The remaining pins are called qarmuc and only have 1 point each. At each turn the player gets two goes with the ball. The first try is thrown from an agreed point and the second try from where the ball stops after the first throw. To make it a bit more interesting, the first throw scores differently than the second. The first throw counts double, if, however, more than one type of pins is knocked down on the first throw (is-sultan, is-secondi and qarmuc), the player only gains 2 points for each pin.



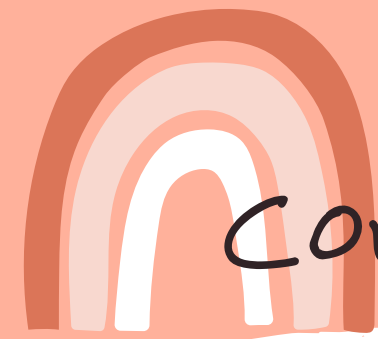
The Legend of the Chapel of Hope

The old people used to hear their predecessors mention that once while a young maiden was working in the fields just outside the village of Mosta, she saw a group of barbarian thieves (pirates) coming after her. The maiden ran towards the village and the Muslims followed close behind. Whilst she was navigating her way through the valley, she started to get tired due to her limp and was afraid the pirates would catch her. The maiden came across a cave that was nearby and decided to hide there until the danger passed. There the terrified maiden prayed to the Virgin Mary to protect her from the pirates which were after her and to help her survive the ordeal. Throughout all this, a spider spun a few big cobwebs that covered the entrance to the cave. When the pirates arrived in the valley and did not see the maiden, they began to look for her in every nook and cranny to see if she was hiding somewhere. They came close to the cave the maiden was hiding in but after seeing that the cobwebs were still whole, they thought it would not have been possible that the maiden was hiding in that cave.





When the pirates could not find the maiden and quite some time had passed and were afraid that the people of Mosta would come for them. The pirates quickly returned from where they had come from. After not hearing the pirates in the vicinity, the maiden came out of hiding and at that moment she felt the presence of Our Lady who was protecting her. Therefore, as a thank you, she wanted to build a small church for the Virgin Mary on the same cave in which the maiden felt that a miracle had happened to her. Today one finds the chapel with the cave just beneath it having a statue of Our Lady with the Child and the figure of the maiden bowed down in prayer. And that is how the chapel came to be known as Ta' I-Isperenza (Our Lady of Hope).



Covid-safe activity

Battleship



The objective of the game is to find and sink all battleships prepared by the Leaders.

Prepare an empty grid using Excel, eg 10 x 10. This will be shown to the Scouts, along with some notations. You or another leader has the answer key (location of the ships) in front of them. The Scouts will call out a grid location and depending on whether there is a ship or not, fill the box accordingly.



1 Maltese Sausage, remove casing
¼ white cabbage, shredded
tbsp soy sauce
1 tbsp white sesame seeds

1 tsp coriander seeds
2 carrots, shredded
1 tbsp black sesame seeds
100 g vermicelli rice noodles

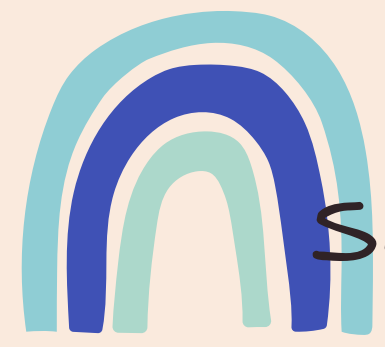
Instructions:

1. Fry the maltese sausage meat and some coriander seeds until meat is cooked.
2. Add the white cabbage and carrots.
3. Add the soy sauce and sesame seeds. Adjust the soy sauce according to preference.
4. Cook the rice noodles according to the instructions on the packet.
5. Put the cooked rice noodles with the sauce and mix.
6. Plate the mixture and enjoy.

SERBIA



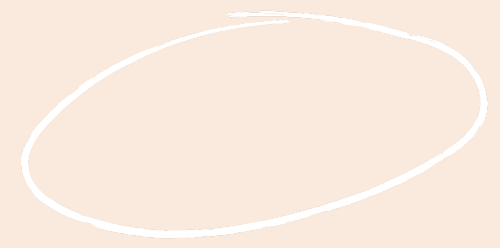
The country of promaja, sports and Nikola Tesla



song



scout song





Participants form two teams with equal number of members. All of the participants are assigned a number from 1 to n , n being the total number of members per team. For example, if there are 5 members in Team A, they will be assigned the numbers from 1 to 5 and same applies for the members of Team B. The two teams stand on the distance of 20 meters facing each other. In the middle there are matches or a knot. The person who facilitates the game says one number, for example 4 and participants from each of the teams who have that number run towards the middle trying to grab the matches before their opponent does. The goal is to take the matches and not be touched by the opponent. If the matches are taken by the opponent, you should try to touch them before they run back to the rest of their team. When trying to touch the opponent you are allowed to take one step over the imaginary line that is drawn across the middle of the playing field. If you take the matches without getting touched by the opponent you score one point. The team who scores 10 points first wins.

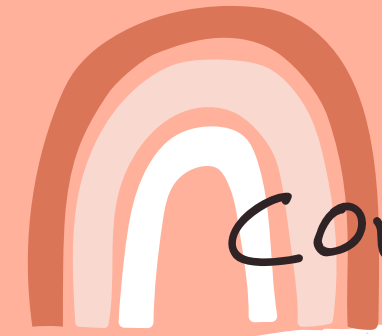


story



vampir

Few people know that the word vampire actually originates from Serbian language, more precisely from the word “vampir” (cyr. “вампир”). It all started somewhere in 18th century when creepy reports of mythical creatures started appearing from Balkans in Europe. First mention of vampires is in a written source in Austrian magazine “Vossiche Zeitung”, number 98, published in 1725. Magazine writes about a village Kisiljevo in today’s Serbia, but then in Austria, where certain Petar Blagojević died, and after him, 10 more people in the next 24 hours. Authorities from Vienna sent doctors and found that Blagojevic was lying in the coffin alive and the with blood on his lips. After that they penetrated him with hawthorn stick and fresh red blood emerged from his body, ears and nose. Locals burned his body.



Covid-safe activity

Topograf



A group of young scouts from Serbia created an Instagram page “Topograf” (@topograf_rs) in order to promote scouting within young people. They organised many online activities including different challenges, competitions, interviews, live streams etc



800 g of pork or veal fillet

30 g flour

30 g bread

oil

80–90 g of seasoned kajmak

An egg

crumbs

salt

Slice the fillet so that you get a sizable steak. Pound the meat until it is thin and soft on both sides. Make one edge of the steak thinner so that it could stick easily once the meat is rolled up. Spread kajmak along the thicker edge and roll the meat into a cylinder shape. Coat the stuffed meat with flour and remove the excess flour. Then dip it into the beaten egg on all sides and then in the bread crumbs. Then roll the meat on a clean surface so that the bread crumbs stick better. Fry in hot oil until golden yellow.

SPAIN



The country of the mop, the deck of cards and the guitar



Mowgli frog runs and jumps,
with the wolves he goes hunting,
brave for the jungle,
fear nothing of Shere-Khan.

On the council rock,
knows how to make the great cry,
and has learned to ignore,
of the Banderlog monkeys.

As Akela protects you,
was admitted to Seonee,
and he gradually teaches everyone to smile.

Obey the old wolf
always tells the truth,
always happy, always ready,
always helps others.
Always helps others.



Canarian wrestling is a fighting sport native to the Canary Islands (Spain). It is characterized by the ability to take advantage of the opponent's strength and not to seek to hurt him, but to unbalance him until he touches the ground with any part of his body other than the soles of his feet. To break the opponent's stability, it is not allowed the fight on the ground, as with other modalities, nor any kind of keys. When two fighters meet in the center of the field, they shake hands as a sign of friendship, nobility and tradition. They begin the grip by facing each other and each one introduces their left hand into the right cuff of the opponent's pants. They bend their bodies forward at the waist, until their shoulders are straight together, at the same height. Placing the right arms in a vertical position, join the palms of the hands and lower them until they touch the ground with the tips of the fingers. At that moment the referee gives the signal and the fight begins. The round will last a maximum of one minute and a half. The fight takes place within a circle of sand with two central circles with a diameter of 15 and 17 meters each, called terrero. In it, two fighters face each other while trying to knock themselves down. In team mode, the winner is the one with the most fighters standing at the end of the match.




story



Guaiota's legend

A Guanche legend tells that an evil god, called Guaiota, lived inside the Teide volcano. When he got angry, he unleashed a hell of fire and destruction. To calm their fury, the natives of the island of Tenerife left offerings of crafts and food at the mouth of the volcanic cavities at the foot of the mountain. Guaiota was jealous of the adored Magec, the Sun god, so he set a trap for him and trapped him in the volcano, plunging the world into darkness. The Guanches pleaded with Achamán, the supreme god, to intervene and free the sun from its captivity. After a fierce fight, Achamán defeated the evil one. He imprisoned Guaiota inside the Teide and so that he would not escape, he plugged the crater with a whitish cone crowning the volcano, known as the Sugar Loaf. It is said that Guaiota never died, and has been sleeping since then in the heart of Teide, waiting to wake up.



Covid-safe activity
visiting the museum

In a multiple video call, the scout leader has a roulette with the name of different artists on it (photo or name) like Rafael, Van Gogh, Picasso, Dali, Rubens.... He'll spin the roulette once per scout who is in the call linking each one with the name of an artist. After that, all of them should switch off their camera and they'll have 5 minutes to think / google any piece of art of that artist if they don't know which one and the objective is to recreate the scene in their house. Then they'll switch on the camera at the same time so they'll have to guess which piece of art each one is representing and vote for the best one.



4 Potatoes	6 -8 Eggs
Onion	Olive oil
Salt	Milk (optional) *

Peel the potatoes and the onion, and cut them into thin slices (3mm approx) and then put them to fry to the highest level of fire in a pan with olive oil. Once the potatoes and the onion are soft enough and a little bit golden, remove them from the fire. Take a bowl and shake the eggs with a half spoon of salt and a quarter glass of milk. Once the eggs are totally shaken, add the potatoes and the onions you removed from fire and smash them a bit inside the bowl. Remove the oil used previously to fry the potatoes from the pan leaving just a little amount and put the content of the bowl on it. Set the fire to the middle. Once the egg starts to thicken, the most difficult part of the process comes. Turn the omelette. TO help in the process, cover the pan with the most plain dish you have at home and that covers the whole pan. Then press in the middle of the dish and turn the pan. The omelette will be in the dish so you'll have to put it back in the pan to cook the other side. Repeat this process for a couple of times depending on how spongy you want your omelette and remove it in the last turn when you think it's done.

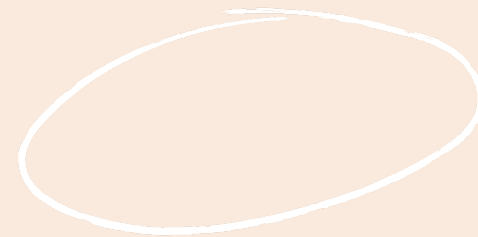
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Little Big Country



The song is about Slovak landscape and nature. The singer claims there that he likes Slovakia





The players split into pairs and stand in a circle. In a pair, one player (A) squats and the other (B) stands behind him with his hands behind his back. One player (Z) in a circle does not have a pair. Only players who squat are looking at him. He chooses one squatting player (A) and blinks his eye clearly. If the squatting player (A) picks up the signal, he can get up, run to him and touch him within 10 seconds. The task of the second player (B) is to catch player (A) and prevent him from escaping. If the escape is successful, the blink passes to the abandoned player (B). If the attempt fails, the pair changes functions (squatting, guarding). The lone player (Z) must look for another squatting player.



story



Alžbeta Bathor

Alžbeta Bathory was a wealthy and powerful woman in the 16-17th century . Yet, as many women do, she couldn't stand the inevitable process of getting old. She was ready to do anything to preserve her youth and beauty – even kill hundreds of maidens and bath in their blood! This cruelty made her famous all around the world, often being nicknamed “Female Dracula”. She was also sentenced to serve life in home imprisonment for it. Thought she owned many castles, it was the one in Čachtice where she committed most of her bloody deeds and it also became her cell. She died here being 54 years old. As there is no official grave for her and locals were scared of this evil woman even after her death, Alžbeta's remains might be still somewhere in the castle –most probably walled!



Covid-safe activity

Painting time

Paint a picture of a member of your household



1 cup flour
1 potato
1/2 teaspoon salt
5-7 slices of thick bacon

1 egg
1/3 cup water
5 oz bryndza OR sheep feta
mashed with 1/4 cup heavy cream
salt to taste

Finely grate the potato into a bowl, keeping the juice. Add flour, egg, and salt, and stir with a wooden spoon. Add water and stir until all the lumps are smoothed out. If the dough is too runny, add flour; if too thick, add water. In a large pot, bring water to a boil and add salt. Transfer the potato dough into the boiling water by cutting off small chunks with a spoon or using a spaetzle maker. Gently boil all halušky for 7 or 8 minutes, until they all float to the top. Meanwhile, fry the bacon and dice it into cubes. Strain the halušky and mix with bryndza. Sprinkle the bacon on top and pour the rendered bacon fat all over. Salt to taste and serve immediately.