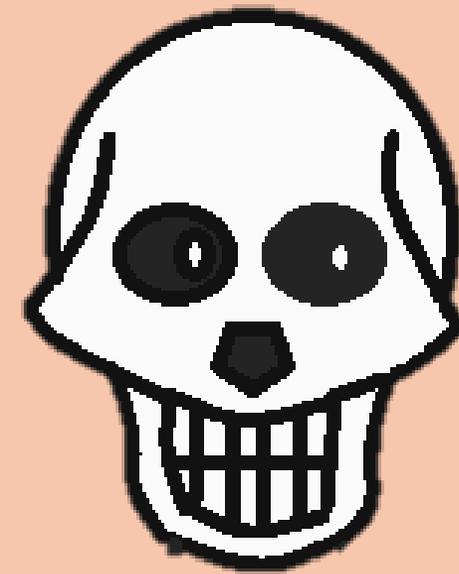
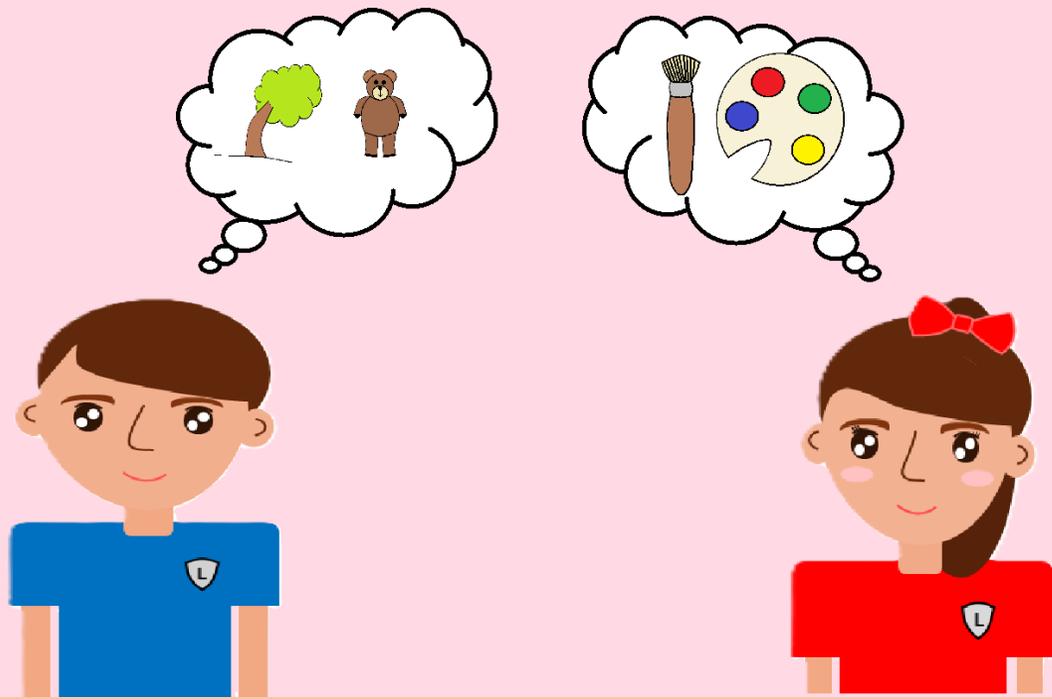


# The Missing Skull with Lek and Luca



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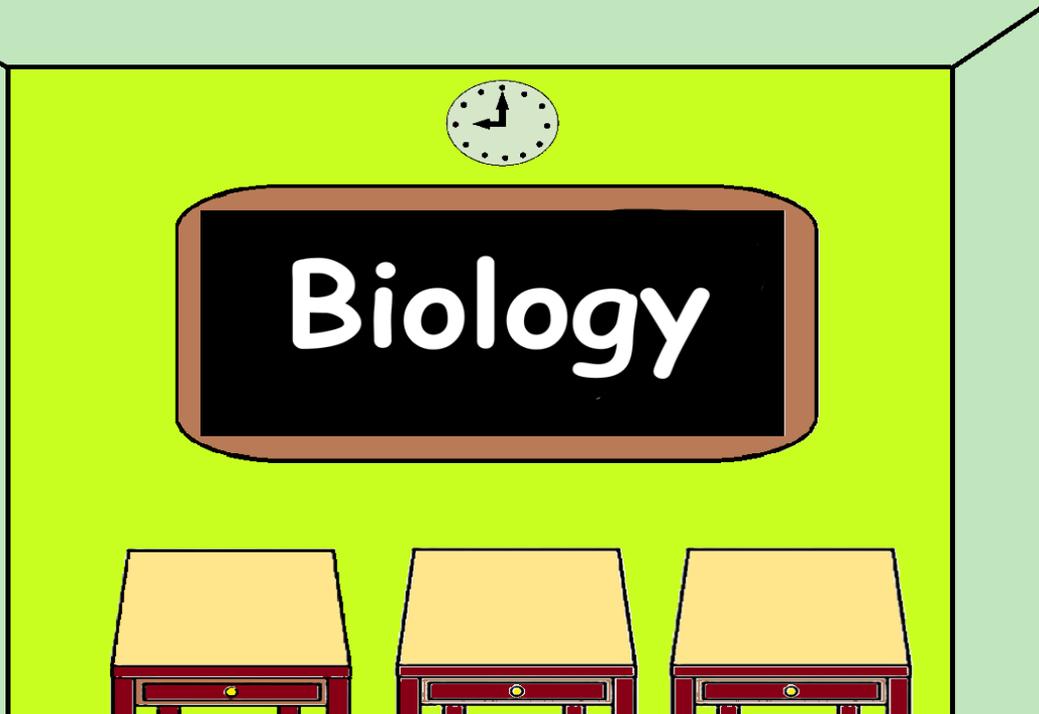
"That's lucky because we have a biology class tomorrow and Ms. Hume has a special surprise," said Lek.

"I wonder what it could be?" Luca replied. "Maybe Ms. Hume will bring in a plant, or an animal such as a mouse."

Lek and Luca were discussing their favourite lessons at school. Lek was sure that art was her favourite lesson, while Luca really enjoyed science classes.

"My absolute favourite has to be biology because I love learning about nature, bodies and ecosystems," Luca said.





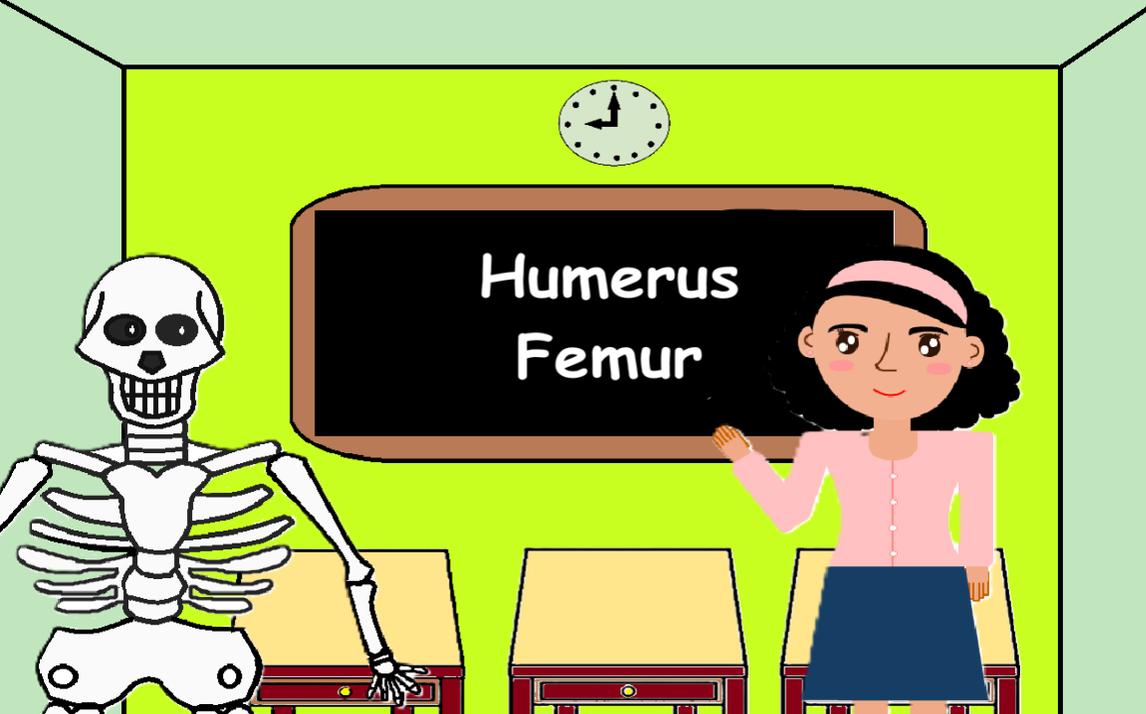
Ms. Hume entered the classroom, but she wasn't alone. In her arms she carried a large skeleton.

"Good morning class, today we have a new student, and his name is Jimmy." Everyone laughed.

"Only joking, this is what we'll be studying today," Ms. Hume said.

The next day Lek and Luca arrived at school and were excited to find out what the surprise would be in their biology lesson. All the students took their seats and waited for Ms. Hume to arrive.

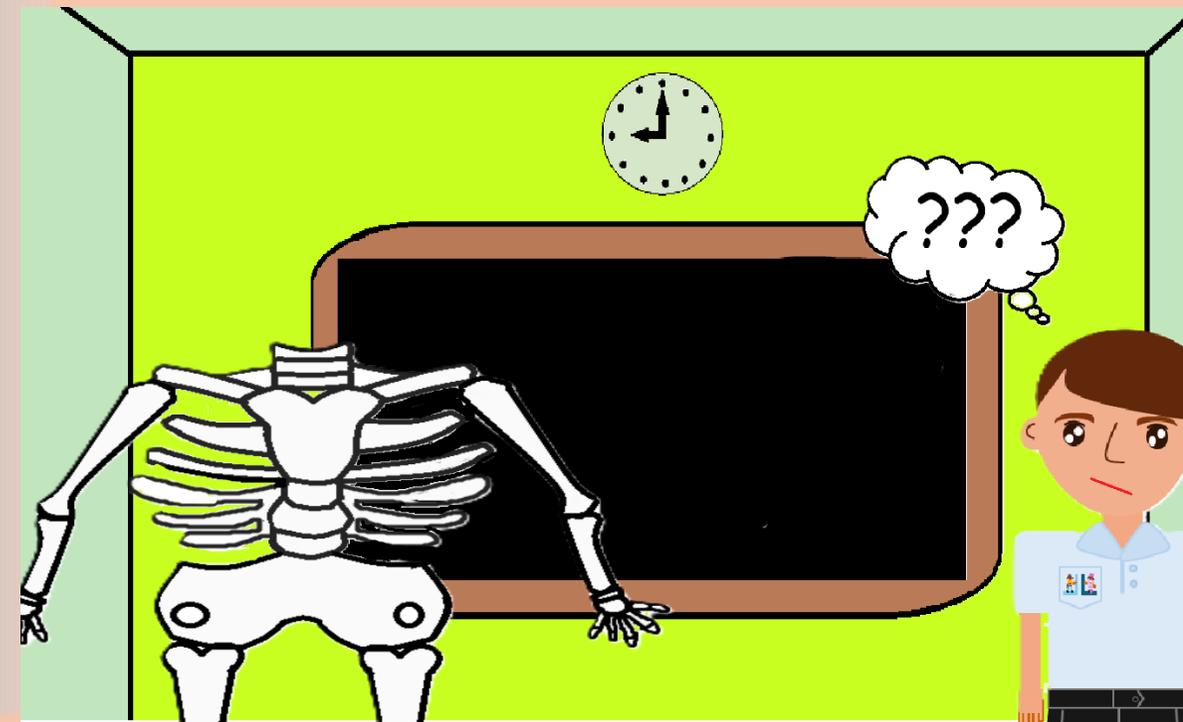


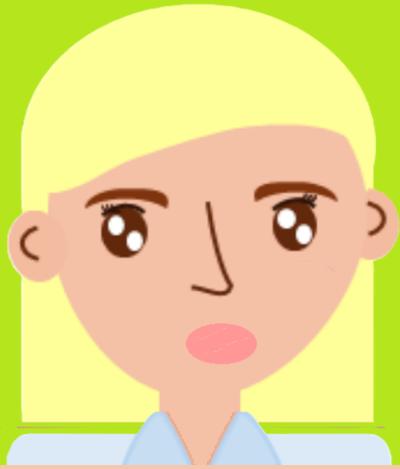


The next morning Lek and Luca arrived in class and there was a lot of excitement. "It seems that Jimmy's skull has gone missing in the middle of the night," Ms. Hume informed the students.

"There's no need for panic, but can everyone keep an eye out for poor Jimmy's head around the school, thank you."

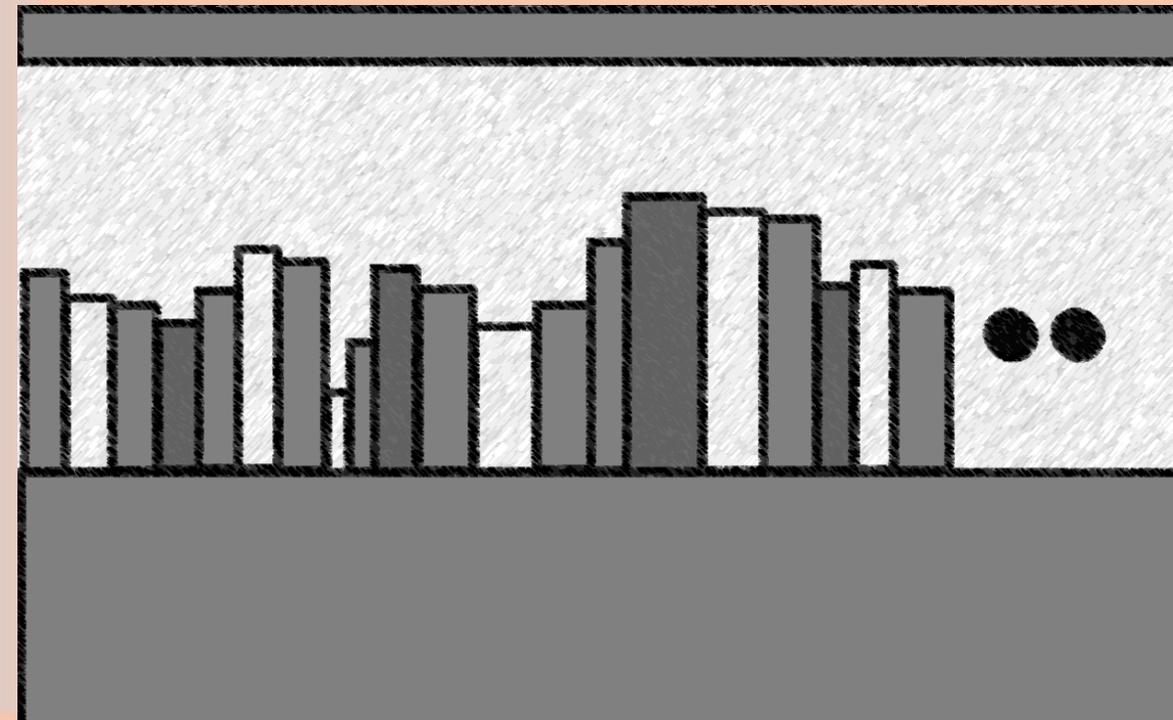
Ms. Hume used Jimmy the skeleton to explain different parts of the body, including the names of bones such as the femur, in the leg, and the humerus, in the upper arm. Once the lesson was over Jimmy was placed in the corner of the room and looked just like any other student listening to the teacher.



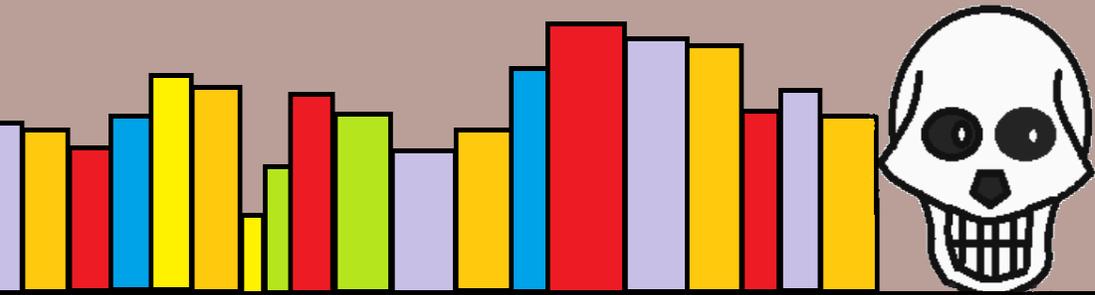


Later that day Luca remembered he needed a book from the school library. When he entered the library, the lights were switched off, which was a bit odd for the middle of the day. As he looked for the light switch, he saw something that made him very afraid. On a dark shelf he saw two very large black eyes.

He fumbled with the light switch.



The students had many different ideas about where Jimmy's skull could be. Some students thought it had been kidnapped, but with no ransom note this seemed unlikely. Other students thought the head had floated away like a ghost, and this really scared some of the younger members of the school.



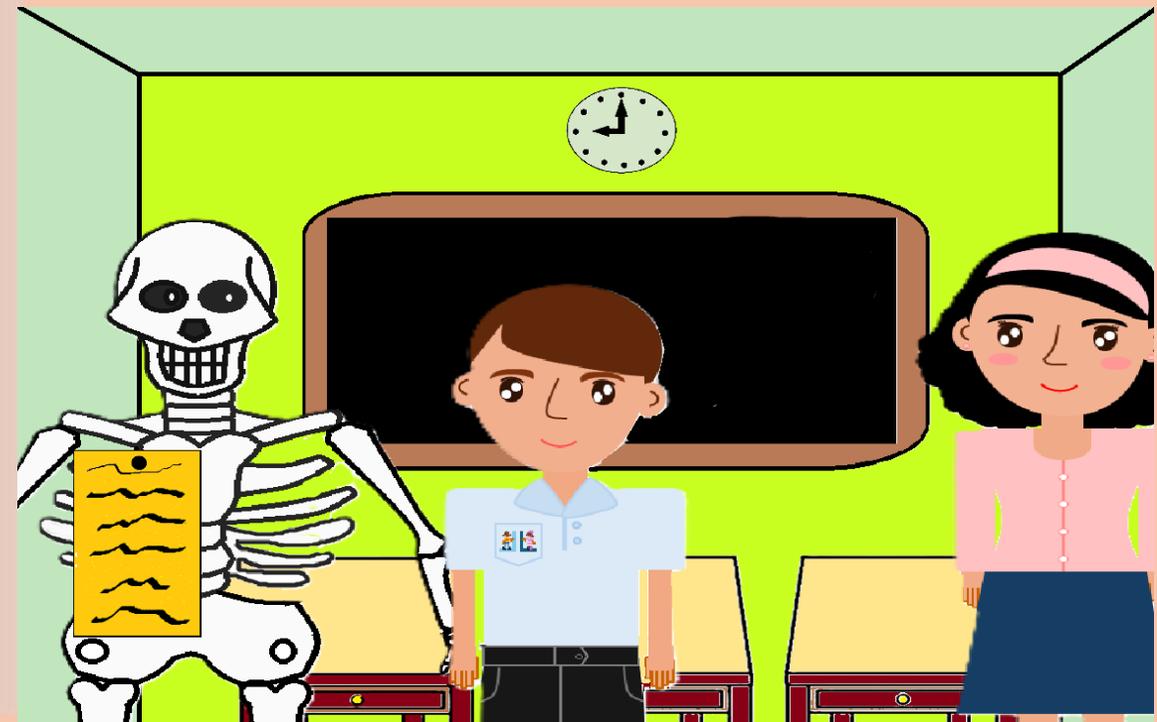
Luca gave Jimmy's skull to Ms. Hume, and she was delighted to reattach the skull to the rest of the skeleton. Ms. Hume took a piece of paper, wrote a note, and stuck it on Jimmy's ribcage.

"I'm here to learn, so please leave my skull alone," said the note.

Luca laughed.

Light flooded the room and Luca smiled. On the bookshelf was Jimmy's skull, and it looked like someone was using it as a bookend to stop the books from toppling over. Luca walked over and picked the skull up.

"You need to come with me; people have been looking for you everywhere," he said.



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