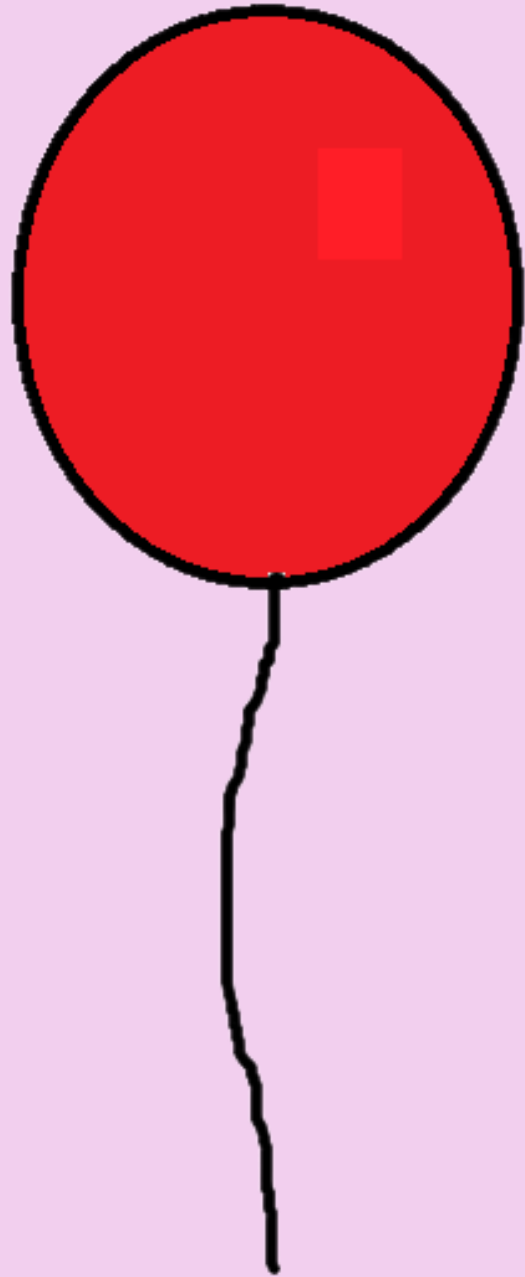
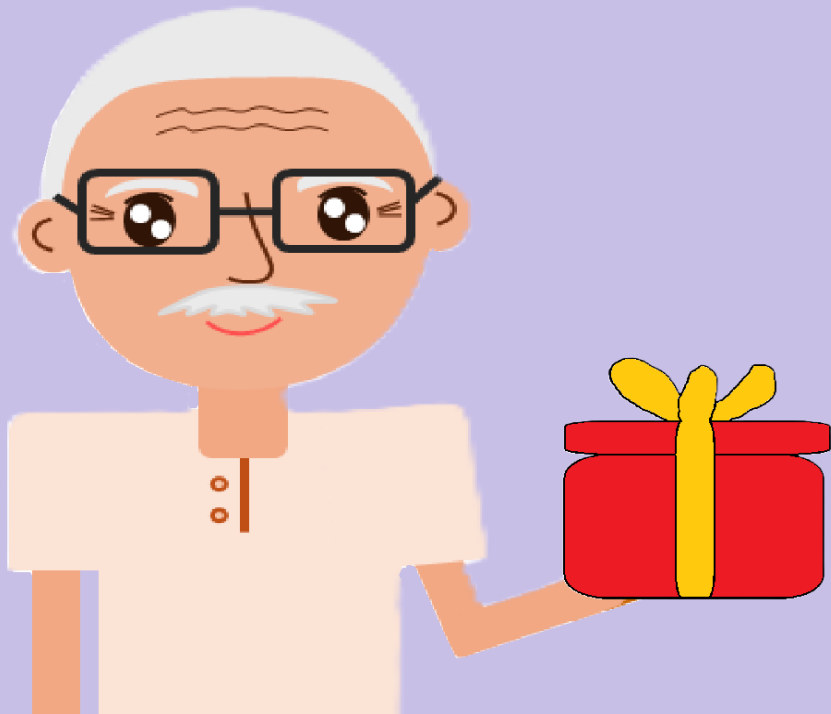




Grandpa's Birthday



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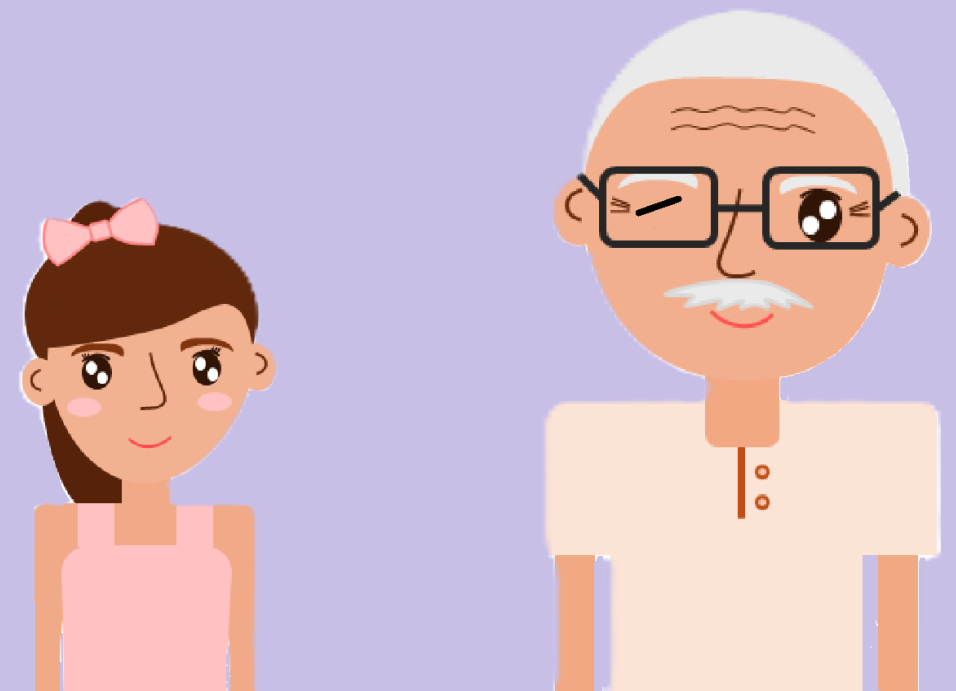
"How old are you today, Grandpa?"
Lek asked.

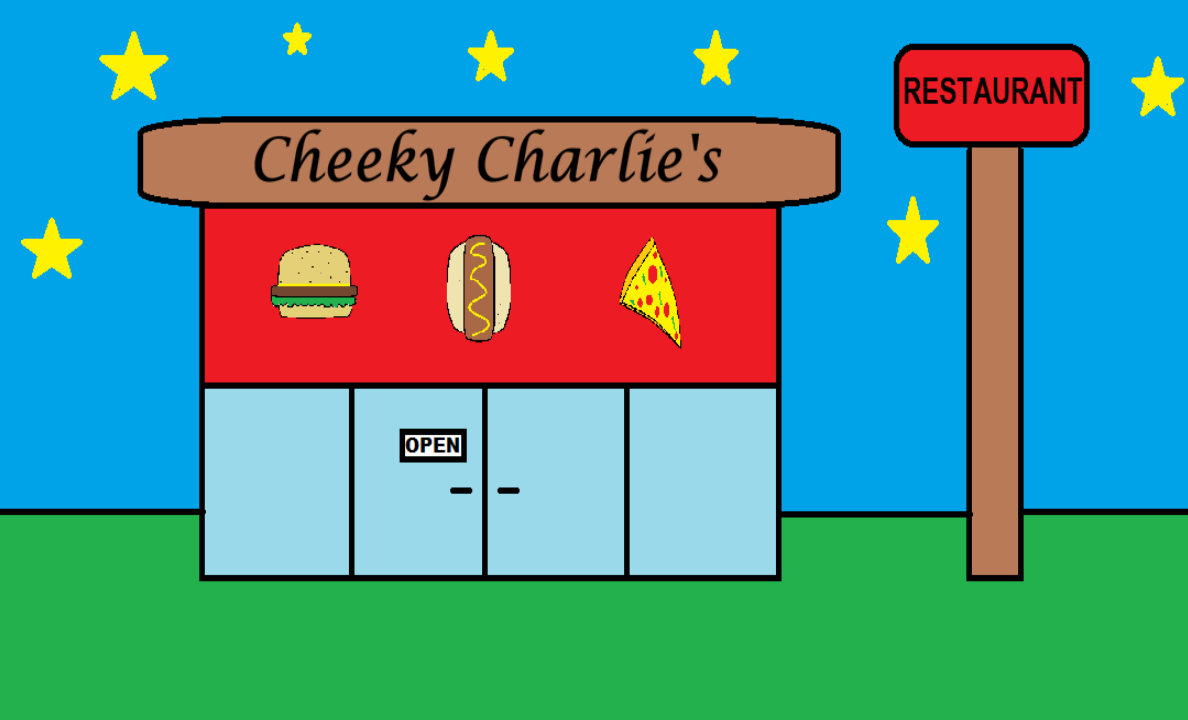
Grandpa tapped his nose.

"I'm too old to worry about getting
another year older," he said with a
wink and a smile.

Lek and Luca didn't visit
restaurants often, but today was a
special day, and the whole family
was looking forward to eating out.

It was Grandpa's birthday!

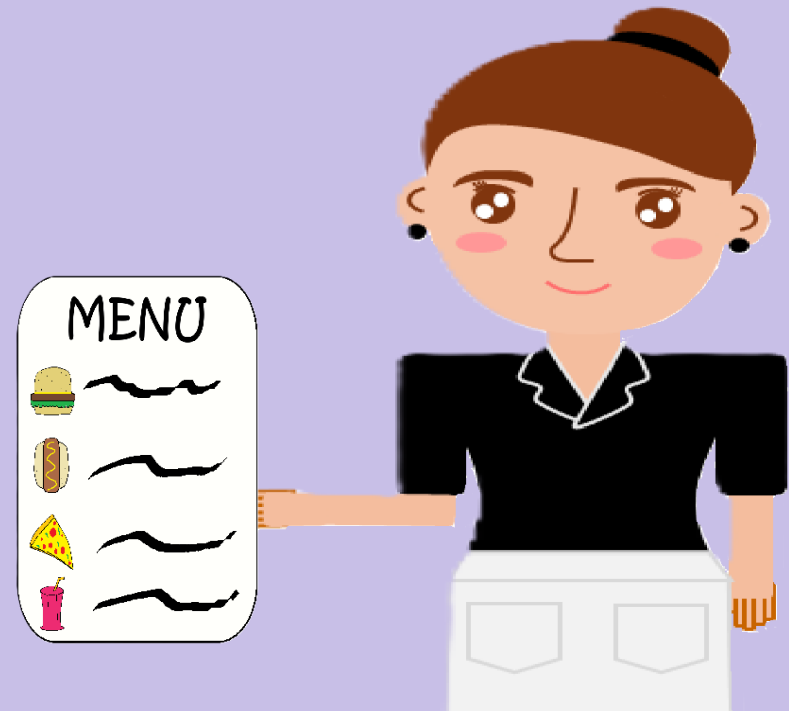


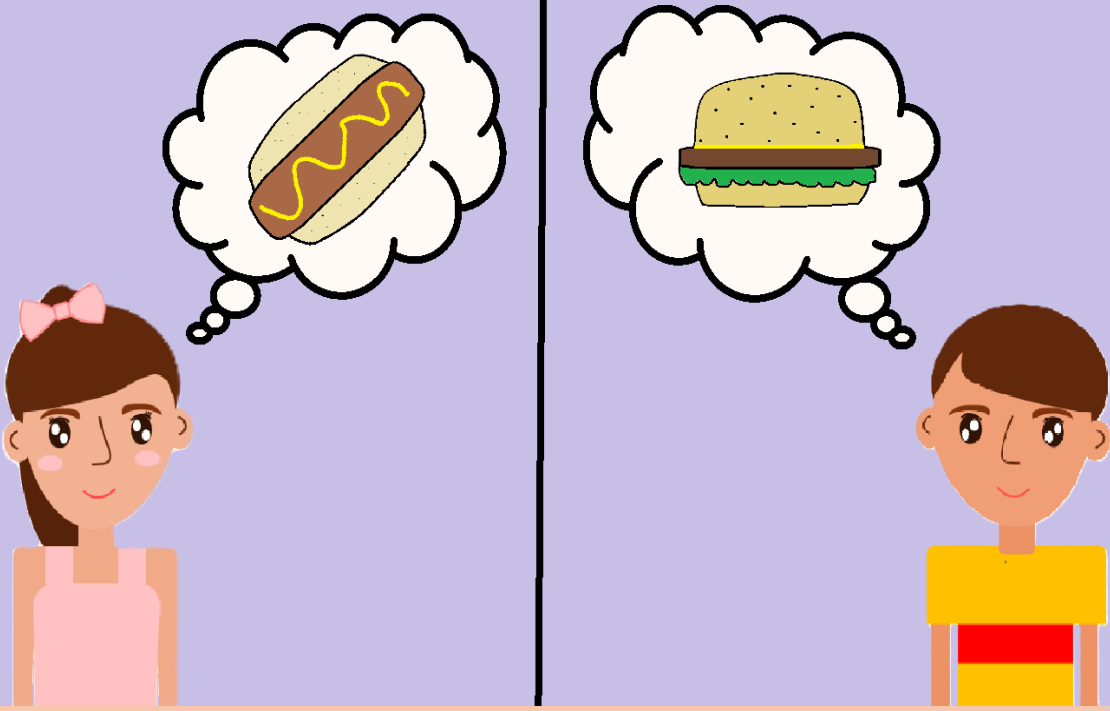


Because it was Grandpa's birthday, he chose the restaurant, and everyone was pleased to hear they'd be visiting...

'Cheeky Charlies All You Can Eat Buffet.'

Cheeky Charlies had a very large menu to choose from, so everyone in the family was sure to find something they'd like to eat.





Lek and Luca looked at the menu and Luca saw what he wanted straight away.

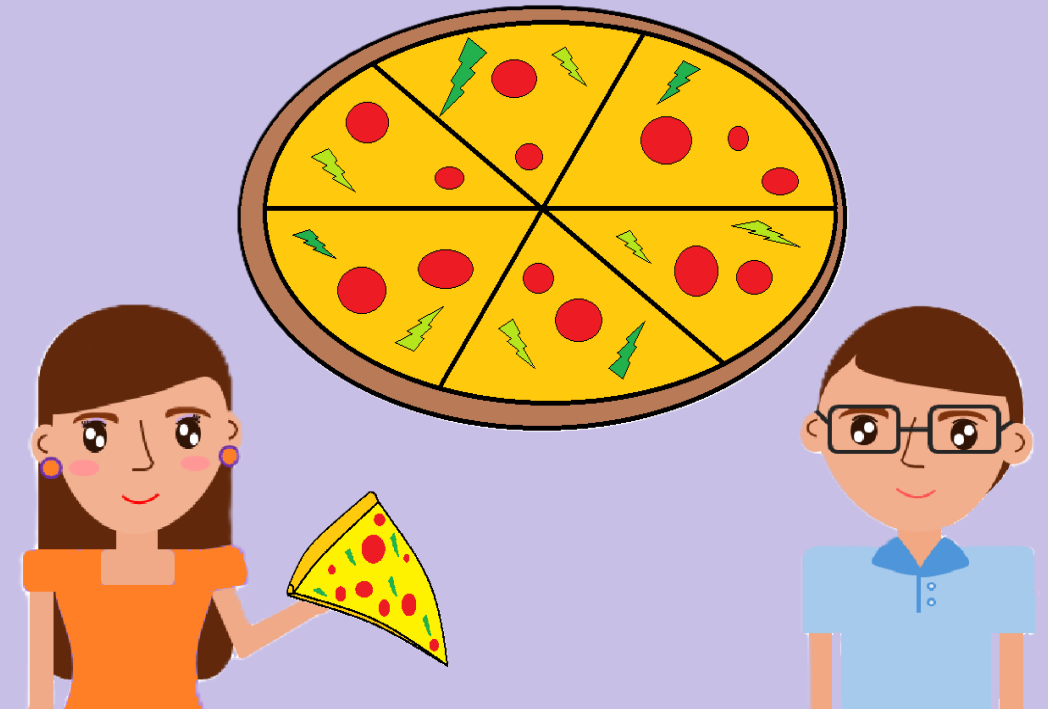
"I'll have a burger," he said.

"I'll have a hot dog," said Lek.

Mum and Dad looked at the menu but couldn't really decide.

"I know," said Mum. "Let's get a pizza and we can share half and half."

"Great idea," said Dad.





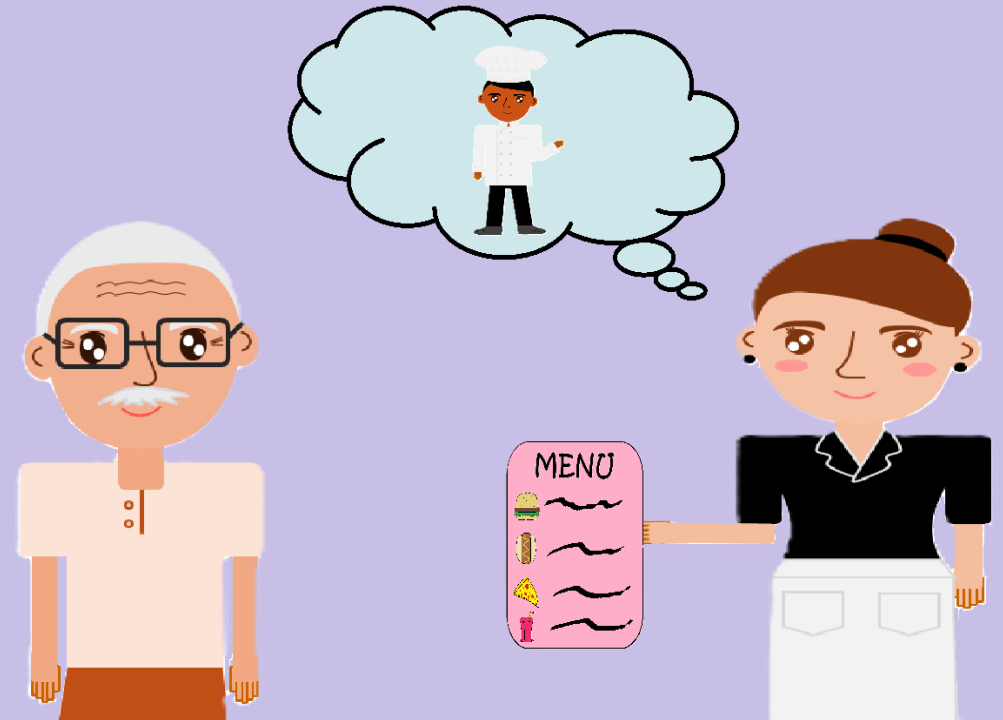
Baby wanted to choose something from the dessert menu, but Mum wouldn't let her.

"You must eat something sensible first," she said to Baby.

"How about some mango and sticky rice?"

Grandpa ordered his food last and the server smiled when she found out it was his birthday.

"Let's make sure chef adds an extra portion for you," she said.





It was time to get the bill, but the server had one more surprise. Once Dad had paid for everything she came out with a beautiful birthday cake.

"This birthday meal has been perfect," Grandpa said, as he blew out way too many candles.

After the meal was finished everyone was very full, but there was still room for dessert.

"Ice creams for everyone," said Dad.



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