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# A GIANT IN THE GANG

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**FUNDACIÓN MAPFRE**



Hello, we are Alex, Juan, Vanessa, María and Lucía. We were all part of a super gang. One day, after attending a talk on healthier habits by professor Lunatus, something amazing happened to Alex ...

Together with Professor Lunatus we'll make a plan to help him. The secret lies in a magic potion.

Want to know more about us?



Lucía

I'm Lucía. I'm generous and kind. Whenever there's any trouble, I'm always right in the middle of it!



Alex

I'm Alex, the most fun-loving boy in school. As I am a little messy, I make plans, which sometimes end in disaster. I'm happy with my gang and I'm in charge of keeping it together.



Juan

I'm Juan. I'm thin, nervous and a bit of a scatterbrain. I'm a great student in class and really good with computers. I love adventures!



Lunatus

Hi, boys & girls! I'm Lunatus, a magician and I'm a bit of a scatterbrain. In my cloak I hide some of my magic items, like my magic wand. I'm always willing to help the young and share with them all my wisdom.



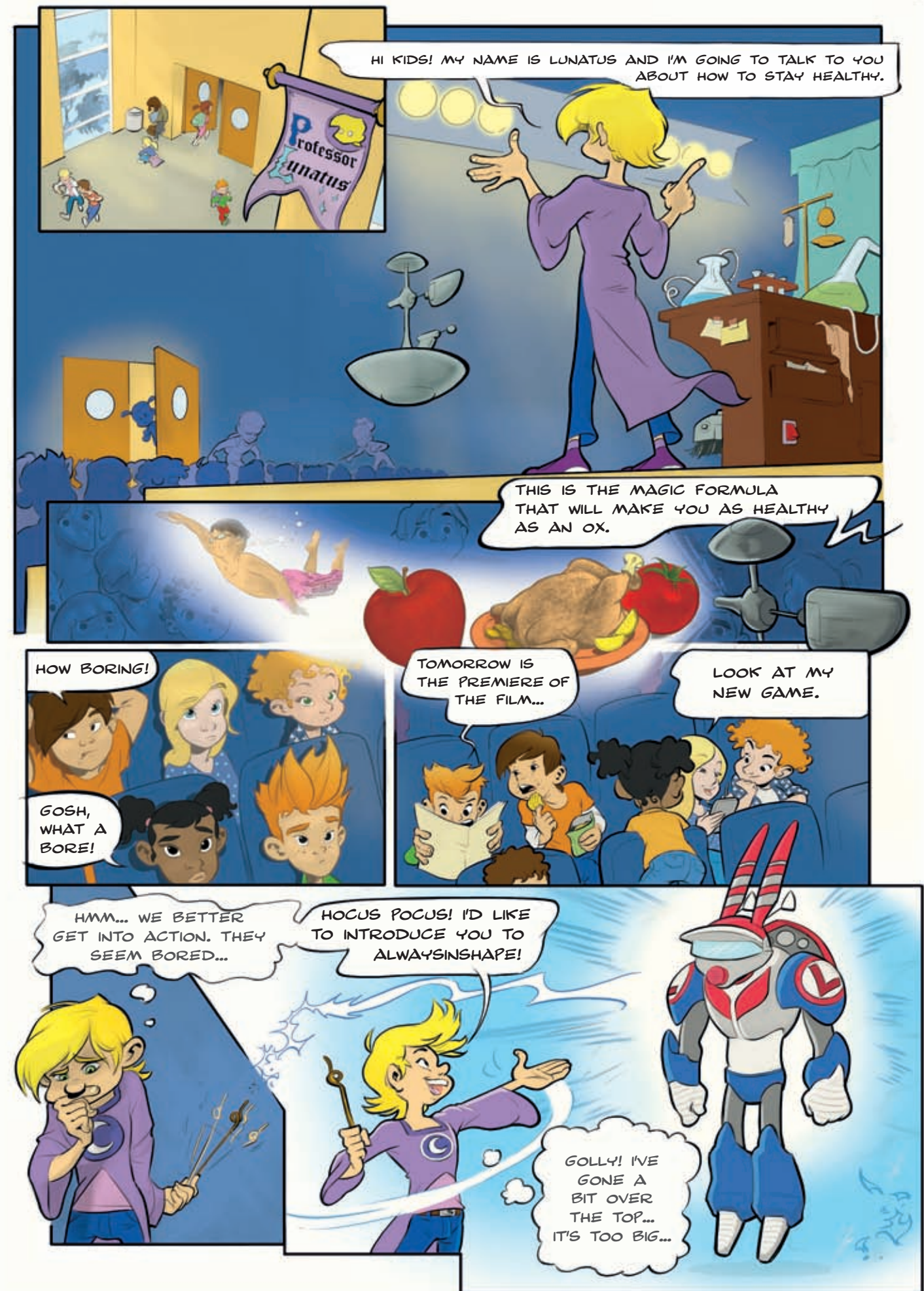
Vanessa

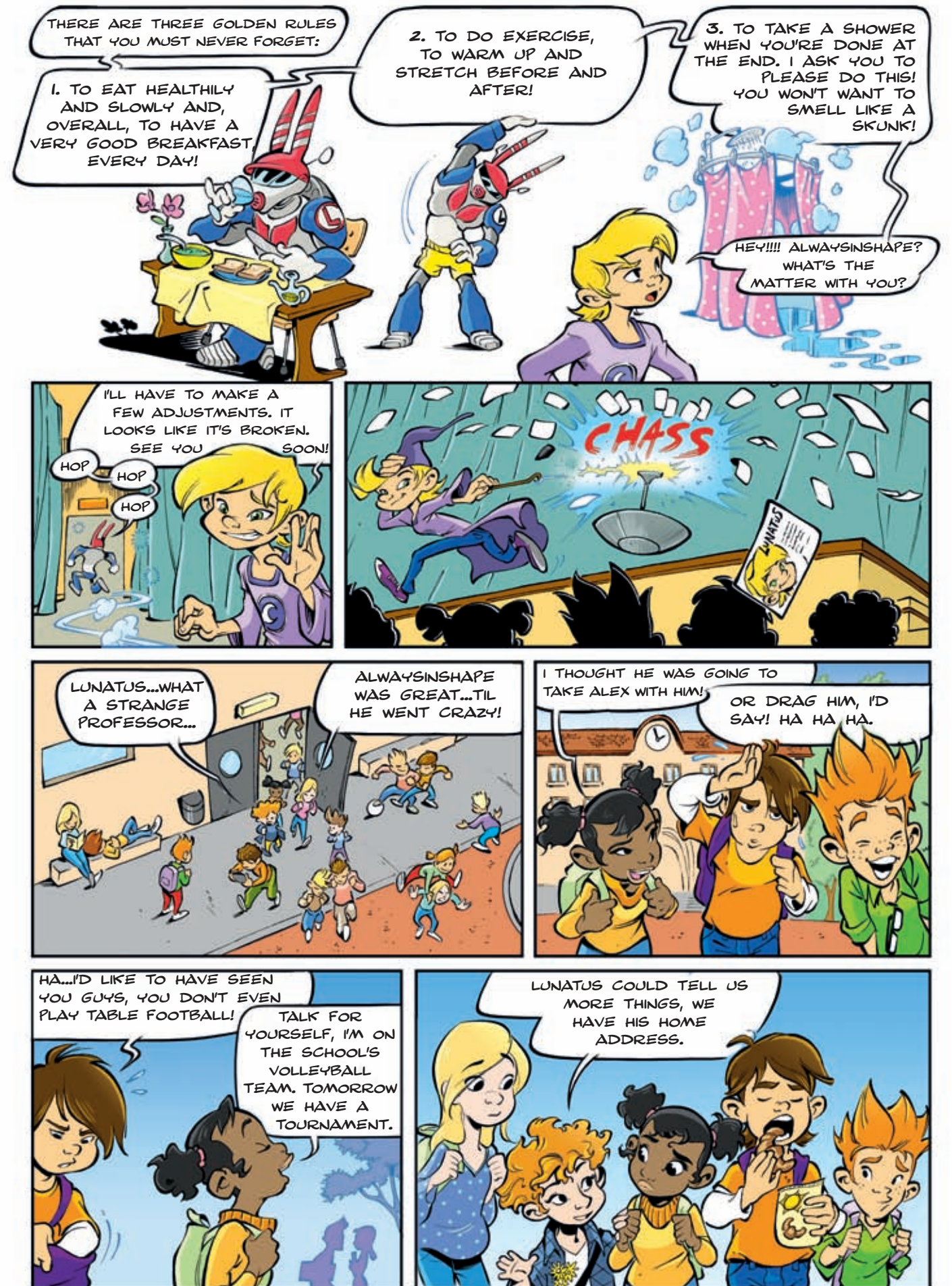
I'm Vanessa. I'm the tallest in my class, so even if I wanted to, it's hard for me to go unnoticed. I'm brave but very shy.

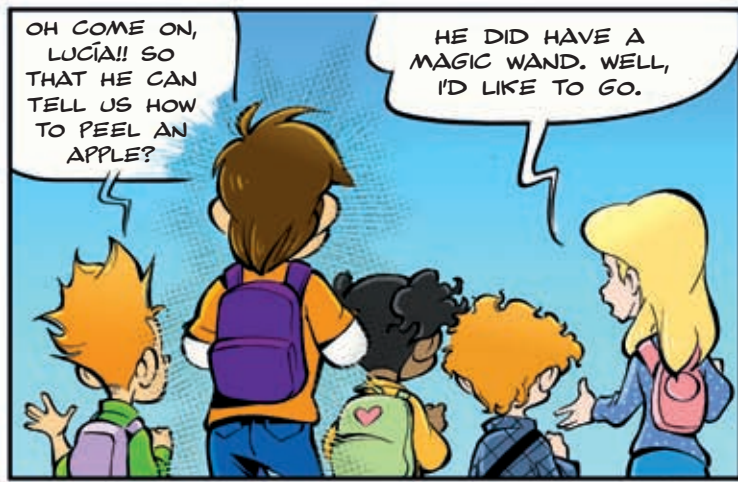


María

I'm María. I've been doing sports since I was little. I belong to many school teams. I'm agile and strong. I'm responsible and tidy.





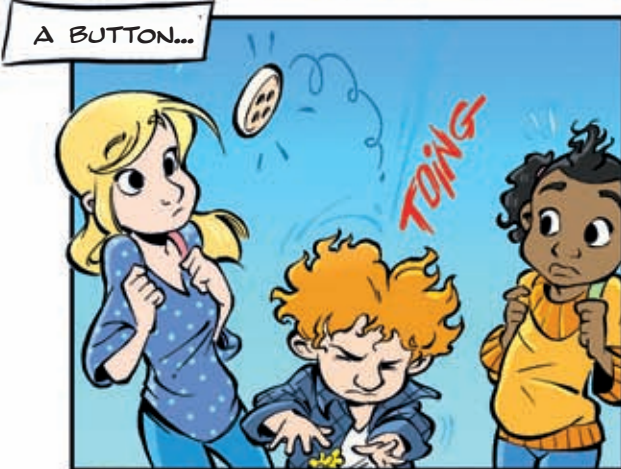


OH COME ON, LUCIA! SO THAT HE CAN TELL US HOW TO PEEL AN APPLE?

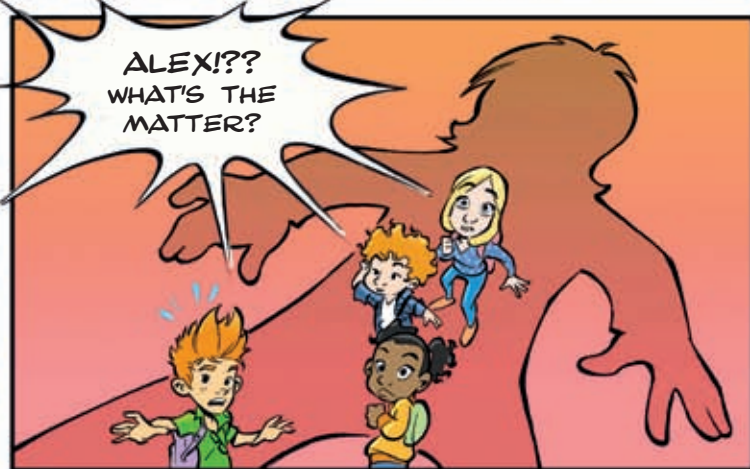
HE DID HAVE A MAGIC WAND. WELL, I'D LIKE TO GO.



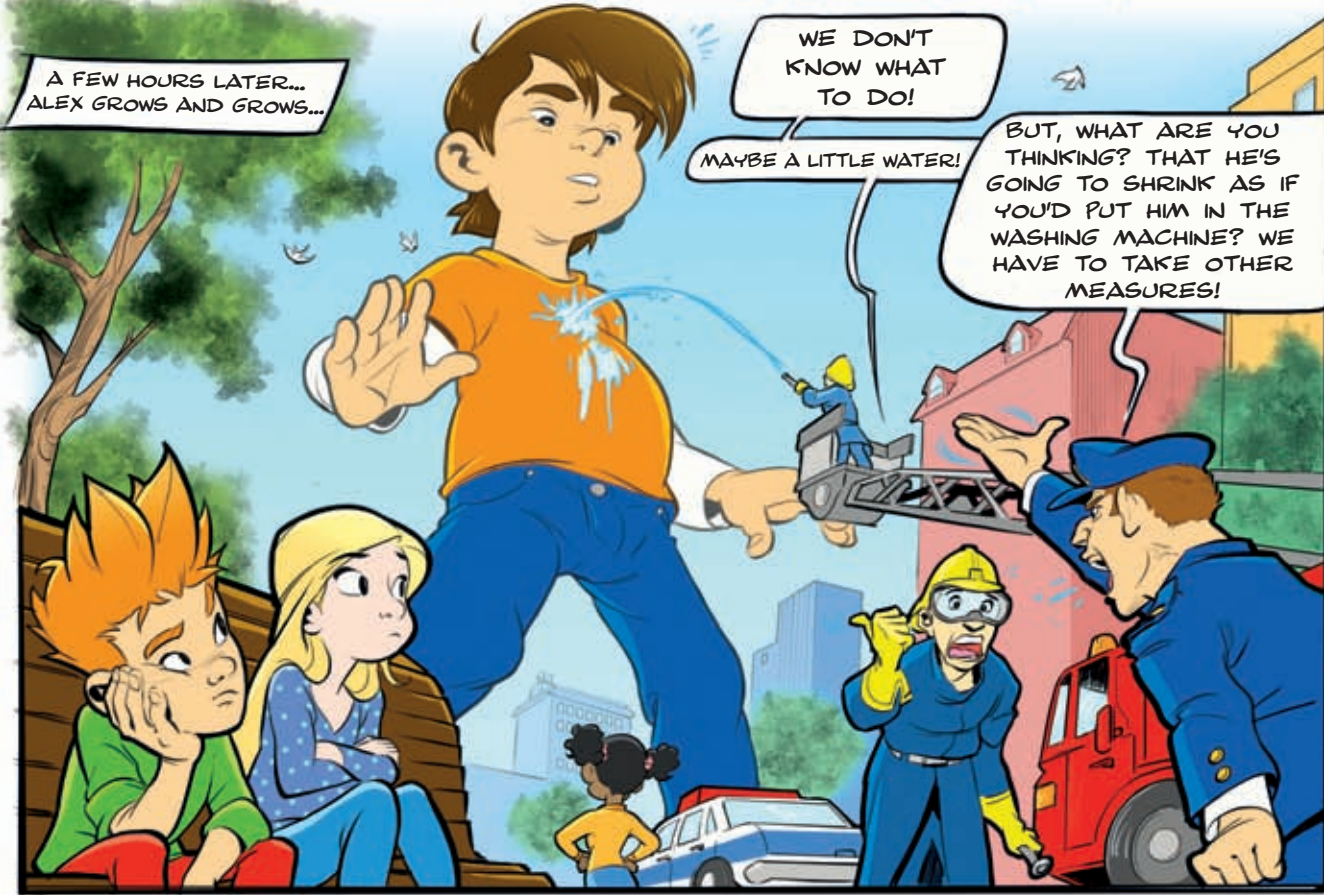
YES, VANESA. LUNATUS SEEMS LIKE A GREAT MAGICIAN.



A BUTTON...



ALEXI?? WHAT'S THE MATTER?

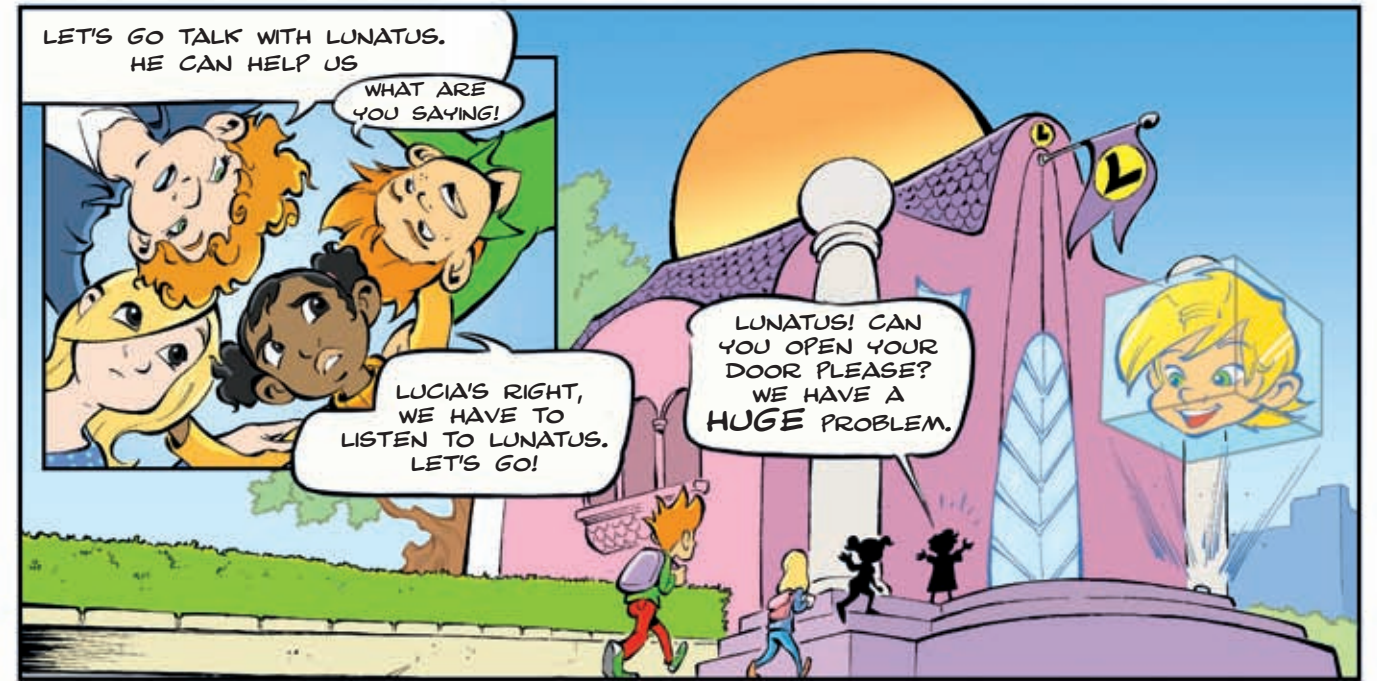


A FEW HOURS LATER... ALEX GROWS AND GROWS...

WE DON'T KNOW WHAT TO DO!

MAYBE A LITTLE WATER!

BUT, WHAT ARE YOU THINKING? THAT HE'S GOING TO SHRINK AS IF YOU'D PUT HIM IN THE WASHING MACHINE? WE HAVE TO TAKE OTHER MEASURES!

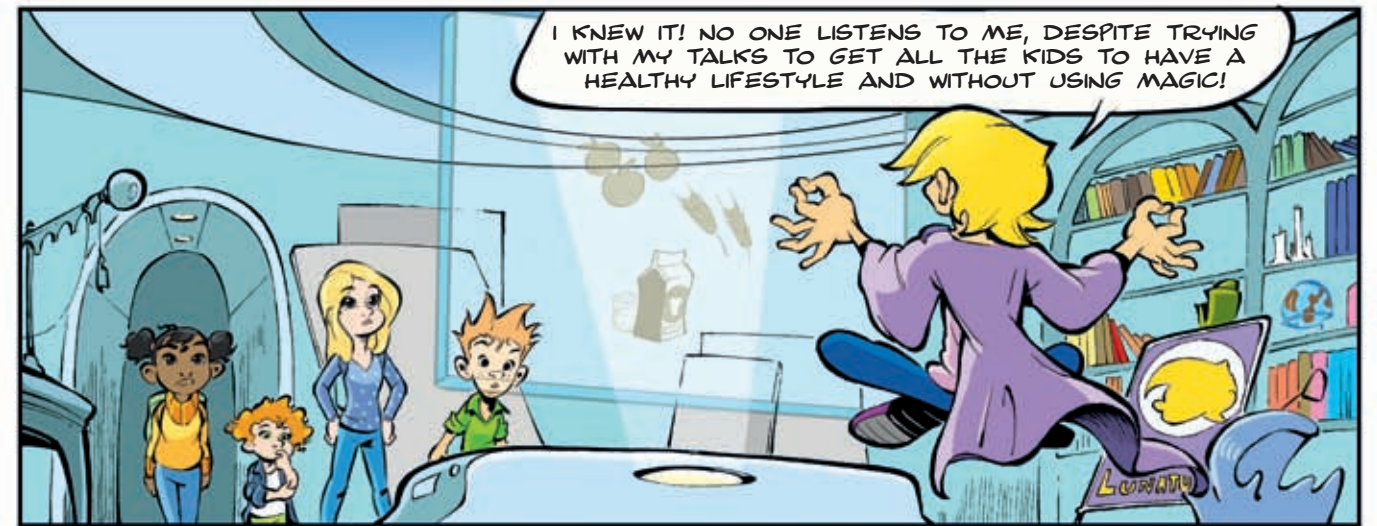


LET'S GO TALK WITH LUNATUS. HE CAN HELP US

WHAT ARE YOU SAYING!

LUCIA'S RIGHT, WE HAVE TO LISTEN TO LUNATUS. LET'S GO!

LUNATUS! CAN YOU OPEN YOUR DOOR PLEASE? WE HAVE A HUGE PROBLEM.



I KNEW IT! NO ONE LISTENS TO ME, DESPITE TRYING WITH MY TALKS TO GET ALL THE KIDS TO HAVE A HEALTHY LIFESTYLE AND WITHOUT USING MAGIC!



THERE'S ONLY ONE SOLUTION! TO PREPARE A POTION WITH SOME HEALTHY FOODS AND ADD A FEW DROPS OF PHYSICAL ACTIVITY.

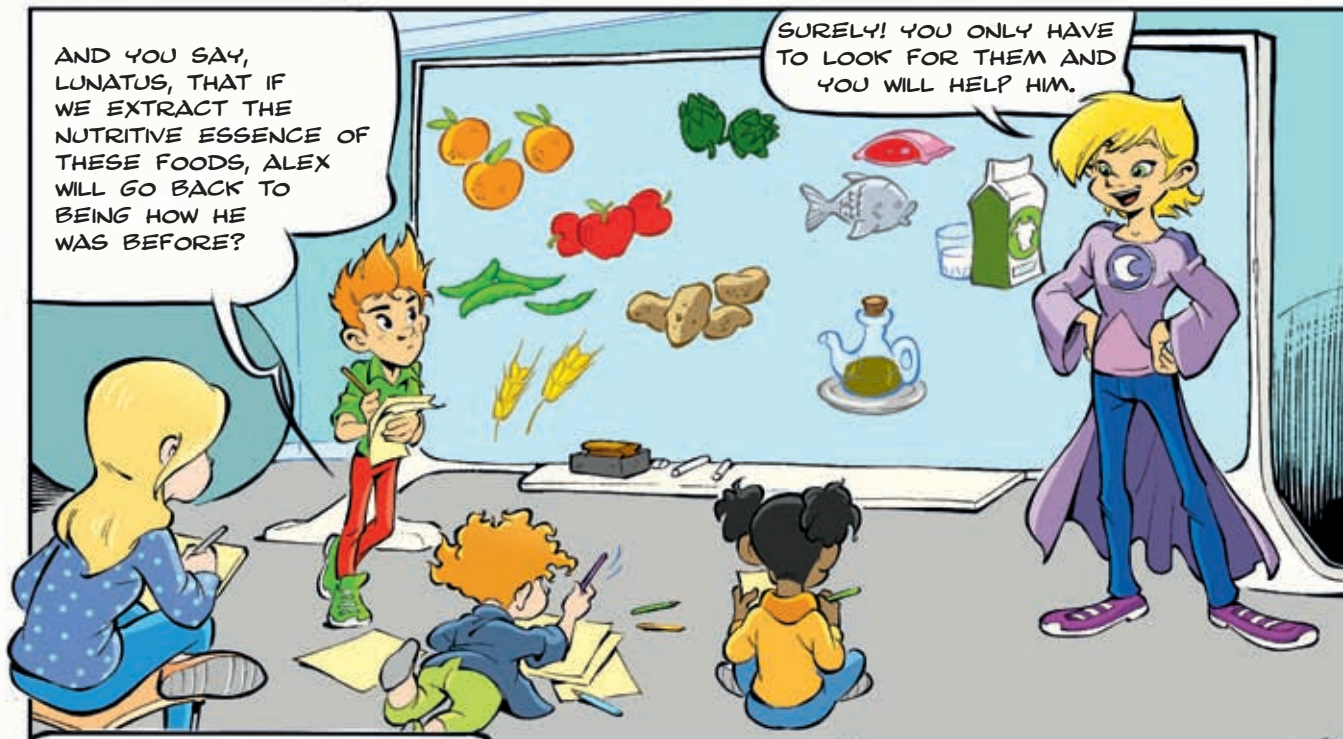


MEANWHILE, OUTSIDE...

IS THAT A BOY?

IT'S A GIANT!

HELP!



AND YOU SAY, LUNATUS, THAT IF WE EXTRACT THE NUTRITIVE ESSENCE OF THESE FOODS, ALEX WILL GO BACK TO BEING HOW HE WAS BEFORE?

SURELY! YOU ONLY HAVE TO LOOK FOR THEM AND YOU WILL HELP HIM.

YOU WILL TRAVEL ALL AROUND THE WORLD TO FIND THE BEST INGREDIENTS. BUT BEFORE THIS, WE MUST PREPARE OURSELVES WELL.

LET'S GO! LET US NOT WASTE ANY MORE TIME!

JUAN, NOT SO QUICKLY! YOU HAVE TO PUT ON COMFORTABLE CLOTHES AND STRETCH.



DRINK WATER TO STAY HYDRATED. IT'S BETTER TO DRINK THAN TO BE THIRSTY.



BREATHE DEEPLY AND SLOWLY...

I'M A BOY AND I DON'T NEED TO PREPARE, I'M LEAVING!



JUAN, LISTEN TO LUNATUS!

PLEASE LISTEN TO HIM!



SUDDENLY, A CRAMP!

JUAN, ARE YOU OK?

YOUR MUSCLES WERE COLD AND TENSE. YOU'VE WORKED THEM TOO HARD. THAT'S WHY YOU HAVE TO PREPARE WELL.

LUNATUS GIVES HIM A MASSAGE AND SAYS SOME MAGIC WORDS...



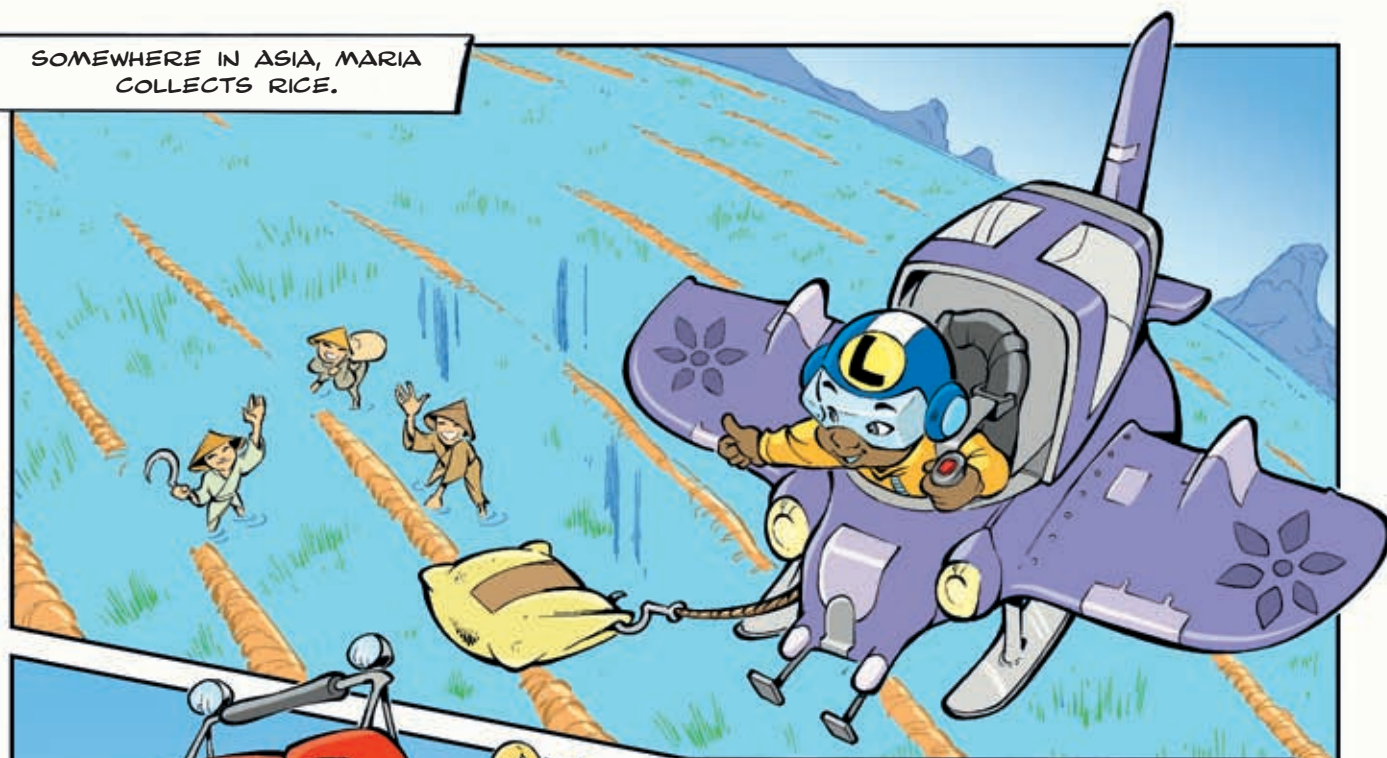
LLULLA, LLULLABI, ATAVIAN DERE...

I'M SORRY, JUAN. YOU CAN'T GO WITH THE GIRLS. YOU'LL HELP ME PREPARE THE DEVICE THAT WILL MAKE THE POTION.

PICK A VEHICLE TO COLLECT FOOD WITH!



SOMEWHERE IN ASIA, MARIA COLLECTS RICE.



SOMEWHERE IN THE MEDITERRANEAN, VANESSA COLLECTS OLIVES THAT WILL BE TURNED INTO OIL.



SOMEWHERE IN AMERICA, MARIA COLLECTS THE POTATOES NECESSARY FOR THE POTION.



MEANWHILE... ALEX KEEPS GROWING AND GROWING...



SOMEWHERE IN ARABIA, LUCIA COLLECTS DATES.

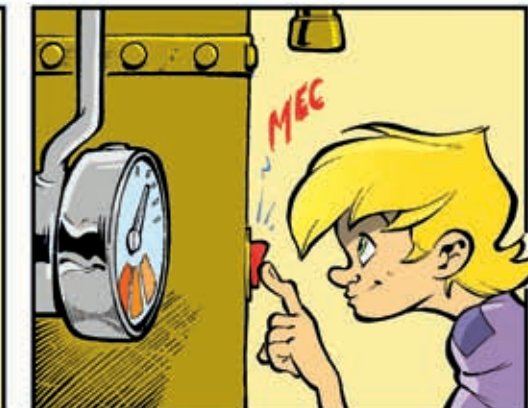


THANK YOU VERY MUCH! NOW I HAVE TO GO BACK TO HELP MY FRIEND.

THE INGREDIENTS ARE READY SO LUNATUS CAN PREPARE THE POTION NOW.



BY USING THIS CONDENSER OF NUTRITIVE ESSENCES WE WILL MAKE THE POTION NECESSARY TO SAVE ALEX.



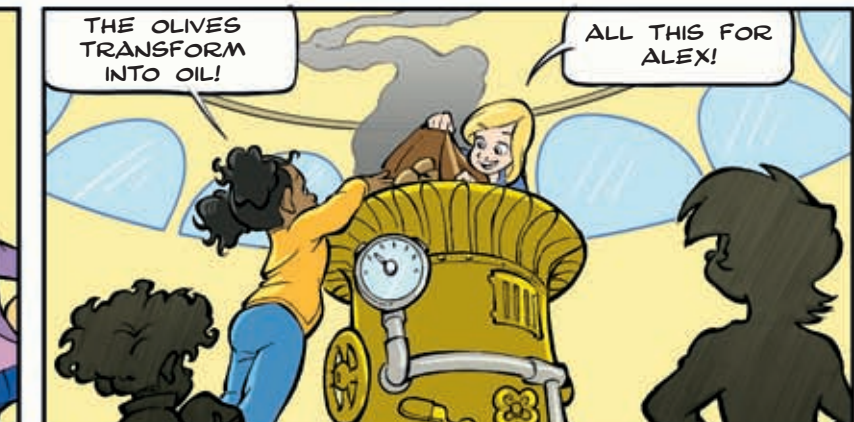
XUP XUP XUP

AS I WAS HURRYING, I DIDN'T HAVE ENOUGH TIME TO MAKE A SILENCER. THROW EVERYTHING INSIDE!



THE OLIVES TRANSFORM INTO OIL!

ALL THIS FOR ALEX!







SUDDENLY...



GREAT!!!  
FANTASTIC!!! LET'S  
GO GET ALEX!



RRRR!!!

JUAN,  
THERE IT IS!  
PROJECT THE  
HOLOGRAM!

AT YOUR  
SERVICE! I CAN  
SEE THE GIRLS,  
THEY'RE COMING  
WITH THE POTION!



THE HOLOGRAM  
IS PROJECTED...

HMMM....?



FASTER, LUNATUS!!!  
HE'S FOLLOWING  
US!!!



CAKE!!!



!!MMPPFF!!

LET'S GO!  
HE'S ALREADY  
HERE!

LUNATUS  
AIRPORT



ILLUMINATE,  
ILLUMINATUS  
EXE.



HMMMH,  
HOW ABOUT  
A DRINK...?  
I'M REALLY  
THIRSTY!



WHAT'S THE  
MATTER  
WITH ME?



ALEX!??

A FEW MONTHS LATER...



YOU STILL DON'T REMEMBER WHAT HAPPENED?

HA HA HA THE GIANT! WE SHOULD HAVE RECORDED IT!

VERY FUNNY, JUAN! WELL, NO, I DON'T REMEMBER A THING.



GOOD, I CAUGHT UP TO YOU. ALEX, YOUR RESULTS ARE EXCELLENT! YOU'VE RECOVERED PERFECTLY. BUT YOU MUST ALL REMEMBER WHAT HAPPENED.



WE KNOW THAT, BESIDES DOING DAILY EXERCISE AND WARMING UP, WE HAVE TO TAKE CARE OF OUR POSTURE.

EAT FIVE PIECES OF FRUIT, VEGETABLES AND FISH. ALSO, FISH.

TO HAVE DAIRY PRODUCTS, FRUIT AND CEREAL FOR BREAKFAST.

WE'VE LEARNED A LESSON! WE DON'T WANT TO BE GIANTS!



HUMMM... I'M BETTER AT THIS THAN I THOUGHT. I'LL HAVE TO CONTINUE IN OTHER SCHOOLS WHERE I'LL FIND MORE FRIENDS! IF YOU WANT MORE ADVENTURES, YOU CAN SEE THEM IN: WWW.EDUCATUMUNDO.COM



# FUN ACTIVITIES






1. To which sport do the following expressions belong to? Match them up.




To shoot a basket	SKIING
To do a stroke	SOCCER
To dribble	BASKETBALL
Snowploughing	TENNIS
Knock-up	SWIMMING


3. Continue the series and choose the correct option:

1) 

Option:  
 a)  b)  c) 

2) 

Option:  
 a)  b)  c) 

3) 

Option:  
 a)  b)  c) 

## 2. What food is it?

It is the same colour of a strawberry, but it's not a strawberry. Takes away thirst and it's really tasty.

W A    M

They are colourful, they rot away your teeth and sometimes hurt your stomach.

S   E   S

It's round, fresh and has lots of vitamins.

O R   N

It has three vowels. Goes with salads and is the king of Gazpacho.

T   M   T



## 4. Did you know that?

Plants and vegetables are foods that have no fat and are low in calories, so they help to maintain weight and fight obesity. They are rich in VITAMINS A, B and C. They help care for the eyes, skin, and stomach.

It is believed that the origin of the word VEGETABLE comes from the green colour of the leaves and stems.

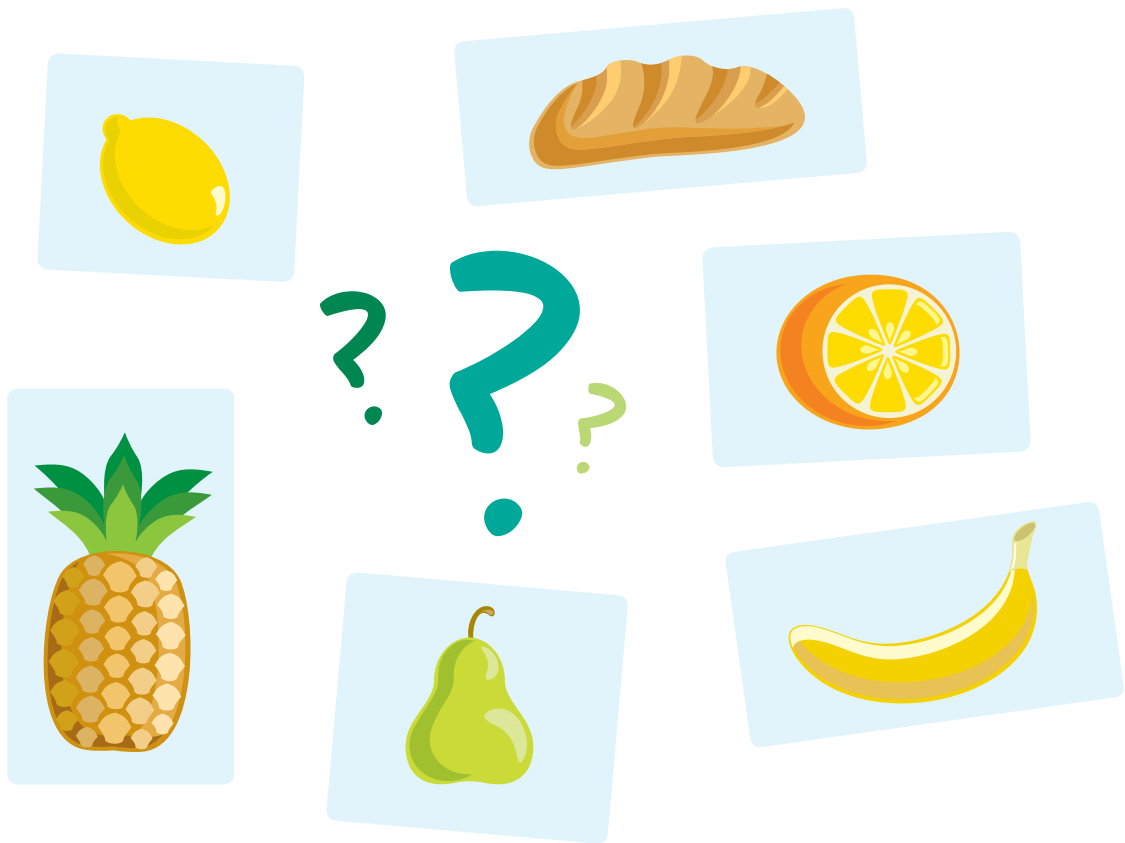
a) Which is bigger, a cucumber or a gherkin?

b) What part of the plant is a carrot?

c) Which vegetable is orange in colour?

d) Which vegetable looks like a tree?

## 5. Spot the odd one out.



## 6. Place the signs that are missing to complete the following mathematical operations.



a)  $6 \text{ lemon} \text{ ? } 7 \text{ pear} - 9 \text{ apple} \text{ ? } 8 \text{ banana} \text{ ? } 4 \text{ orange} = 16$

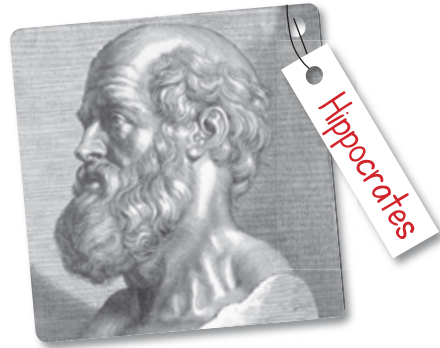
b)  $17 \text{ pear} \text{ ? } 7 \text{ lemon} - 4 \text{ banana} \times 2 \text{ orange} \text{ ? } 4 \text{ apple} = 16$

c)  $4 \text{ apple} \times 5 \text{ orange} \text{ ? } 10 \text{ lemon} \text{ ? } 14 \text{ pear} \text{ ? } 0 \text{ banana} = 16$

d)  $12 \text{ banana} \text{ ? } 8 \text{ orange} \times 5 \text{ apple} \text{ ? } 10 \text{ pear} \text{ ? } 6 \text{ lemon} = 16$

## 7. Healthy eating.

"Let food be your medicine and your medicine be food"



This phrase was said by a doctor of ancient Greece named Hippocrates. He wrote it more than 2400 years ago! What did Hippocrates mean with this sentence?

- a) That medicine tastes better if taken together with food.
- b) That the best medicine available is just to have a good diet.
- c) That medicines are more important than food.

## 8. Ten ideas for eating fruit and vegetable without boring yourself to death.

1. Peel and cut a carrot and dip it in melted cheese.
2. Mix lettuce with pineapple, raisins and pine nuts.
3. Peas? They're really tasty if you have them together with sweetcorn.
4. Wrap endive leaves with pieces of apple
5. Have you ever had a cucumber and cheese sandwich? You will have it again.
6. Do you like pizza? Try to make it adding a few slices of pineapple. Really tasty!
7. An omelette that is made only with eggs? If you also add pieces of courgettes it will be really yummy!
8. Have a carrot cake for tea; you'll be amazed at how nice it tastes!
9. Caprese Salad: tomato, mozzarella, olive oil and oregano. Yummy!
10. Draw a face on your vegetable soup by pouring a little olive oil on it. You'll see how much fun it is!



### Answers

1. To shoot a basket - Basketball. To do a stroke - swimming. To dribble the ball - Soccer.
2. Watermelon, Sweets, Orange, Tomato.
3. 1c, 2c, 3c
4. a) Cucumber b) The root. c) Pumpkin d) Broccoli.
5. Bread. The rest are fruit.
6. a) +++ b) - + c) - - + d) - - - +
7. b) The best medicine is to eat a healthy diet.

## THE TEN RULES FOR A HEALTHY LIFE

**1** Eat **five times a day**. You should sit down to eat breakfast lunch and dinner.

**2** Try to drink **8-10 glasses of water a day**. Choose water, fruit juice or milk instead of fizzy drinks.

**3** **Eat all kinds of food.** A varied diet, in the right amounts is the basis of a good diet.

**4** Do **an hour of physical activity** every day and **strength and flexibility** activities two or three times a week.

**5** Take advantage of **your free time to do some exercise** and **play** with your friends and family.



**6** Spend **less than two hours a day** on **computer games, internet** and **TV**.

**7** **Protect your back.** Sit upright and carry your school bag properly.

**8** Go to bed early and try to sleep for **8 to 10 hours**.



**9** Remember to **shower once a day**, **brush your teeth** and **wash your hands** before eating and after going to the toilet.



**10** Look after your **health** to be **fit and strong**.



# A GIANT IN THE GANG

Alex, Juan María and Lucía make a very special gang. At school one day, they get a talk on healthy eating habits. The guest speaker is professor Lunatus, a young-looking magician who explains to kids all he knows about healthy foods to eat, how often it is necessary to do sports and which healthy habits must be included in the daily routine to be healthy and strong.

Outside, in the school playground, after the talk, something strange begins to happen to Alex. The only thing his friends can do is to ask Lunatus for help: he'll know what to do.

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