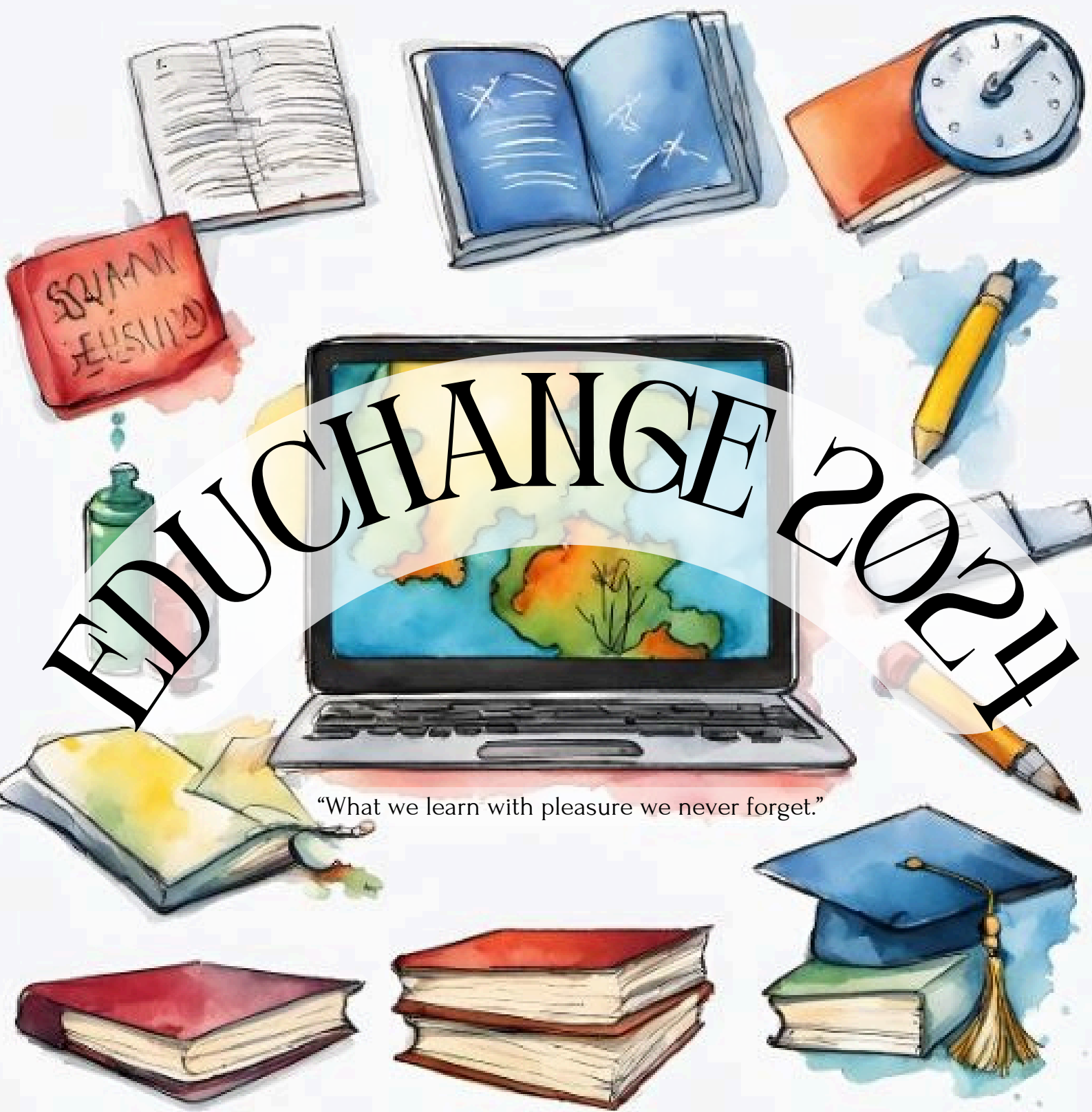


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# A word from the *Editors*



Hello everyone!

Edi and Thesh here! It's been a true joy to work with so many of you in creating this magazine. Each page reflects the talent, imagination, and voices of our students, and we are thrilled to share this collection with you.

In these pages, you'll find drawings that tell colorful stories, poems that express feelings and dreams, and essays that show the bright minds and ideas of our school community. We believe that every student has something special to share, and this magazine is a place to celebrate that creativity.



Our hope is that as you read, you'll feel inspired –not only by the work of your friends and classmates but also by the idea that we all have something unique to offer. Keep writing, keep drawing, and keep sharing your talents with the world.

Thank you to everyone who contributed, and to all of you who will enjoy these beautiful creations!

*"In learning about others,  
we find ourselves."*

With love,  
Edi & Thesh

*Welcome to Creative Corner! This is the part of our school magazine where we share the creative work of our students. Here you will find colorful drawings, interesting essays, and beautiful poems. Each piece shows the talent and imagination of our classmates. We hope you enjoy their wonderful work!*

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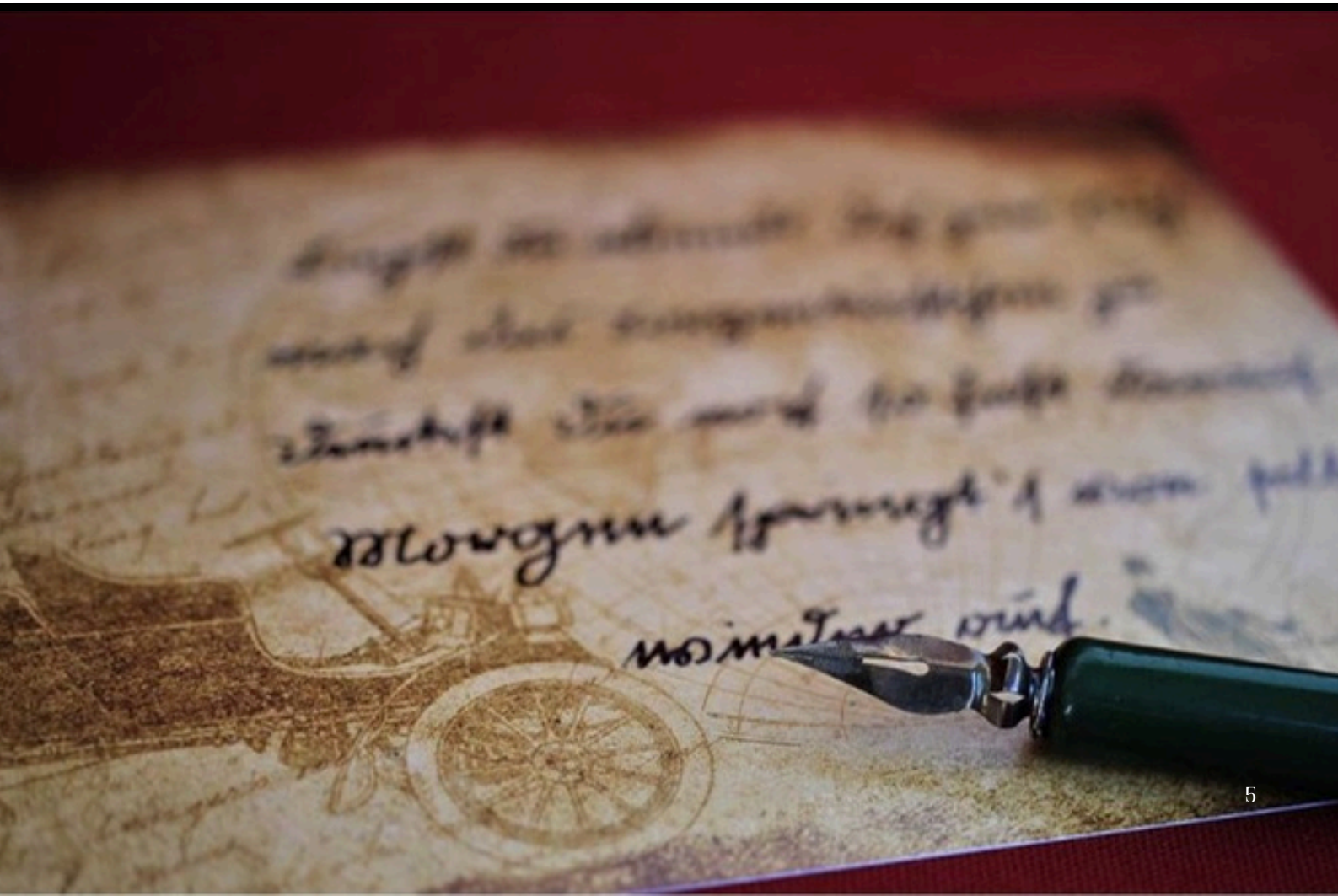
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# Corner





# Poems





### Diversità e Lingue da Lorenzo Mancino - 1A

La vita che abbiamo è faticosa,  
ma io la vorrei più gioiosa.

La vorrei tutto a colori,  
come un campo pieno di fiori.

Fiori che parlano  
tutte le lingue del mondo,  
come se fossero in un girotondo.

Ci girerei tutto intorno,  
e parlerei con tutto il mondo.

### Multiculturalism by Filippo Caresano - 3A

Different cultures all around.  
The world now has a new sound.  
People come from far to near.  
bringing stories to hear.

Now we stay under the same sun  
and together we have fun.  
In every home, on every street  
now we are only one thing.

### When I travel by Niccolò Docente - 1E

When I travel I discover new languages.  
When I travel I discover new cultures.  
When I travel I discover new lives.  
When I travel I discover new countries.

### A multicultural world by Arianna Colucci - 1A

My dream is a world  
with a lot of love.

My dream is a world  
where all cultures  
understand each other.

My dream is a world  
without war.

### World of peace by Fabio Carabillo - 1E

The world is bad because there are many  
wars.

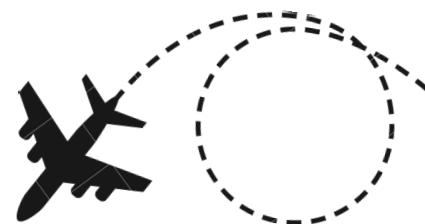
In my ideal world there's peace and love.

In my ideal world  
people of different nationalities  
different colors and religions  
live together in peace.

My ideal world is multicultural.

### Colours of the world by Luigi - 1E

From wide deserts to small islands,  
We share one Earth, one sky for all.  
In every voice, a story flows,  
A world united where we all live  
together.



## A new language, a new life by Maxim Farima - 3A

A fresh tongue, a new world to see,  
a universe of words wild and free.  
Each phrase a key, a secret portal,  
unlocking realms of a different sort.

With every word, a thought takes flight,  
a heart beats faster, a soul feels light.  
a bridge between cultures, so sincere,  
an endless journey, year after year.

Words that weave tales and memories  
that build up bridges, making us bold.  
A language is a gift, a treasure to keep,  
a chance to forever grow and live.

## We are different by Orfeo Giganti Stambolla - 1E

We have different  
religious.

We have different  
cultures.

We have different  
skin, eyes and hair.

But we are all  
together.



## Lingue da Xiang BingXiang - 2D

Le lingue ci sono  
per rendere tutto più speciale.

Loro uniscono  
l'intero nazionale.

Sembrano semplici  
ma hanno difficoltà.

Per questo dobbiamo impegnarci  
perché ogni cosa ha la sua qualità.

Imparando lingue  
ovunque puoi andare.

Anche se vai nell'UE  
capendo tutto potrai aiutare.

## A new language a new life by Viviana Verani - 1E

A new language is a new life  
meet new people  
travel the world  
and board a plane  
new languages  
new cultures  
new friendships  
to start a new life!



## A multicultural world by Gabriele Yntrozzi - 1E

If you are American,  
if you are Italian,  
if you are Australian,  
if you are Brazilian  
if you are Albanian,  
if you are German...  
If you think you are different,  
don't worry,  
we are a community  
of people all different,  
but all the same.

## La nuova lingua da Martina Puzo - 1A

La mia lingua  
è qualcosa che posso parlare,  
e anche ascoltare.  
Sento le parole,  
le voglio ascoltare  
e sentirle mi rilassa.  
Suonare un nuovo strumento  
è come parlare una nuova lingua.



## About cultures by Hiba & Gaia - 1E

Oh world.  
This is how you created us  
you have given us many cultures  
Thanks to your cultures  
you have made us unique in thought

Oh world.  
Hello Christian culture,  
Thank you for the teaching in the bible,

Hello Jewish culture,  
Thank you for your ancient language  
and your sacred book

Hello Islamic culture,  
Thank you Arabs who created the  
numbers and  
Thanks also for other cultures.

## A New life by Giulia Muffo - 1A

A new language is a new life.  
A new culture is a new world.

All this planets are in one system  
And they can communicate.

All the people don't stay just in one planet,  
all the people stay together.

A new year is coming,  
A new life is here.  
A new language we can learn  
A new culture we can meet.



**A new language is a new life**  
by Karina Floriana Moise - 1A

Learning a new language is a  
new experience,  
It makes you feel  
lively and mature.

Discovering a new language  
is a beautiful new life.

When a wind comes,  
it makes you discover

a new world,  
a new language,  
an experience.

**Words**  
by Beatrice di Matteo - 1A

The word is important,  
communicating is exciting.

Words can hurt, but they can also  
help us understand that in the  
world there is not just one color,  
one language or one nation, but a  
collection of people, words and  
emotions.

There is no distinct ego but a  
group of people ready to talk  
about themselves to explain  
inclusion, to understand that what  
is different no longer has any  
reason to exist in a world made  
only of people.

**A new language is a new life**  
by Omar Janini - 3C

A new language  
is a new life.

This is a message  
to know where you will arrive.

I don't enjoy when I study the grammar  
rules,  
but some kids cannot learn in schools.

History, Geography, Literature and  
Culture,  
all of this will be useful for my future.

**Experiences in the world**  
by Liam Llanga - 1E

If we travel around the world  
we will discover many cultures  
and maybe new languages,  
and with a little luck,  
we'll gain experiences  
that bring a new life to our minds.





## A multi-cultural world by Denise de Luca - 1B

I am Italian  
You are English  
He is African  
She is French

We speak different languages  
We live in different countries  
We have different cultures  
And we eat different food

But we are in diversity  
All friends and all equal.

## United Among the Stars by Martina Bono 3B

We speak different languages,  
We are of different skin colours.  
But seen from space,  
We are all the same like stars,  
There is no difference.



## A new language is a new life by Riccardo Franzoni

New language to sing  
New language to play  
New language to think  
All together each day.

We learn it while having fun,  
To make new friends all over the world.

## Un Mondo Sorprendente by G.B.

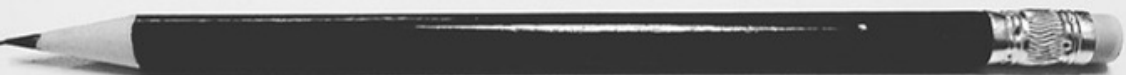
Il mondo è interessante,  
e visitare dal vivo i monumenti è  
affascinante!

Ognuno ha le proprie religioni e usanze,  
ma, nonostante le distanze,  
abbiamo comunque molte somiglianze.

Ognuno ha un modo di parlare diverso, ma  
in fondo tutti ci capiamo con un solo gesto.

Anche se nessuno di noi è uguale, non ci  
dobbiamo comunque criticare.

Perciò diamoci la mano e iniziamo a volare,  
per un mondo da scoprire e tutto da  
imparare.





# *Drawings*



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Francesca L. 2E



To travel is to live



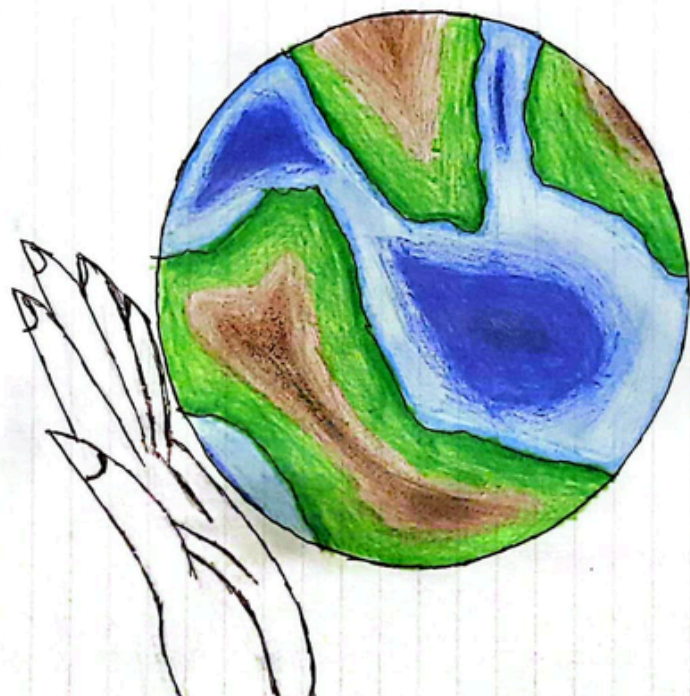


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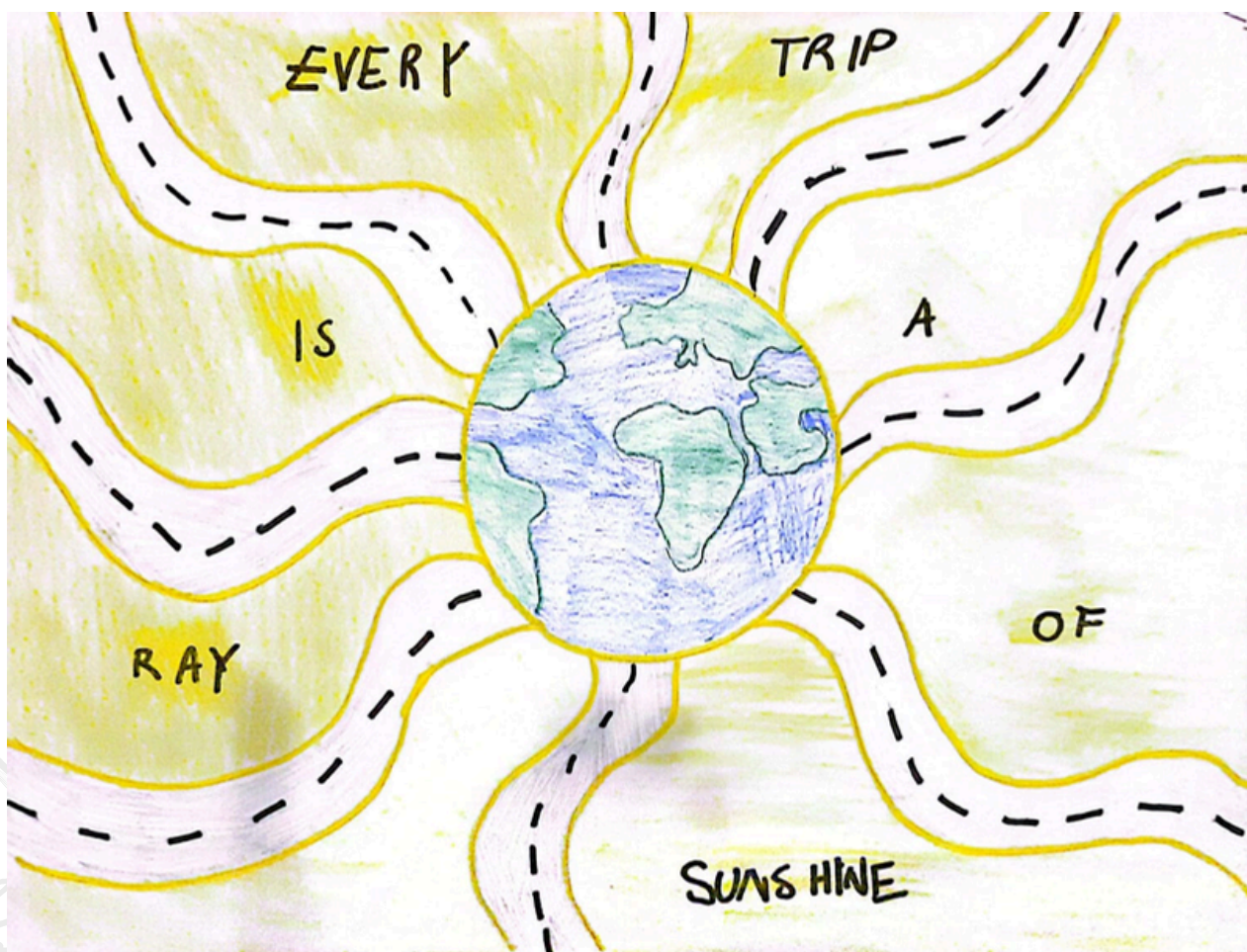




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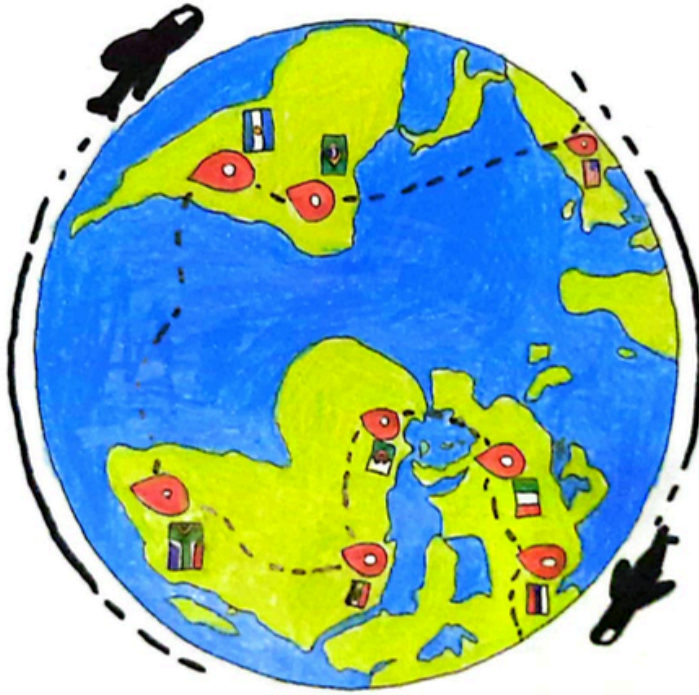
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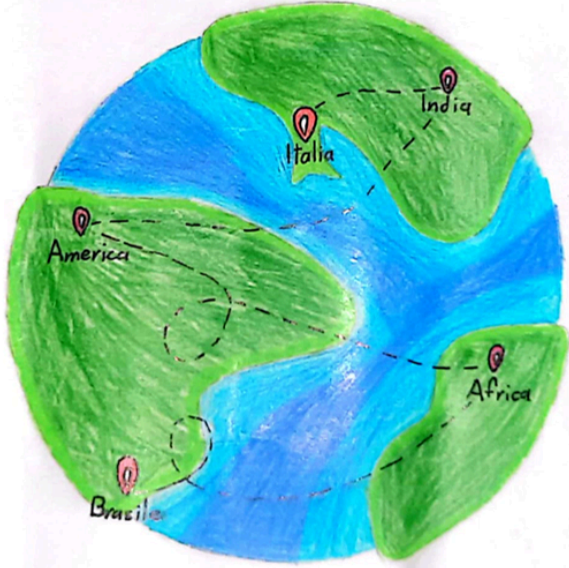


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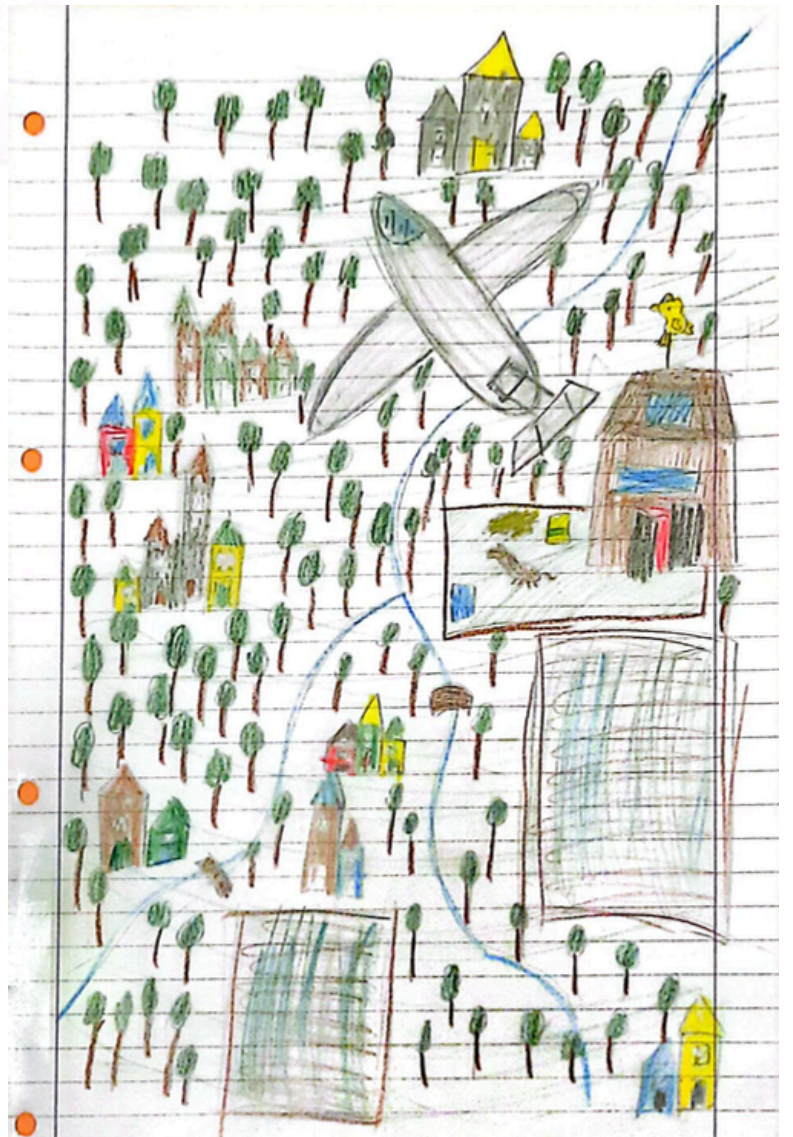


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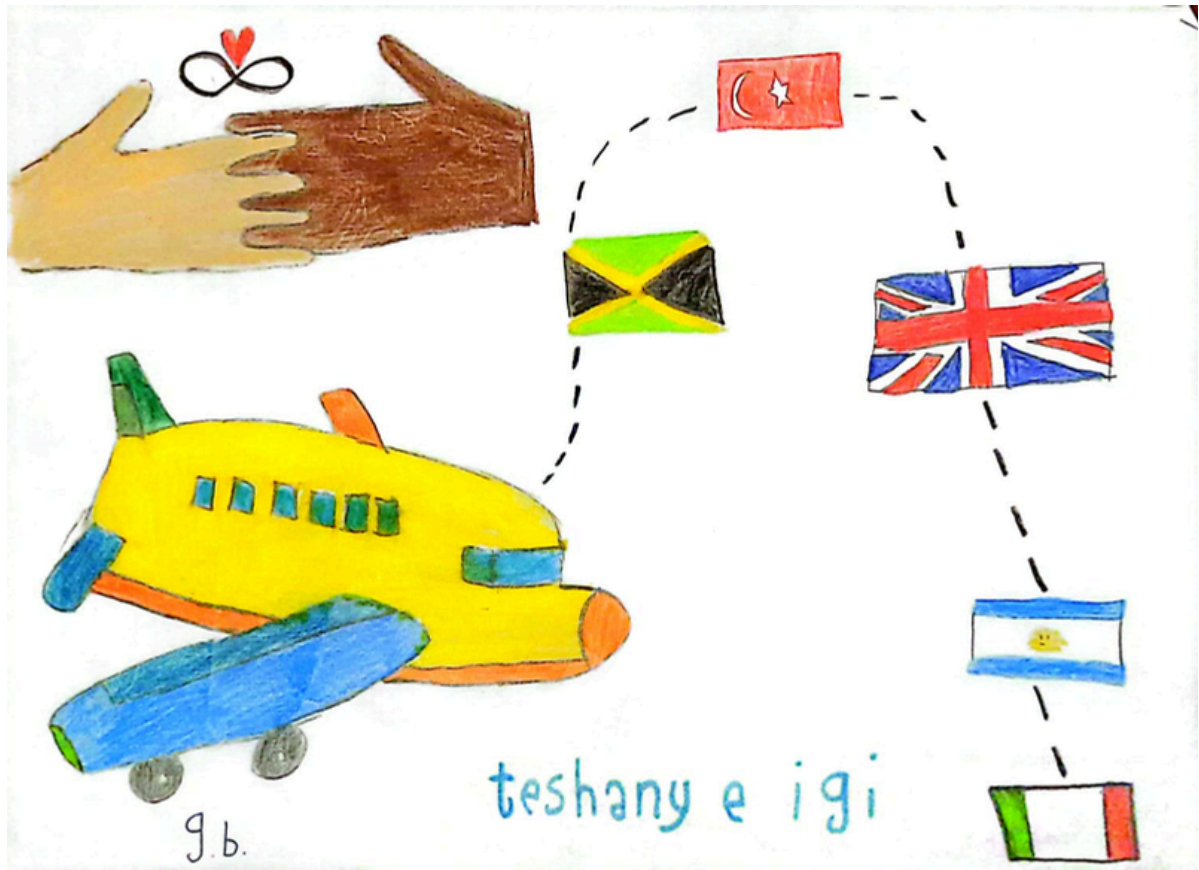
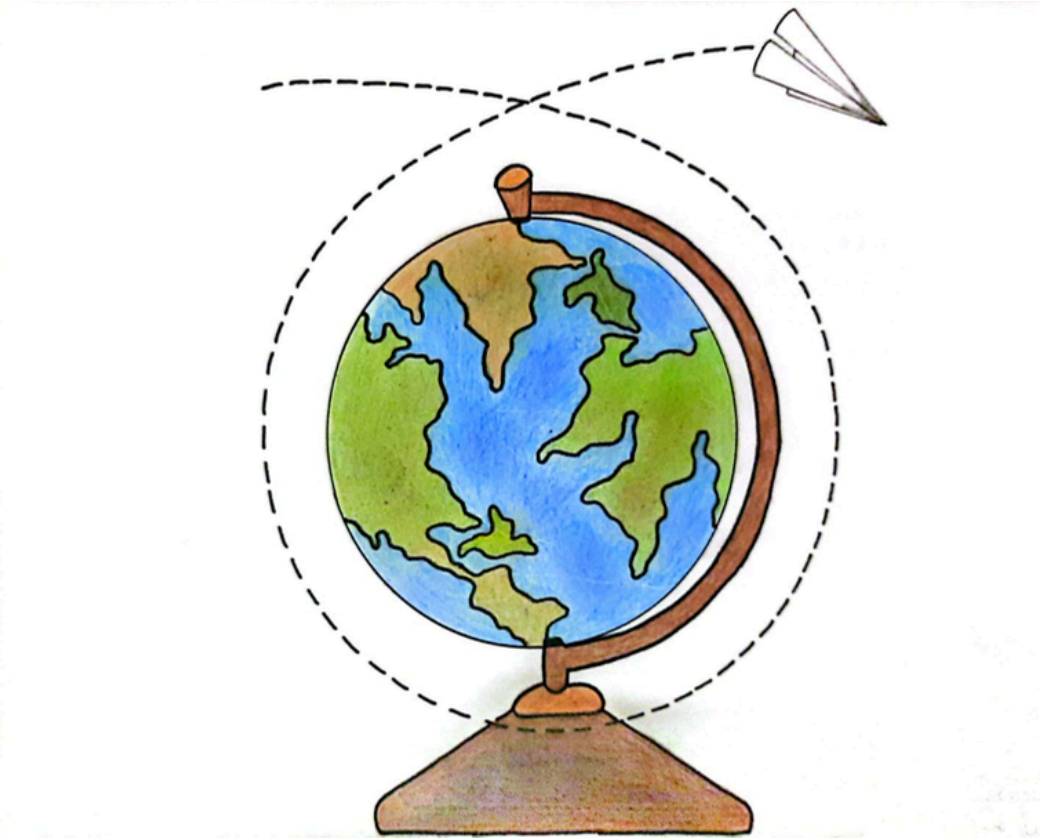


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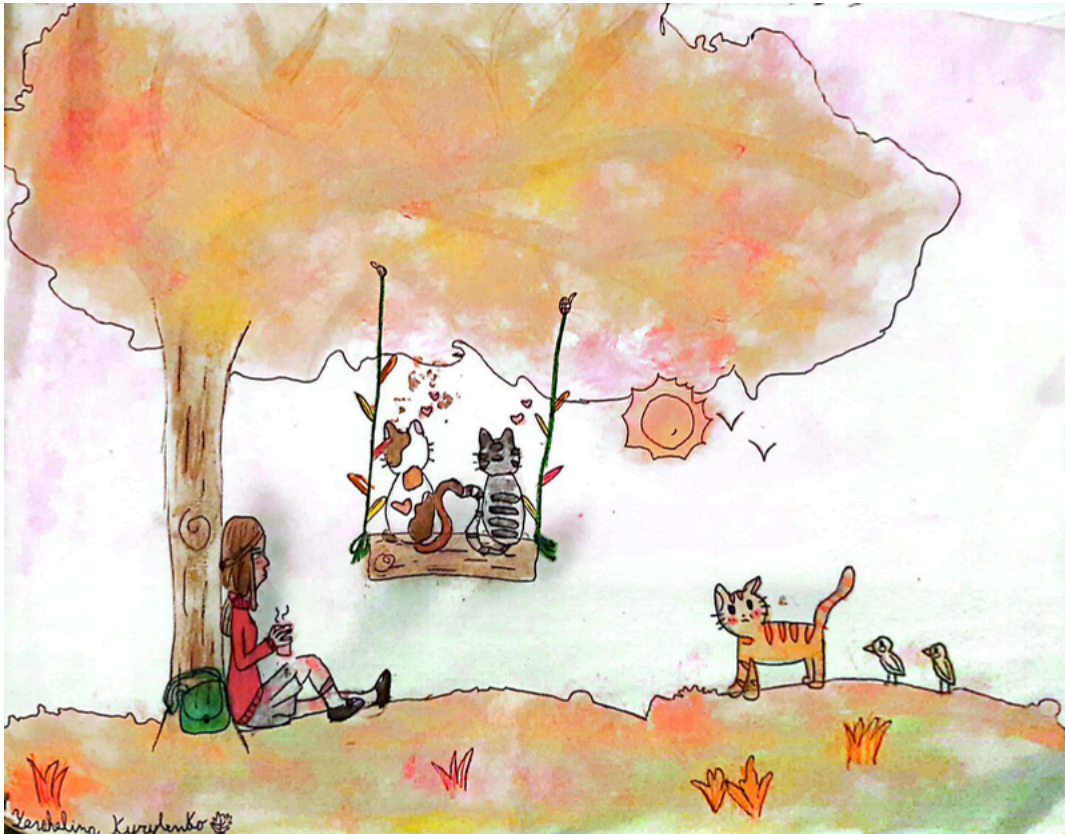
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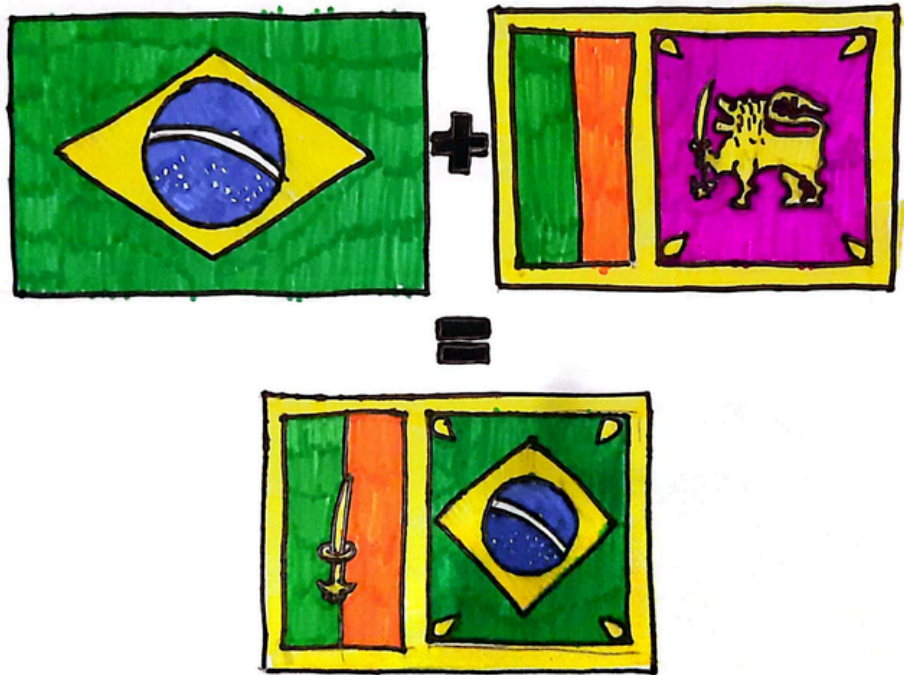
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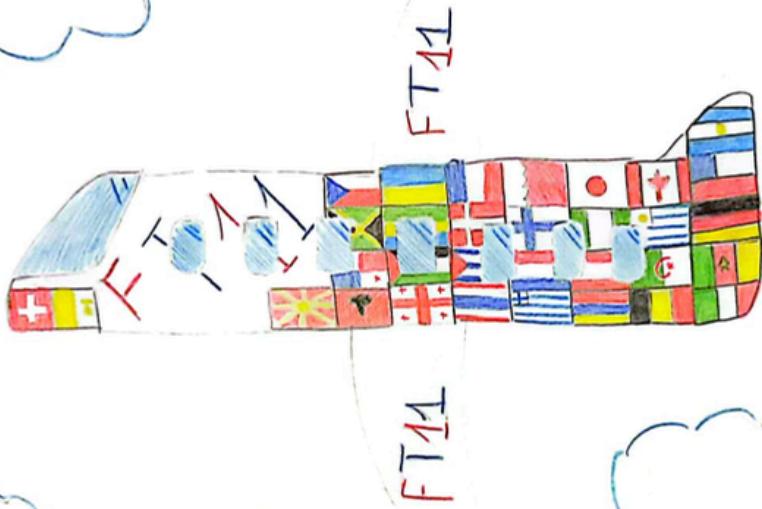


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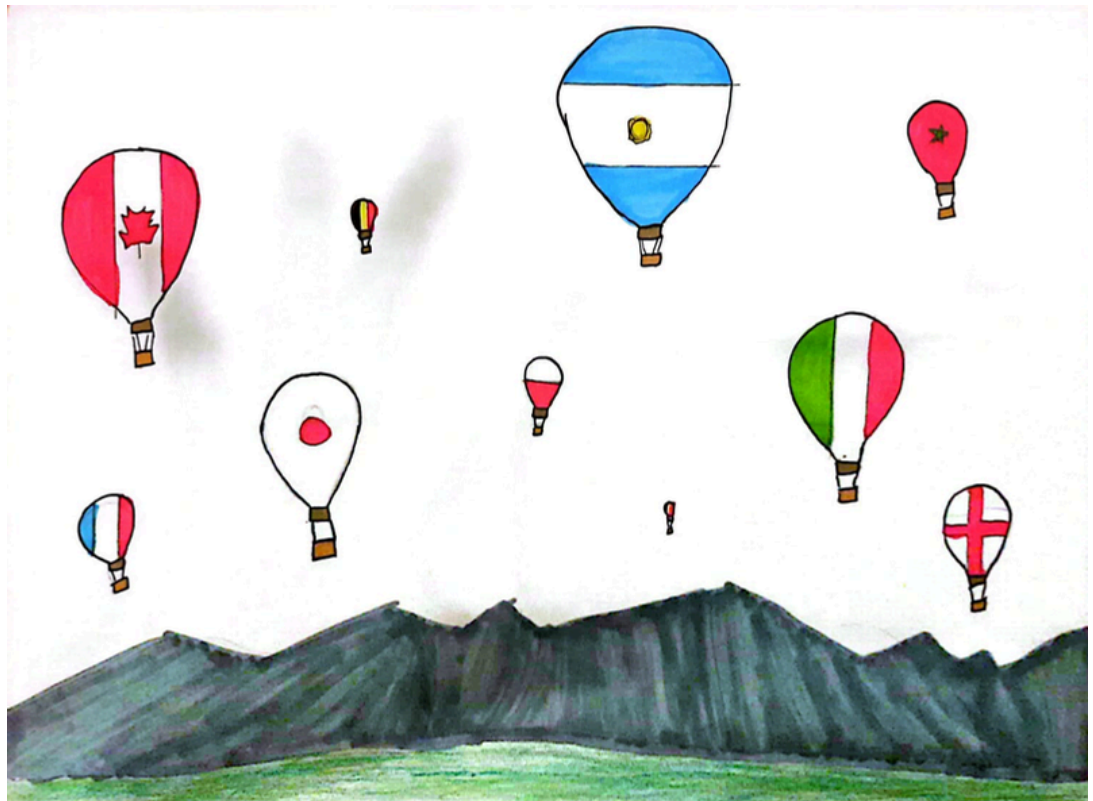


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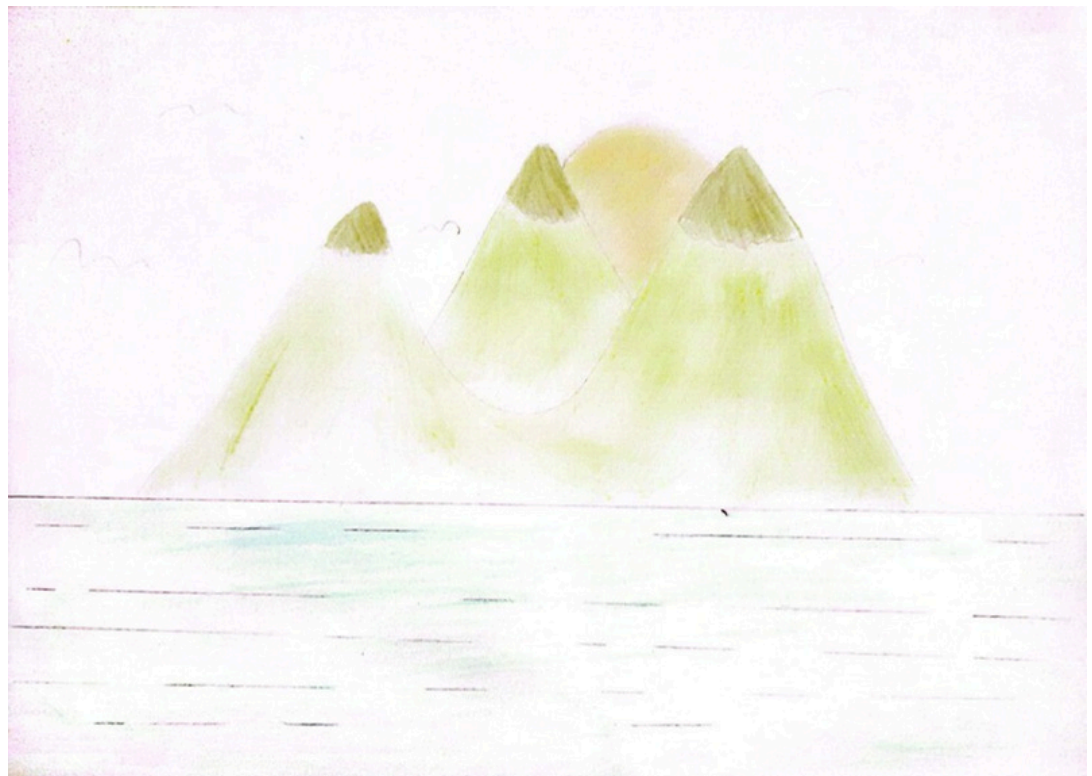


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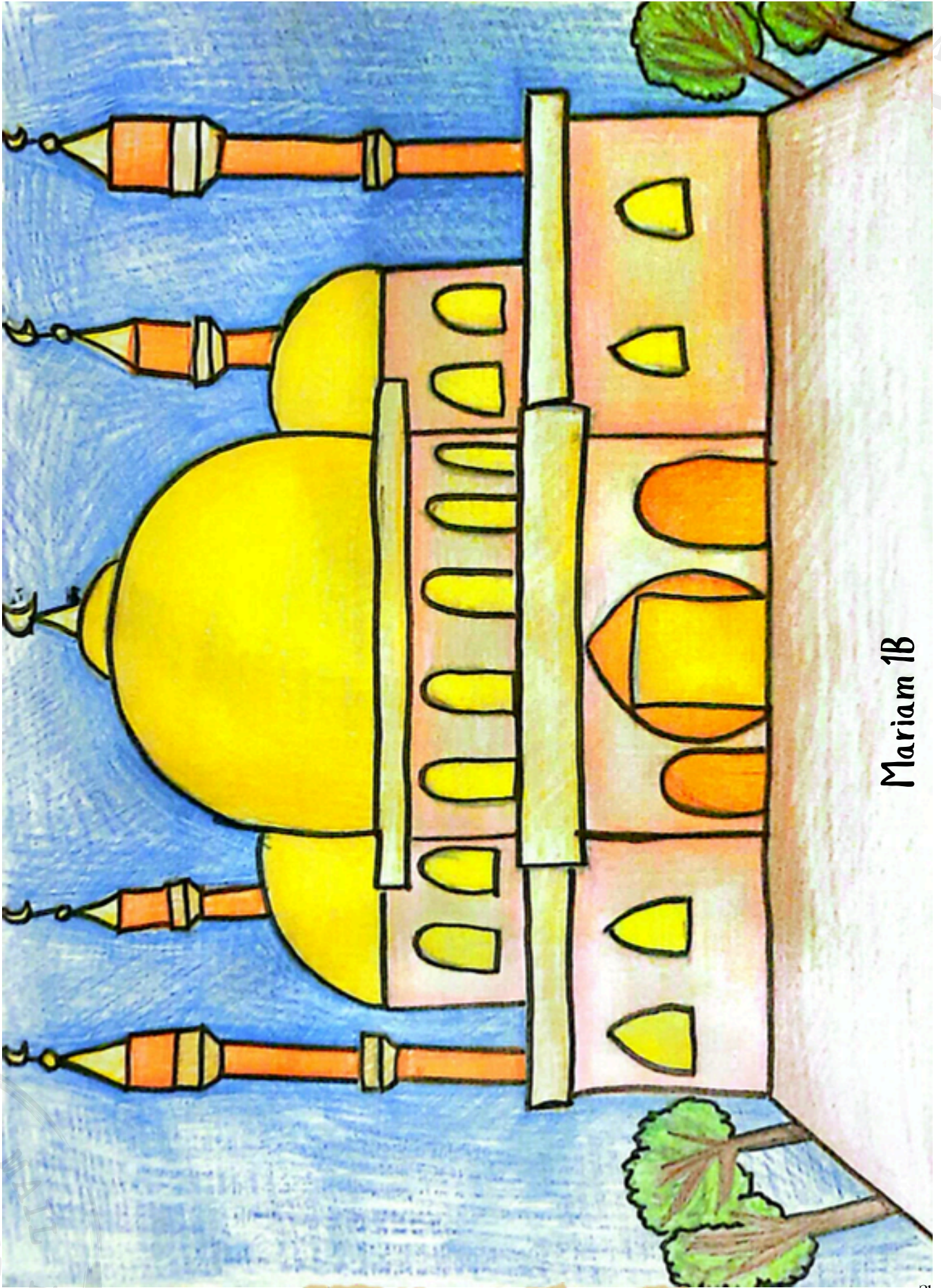


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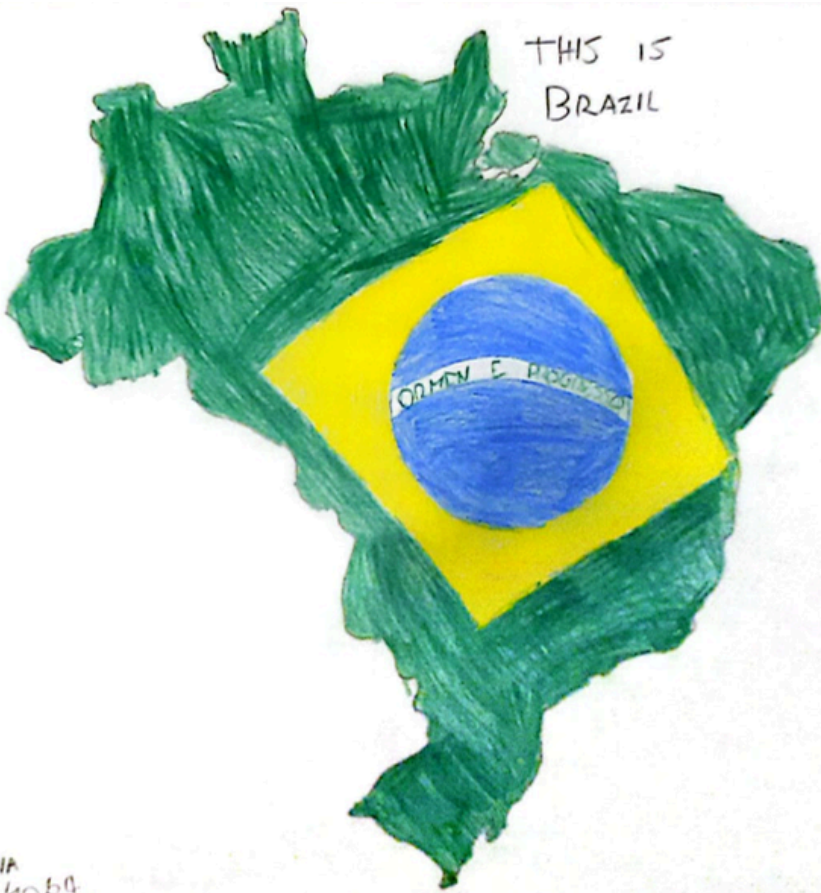


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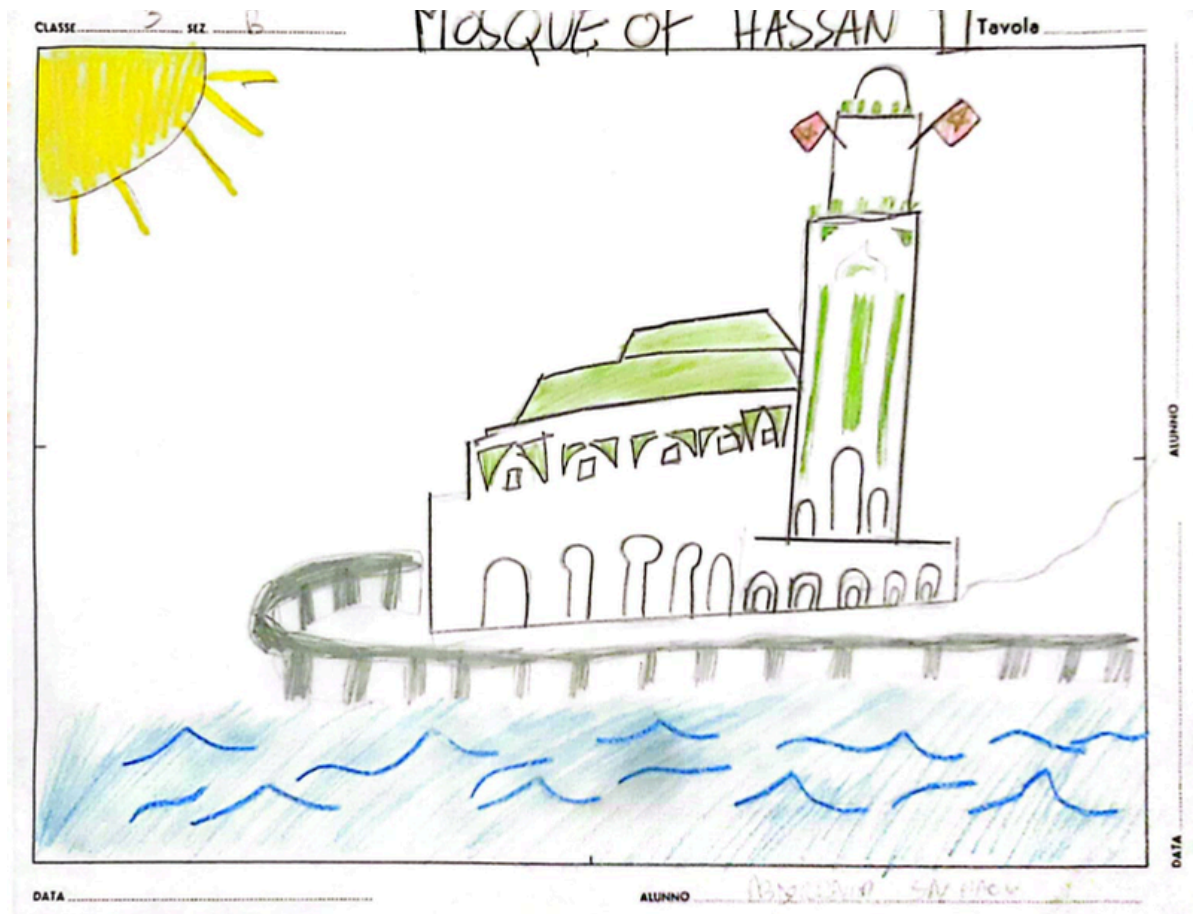


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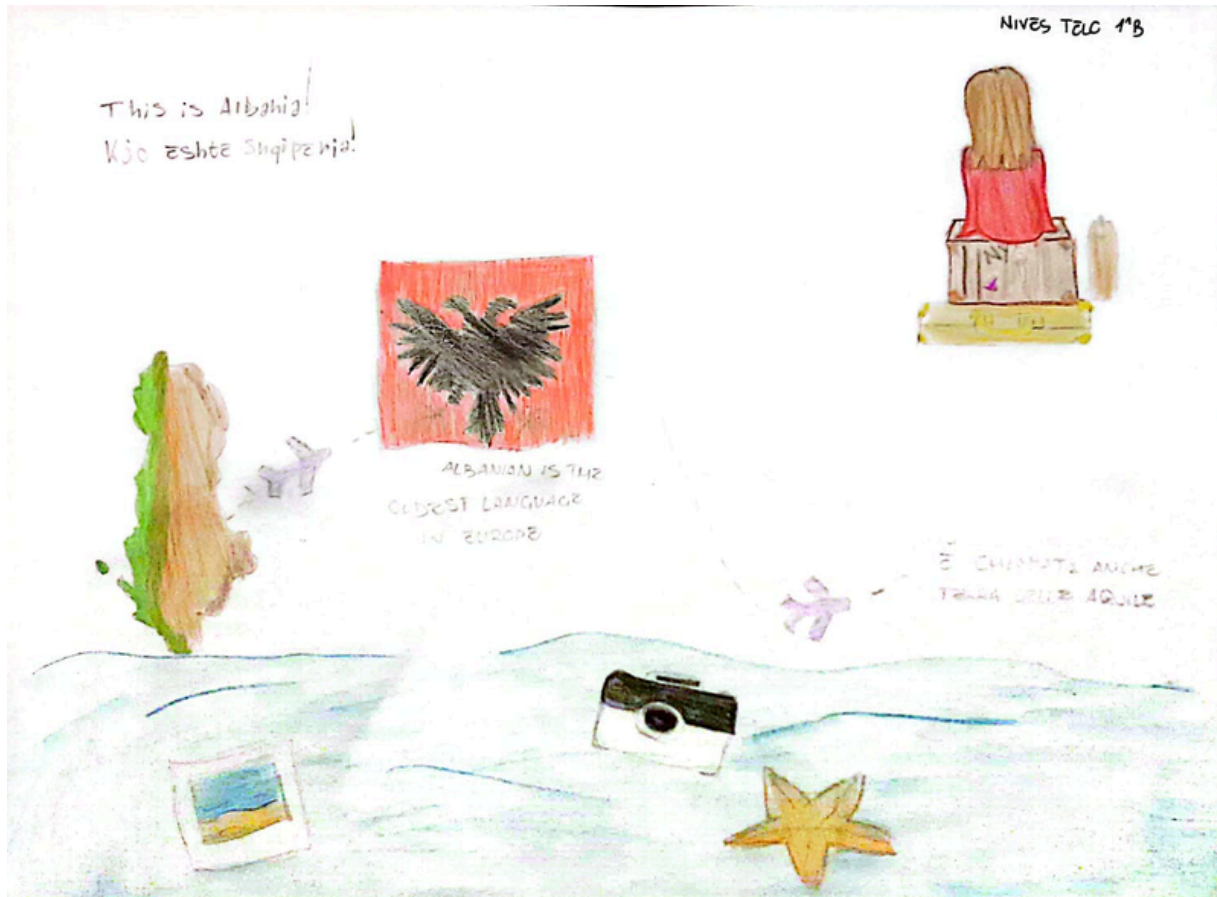
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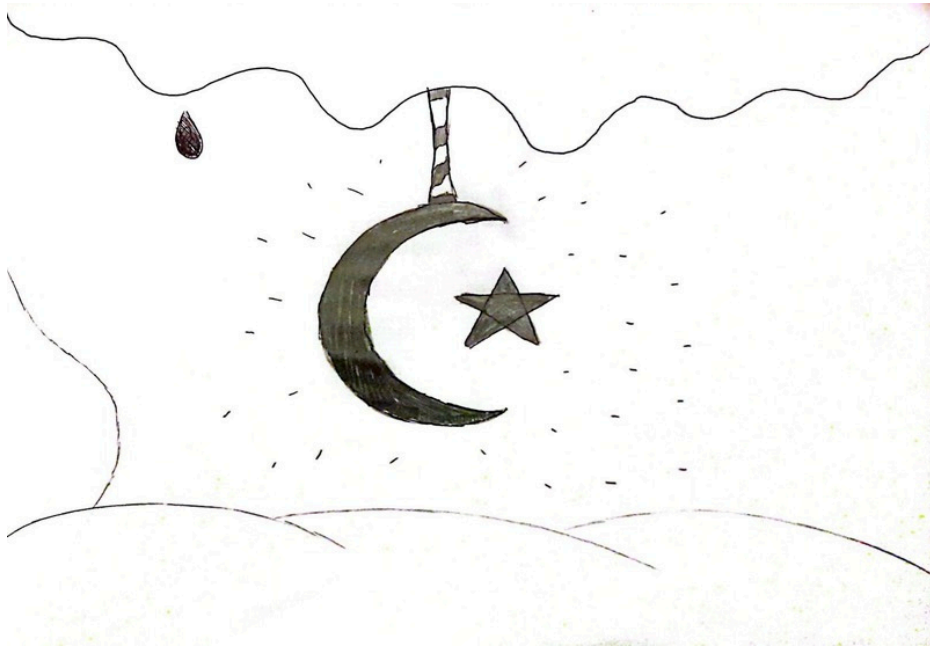


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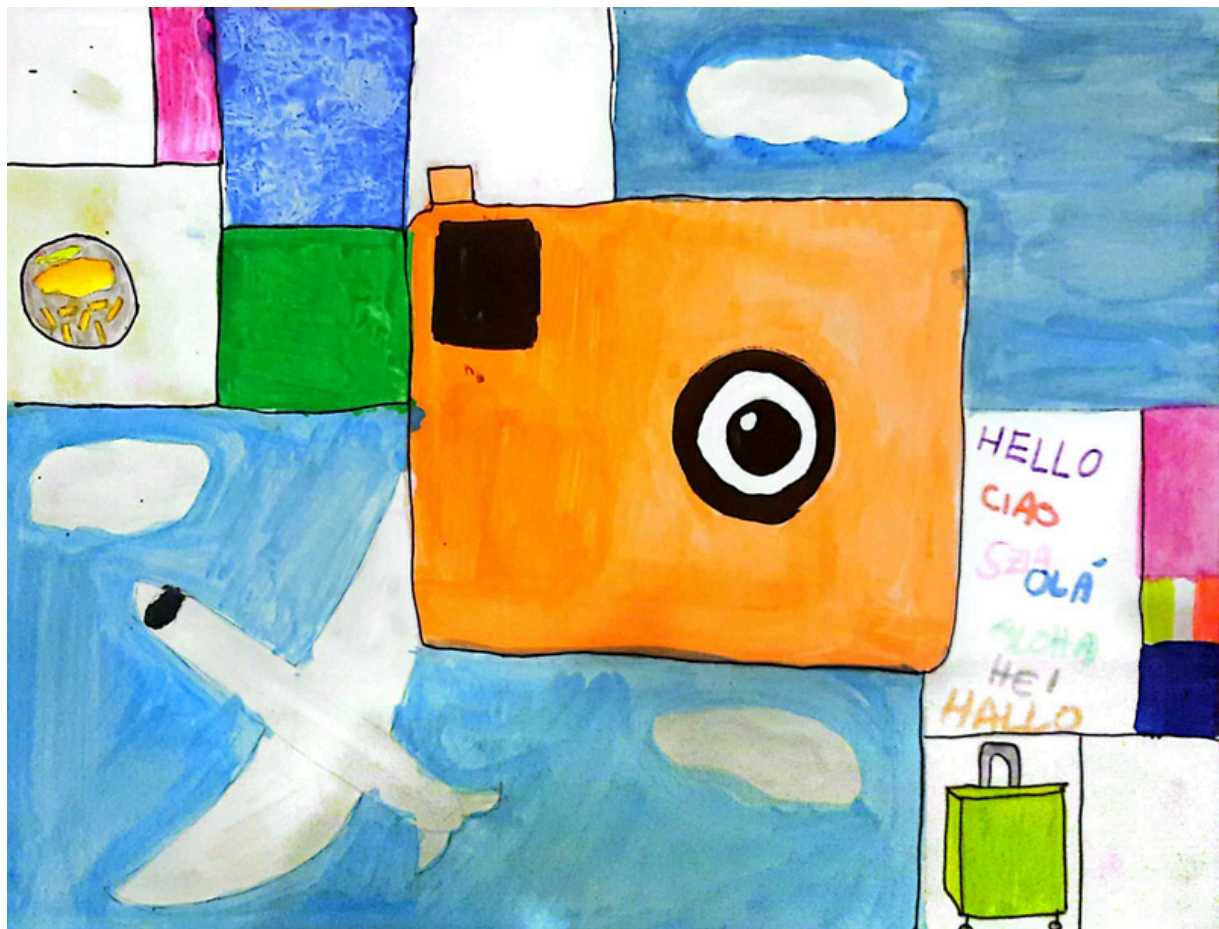


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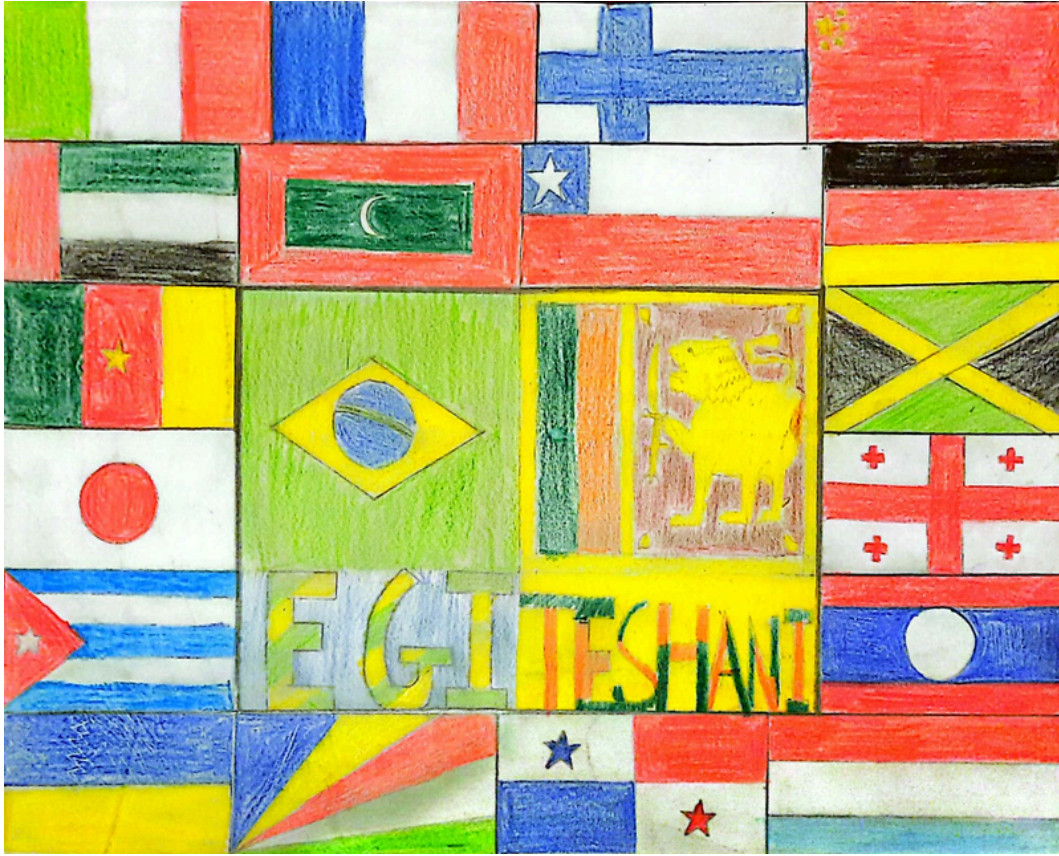
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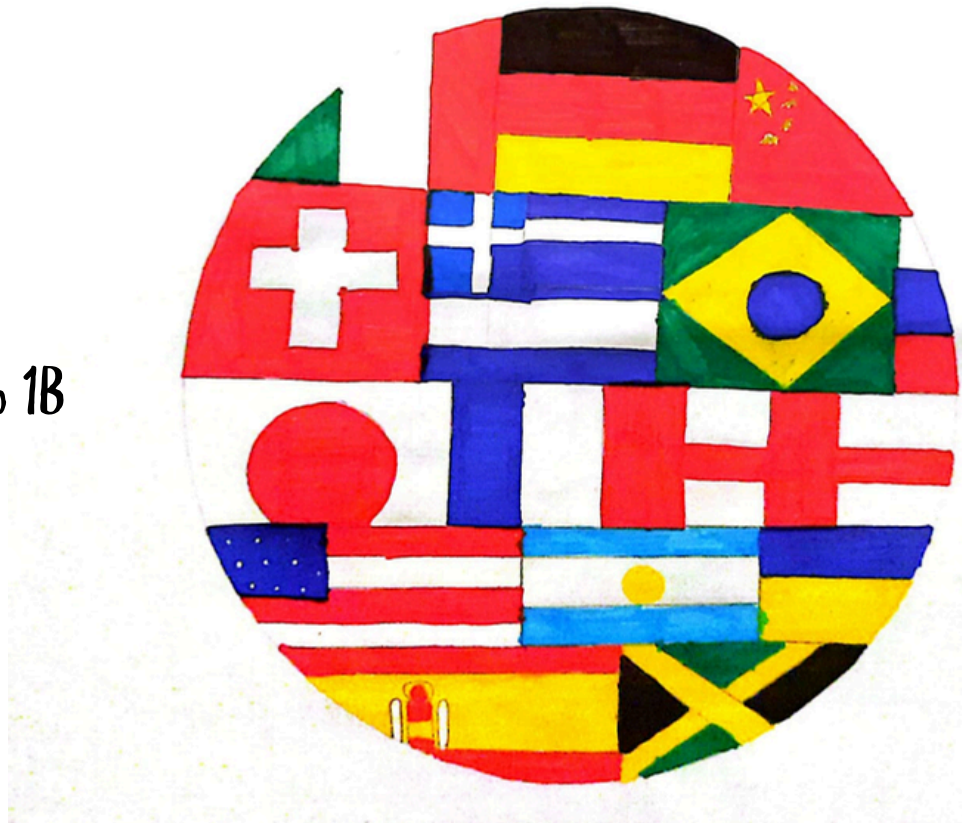


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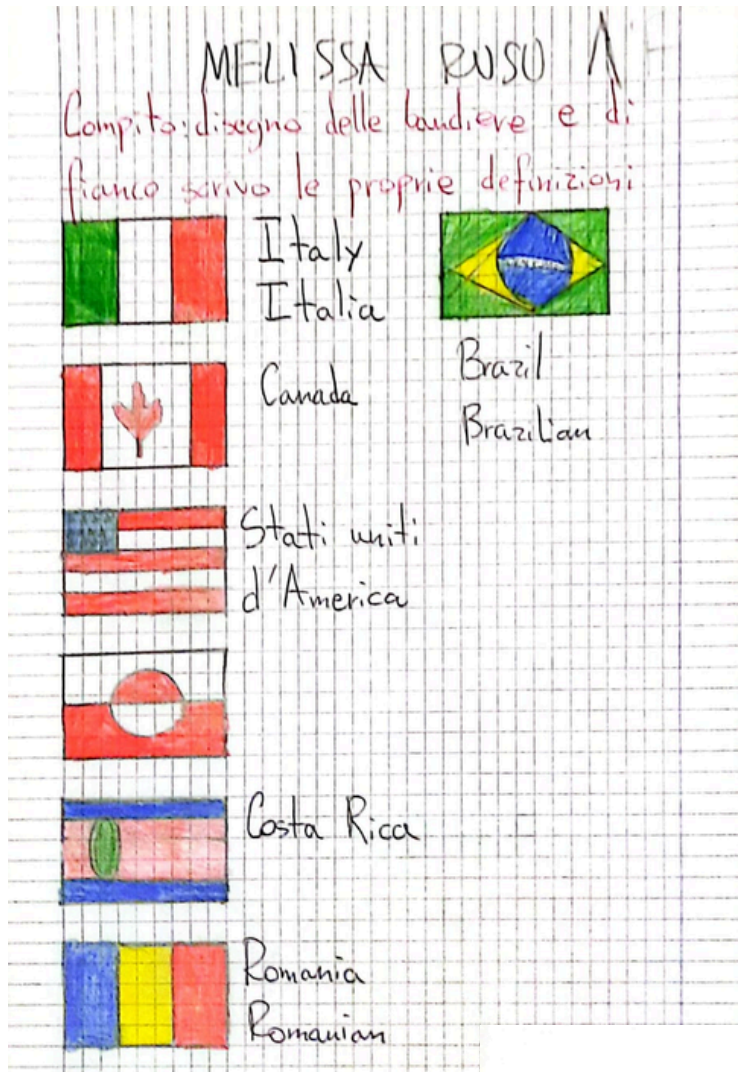
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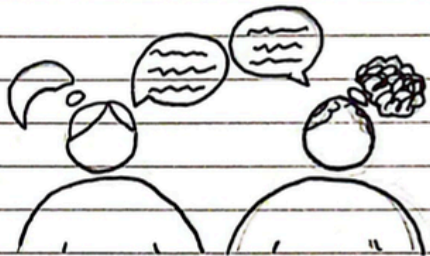
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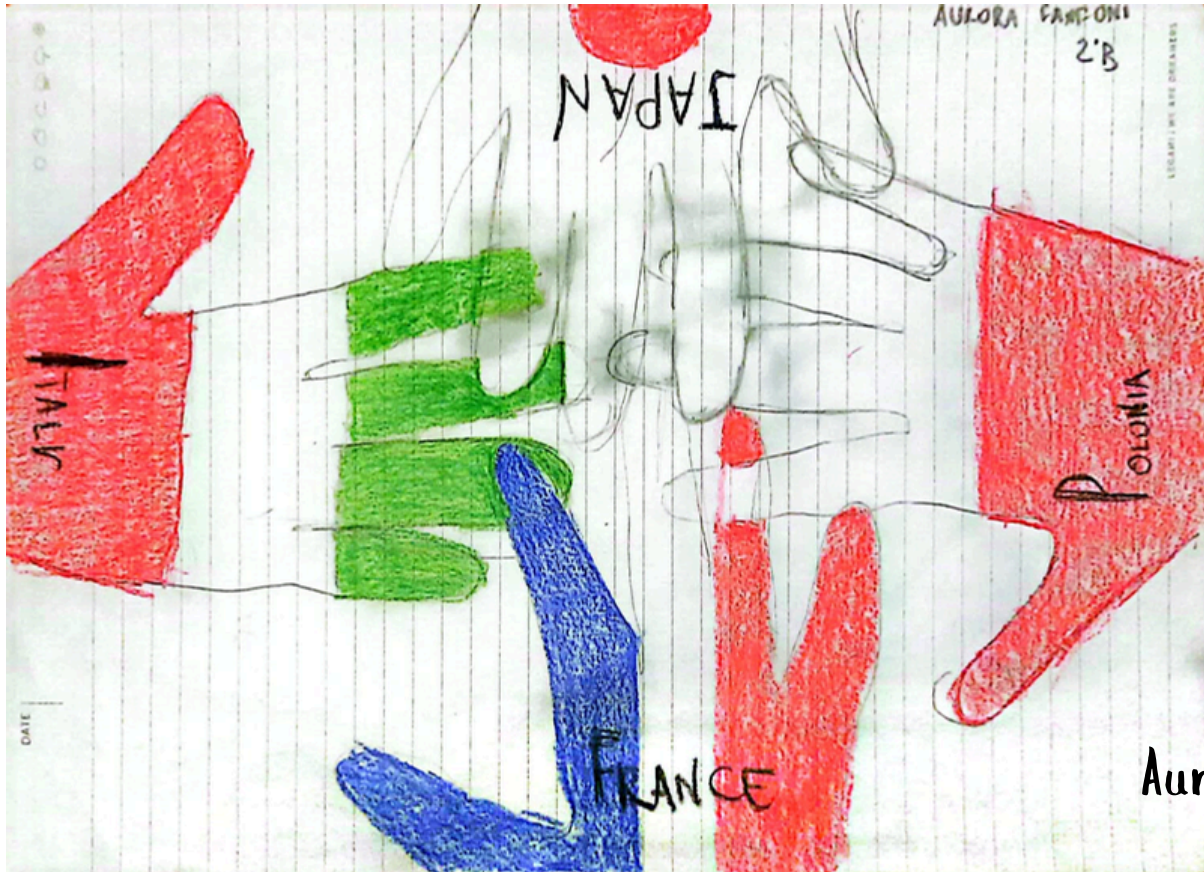
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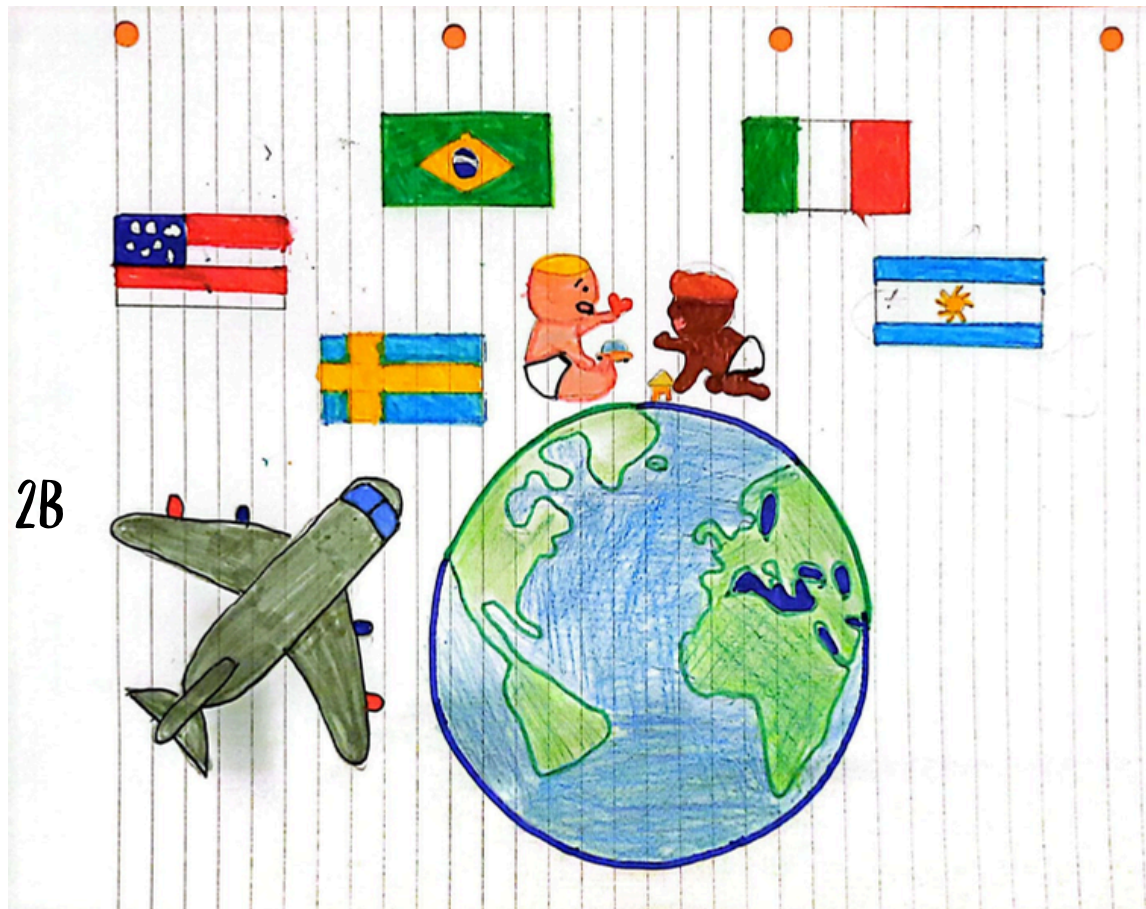




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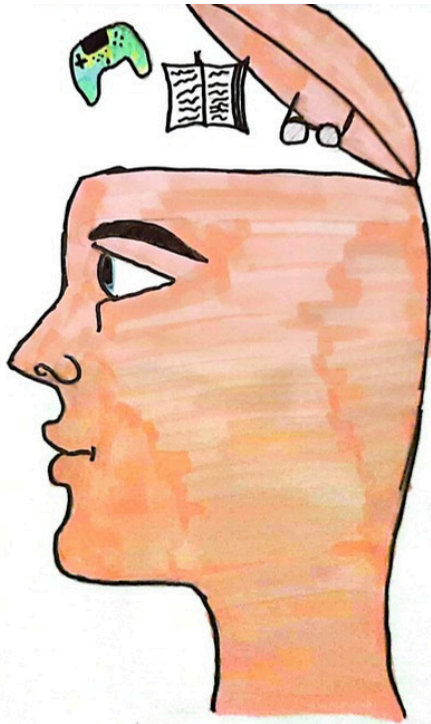
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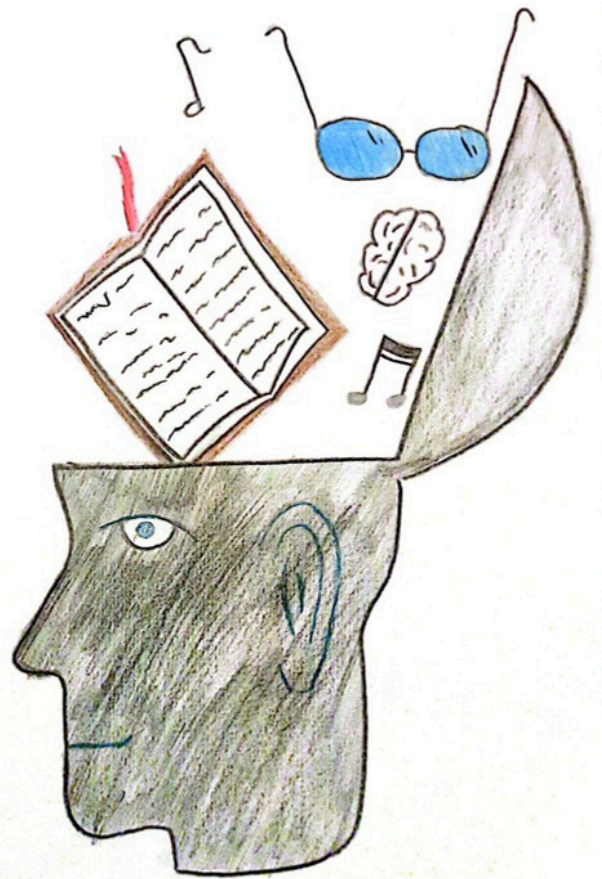


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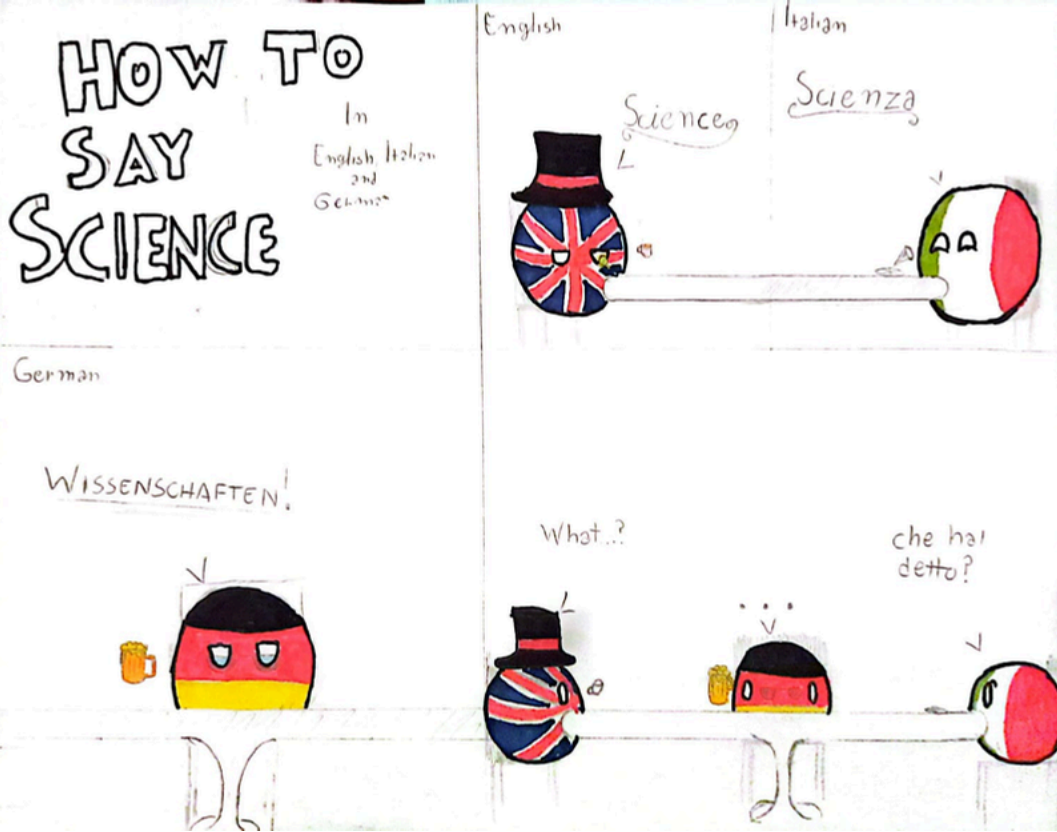
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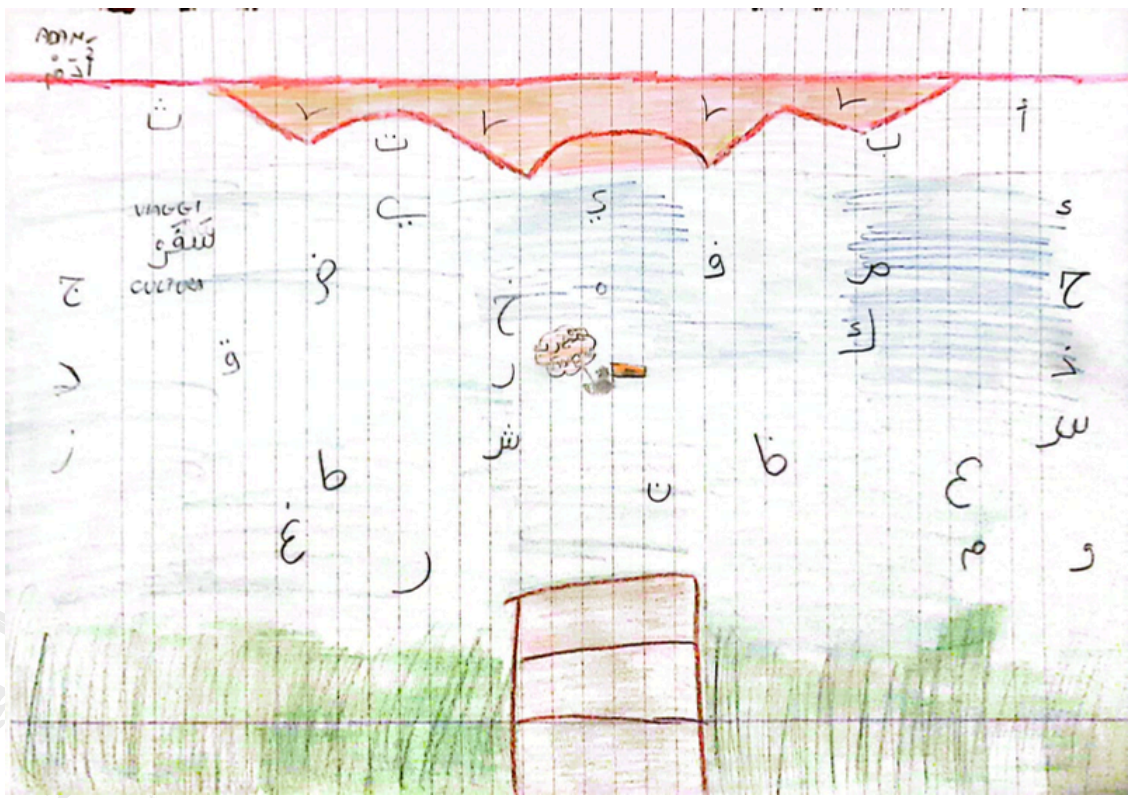




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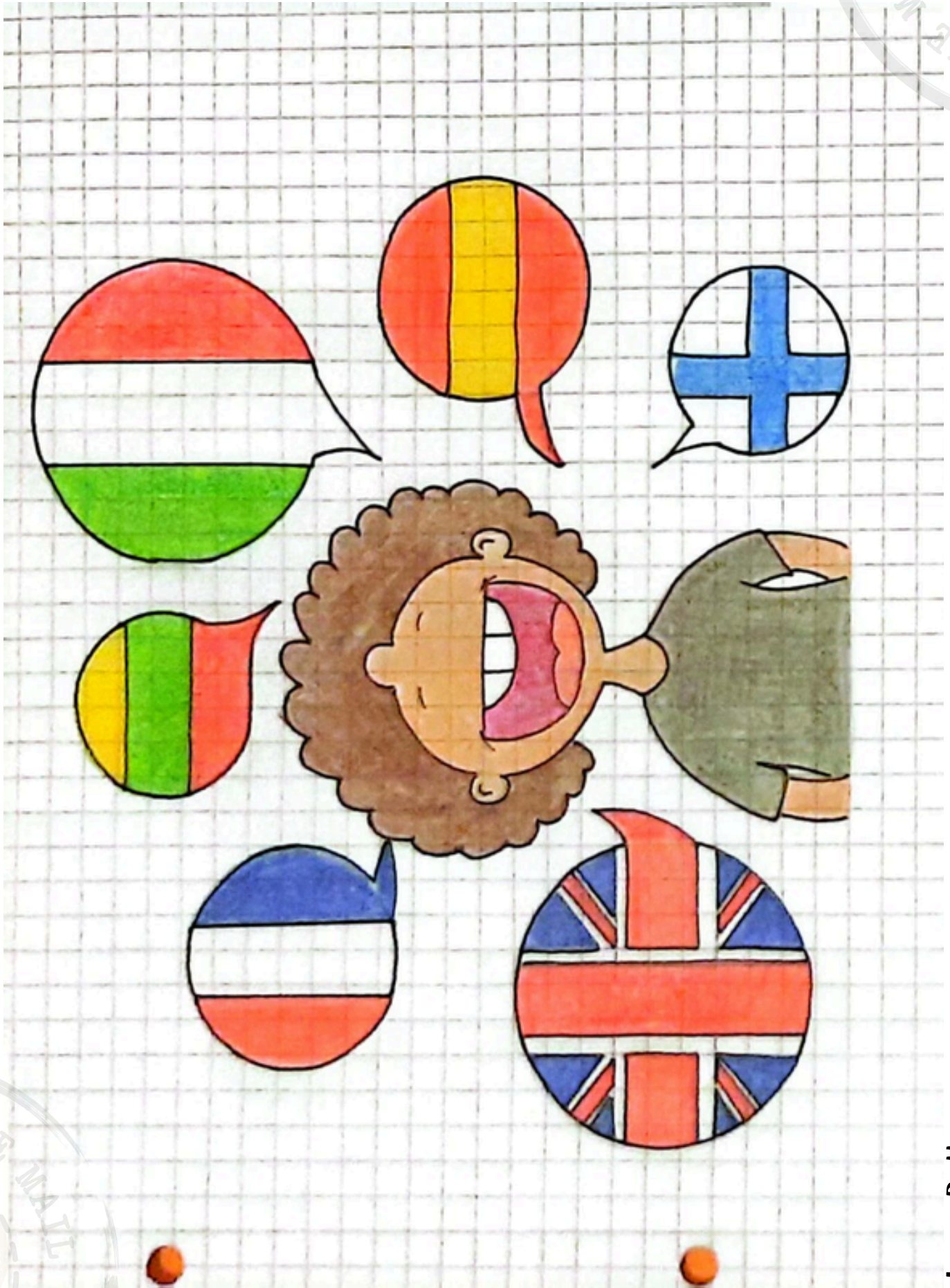


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# Essays



A country I would like to visit  
by Clara O'Gorman - 2C

When I grow up I'd like to live in Ireland. I think it's beautiful because it's rich with green fields.

The countryside would be all around me, and it would be very relaxing. I love the countryside, specially early in the morning. In Ireland if you're lucky enough you can spot deers at that time! During the rest of the day you can watch sheep grazes out in the fresh air.

I really likes the towns in Ireland too. They are very colorful because every shop and pub is painted with bright colours, each different from the other.

Another reason to live in Ireland is the coast. In Ireland specially in the west, green hills often falls directly into the ocean. One of my favorite examples is the Cliff of Moher. I'm amazed everytime I see them. Even though I think they are also scary. I fell small compared to the height of the cliffs and the vastness of the ocean.

People say the weather is terrible because it's very rainy even in the hotter months, but I prefer that to the heat of the Italian summers.

Also in the summer the rain is often very light and after it there's a high chance you can see a rainbow. I always get very excited when I notice one, because in Italy they're quite rare.

A country I would like to visit  
by Emma Baraviera - 3A

I would like to visit Galapagos and to go to Lord Howe Island to swim with sharks, obviously without disturbing them because I don't want to lose an arm.

I would like to swim with sharks because they are animals that have always fascinated and intrigued me.

Furthermore, I would also like to visit Lod Howe Island because it is a UNESCO World Heritage site.

I would probably visit it by bike because it is the best way to see most of the island.

To eat I would definitely go to the driftwood restaurant to eat something typical and possibly even good.



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## Quello che amo della mia cultura da Diana Shevchyk - 1D

Io ho avuto la fortuna di conoscere due culture: una italiana e una Ucraina. Ad esempio il Natale in Italia si festeggia il venticinque Dicembre, invece in Ucraina si festeggia uno dei giorni freddi di Gennaio. Quindi si mi riempio la pancia ben due volte.

Pasqua in Ucraina è diversa da quella italiana, infatti si prepara una cesta, con delle uova che si avvolgono in un nastro di plastica colorato e così vengono messe dentro l'acqua calda per fare diventare sode. Le uova diventano speciali per poi essere consacrate alla fine della messa.

A me stranamente non piace l'uovo, anche se tutta la mia famiglia lo gusta con piacere. Purtroppo è obbligatorio mangiarne almeno un pezzettino dopo essere stato consacrato.

Ma al banchetto il cibo non si prende assolutamente da soli, ma passa il capofamiglia (di solito il nonno) per consegnarti il tuo pezzo d'uovo.

Poi si dice una preghiera in piedi e si mangia il cibo che c'era nel cesto più altre a tua scelta.

In chiesa questo giorno non ci si annoia mai infatti si ascolta una messa tutta cantata di tre ore. Poi si esce nella piazzetta davanti all'edificio sacro e il prete inizia a spruzzare sulle persone e sui cestini l'acqua santa.

È proprio bello essere metà italiana metà Ucraina anche perché quando la mamma mi sgrida nessuno capisce quello che mi dice!

## I love you Patagonia da Bianca Caimi - 1A

Mi piace visitare il mondo e conoscere cose nuove; Un posto che mi piacerebbe tantissimo visitare è la Patagonia, perché è stato il posto dove i miei genitori sono andati in viaggio di nozze e dalle foto che mi hanno fatto vedere, deve essere davvero fantastico.

Le foto, per me, sono importanti perché ti fanno fantasticare; è per questo che dalle foto ora voglio andare in Patagonia: Le foto del Perito Moreno (il ghiacciaio), l'Usuaia, uno dei paesi più dimenticati al mondo, è anche il paese abitato più a sud del mondo; mi sembra di sognare.

C'è anche una grande varietà di animali, tipo come le balene, le foche, i delfini, i pinguini, gli alpaca, i guanaco (una specie di lama)...

Per le meraviglie naturali, gli animali, i meravigliosi paesaggi... I love you Patagonia!



## A country I would like to visit Riccardo Cordoni - 1A

One city to visit, for me is Madrid. A city I imagine big, full of people and full of interesting places to visit.

In Madrid I can visit some museums, specially Prado, where there are masterpieces (works of art) from Goya, Raffaello and Caravaggio, or visit the Royal Palace, which is a museum but also the house of the king.

I can go to Plaza Mayor, which is one of the most famous squares of Spain, thanks to the presence of the statue dedicated to king Filippo III.

I can visit Buen Retiro too, a park where there are many outdoor shows.

Finally I can't miss a visit to the legendary Santiago Bernabeu Stadium, home of Real Madrid's football champions (my favorite part 😊)!

## A country I would like to visit Arianna Colucci - 1A

Which country I would like to see? I would like to visit China because I think it is an interesting country.

I would surely go to see the Forbidden city Beijing, Hong Kong and Shanghai. I would really like to see the Terra Cotta army, to board an evening cruise ar Victoria Harbour, to visit the Great wall of China.

And then I would go in the down town of the biggest city ti see the tallest building.

I would like to taste the vegetable dumplings. I like them a lot in Italy and I would like to taste if they are the same.

I love traveling because I discover habits, life styles abd religions different from mine.





**A country I would like to visit  
by Mateo G. - 1A**

A country I would like to visit is Norway or even better I would take a cruise on Fjord.

I would like to start from the capital Oslo and from there go up North Cape to see the Northern Lights.

Starting from Oslo I would like, stage after stage, I would observe the Fjords, their conformation and here, crystal clear waters of the sea and all the animals: fish and birds.

I would stay in the balcony of my cabin all the time to enjoy the view without missing anything.

**A country I would like to visit  
by Matteo Iannuzzelli - 1E**

I love Dubai

The skyscrapers are very big and beautiful. The dealership shopping mall are always fascinating.

I would like to go to the desert, and go to the rally and go with the camel.

I would like to go to the shopping center to visit the aquarium. It is the best aquarium in the world.

At the end, I would like to eat new food and buy some souvenirs for me and my family.

**A country I would like to visit  
Lorenzo Novoletto - 1A**

I would like to visit Japan because it is beautiful. You can find peace but also business, with many lights, shops and skyscrapers.

I would also like to visit the "Mount Fuji" and to see cherry trees.

I would love to study in Japan because I would like to become a comic artist and they are very good at this art.

My favourite manga is "One Piece" and I read it every evening.



## A country I would like to visit Beatrice di Matteo - 1A

Hi everyone, I'm Beatrice and today I will describe the place I would like to visit!

I would like to visit Spain because I speak a little Spanish and because there are Madrid, Barcelona, Seville and Valencia. Spain is beautiful and there you can eat paella and tacos. You can visit so many amazing things and take so many funny pictures!

In Spain there is a lot of art to see: La Sagrada Familia and Gaudi's works in Barcelona, Prado Museum and Nacional Reina Sofia in Madrid and many more...

Finally there are the Balearic islands, famous for their sea and their wonderful beaches.

Now I say goodbye to you, see you next time, byeeeeee!

## What I love about my country by Giulia Muffo - 1A

Hi! My name is Giulia and I live in Saronno. Today I'm telling you what I like about Italy.

In Italy we have lots of nice food, like pizza, carbonara, lasagna and also ice cream! We have sea, but also hills and mountains, we have museums and parks.

My favourite regions of Italy are Marche and Abruzzo: my parents are from there! In Marche there are wonderful sea and ice cream and, in Abruzzo, fantastic mountains and food.

I like also a little town in Piemonte called "Santa Maria Maggiore" because it's a wonderful place to snowboarding.

At last in my town we have good pizza restaurants, wonderful schools, and a big natural park: the "Parco Lura".





## Il Brasile da Francesco Mazzone & Giacomo Perfetti - 10

Vorremo visitare l'America del Sud, in particolare il Brasile. Per vedere: il Cristo Redentore e Rio de Janeiro. Ci piacerebbe farci autografare la maglietta da Neymar Jr.

Un'altra cosa che vorremo fare è il bagno nel mare brasiliano, pieno di cavalloni e divertirci con le tavole da surf.

Vorremo inoltre visitare tutte le città colorate e fare una bella cena a base di feijoada (un piatto tipico brasiliano). In poche parole un viaggio bellissimo.

## My Culture by Elisa Danci - 3A

The Romanian culture is full of interesting traditions, for example in Easter kids would wake up early in the morning and go to the neighbours' houses to say "Jesus has reborn" and people would answer "He truly has reborn" and then they all give the kids food or money.

Another tasty tradition is to paint some boiled eggs and then everyone has to pick one. After that you have to try to break someone else's egg.

It is said that, at the end, whoever still has their egg will have a long life.

## A country I would like to visit by Maxim Farima - 3A

I would like to visit France, in particular Paris, because they say it's the city of love.

I would also like to go up the Eiffel tower and try their food.

I would like to visit the Louvre museum and the Notre Dame Cathedral.

I would like to see the "the Conciergerie", a gothic fortress on the river and a prison of the French revolution, with the cell that housed Marie Antoinette.



## The country that I would like to visit (and why) by Anna O'Gorman - 3B

I would like to visit a place like Vietnam. they have a really different culture and I think that learning new things is very important in life.

Exploring a country like Vietnam offers a immerse ourselves in a rich tapestry of history, vibrant traditions, and breathtaking landscapes. From the bustling streets of Hanoi, filled with the aroma of delicious street food, to the serene beauty of Ha Long Bay with its limestones islands, Vietnam captivates the senses.

Additionally engaging with the local community, participating in traditional festivals, and experiencing the warmth and hospitality of the people there can broaden your perspective and enrich your understanding of the world. Embracing cultural differences not only enhances cultural growth but also fosters a deeper appreciation for diversity that makes our world so wonderfully complex.

I also love immersing myself in nature and I think that eastern countries offer a lot of opportunities to have fun in this way. From the lush, verdant landscapes of Japan's countryside to the bustling vibrant markets of Thailand, there's a wealth of experiences waiting to be uncovered.

Hiking through terraced rice fields, exploring ancient temples, or simply enjoying a peaceful tea ceremony are just a few of the activities that can connect you deeply with the culture and environment. Each journey holds the promise of new friendships and unforgettable memories, as you embrace the diverse beauty and traditions these countries have to offer.

Whether it's wandering through the cherry blossoms or tasting the rich flavors of local cuisine, the adventure is sure to be both enriching and exhilarating.

In my opinion, being curious about life in other countries is the most important and exciting thing you could do in your lifetime. It opens up a world of understanding and appreciation for diverse cultures, traditions, and ways of living.

Traveling or learning about different places can broaden our perspectives, challenge our assumptions, and enrich our lives in countless ways. Whether it's through tasting new cuisines, engaging in conversations with locals, or exploring historical landmarks, each experience adds a unique layer to our personal growth. Embracing this curiosity not only helps us become more empathetic and informed individuals but also fosters a sense of global community and connection.





## La nostra cultura da Andra Vitali & Salvatore Santangelo - 10

L'Italia è un intreccio di passioni. Immaginate di parcheggiare la vostra vespa travolti dal color roseo del tramonto di fronte all'imponente e vasto Colosseo e ad altre meravigliose rovine.

Dopo qualche minuto di sosta ci dirigiamo verso il porto di Livorno dove il treghetto ci accompagna verso la terra Pugliese. Nel tragitto ci stupiamo dalla meravigliosa Napoli che si vanta su uno dei vulcani più belli al mondo... il Vesuvio.

I quartieri Pullano di pizzaiolli e nel frattempo arriviamo in Puglia dove ad attenderci ci sono i meravigliosi trulli di Alberobello un posto incantato pieno di sorprese.

Salutando le calde e appetitose focacce partiamo per Venezia, una città che solletica la superficie del mare qui sono tipici gli assaggi e gli aperitivi. Per spotarsi si usano le gondole trascinate dalla travolgente danza delle onde.

E dopo aver esplorato posti molto caldi andiamo a rinfrescarci in Trentino dove ci sono posti fantastici, respirando freschezza al 100%. Immezzo alle montagne non si può non mangiare dei canederli tiepidi o giovani funghi stagionati per mesi.

Tutte queste perle formano la nostra cara Italia.

## A country I want to visit by Karina Floriana Moise - 1A

Hi! My name is Karina, I'm eleven years old, and today I write an essay for the school magazine called "A country I want to visit" and I hope you like it.

I want to see all Romania because it's large. There are many typical romanian dishes and the cities are big and large. I like very much the typical dishes because they are very delicious and palatable.

I like the large cities because there are many monuments and you can visit inside and outside them. It's nice to visit inside and outside, you can see plates, statues, etc.



## I love Holland da Matilde Tommaseo - 1A

Ciao, mi presento un pó, a me piace molto viaggiare e scoprire nuovi mondi. In fatti nel mio itinerario di viaggio ho previsto che un bel giorno andró in Olanda.

E ora vi spiego il perchè questo posto mi afascina molto: in anzi tutto perchè é ricca di fiori bellissimi e colorati; ma anche perchè sono presenti diversi uccelli che in Italia non si vedono, come le cigogne; chè anche la bicicletta...

E già in Olanda si viaggia in bici (di solito), ma le case hanno una forma molto diversa dalle altre perchè sembrano “cubi”, sono quase sempre due piani e hannì il tetto “a triangolo”.

Questi sono i motivi principali di questo viaggio. Io sono amante dell’arte e della storia e per questo vorrei visitare il museo di Van Gogh (uno dei miei pittori preferiti). Ma il museo di Anna Frank non me lo veta nessuno!

A tra poco Olanda.

## Il paese che vorrei visitare da Beatriz Nur Polanco - 1D

Il paese che vorrei visitare é la Republica Dominicana. Vorrei visitarlo perchè mi piacerebbe tanto rivedere il mare color cristalino e la sabbia bianca; ma anche perchè vorrei vedere la zia di mio papá la quale si chiama Alba.

Zia Alba ha quasi ottant’anni, ma non li dimostra per niente, sembra molto più giovane, è molto energica, è sempre allegra ed è una gran chiacchierona. Al mattino si sveglia presto, beve il suo solito caffè e va nel suo negozio a lavorare. Nel pomeriggio si addormenta sempre sulla sua poltrona rossa. Mi piacerebbe imparare bene lo spagnolo per comunicare meglio con zia Alba e altre persone che ho conosciuto cinque anni fa.

Vorrei visitare la Republica Dominicana anche perchè vorrei festeggiare il Natale, quindi mi piacerebbe andare nel mese di dicembre.





## A country I would like to visit by Mattia Fiscoldo - 3B

A trip to New York City in the USA is like stepping into the best of the world's cultural and economic epicenter. From the you arrive the city's energy is palpable.

Stroll through the Central Park taking in the serene green spaces contrasted by the towering skyscrapers that define the skyline.

Visit the iconic landmarks like the Statue of Liberty, Time Square and the Empire State building.

Dive into the diverse culinary scene from the street food vendors to Michelin starred restaurants.

## Brasile da Beatrice Michelin - 1F

Hi! I'm Beatrice, I'm eleven years old and when I grow up I would really like to visit Brazil. They told me that they make a lot of parties and I would really like to participate; but above all, take a nice swim and enjoy the splendid summer there. And definitely try all the typical dishes.

And if possible we can also go to visit Edi.

## Un paese che vorrei visitare da Luca Lazzaro - 1F

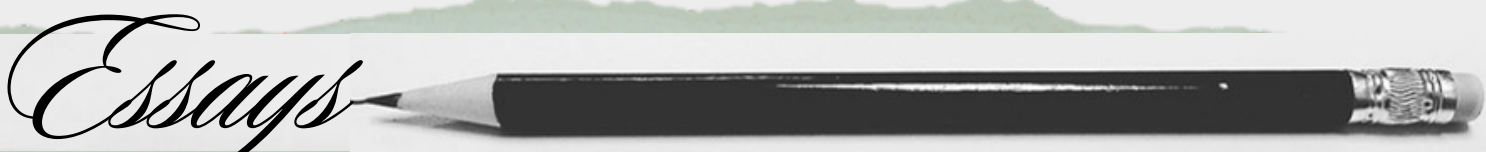
Io vorrei visitare il Portogallo perchè mi ispirano panorami che ho visto in qualche foto e mi piace molto il mare.

Mi piace l'idea di andarli in aereo ma mi piacerebbe molto anche andare in nave fino in Spagna e poi continuare in auto.

Mi ispirano i cibi come per esempio il baccalà e altri tipi di cibi.

Dicono che in Portogallo ci siano onde altissime e a me il mare piace quando ci sono tante onde e alte possibilmente.

Perciò io vorrei visitare il Portogallo.



## A country I would like to visit by Iris Pisoni - 1F

A place I would like to visit is Pechino, a city in China that I think is wonderful. I follow the TV program “Pechino Express” and it is wonderful because it shows the city and the places to visit. Some places to visit, inside the city, are the Great Walls of China, The Forbidden City and the Temple of Heaven. I love this city and I hope to visit it soon!

## Il mio viaggio in Albania da Nives Tela - 1B

In Albania ci vado ogni anno per vedere la mia famiglia. Sono stata a Rrushkull (che significa “colina della vite” perchè lì si coltiva l’uva) e non solo! Sono stata anche a Tiranna e Durazzo.

Il cibo è molto buono e particolare, consiglio molto il Börek, è come una torta salata. The food is really good and I love to eat Börek. It’s a savoury pie.

La nostra casa-vacanze è al mare anche se preferisco la montagna. Quest’anno spero di vedere qualche luogo storico come il Castello de Vruja e il Castello di Rozafa.

Adesso saluto. Së shpejti!

## My Italian Origins by Mattia Angaroroni - 2E

All my family and myself are from Lombardy. Lombardy is a region in the north of Italy. I like it because it has got many lakes. My favourite lakes are: Como, Pusiano, Monate and Maggiore.

I like mountains too.

One of my favourite things of Lombardy are the city centers like Milan and Saronno.

I live in Saronno and I like it very much.

I also love the food from Lombardy: Costoletta alla milanese, gorgonzola and risotto.





### A country I would like to visit da Iris Porta - 1B

È da molto tempo che vorrei visitare un posto: Parigi in Francia.

Parigi è anche detta la Città dell'Amore per i suoi splendidi 37 ponti illuminati, ed è una delle città più affascinanti d'Europa. Centro mondiale d'arte, moda e cultura, ospita monumenti iconici come la Torre Eiffel, la Cattedrale gotica di Notre-Dame e l'Arco di Trionfo.

Spero di poter finalmente visitare questa magnifica città!

### A country that we would like to visit by Fillipo & Vesa - 3A

We love travelling, especially to small or “unkown” places. However we’d really like to visit the USA. The United States is a huge country: it can offer many trails.

Our favorite trail and our dream is the “Route 66”. It consists of crossing a highway, which connects Chicago to California. Usually people cross Route 66 by motorcycle with friends. Crossing Route 66 means travelling a whole desert. There you can visit places like the Gran Canyon or famous cities like Las Vegas.

When we grow up we’re definitely flying to America (we just need some money and a motorcycle).

### A country I want to visit by Flavia Stoppani - 1D

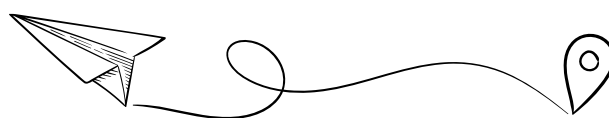
I love English. I have no doubts: I want to visit England - London, Manchester and more, but first London.

I want to see the London Eye, the Big Bang, and the Harry Potter studio. I want to have English food and a lot more.

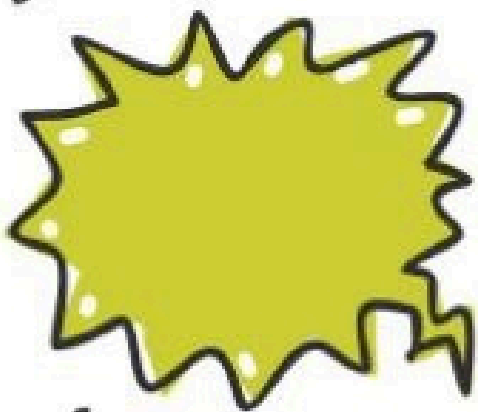
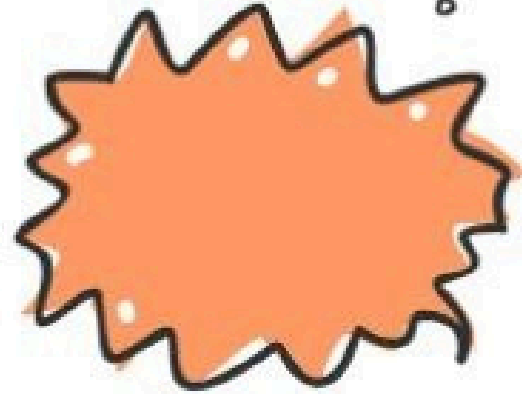
I want to listen to the traditional English language.

I want to go there with my family or alone.

My dream is to go to this fantastic state and to visit a lot of it and to live a fantastic moment of my life.



# VOICES FROM



# CLASSROOM



# TEACHERS' REFLECTIONS



In your opinion, how does learning about different cultures prepare students to become world citizens?

**Galli:** Students who learn about different cultures during their education feel more comfortable to face differences later in life. This allows them to interact in every social groups and feel more confident in themselves and in the interactions with others.

**Ventura:** Learning about different cultures is important for students because they have the opportunity to come into contact with habits and traditions different from their own and can understand that differences are an enrichment: they can learn something new and also reflect on the similarity and differences between cultures knowing that they are all part of the same human civilization made up of different colours. We are united in spite of our differences, we all smile in the same language.

**McLaughlin:** It provides them with more knowledge and understanding of people from other backgrounds, all of which encourages them to find common interests and to collaborate more effectively as they mature.

**Perrone:** Learning about different cultures is essential as it fosters open-mindedness, awareness, flexibility and empathy. We need to prepare the youngsters to build a more united world, where effective communication can make the difference.

## How did the students respond to learning about different cultures?

**McLaughlin:** They seemed genuinely interested, curious to learn and proud to show off any pre-existing knowledge.

**Perrone:** They were enthusiastic. The opportunity to learn a foreign language through this experience allowed them to feel more responsible and focused.

## What do you think were the most valuable aspects of the project for the students?

**Ventura:** The fact that they had the chance to travel virtually to other countries and engage in funny activities like quiz and games to fix the new information. They realized that their reality is not the only one, especially those who don't have many opportunities to travel.

**McLaughlin:** I think the actual contact and interaction with the volunteers in the classroom were the most valuable aspects, especially when they shared information about their own personal background and experiences. It made the exchanges more real and memorable.

## How did students from different backgrounds react to sharing their cultures?

**Galli:** Students from different backgrounds react positively and they wanted to share their cultures and they are proud of their origins.

**Ventura:** They were happy to share and compare different aspects of their cultures and did it in a natural and relaxed way.

## Were there any memorable moments that stood out during the activities?

**McLaughlin:** The most memorable and enjoyable moments were probably the quizzes. The students had to work in pairs to find the right answer to questions about the volunteers' background or culture and they were delighted when they won points! It combined playing a game with learning and it was all done in a fun yet organised manner.



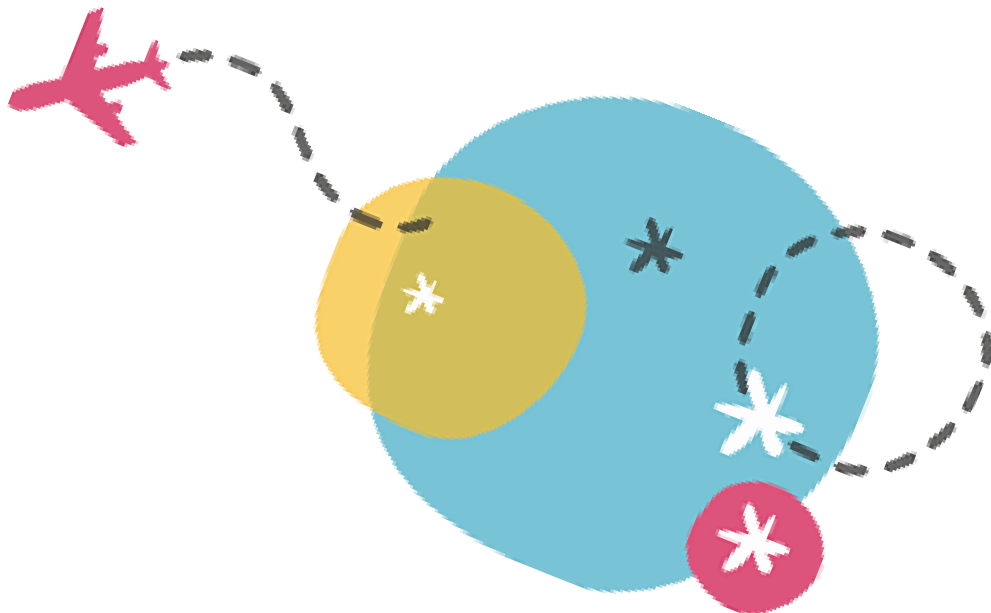
## Do you think this project has lasting value for students? Why or why not?

**Galli:** Yes. They will always remember this project. It is useful because the experiences you do at the secondary school you will always bring with you.

**Perrone:** For sure. Such experiences, especially at their age, leave a deep mark and definitely help them grow both academically and personally.

## Would you recommend similar projects for other classes or schools?

**Galli:** Yes. I believe in this project. It must be offered to every student. It is an important project that presents different themes, activities, cultures and should be made every year to make the students aware of the diversities and the multicultural society.



# STUDENTS SPEAK



## About the Diversity

**Francesco Zoccali - 1A:** La diversità per me significa anche essere diversi, nel senso di essere se stessi e unici. Credo sia importante poter scegliere ciò che si desidera.

**Megan - 2D:** For me it means being different from one another, which includes the way of thinking. Even identical twins are not exactly the same. If everyone were the same, life would be really boring.

**Leonardo - 2D:** For me languages and traditions are representations of diversity. It's important because when you are aware of diversity you can avoid confusions and difficulties in life.

**Rebecca - 1F:** Diversity is about different choices and different people, with no judgment. It is important because we are not a copy of each other and that's what makes the world a beautiful place.

**Serena Bandara - 3A:** As people we are all different to each other and we should know how to respect each other.

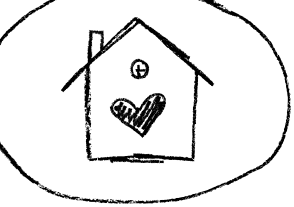
**Vesa Halili - 3A:** Per me la diversità è importante e interessante perché ci sono tante culture che si possono condividere. Senza diversità, il mondo sarebbe poco interessante.

**Arianna Colucci - 1A:** It's about having differences but living in unity. I think diversity is fun and it makes everything more beautiful.

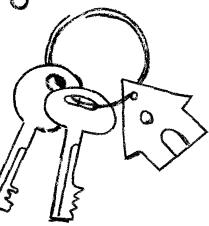
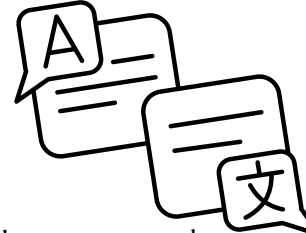
**Karina F. Moise - 1A:** For me diversity is about learning different things, like studying languages and traveling.

**Giulia Muffo - 1A:** It means that people are different - for example they can have different likes and nationalities - this helps us to make friends.





## About Home



**Vesa Halili - 3A:** L'Albania è un paese molto accogliente e che rispetta tantissimo la cultura e le tradizioni. La vita è più comunitaria, la gente è più solidale e condivide tantissimo con gli altri.

**Megan - 2D:** Something I like very much about Nigeria is our colorful traditional clothes, and the traditional pottery.

**Francesco Zoccali - 1A:** Mi piacciono le diverse regioni d'Italia. Mi piace anche il cibo tipico regionale.



**Serena Bandara - 3A:** In Sri Lanka we can find lots of forests, animals, and natural resources. I think it's a very cultural place, and to some extent, it's not touched by industry, which is good.

**Marta - 2D:** I'm Italian and I'm proud of my country because of its UNESCO World Heritage Sites, for example its Natural parks.

**Yanina C. Meza Salazar - 3A:** Penso che la cultura e la gastronomia del Perù siano qualcosa che tutti dovrebbero conoscere. La gente del mio paese è molto allegra e amichevole, e questo mi rende fiera.

**Leonardo - 2D:** I'm proud of Italy because of its art, architecture and history like the Colosseum and the Roman Empire. Also because of its varied delicious food, like Tiramisu, pasta, etc.

## About Languages

**Vesa Halili - 3A:** Penso che imparare nuove lingue è importante per il miglioramento personale.

**Arianna Colucci - 1A:** Learning a new language is important because it opens your mind to the world.

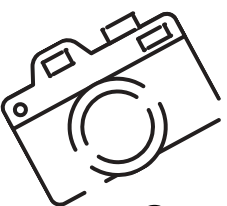
**Leonardo - 2D:** I think it's important to learn a new language to travel and communicate with people.

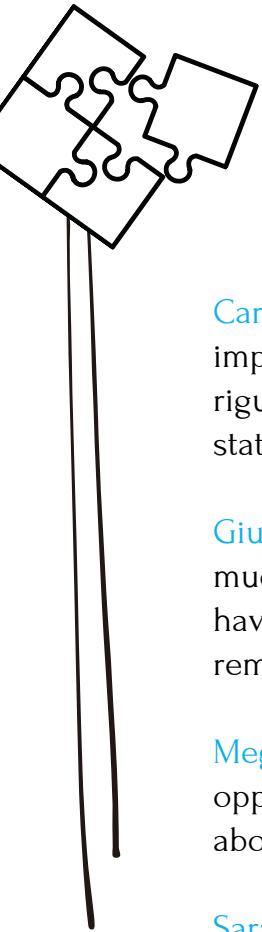
**Karina F. Moise - 1A:** I like to learn languages and I want to go a language-focused university.

**Serena Bandara - 3A:** Learning a new language helps you communicate, learn new things and self-develop.

**Francesco Zoccali - 1A:** Per me, imparare una nuova lingua può aiutare molto perché l'inglese è utile nel lavoro, nei viaggi all'estero e nella comunicazione con gli stranieri.

**Yanina C. Meza Salazar - 3A:** È importante imparare nuove lingue perché le lingue possono essere una barriera quando non le si parla.





## About the Project

**Carola - 2E:** Questo progetto mi ha fatto imparare e scoprire informazioni che non riguardano in paese in cui viviamo. È stato divertente e interessante!

**Giulia Muffo - 1A:** I liked this project very much. I think that when we learn while having fun, it becomes easier to remember later.

**Megan - 2D:** This project gave us the opportunity to expand our knowledge about other countries.

**Sara Cazzolino - 1E:** It was fun. This project is beautiful. Finalmente sono riuscita a imparare divertendomi.

**Ismael - 1F:** I think this was a beautiful project because we learned English in an interactive and fun way, not from books but with games. My favorite part of this project was learning information about different countries because I like geography.

**Marzio - 2D:** I enjoyed listening to English in the classroom. I think it's difficult to forget this project because it was a very beautiful and important experience.

**Aicha Spanu - 2E:** Mi è piaciuto che hanno coinvolto molto noi ragazzi e hanno spiegato molto bene.

**Francesco Zoccali - 1A:** Questo progetto è servito a praticare e imparare l'inglese in modo più naturale, interagendo con persone che non parlano italiano e attraverso attività pratiche. In questo modo, abbiamo imparato anche su altre culture.

**Arianna Colucci - 1A:** I liked this project because it was like traveling without leaving your seat. When we learn about a new culture we learn to appreciate a new world.

**Yanina C. Meza Salazar - 3A:** Ciò che mi è piaciuto di più di questo progetto è stato imparare dalle persone e conoscere nuove persone. A mio parere, questo progetto è stato importante perché ci ha anche aiutato a socializzare.

**Marta - 2D:** For me, learning English by playing and interacting with people from other parts of the world was especially beautiful.

**Rebecca - 1F:** In my opinion the project was successful because it allowed people to know each other better, helped us to improve English and to get to know more about Brazil and Sri Lanka. I loved taking a group photo because it was fun and it was a nice way to create a souvenir that will always remind me of this project.







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# GRATITUDE MESSAGE

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Dear Teachers, Students, School Staff, and Host Families,

We would like to extend our heartfelt gratitude to each of you for making this Educhange project such a meaningful and rewarding success. It was a true team effort, and every one of you played an essential role in bringing this experience to life.

To Onorina Galli: thank you for your vision and commitment, as well as for inviting us to join this project. Your dedication to organizing host families and facilitating this project for the third time at our school created valuable opportunities for growth and learning among our students. Your efforts to nurture cultural understanding have enriched everyone involved.

To the English teachers (Simonetta Ventura, Paola Perrone & Brigid McLaughling): your openness to this project, your warm support during each lesson, and your welcoming and encouraging attitude made a world of difference. Thank you for being there to guide and inspire students as they discovered new perspectives and connected with one another. Your support has created a safe space for students to explore and celebrate their diversity.

To our incredible students: thank you for your enthusiasm, curiosity, and willingness to participate. You brought this project to life with your drawings, essays, and poems, sharing your unique stories and perspectives. Each of you has added a special touch to this journey, showing that your diverse backgrounds and experiences are what make our community so vibrant and inspiring.

Special thanks to the school staff and workers who provided essential support behind the scenes, helping to make everything run smoothly, and to the host families (Monari, Riccio & Basilico) for welcoming us with such kindness and care. Your hospitality and generosity have been essential in making this experience memorable and impactful for everyone.

Together, we've created something truly memorable—a celebration of the rich diversity that strengthens our community. Thank you all for your dedication, energy, and belief in the value of this project.

With warmest gratitude,  
Edilene & Theshani



Thank You!



# Photo Gallery

A project made of amazing people and unforgettable experiences.



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