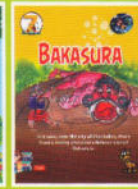


# READING CARDS



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### To the Teacher

Reading is fundamental to functioning in today's society. Reading is important because it helps to expand the mind and develops the imagination. But there are not enough reading materials available to children in schools. It is in this context that Samagra Shiksha, Kerala produced reading cards for students in primary and upper primary schools in the state.

We have prepared ten reading cards for all classes from 1 to 7. Each reading card has four pages with pictures and print. Reading cards with pictures are great resources for exploring visual and written language, imagination, values, and deeper cross-curricular themes. Illustrations in the reading cards help children understand what they read and enable them analyse the story.

In classes 1 and 2, sometimes teachers have to read stories in an interactive mode to their students. When you read stories aloud to students, you help them learn to become readers themselves. When reading is taught, teachers usually follow three stages: pre-reading, while-reading and the post-reading stages. Pre-reading activities help students prepare for the reading activity by activating the relevant prior knowledge and motivating them to read. Picture walk, sequencing the pictures, guessing from pictures, brainstorming etc. are some of the activities you may ask students to do during pre-reading.

While-reading activities help students find answer to some specific questions. Post reading is the most important stage in reading, comprehending and responding to reading in oral and written forms. Read and draw, retelling, story maps, graphic organizers, mind mapping etc. are some of the activities that you can assign to students during post reading stage.

Initiating students into the pleasures of reading is one of the best gifts we as teachers can give our students. I hope that the reading cards will motivate teachers to create an interactive classroom vibrant with engaging activities that facilitate quality English learning.

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A long time ago in Siam (now known as Thailand), there lived a king. His daughter was as beautiful as a flower and she loved cats. There were all kinds of cats in the palace. There were black cats and white cats and cats of other colours. She loved a grey cat the most.

One hot afternoon, the princess and her friends went to the lake to bath. The grey cat followed her. The princess wore many golden rings on her fingers. She was always afraid that she would lose them. But she was clever.

"Come, my lovely one," said the princess to the cat. "You shall wear my rings on your tail and I shall tie a knot in it. Then the rings will not fall off."

The princess got into the cool water with her friends. The cat sat on the bank and waited. He did not play with the birds flying around him. He was afraid he would lose the golden rings. When the princess got out of the water, the proud cat walked towards her. The rings were still on his tail. The princess untied the knot and took back the rings. She saw that the tail was bent. And that is why a Siamese cat has a bend at the end of its tail.

## Let's do

Fill in the blanks.

(saw, heard, touched, smelled, tasted)

- a) She ..... birds singing with her ears.
- b) She ..... the flowers with her eyes.
- c) She ..... honey with her tongue.
- d) She ..... the flower with her nose.
- e) She ..... the grass with hand.



# SIAMESE CATS



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Anil was angry with his mother.  
“Come, let’s go to the market”, said Amma. Anil was very angry. They went to the market.

“I want that one!” he said, pointing at an orange.  
“No, no, not that one! The fruits will all fall down!” said the shopkeeper.



“I want that one!” shouted Anil, almost pulling out a samosa from a high stack of samosas. “No, no, not that one!” warned the shop keeper.  
“All my samosas will fall to the ground!”



“I want that book!” said Anil.  
“No, no, not that one!” said the shopkeeper. “Take this one.”

“I want that one!” said Anil loudly. He was now in a very bad mood. By now, Anil was crying loudly. Everyone was looking at Anil.



**“I want that one!  
The black one!”  
said Amma loudly.  
Anil stopped crying suddenly.  
“Amma, no, no! Not that one!”  
said Anil.**

**“Let’s take this brown one!” said Anil.  
Then Anil gently lifted the brown puppy on  
top of a pile of puppies.**

**“Amma, I am very angry with you!  
All the puppies would have fallen down!”  
Amma smiled.  
Anil was smiling too.  
He was not angry at all now.**



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# I WANT THAT ONE!



**It was a holiday. Amma was reading a  
book. Anil had a holiday too. He wanted  
to do.... SOMETHING!**

**“Amma, I want to see what is in that  
blue box!” said Anil.**

**“Later, Anil,” said Amma.  
Anil put a stool over a chair. He climbed  
up to get the box down.  
“No, no! Not that one! All the boxes on  
top will fall on our head!” said Amma.**





**“Drop this cake to me, Crow,” said the elephant,  
“Or I’ll give you a bath.” But the crow did not drop the cake. WHOOSH!, the elephant’s long nose sent up a fountain of water.  
“Drop the cake to me,” called the big brown bear, “and you may have this pot of sugar”  
But the crow did not like sugar. And she did not drop the cake. The crow was about to eat the cake when along came a wild fox.  
“O beautiful Crow”, he called, “you are lovely to look at. A bird with such beautiful feathers must sing a sweet song. Please sing for me.”  
Now, the crow had never been told she was beautiful, although she thought she was. And she had never been told that her voice was nice.  
She opened her beak and out came an ugly CAAW!  
Down came the cake, into the fox’s mouth!**



Let's do 

1. Who are the characters in this story?
2. The pig and the elephant were looking for food because they were \_\_\_\_\_.
3. All the animals wanted to eat the cake because it was \_\_\_\_\_.  
(tasty, bitter)
4. The fox fooled the crow by telling her, she was \_\_\_\_\_.



# CUNNING FOX AND THE CROW

A crow sat on a tall tree holding a tasty piece of cake in her mouth. Along came a hungry pig. "The crow will laugh when she sees my funny face," he said to himself. "And when she laughs, she'll drop the cake." He called to the crow, making a funny face. But she didn't even smile. Along came a hungry elephant.



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Aruna gave her ticket to the examiner. He looked at the ticket, then looked at her. He went quickly to the door, pulled it open, and leaned outside as if he was going to jump off the train.

He looked at the label put on outside the coach and pulled himself inside. He shut the door and walked to Aruna. "Are you sure you are sitting in the right coach?"

"What do you mean, right coach? Of course I am."

"I am afraid you are in the wrong coach, Madam. You should be in coach A."

"Can't be. Look at the ticket. I am in the right coach."

"I'm sorry. Your berth is A5 and this is coach F."

"What? Mine is F37, isn't it? That's what's written here."

Aruna pulled the ticket from him and showed him what was written on it.







# Back to the right coach

“Oh, I am afraid you’ve misunderstood it. This ‘F’ stands for ‘female’ and 37 is your age.” Aruna felt bad. She was very happy when the train came to a stop in a few minutes at the next station. She got off the coach F and ran towards A, and the fat examiner ran behind her with her heavy suitcase.

## Let’s do

- What does the story say?
- Have you ever committed any blunder like this?
- Share it with your friends and teacher.



The train had just left the station. The ticket examiner of the sleeper coach came to her compartment. “May I see your ticket, please?”



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READ BOOKS





One day a man came to see a doctor. He looked very tired. His face was pale and his eyes were sad. He seemed to be very ill.

“I don’t seem to feel well at any time”, the man told the doctor.

“Nothing seems to make me happy.”

The doctor examined the man carefully. “There’s nothing wrong with your body”, he told the man. “It’s your mind that’s tired.”

“You should cheer yourself up”, the doctor continued. “Go out into the fresh air. Talk to people. Best of all, laugh!”

The man shook his head. “It’s of no use”, he seemed to say.

“It’s not so hard to laugh”, said the doctor, “Go and see Grimaldi, the famous clown. He can make even stones laugh!”

The man shook his head again. He looked even sadder than before.

“You don’t seem to like the idea”, said the doctor.

“But I can’t doctor”, said the man.

“Why not?”, asked the doctor.

“Because I’m Grimaldi”, said the sad man.



## Let's do

Complete the following sentences using suitable words from the bracket.

(sadder, laugh, clown, tired, Grimaldi)

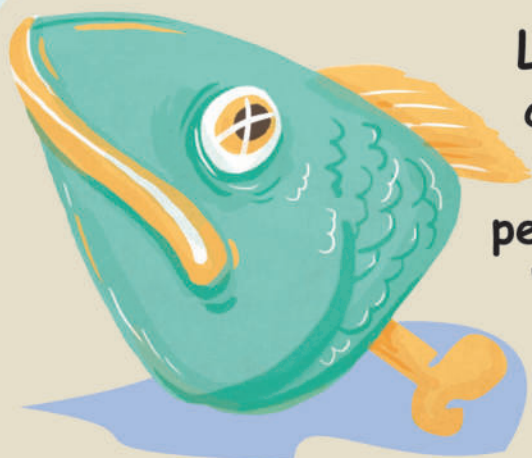
1. The man who came to see the doctor looked very.....
2. Grimaldi was a famous .....
3. The doctor told the man to see Grimaldi because he would make him .....
4. After the man had been told to see Grimaldi, he looked ..... than ever.
5. The man could not see Grimaldi and laugh, because he himself was .....



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to Laugh



Lungisa lived in a village called Esi Khaleni or Place of Noise. Some people also called it 'Hole-in-the-Wall'.

"Why is there a hole in the wall?" Lungisa asked his mother.

"Because one of these people used a giant fish-head to break through the wall so that he could get to the woman he loved."

"Interesting", said Lungisa.

"Why is there a hole in the wall?", Lungisa asked his teacher.

"Because wave scrsashed against the rocks for millions of years, and made a hole in the sandstone", said his



teacher.

"Interesting", said Lungisa.

"Why is there a hole in the wall?", Lungisa asked his granny.

"So that our ancestors will have a gateway to us."

"Interesting", said Lungisa.

"Why is there a hole in the wall?" Lungisa asked his aunty.

"It is a window to God."

"Interesting", said Lungisa.

"Why is there a hole in the wall?" Lungisa asked his friend.

"Because a ship crashed into the wall."

"Interesting", said Lungisa.

"Why is there a hole in the wall?"

Lungisa asked his little sister.



“So that my brother can keep asking questions”, she said.  
And Lungisa laughed.  
But he kept on asking.



### Let's do

Do you have any questions to ask like Lungisa?  
Write down your questions.



READ THE BOOKS

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Why is  
there a Hole  
in the Wall?





Sukhiya Kaka lived in a village called Bitauna.  
 Bitauna was famous all over Rajasthan for its singers.  
 No celebration was complete without Sukhiya Kaka's  
 sweet songs.  
 Today he had been invited to the village Jhalaura.  
 Sukhiya Kaka twirled his big moustache and set off.  
 He was singing raag Malhar.

Come to me O rolling clouds .....



Suddenly, he heard, dhupp dhupp dhupp dhupp!  
 Was someone giving a beat to his song?  
 Dinoo, the dinosaur came running towards him.  
 Sukhiya Kaka was so happy to see him!

You don't get such a BIG listener everyday!  
 ... Come to me O rolling clouds,  
 shower me with lovely rain!

Sukhiya Kaka and Dinoo sang a duet and did a little  
 jig to keep time.

The clouds just had to listen to them!  
 Lightning flashed and the wind danced. Dark clouds  
 came rolling in.  
 Sukhiya Kaka and Dinoo laughed with joy.



As the rain came pouring down, Sukhiya Kaka and Dinoo shared a small umbrella. Then off they went to Jhalaura following the smell of yummy pakoras, singing...

O thank you for the lovely rain...O..la la la.

### Let's do

- Have you ever seen a dinosaur?
- Do you think they would have sung songs?
- What do you like to do in the rain?
- What do you like to eat when it rains?



# Singing in the Rain



Pehelwan will do exercise regularly.  
He was very fond of playing. So he went to the ground. Whenever he goes he used to kick all the children.

Kids were wondering what to do?  
One day Gappu asked Pehelwan, "Sir let's play cricket?"

Pehelwan said okay. He said, "I will bat first".

Gappu jumped and bowled.  
The ball hit Pehelwan's head. Pehelwan said, "I will bowl".

Gappu said okay.  
Then he said, "Pehelwan, don't jump and throw the ball. I am scared".

Pehelwan did not agree with him.  
He threw the ball with full force.  
Gappu hit the ball very hard.

Pehelwan couldn't bear the shot and fell down.

Pehelwan got up and said, "I will do fielding".  
Gappu said okay.

Gappu started revolving his ball. The ball moved very fast.

Pehelwan ran breathlessly to catch the ball and fell down.

Pehelwan started breathing fast and he said, "I will do keeping".

Gappu agreed. Gappu threw the ball very high. Then the batsman bent down.

Pehelwan couldn't manage the ball. The ball hit his face.

Pehelwan got hurt and said, "No, I can't play anymore".





Let's do:

Sequence the following pictures and retell the story of Pehelwan.



No, I can't play anymore!



# Wrestler uncle goes to play



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**Chandu flew a bit higher.  
Flying, flying.**

**He flew into a sparrow.**

**"Hi there! How do you do?" she asked.**

**"Very well, thank you", Chandu said.**

**Then Chandu soared still higher.**

**Flying, still flying, he met an eagle.**

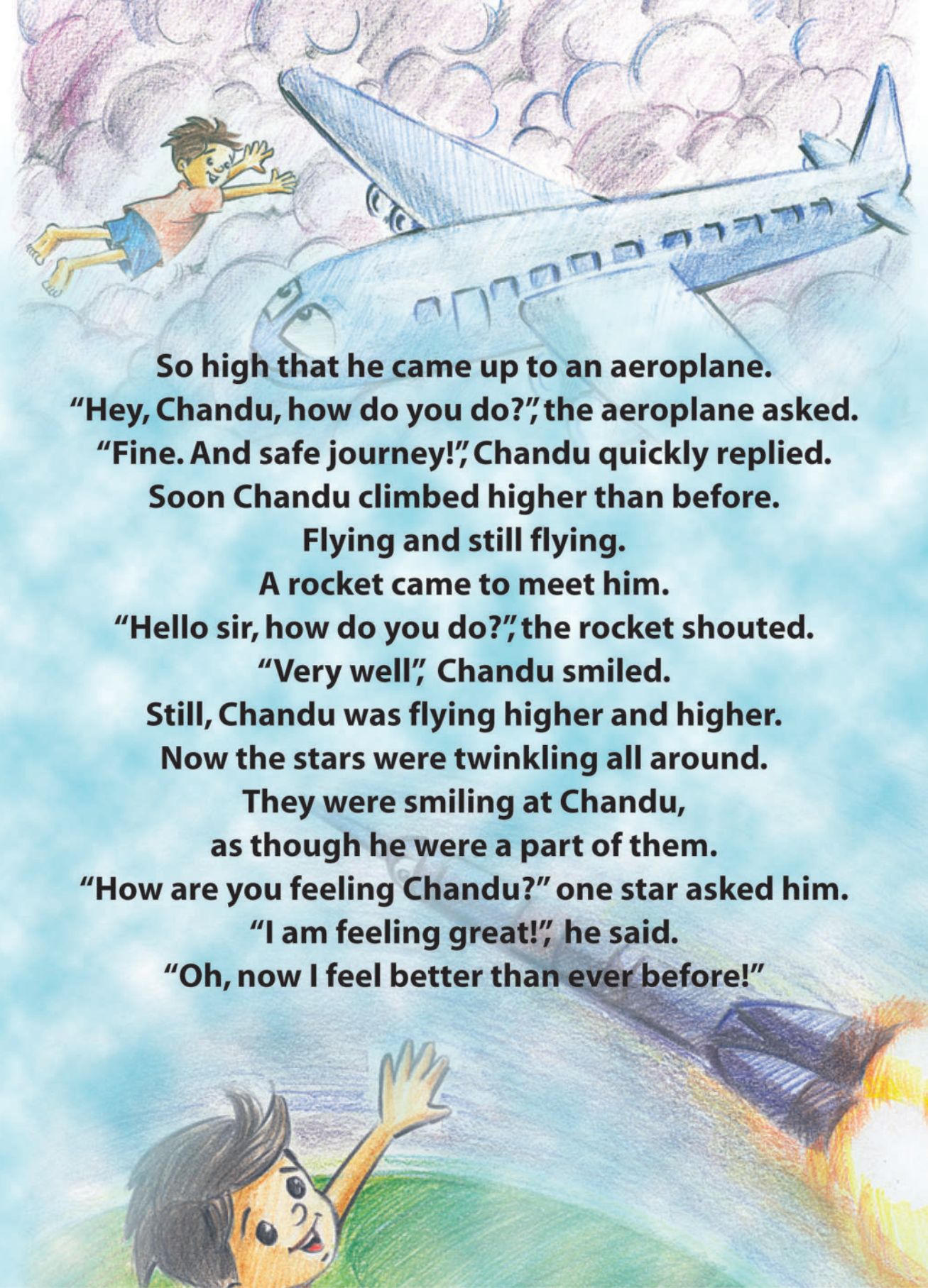
**"Hello friend! How are you?", the eagle asked.**

**"I feel good", replied Chandu.**

**Chandu was flying higher and higher.**

**It seemed so easy.**

**Flying, flying.**



**So high that he came up to an aeroplane.**

**"Hey, Chandu, how do you do?", the aeroplane asked.**

**"Fine. And safe journey!", Chandu quickly replied.**

**Soon Chandu climbed higher than before.**

**Flying and still flying.**

**A rocket came to meet him.**

**"Hello sir, how do you do?", the rocket shouted.**

**"Very well", Chandu smiled.**

**Still, Chandu was flying higher and higher.**

**Now the stars were twinkling all around.**

**They were smiling at Chandu,**

**as though he were a part of them.**

**"How are you feeling Chandu?" one star asked him.**

**"I am feeling great!", he said.**

**"Oh, now I feel better than ever before!"**



**Suddenly, the stars began to wobble and shake.  
It was Mother, shaking Chandu awake.  
“Good morning, how are you?”  
He hugged her hard and said,  
“Oh, now I feel better than ever before!”**

### Let's do

- **Have you ever had a dream?**
- **What was your dream?**



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# FLYING HIGH



**Mother's song was soft and sweet.  
Chandu was listening to it.  
Chandu fell asleep.  
In his dream, he was flying.  
Flying, flying  
into a garden.  
Look! A butterfly, so pretty.  
The butterfly said,  
“Well, hello! How are you?”  
“Fine, thank you,” Chandu replied.**

Once there lived two rabbits in a big forest. They were called Chottu and Mottu. Their favourite dish was fruit salad.

Chottu and Mottu came to know about a magic tree. It was a single tree which bore all fruits. But it was in a far away land. It was protected by a Giant. They decided to go to the distant land and pick the fruits from the magic tree. After crossing a deep river they



found the magic tree. They were so happy and started collecting the fruits. "No," they heard a loud voice. A Giant came out of the bushes nearby. "Did you plant this?" "No, dear giant," Mottu answered. "Did you water this tree?" "No dear giant" Chottu said. "So these are not your fruits too," told the giant. Chottu and Mottu were sad. The Giant did not give them a single fruit. As they were returning, the Giant gave them a seed and told them to take good care of it. They started their journey back.

A strong wind blew suddenly. They fell off the boat. The seed also fell into the river. A red coloured fish saw the seed and ate it. Chottu and Mottu reached home. They were very hungry. They decided to catch some fish for lunch. As they sat fishing, the red fish was caught up in their hook. "Please leave me," the fish pleaded. Chottu and Mottu told the fish, "We are hungry. We won't free you."

The fish said, "I'll give you the seed." They got the seed and freed the fish. They planted the seed. A few days later, they saw that the magic tree had grown up with full of fruits. They were very happy and prepared fruit salad.

Let's do

Identify the fruits used in this fruit salad?



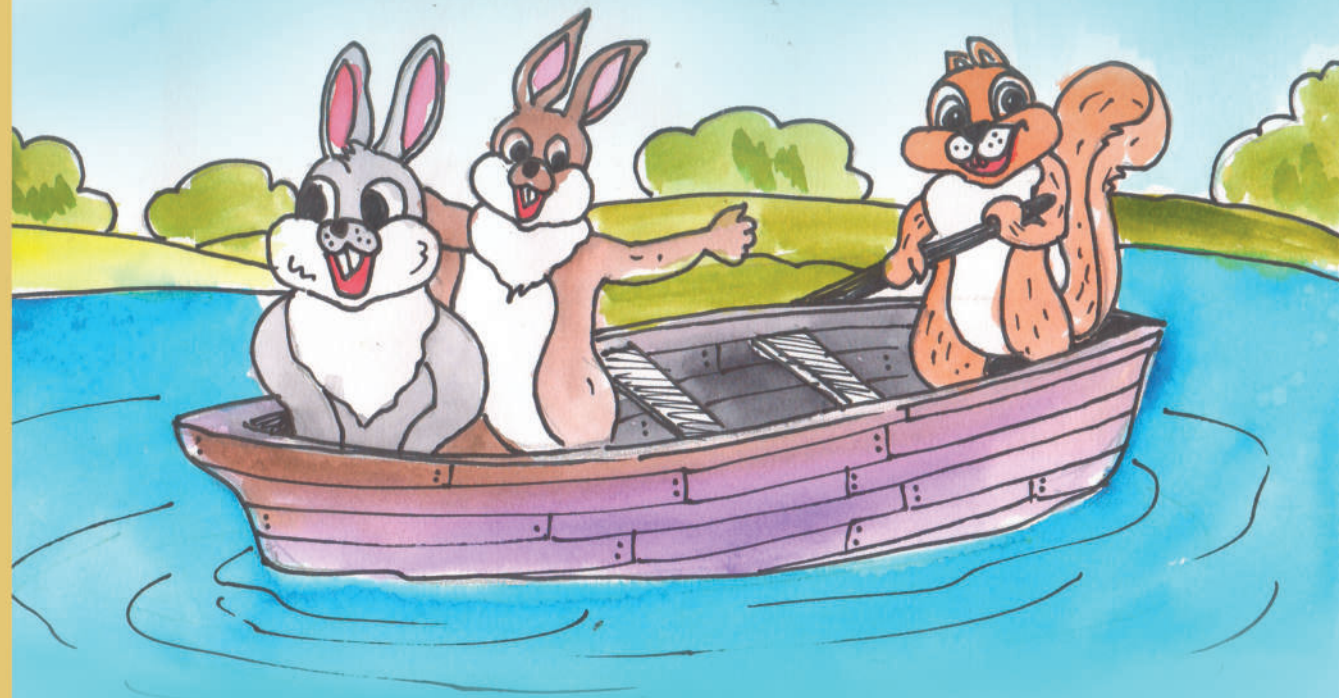
Prepare a recipe of fruit salad.



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