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ACTIVITY PACK!



**Suitable for
ages 7+**

NANI'S GATO PIMA CHILLI CAKES RECIPE

Gato Pima, which translates as “chilli cakes”, are a very popular snack in Mauritius.

INGREDIENTS

250g yellow split peas

Soaked overnight then rinsed and drained

2 tablespoons fresh coriander

Chopped

2–3 spring onions

Finely chopped bulbs and leaves

1 green and 1 red chilli

Finely chopped – remove seeds to make it less spicy, add more chillies if you like heat!

1 teaspoon cumin powder

½ teaspoon salt

Oil for frying

You'll need an adult to do this bit!



PREPARING THE YELLOW SPLIT PEAS

Pop the drained split peas in a food processor in a few batches and grind to a paste. It's important that you don't make it all too smooth. Finely ground peas help the mix stick together, chunkier bits give it a lovely texture and crunch!

MAKING THE CHILLI CAKES

1. Put the ground peas into a bowl, add the spring onions, chillies, coriander, spring onions and salt, then give it all a really good mix together.
2. Using a dessert spoon, scoop out some of the mix and shape it into a little ball. Squeeze between thumb and forefinger to flatten slightly, leaving an indentation on either side.
3. This helps the chilli cakes to cook all the way through so that they're nice and crunchy! Do the same with the rest of the mix. You should end up with around 20–25.
4. Get an adult to heat enough oil in a pan or wok to float the chilli cakes, then fry them in batches until golden brown. Adjust the heat as needed.
5. Scoop the cooked Gato Pima out on to a plate lined with kitchen roll to drain the excess oil.
6. Allow to cool for a while, then gobble them up while they're still warm!

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Ready, steady, COOK!



Now that you've tried one of Rani and Nani's family recipes, why not make one of your own! Ask your parents, carers or grandparents to teach you one of their favourite recipes and write it down on the template below.

Recipe for _____

From the kitchen of _____

Ingredients:

Cooking equipment:

Instructions:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____



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DESIGN A NEWSPAPER LOGO

Come up with your own name for a newspaper using the words below. Notice how a lot of the words in the second column are ways of sending information and messages? That's because that's exactly what a newspaper does – it spreads information.

Now, design a logo! Look at some newspaper logos for inspiration. They are usually big bold text in black and white, although sometimes use one other colour, like red or dark blue.

The title usually begins with THE, then pick a word from column one and another from column two to get your name. Or just make one up yourself!

COLUMN ONE

DAILY

WEEKLY

SUNDAY

MORNING

EVENING

NAME OF YOUR SCHOOL

YOUR LAST NAME

NAME OF YOUR TOWN

COLUMN TWO

TIMES

BUGLE

HERALD

MESSENGER

POST

COURIER

CHRONICLE

EXPRESS

GLOBE

DIGEST

JOURNAL

PIGEON

TRIBUNE

DISPATCH

WRITE THE NAME OF YOUR NEWSPAPER HERE:

DRAW YOUR LOGO HERE:

Once you've got your logo, why not start writing some stories for your paper? Read on to find out how!

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YOU'VE GOT THE SCOOP!



It's time to write your own story, just like Rani! You could write up an article based on Rani and Nani's adventure, or on a real-life event that you think is important or newsworthy.

News articles all have a similar format. They start with a catchy headline in bold. Consider alliteration for something that rolls off the tongue.



MONKEY MAYHEM IN MIDDLESBROUGH!

This is the **headline** and it is followed by the **byline**, which is the line that tells us who the article is written by.

For example: By Jessica Journalist

After this comes the **lead**. This is a paragraph that contains the most important information and sums up the story, telling you when, where and what happened. In this case, a troop of monkeys escaped from a zoo yesterday and ended up in Middlesbrough.

In the **body** of the article you cover the important details of the story. What happened? How does it affect people? You could also write quotes from witnesses or people involved. Be sure to get your facts straight and don't jump to conclusions like Lexi Steel!

The **tail** of the story contains any extra information, often the background to the story and any events leading up to it. Here it might look at how the monkeys escaped from the zoo.

Your article should be written in the past tense and end with a couple of lines that sum up the story. It could possibly finish with the journalist's opinion (yours!).

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HEADLINE

BYLINE

MAIN BODY

DRAW AN IMAGE HERE!

CONTINUE YOUR ARTICLE HERE

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ONLINE SAFETY AND FAKE NEWS!



'I couldn't believe Lexi had said my full name and school on camera, and posted it online! Our teachers have told us we should never do that.'

Rani is often shocked at how irresponsible Lexi is when it comes to online safety. The internet can be a great place to learn new things but only when it is used safely. Using the computer template below, come up with three key ways to stay safe online!

A large, stylized outline of a computer monitor. Inside the screen area, there are three numbered sections for writing. Each section has a number followed by three horizontal lines.

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

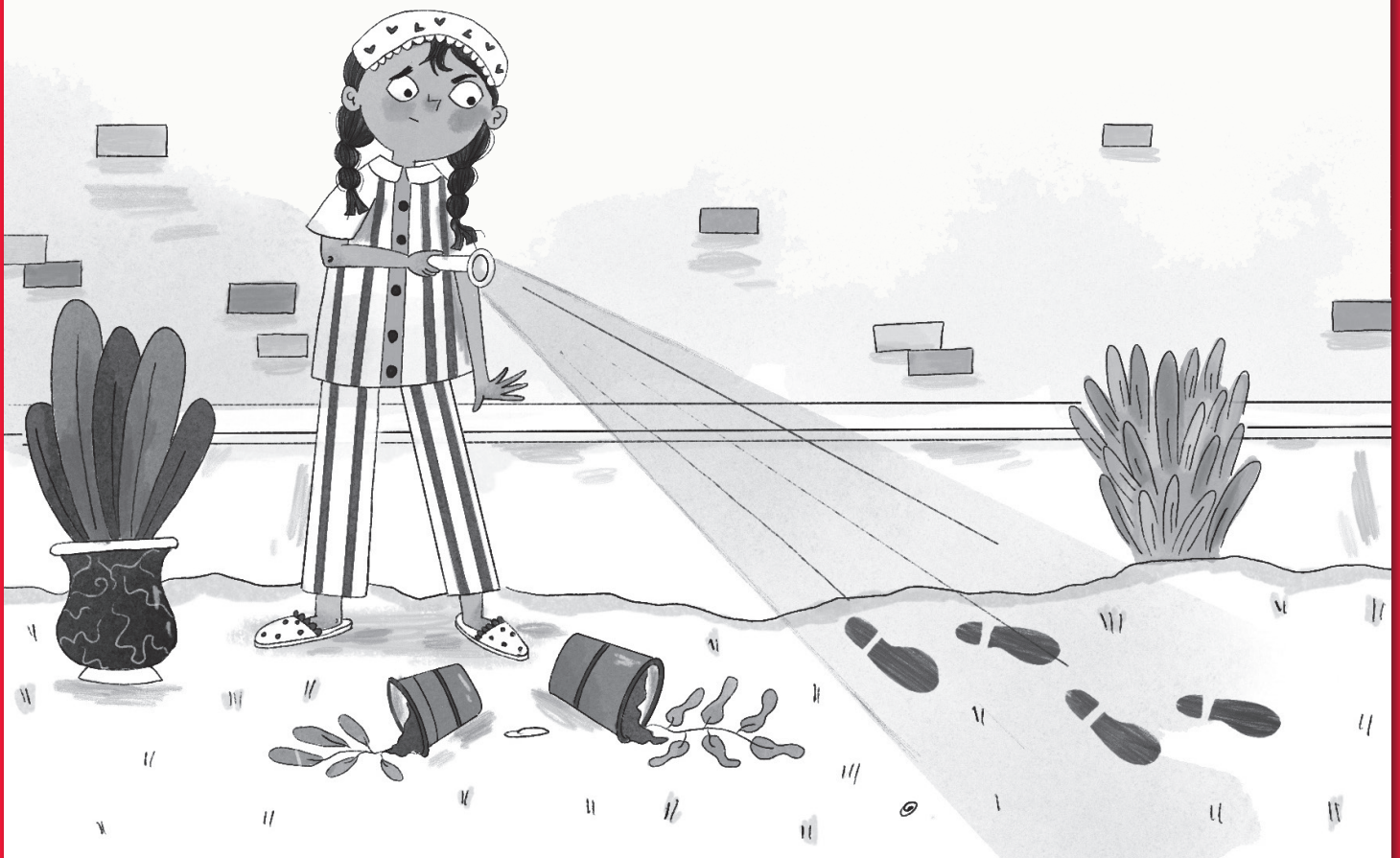
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On Lexi's YouTube channel, Steel Reveals, she often exaggerates stories and twists facts in order to get more followers and subscribers. These kinds of stories can be described as "fake news". Why do you think it can be dangerous to spread stories that are not true?

Discuss in pairs or as a group.



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LEARNING MAURITIAN CREOLE



Most Mauritians speak two or three languages, including English. Mauritian Creole is a French-based language that most people use at home. You will also hear a mix of Indian and Chinese languages spoken, among many others!

Here are some of the Creole words used by Rani and her family in this book:

Ki manyer?

How are you?

Key man-yeah

Ayo!

Exclamation of surprise or dismay

Eye-oh

Coco

A term of endearment

Zoli

Beautiful

Zoh-lee

Manzer

Eat

Mon-zay

Chalo!

Let's go!

Cha-low (Hindi)

Mersi

Thanks

Mer-see

Mamou

Uncle

Mam-oo (Hindi)

Mine Frire

Fried noodles

Min free-er

Gato pima

Chilli cakes

Ga-toe pea-ma

Gato patate

Potato cakes

Ga-toe pat-at

Roti

Round flatbread

Roh-tea

Rougail

Spicy tomato sauce

Roe-guy

LEARNING MAURITIAN CREOLE

Using the glossary, have a go at finding some of these words in the word search below!

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V	A	C	A	Y	T	K	C	Y	M	S	Y	K	S	M	T	V	J
G	D	Y	R	H	L	H	S	M	H	Y	O	F	V	Y	I	W	Y
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Q	Q	T	K	G	O	H	O	N	C	P	F	O	S	W	M	R	B
Z	X	W	O	B	S	L	C	N	B	P	R	C	R	P	A	B	M
E	H	N	F	P	Q	D	E	W	X	Q	O	T	J	W	M	E	W
N	E	K	R	Z	I	D	J	S	D	T	Y	Y	D	R	O	N	G
F	V	X	M	X	K	M	C	V	C	O	C	O	M	D	U	O	E
B	O	A	T	Y	T	D	A	L	S	T	A	H	Z	O	L	I	U
L	L	P	W	I	H	B	E	F	N	F	M	D	R	V	L	K	Q

AYO
COCO
CREOLE

GATOPIMA
MAMOU
MERSI

ROTI
ZOLI

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TRICKY TREASURE HUNT!

Did you enjoy reading all about Rani and Nani's puzzle trail? Now it's time for you to have a go! Using the clue below for inspiration, create a treasure hunt of your own. You can write as many clues as you like but four lines is a great starting point.

Bonus points if they rhyme!



***Seek my friend, the Dancing Decon.
He'll take you to the oldest beacon.
Head high and there you'll see the light,
Where Bessie's voice sang through the night.***

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A PERFECT DAY!

Nani and Rani are lucky to have such a close bond and to enjoy spending time together. Do you have a favourite relative or a best friend? Have a little think about what makes them so special and why you enjoy hanging out.

Draw a picture of the two of you, alongside five ideas you can do together for a special day out. Here are Rani and Nani's lists for inspiration!

Meet the king
Ride on a tram
Pierce Rani's ears
Take afternoon tea
See a famous painting!

Go to the seaside
Take a boat ride
Visit a museum
Go on an adventure
Find a story for the Junior Journalist competition



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DOODLE A DODO!

Did you know that the dodo only ever lived in Mauritius? It was a large flightless bird, about the size of a turkey, with a thick hooked brown beak, grey feathers, tiny wings and big yellow feet. As it had no natural predators, it only laid one egg at a time.

The first humans to live in Mauritius were the Dutch, who came to the island in 1598. Along with the cats, dogs and rats they brought with them, they ate the poor dodo and its eggs to extinction in just 65 years.

