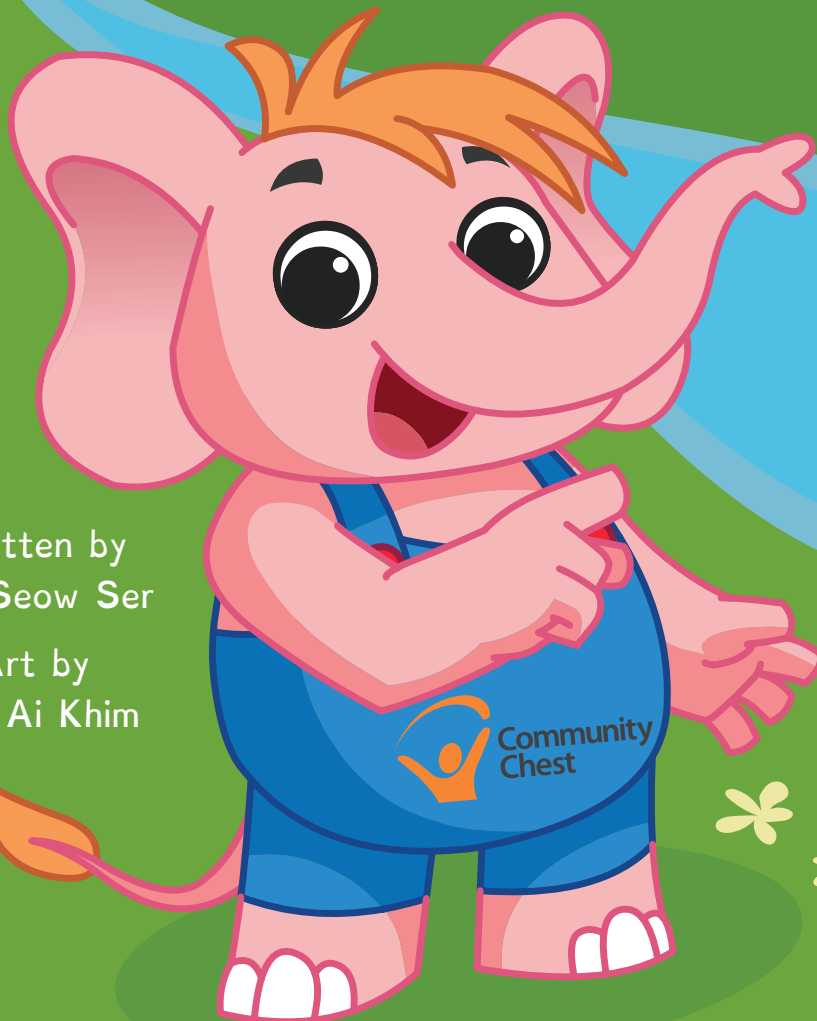


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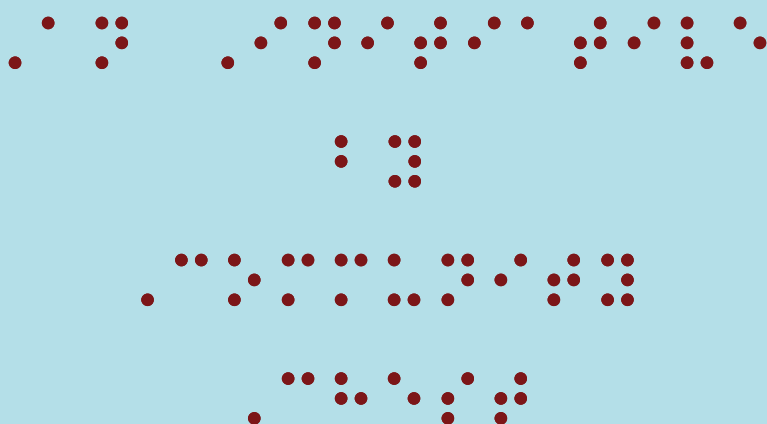
**CARE DEEPLY
SHARE FREELY**
with **Sharity & Friends**



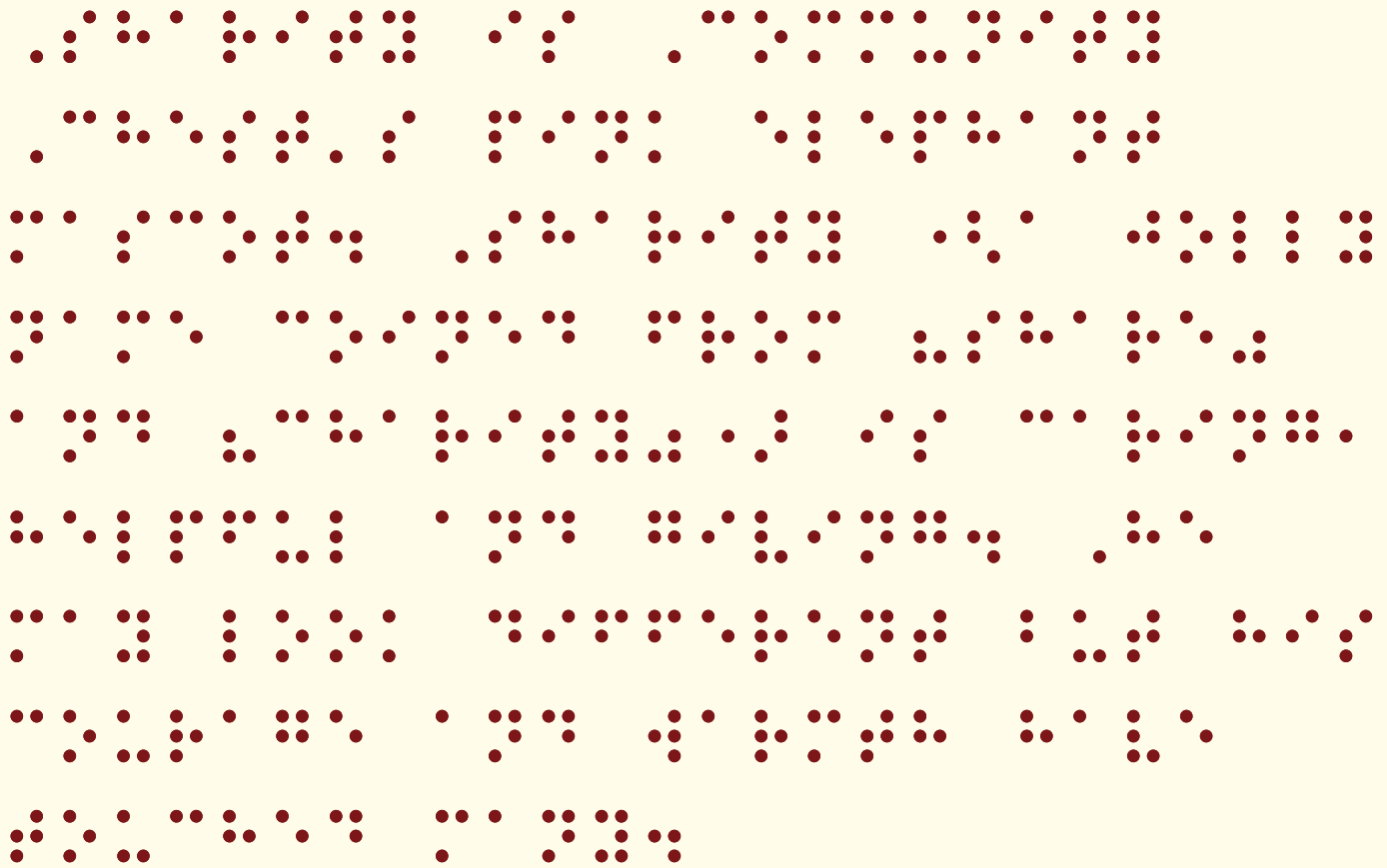
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Sharity is Community Chest's pink elephant mascot. Sharity (a jolly name coined from "share" and "charity") is caring, helpful and giving. He may look different but his courage and warmth have touched many.



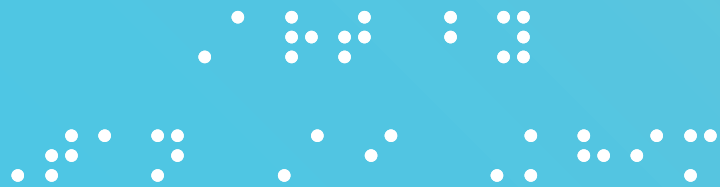
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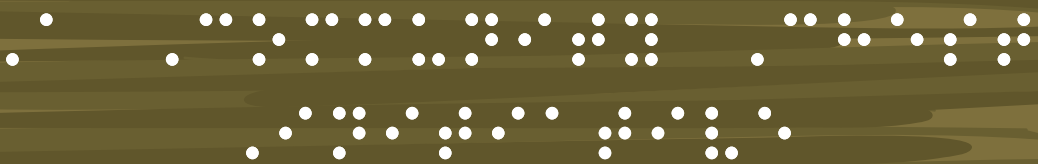
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There is a school

named KOALA,

| Number of books read | Number of students |
|----------------------|--------------------|
| 1 | 3 |
| 2 | 4 |
| 3 | 2 |
| 4 | 1 |
| 5 | 1 |
| 6 | 2 |
| 7 | 3 |
| 8 | 1 |
| 9 | 1 |
| 10 | 1 |

where pupils play

and mix like *masala*.



Built by Sharity

and his helpful team,

A 2x10 grid of dots forming the word "HELLO". The dots are arranged as follows (row by row):
 Row 1: (1,1), (1,2), (1,3), (1,4), (1,5), (1,6), (1,7), (1,8), (1,9), (1,10)
 Row 2: (2,1), (2,2), (2,3), (2,4), (2,5), (2,6), (2,7), (2,8), (2,9), (2,10)

Sekolah KOALA

sits by a quiet stream.

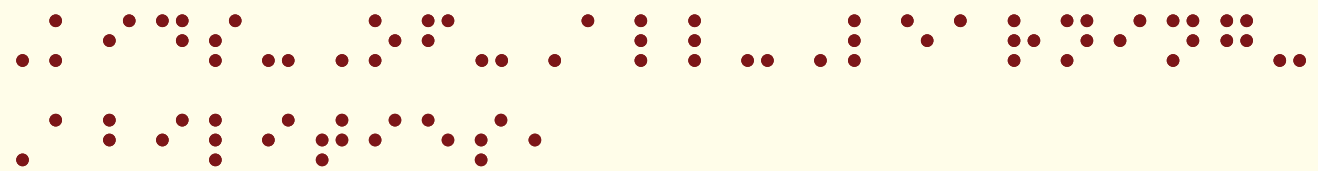


KOALA

A school for



Kids-Of-All-Learning-Abilities,



Sekolah KOALA is



like one big family.





Sharity the Elephant

Sharity the Elephant is big.

is big.

Sharity the Elephant is big.

Flappy the Pigeon

Flappy the Pigeon is small.

is small.

Flappy the Pigeon is small.

Sekolah KOALA

Sekolah KOALA warmly welcomes all.

warmly welcomes all.

Sekolah KOALA warmly welcomes all.

KOALA



Buddy the Dog

Buddy the Dog

runs fast.

Buddy the Dog

Spikey the Hedgehog

Spikey the Hedgehog

takes his time.

Spikey the Hedgehog

The pupils are caring

The pupils are caring

and leave no one behind.

The pupils are caring



Some use wheelchairs

Some use wheelchairs

or walking aids

or walking aids

for support.

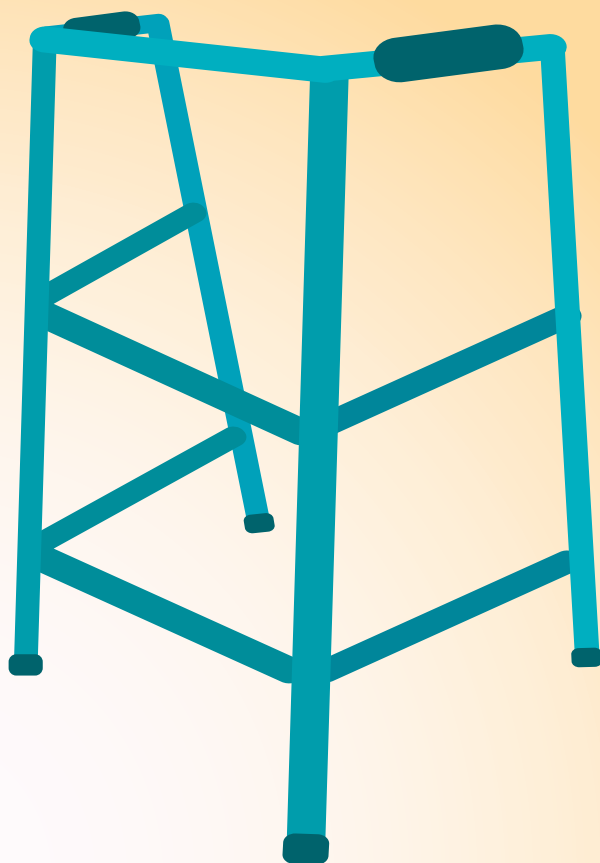
for support.

Others use hearing aids

Others use hearing aids

to listen to people talk.

to listen to people talk.



Sharity and

A 5x5 grid of dots. The dots are arranged in a pattern that resembles a stylized '5' or a specific shape. The dots are located at the following coordinates (row, column) starting from the top-left:

| Row | Col 1 | Col 2 | Col 3 | Col 4 | Col 5 |
|-----|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| 1 | | | | | |
| 2 | | | | | |
| 3 | | | | | |
| 4 | | | | | |
| 5 | | | | | |

Felicity the Cat

build a special tent.

If anyone needs

The image shows three distinct dot patterns. The first pattern, representing the number 1, consists of 5 dots arranged in a vertical line with a small horizontal cluster at the top. The second pattern, representing the number 2, consists of 10 dots arranged in a shape resembling a horizontal bar with a vertical line through the middle. The third pattern, representing the number 3, consists of 15 dots arranged in a shape resembling a horizontal bar with a vertical line through the middle, similar to the second pattern but with a different internal arrangement of dots.

a quiet space,

he can set up camp.



During recess, to the

canteen everyone flocks.

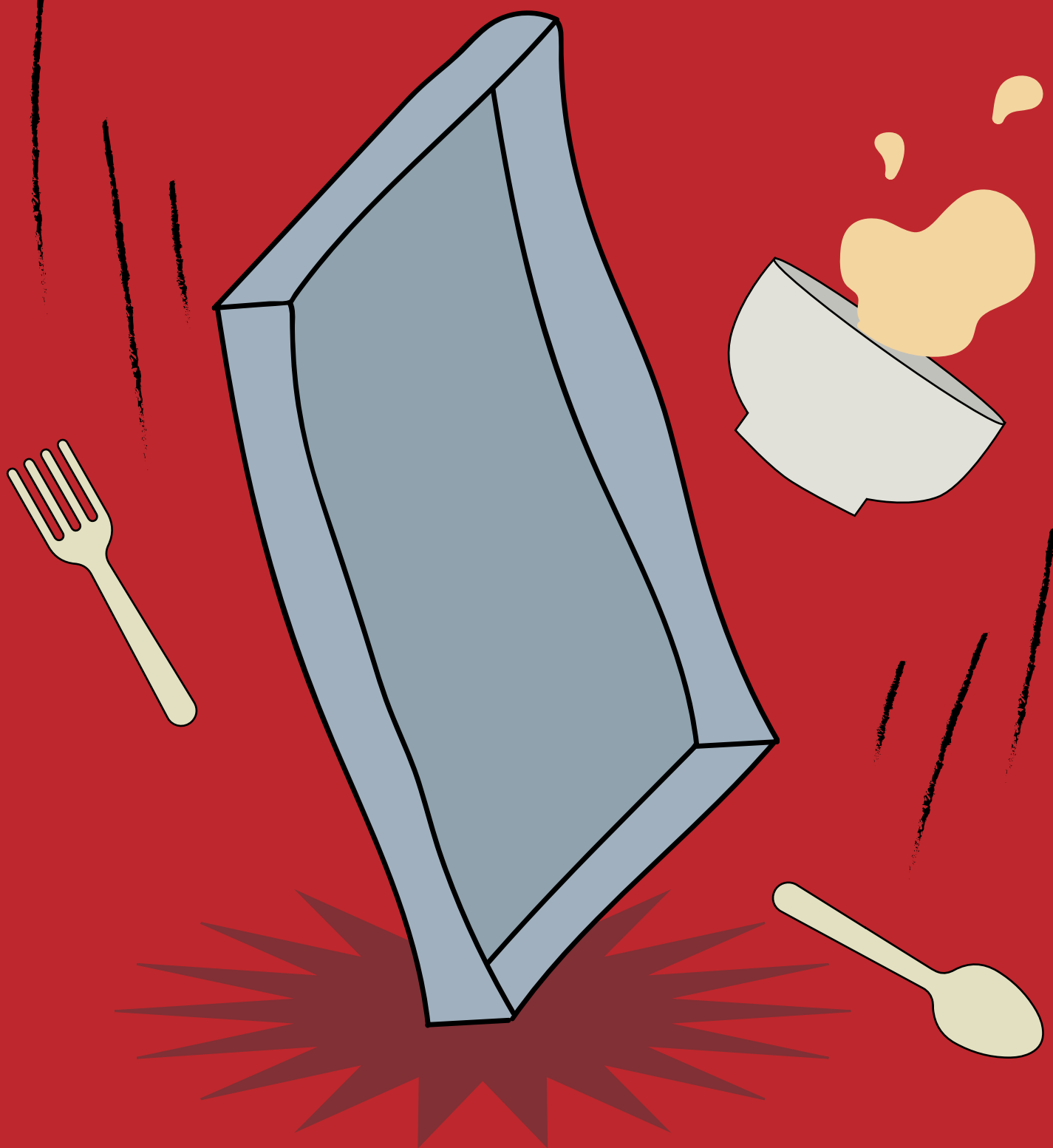
When a food tray drops,

“PLINK! PLONK!”

Spikey has a shock!

PLINK!

PLONK!



Spikey is scared.

He does not wish to talk.

Sharity comforts him

and does not mock.

KOALA



Friends lend

a helping hand,

say less of “Cannot”,

more of “Can”!

The image shows four distinct dot patterns arranged horizontally. The first pattern consists of 1 dot. The second pattern consists of 2 dots. The third pattern consists of 3 dots. The fourth pattern consists of 4 dots.

Boleh

可以

முடியும்

“I think your heart

has a little dent.

Come Spikey, let's go

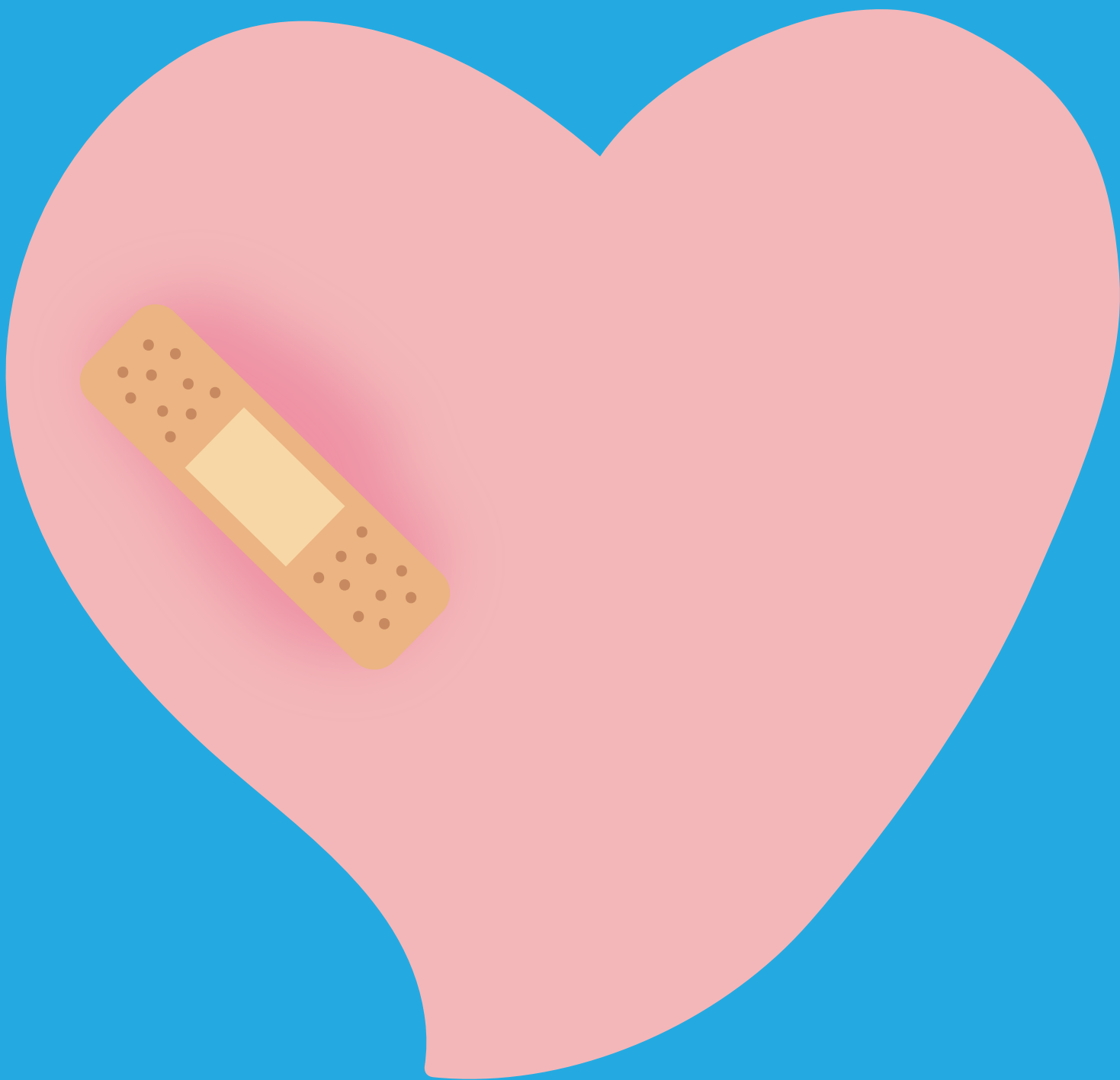
to the special tent.”

to the special tent.”

to the special tent.”

to the special tent.”

to the special tent.”



Relaxed by the music

of the soothing stream,

Spikey starts to colour,

doodle and dream.



By: Spikey



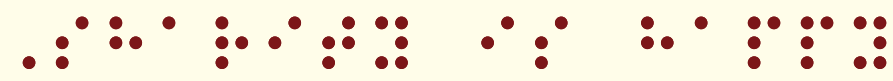
Spikey feels much better



after a while.



Sharity is happy



to see Spikey smile.





Sharity,

generous and giving,

happily treats everyone

to some ice cream!

to some ice cream!

to some ice cream!

to some ice cream!

to some ice cream!



Like Sharity

who cares so deep,

we too can plant

many caring seeds.

many caring seeds.

many caring seeds.

many caring seeds.

many caring seeds.



For seeds to grow

• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •

big in empathy,

• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •

it all starts small

• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •

with you and me.

• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •



Glossary



Sekolah (in Malay)

School



Masala (in Tamil)

Mixture of spices used in Indian cooking



Empathy

Understanding how others feel



Glossary



Mock

To tease in an unkind way



Hearing Aid

An object to help one hear better



Wheelchair

A special chair on wheels that allows someone who is unable to walk to move around



The image displays eight distinct abstract patterns, each composed of 10 black dots arranged on a light beige background. The patterns are organized into a 4x2 grid. Each pattern is a unique configuration of dots, forming various geometric shapes and arrangements. The patterns are as follows:

- Pattern 1 (Top Left):** A horizontal line of 5 dots, with 2 dots above the 2nd dot, 2 dots above the 4th dot, and 1 dot to the right of the 5th dot.
- Pattern 2 (Top Right):** A horizontal line of 5 dots, with 2 dots above the 2nd dot, 2 dots above the 4th dot, and 1 dot to the right of the 5th dot.
- Pattern 3 (Second Row Left):** A horizontal line of 5 dots, with 2 dots above the 2nd dot, 2 dots above the 4th dot, and 1 dot to the right of the 5th dot.
- Pattern 4 (Second Row Right):** A horizontal line of 5 dots, with 2 dots above the 2nd dot, 2 dots above the 4th dot, and 1 dot to the right of the 5th dot.
- Pattern 5 (Third Row Left):** A horizontal line of 5 dots, with 2 dots above the 2nd dot, 2 dots above the 4th dot, and 1 dot to the right of the 5th dot.
- Pattern 6 (Third Row Right):** A horizontal line of 5 dots, with 2 dots above the 2nd dot, 2 dots above the 4th dot, and 1 dot to the right of the 5th dot.
- Pattern 7 (Bottom Row Left):** A horizontal line of 5 dots, with 2 dots above the 2nd dot, 2 dots above the 4th dot, and 1 dot to the right of the 5th dot.
- Pattern 8 (Bottom Row Right):** A horizontal line of 5 dots, with 2 dots above the 2nd dot, 2 dots above the 4th dot, and 1 dot to the right of the 5th dot.



How do you



care for



your friends



with different needs?



Suggested Reads by NLB



Braille Alphabet and Numbers

1

2

3

4

5



a

b

C

d

e



k

L

m

n

O



u

V

X

y

Z



6

7

8

9

0

f

g

h

i

j

p

q

r

s

t

W

Braille Number Indicator

Braille Cell

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