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## Principals' Pen

Many voices in history were silenced—yet they changed the world when finally heard. From brave leaders to everyday people, change was born when someone dared to speak. Technology, courage, and unity can turn even the smallest voice into a force that moves nations. Every student here carries a story, an idea, or a dream that could make a difference. The world grows richer when we listen to one another and stand up for what is right. Speak with confidence, listen with empathy, and never underestimate the power of your own words.

So, when the moment comes, will you let your voice be lost in the crowd... or will you rise and let the world hear you?

## Colians' Pen

### Rise from the Quiet

There are countless stories in this world that never reach the pages of history or the headlines of the present—stories of the oppressed, the forgotten, and the ignored. These voices may be silent, but their silence is not weakness; it is resilience, courage, and hope, waiting for the moment to be heard. Across time, change has often been sparked by those who refused to remain silent—freedom fighters who challenged mighty empires, reformers who stood against injustice, and ordinary people whose words ignited extraordinary movements. Their courage reminds us that even the faintest voice can create ripples strong enough to shake the world.

As Martin Luther King Jr. once said, *"Our lives begin to end the day we become silent about things that matter."* Listening is more than just hearing; it is understanding, respecting, and carrying forward the truth behind each voice. When we choose to listen and uplift, we become part of the change that history remembers.

So, the question is—when the time comes, will you pass by in silence... or will you rise and let the world hear you?

Vaishali Gautam— X

## Poem

### UNSPOKEN

In the quiet, where no one can see,  
There are voices that whisper inside of me.

Not loud enough to break the day,  
But strong enough to pull me away.  
They argue loud inside my head,  
Twisting every word I've said.  
I try to hush them, stay composed,  
But they speak louder when I'm closed.

A thousand words I never speak,  
Stacked like bricks that make me weak.  
The louder I laugh, the more I hide,  
The truth I carry deep inside.  
But silence too is a kind of scream,  
It echoes loud in every dream.  
So here I write, and hope one day,  
Someone will hear what I say.  
An unspoken truth that is left to be said.

Adrija – IX (A)

## Thought of the Month

"Believe you can and you're halfway there"

Theodore Roosevelt

## Paintings



Divyansh Bhagat - VI (A)



Ayushi Swarnakar - X

## Colians' Gallery



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## Colians' Quote

"Growth feels like discomfort because you're stretching beyond your limits—and that's exactly where change begins"

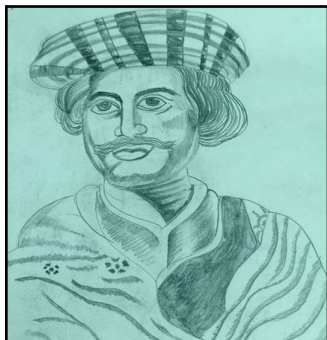
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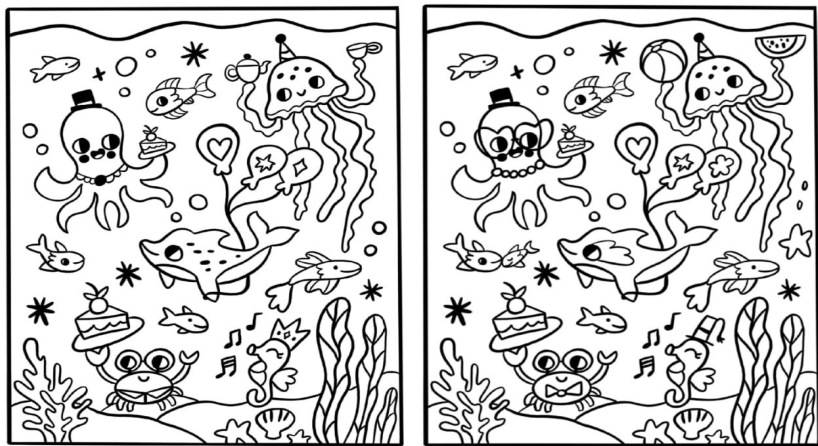
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Akriti - IX (A)

## Spot the difference

SPOT 10 DIFFERENCES



## UNSCRAMBLE

## GENERAL TRIVIA



1. Name the famous American civil rights activist who gave the speech "I Have a Dream".
2. Which tribal freedom fighter from India fought the British before the 1857 revolt but remains less recognized?
3. Who composed the poem "I, Too" to give a voice to Black Americans?
4. What 17-year-old girl was shot for speaking out about girls' education in Pakistan?
5. Which Indian woman, known for grassroots movements, led the Chipko movement to save forests?
6. Which Indian tribal group protested against mining projects in Niyamgiri Hills?
7. Who was the Indian female spy in WWII, forgotten by many history books?
- 8.

## Guess If You Can!

- I copy your face but never your homework — you check me first thing in the morning. What am I?
- I buzz in your pocket, wake you up, and hate swimming lessons. What am I?
- I have teeth but don't bite; I tame wild hair in seconds. What am I?
- I have many keys but no locks; people fight over who gets to press me. What am I?
- I flow without legs and sing without a mouth; boats like me. What am I?
- You can hold me without using your hands or arms. The moment you speak, I break. What am I?
- I am always in front of you, but you can never see me. What am I?
- The more you take away from me, the bigger I get. What am I?

## I Don't Believe It!

- A day on Venus is longer than its year
- The shortest war in history lasted just 38 minutes (Anglo-Zanzibar War, 1896).
- A cloud can weigh over a million pounds — but stays aloft due to air pressure.
- Cows have best friends and get stressed when separated.
- Butterflies can taste with their feet.
- There are more stars in the universe than grains of sand on Earth.
- Space smells like seared steak

1) Martin Luther King Jr., 2) Birsa Munda, 3) Langstone Hughes, 4) Malala Yousufzai, 5) Gaura Devi, 6) Dongria Kondh, 7) Noor Inayat Khan.

## Root Words

Root	Meaning	Example of Derivations
Bene	Good, Well	Benefit (something that is good or helpful), Benevolent (showing kindness)
Port	Carry	Portable (able to carry), Transport (to carry across)