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DESTINATION SINGAPORE

KARYN COLLETT

including the Trail of the Orchid story

SENTOSA ISLAND

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DAY 5

TUESDAY - FUN ON SENTOSA ISLAND

The next morning, after a continental buffer breakfast, we took a cable car from Mount Faber to Sentosa Island.

The cable car was very clean with eight seats and even some cuphiolders for our refreshments. It was very hot though, and I knew why they had given us moist towelettes at the outset - to wipe our sweaty brows.



The cable car stopped first at the top of Vivacity Mall where you could get off and go shopping or continue on to Sentosa Island. We stayed on. The view was spectacular! We could

The view was speciaculari we could see lush greenery on the ground far beneath us. We could see the monorail, which was another way to get to the island. We saw the Sentosa Meriton Statue through the cable car window.

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Hey there Traveler!

Are you ready to have the time of your life?

We're gonna go adventuring in the country of Singapore.

This country is so tiny, it's just a dot on most world maps.

but it is jam-packed with fun and exciting places to explore

Grab your Passport and your Discovery Agent Badge and Let's roll!

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INSTRUCTIONS FOR DAYS 1 AND 2

BEFORE YOU BEGIN:

- 1. Print only the pages needed to complete (to save ink). View the rest on your computer.
- 2. Read through the International Discovery Agent Instructions and Codes on pgs 63-67.
- 3. Cut out and assemble the Cipher Wheel from pg 68 with a split pin and paste it on pg 64.
- 4. Cut out and assemble the International Discovery Agent badge and ID card from pg 68.
- 5. Cut out and prepare your air ticket, visa and passport stamp from pg 69.
- 6. Use your air ticket along with the "AIRPORT FUN PACK" available free on caseofadventure.com to 'fly' to Singapore.
- 7. Paste your visa and passport stamp into your passport (also available free on caseofadventure.com).
- 8. Cut out your Singapore dollars from pg 70 and use them for fun on your 'travels'.
- 9. Cut out and stick up your 'Welcome to Singapore' signs from pgs 71,72.
- 10. Cut out your Singapore stickers from pg 74 and paste them on the front of your Singapore book or on your travel suitcase or wherever you like.
- 11. Don't forget to wear your Discovery Agent Badge each day while you are 'traveling'!
- 12. You don't need to print all the pages print only the activity pages. Read the rest on computer.

ACTIVITIES FOR DAY 1

- 1. Read the Trail of the Orchid Day 1 on pgs 7-15 and work on the Discovery Agent's Mission.
- 2. Read about Changi Airport and Fort Canning Park on pgs 17,18.
- 3. Complete the Singapore Clue Cards 01 and 02 on pg 16. You will need Secret Code 01 on pg 64 and 03 on page 65.
- 4. Locate Singapore on the World Map on pg 19 and paste the Singapore Flag or Singapore Text map marker from pg 73 on it.
- 5. Study the Singapore Map on pg 20 and paste the Orchid map marker from pg 73 on Changi Airport.
- 6. Look at the Singapore Flag on pg 21 and read about it. Color in the second flag.
- 7. Cut out and assemble the Gold-plated Orchid minibook on pg 75. Paste it in its place on pg 5.
- 8. Complete the Wordsearch on pg 22.
- 9. Watch the videos and follow the links on the Singapore Videos and Links Day 1 page on caseofadventure.com/singapore-videos

ACTIVITIES FOR DAY 2

- 1. Read the Trail of the Orchid Day 2 on pgs 24-27 and work on the Discovery Agent's Mission.
- 2. Read about the Flower Dome, Supertree Grove, the National Museum of Singapore and the Singapore Flyer on pgs 29,30.
- 3. Complete the Singapore Clue Cards 03 and 04 on pg 23. You will need Morse Code on pg 66 and the Cipher Wheel on pg 64.
- 4. Locate your home on the World Map on pg 19. Paste the We Live Here map marker from pg 73 on it.
- 5. Look at the Singapore Map on pg 20 and paste the Supertree Grove and the Singapore Flyer map markers from pg 73 on the right places on it.
- 6. Study the Malay Language Page on pg 28 and try saying the phrases in Malay. Practice them with someone in your family.
- 7. Read through the Singapore Funfo on pg 31 and tell someone a fun fact from that page.
- 8. Color in the pictures on the coloring page on pg 32.
- 9. Complete the Google Earth Landmark Hunt on pg 33. Simply enter the co-ordinates in the Google Earth search field and press enter. Write down the name of the place you find.
- 10. Cut out and assemble the Singapore Traditional Dress minibook on pg 76. Paste it in its place on pg 5.
- 11. Watch the videos and follow the links on the Singapore Videos and Links Day 2 page on caseofadventure.com/singapore-videos

INSTRUCTIONS FOR DAYS 3 TO 5

ACTIVITIES FOR DAY 3

- 1. Read the Trail of the Orchid Day 3 on pgs 34-37 and work on the Discovery Agent's Mission.
- 2. Read about Chinatown, Chinese and Japanese Gardens, Jurong Bird Park, Marina Bay Sands, ArtScience Museum and Merlion on pgs 39-42.
- 3. Complete the Singapore Clue Cards 05 and 06 on pg 38. You will need Secret Code 02 on pg 65 and the Phonetic Alphabet on page 66.
- 4. Locate the United States on the World Map on pg 19 and paste the United States map marker on it.
- 5. Look at the Singapore Map on pg 20 and paste the Marina Bay Sands and Merlion Park map markers from pg 73 on the right places on it.
- 6. Write in the answers on the Singapore Notebook page on pg 43.
- 7. Cut out the pictures from page 73. Paste them on the 'Arab Street, Little India' drawing on pg 44.
- 8. Cut out and assemble the National Anthem minibook on pg 77. Paste it in its place on pg 5.
- 9. Complete the Singapore Crossword on pg 45.
- 10. Watch the videos and follow the links on the Singapore Videos and Links Day 3 page.
- 11. Complete the Craft Activity linked from the Singapore Videos and Links Day 3 page.

ACTIVITIES FOR DAY 4

- 1. Read the Trail of the Orchid Day 4 on pgs 46-48 and work on the Discovery Agent's Mission.
- 2. Read about Little India and the Night Safari on pgs 49 and 50.
- 3. Complete the Singapore Clue Cards 07 and 08 on pg 51. You will need the Cipher Wheel on pg 64 and Secret Code 02 on page 65.
- 4. Locate China on the World Map on pg 19 and paste the China map marker from pg 73 on it.
- 5. Look at the Singapore Map on pg 20 and paste the Arab Street, Little India and Night Safari map markers from pg 73 on the right places on it.
- 6. Fill in the places on the blank Singapore map on page 52.
- 7. Cut out and assemble the National Pledge minibook on pg 78. Paste it in its place on pg 6.
- 8. Cut out and assemble the National Symbols of Singapore minibook on pg 79. Paste it on pg 5.
- 9. Cut out and dress the paper dolls on pg 80.
- 10. Watch the videos and follow the links on the Singapore Videos and Links Day 53,54 page.
- 11. Listen to the Chan Mali Chan song (pgs 52,53) on the Videos and Links Day 4 page and try it.

ACTIVITIES FOR DAY 5

- 1. Read the Trail of the Orchid Day 5 on pgs 56-58 and work on the Discovery Agent's Mission.
- 2. Read about Sentosa Island on pgs 59,60.
- 3. Complete the Singapore Clue Cards 09 and 10 on pg 55. You will need Secret Code 02 on pg 65 and the Code 01 on page 64.
- 4. Locate Malaysia and India on the World Map on pg 19. Paste the Malaysia & India map markers on it.
- 5. Look at the Singapore Map on pg 20 and paste the Sentosa Island map marker from pg 73 on it.
- 6. Cut out the fact cards on pages 81-84 (paste the correct questions from pgs 82 and 84 onto the correct cards from pages 81 and 83. See if you know all the answers.
- 7. Color in the pictures on the coloring page on pg 61.
- 8. Cut out and assemble the Food minibook parts 1 and 2 on pg 85, 86. Paste them in place on pg 6.
- 9. Complete the Maze on pg 62.
- 10. Cut out, assemble and write the post card on pg 87. Put a stamp on it and mail it to a friend.
- 11. Watch the videos and follow the links on the Singapore Videos and Links Day 5 page.
- 12. Cut out the recipe cards on pg 88 and help prepare food for a special Singapore meal where you share what you have learned with your family. Cut out the food flags on pg 103 to play with and decorate. Show your completed Singapore book and decorate with / dress in red and white.

* Answers to the clue cards, crossword, word search and Google Earth scavenger hunt are on pgs 91,92. Please email us a photo to karyn@caseofadventure.com

CONGRATULATIONS ON COMPLETING DESTINATION SINGAPORE!

Your Mom or Dad should present you with the completed DESTINATION SINGAPORE certificate on pg 90!

SINGAPORE MINIBOOKS



SINGAPORE MINIBOOKS

Paste 'National Pledge of Singapore' minibook here.

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THE TRAIL OF THE ORCHID

BY KARYN COLLETT

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DAY 1 FRIDAY - THE ORCHID NECKLACE

My name's Liberty Gray and I'm 8 years old. My family calls me Libby. My brothers Jacob and Roman are 9 and 11, and my sisters Tiffany and Serenity are 4 and 14. They are best known as Jake, Rome, Tiffy and Ren.

This is the story of our trip to Singapore!

Did you know that the orchid is the national flower of Singapore? We found that out a few days ago. That was just before Jake and I had a really weird experience involving orchids in Singapore.



Our family was traveling with our mom and dad to Singapore as Dad needed to go there on business. We love to tag along on his business trips and we usually have great adventures along the way.

But let me back up a bit and tell you how it all began. We were sitting in Granddad's workshop back home, watching him sort nuts and screws of

different sizes. He was sorting them into jars with different colored lids, so he could find them more easily. Granddad's doings are always intriguing!

My brother, Jake, was sitting on a stool next to the CASE OF ADVENTURE. Do you remember that rusty old suitcase that has pride of place in a corner of Granddad's workshop - the one that is filled with tons of treasures gathered from Granddad's years of adventurous travel?

Jake was sitting there on the stool when a sparkle from the CASE OF ADVENTURE caught his eye. It turned out to be a beautiful gold necklace that had half fallen out of its case. I dug the necklace out and held it up to the light. It sparkled, the gold-plated orchid shimmering in the light. It was made with amazing detail.

Granddad told us about the time he and Granny had stopped in Singapore on their way across Asia and he had bought the necklace for her. In Singapore they use real orchids to make gold-plated jewelry. I think they dip the flowers in gold. I slid the delicate chain through my fingers. It was made with amazing detail and was soft and cold to the touch. Granny told me I could have it and she clipped it around my neck for me.

That was a few weeks ago. I forgot about the necklace until we left for Singapore. Then, I noticed it on my bedside table just before we left for the airport. Of course, I'd have to wear my Singapore orchid necklace while travelling to Singapore! I put it on, thinking how awesome it was that the orchid was the national flower of Singapore because orchids are my favorite flower. I hoped we'd see lots of orchids while visiting Singapore.

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Our whole family travelled on Air Singapore, and arrived the following day at the Changi airport, which is definitely the most amazing airport in the world! It's got just about every type of entertainment, comfort and convenience you can think of. There are snooze lounges, a midnight movie theatre, a rooftop sunflower garden and adventure playgrounds for kids. There's the butterfly garden, swimming pools, gaming stations, huge shopping malls and even more. It's totally unbelievable!



We took the Skytrain and then went through customs and got our passports stamped. I asked Mom and Dad if we could visit the airport orchid garden. I was very excited to see all the different kinds. A lot of tropical orchids grow in the air rather than in soil – they can grow on bark or on rocks.



Jake and I clambered over some rocks, to look at the Koi fish in the pond and then gazed at the different species of orchids.

Then a man standing nearby started staring at me and my orchid necklace. He looked very nervous, glancing over his shoulder to see if anyone was watching him. I was wondering if he wanted to steal my necklace, so I started looking for Mom and Dad, when this lady standing nearby clears her throat and says quietly something that sounded like "guitar".

What was really weird was that the lady was wearing an orchid necklace and a blue baseball cap, just like me! When the man heard her say "guitar", he looked relieved, and turning to the lady, gave her a 'thumbs up' signal and said what sounded like "I had guitar!" He handed her a piece of paper.

"She is very interesting!" I used the Discovery Agent code phrase. Jake knew what I meant and replied, "Look, a blue hat," – also a Discovery Agent code phrase. If you're a Discovery Agent you can look up the meaning on your code phrases card, but I can't tell you the meaning as it's for our eyes only.

We continued to watch the two people. The lady nodded at the man and he walked off smartly. She then tucked the folded paper into a bag under her arm and marched off as well. Unknown to her, the paper hadn't been put into her bag properly, and had fallen to the ground near where we were standing! Jake gave me the Discovery Agent hand signal for 'I'm going to investigate.' He picked up the paper and unfolded it.

Inside was a picture of a lion head and some strange words in another language. We looked at each other in surprised anticipation and went to join the others, excitedly discussing what had happened.



tengah hari

Jake showed the piece of paper to Ren and Rome. and I leaned forward to peer at it. Next to the lion's head, the words were, 'tengah hari'.

"It must be in the Singapore language," I said. "What language do they speak here?"

"I think Chinese and Indian languages as well as English," Ren told us.

"And Malay, of course," said Rome. "Singapore is right next to Malaysia."

"Wow, so many languages. We'll have to find out what the words mean," Jake said.

"What was it that the man said to the lady when he gave the paper to her?" I asked Jake.

"Hmm," Jake responded, "I remember thinking *why would she care if he played guitar*. I think he said something like 'I play guitar!""

"I had guitar!" I remembered.

"Oh yes, that was it," Jake exclaimed, "I HAD guitar. What could it mean?"

"She was wearing an orchid necklace just like me," I told the others. "The man was staring at it before the lady came along."

"And a blue baseball cap like you too!" Jake added.

"That's a strange coincidence," said Rome. "Maybe he thought you were his contact."

"Yes, that must be why he was staring at the orchid necklace," I replied.

"Then the lady said, "guitar," to him and he looked relieved. Then he said, "I had guitar" and she nodded. That's when he gave her this paper. She dropped it as she walked away."

"Maybe guitar was their password!"

"It might be a word from another language."



We carried on walking around the orchid garden, learning more about Singapore's National Flower as we went.

Ren read from the information board, "The National Flower of Singapore is a pink and white orchid named the Vanda Miss Joaquim. Among the several varieties of Vanda Miss Joaquim, the variety 'Agnes' was chosen for its vibrant colors, hardiness and resilience, qualities which reflect the Singapore spirit."

After we'd had a good bit of fresh air, we collected our luggage from the lockers where we had left it, and went to

find transport to our hotel.

There were five ways we could travel: MRT (Mass Rapid Transit Subway), bus, car, taxi or shuttle. We chose the MRT as it was cheap and quicker than the bus, although longer than going by taxi. The taxi would have cost us about \$25 Singapore dollars whereas on the MRT, even with all seven of us at \$2 each, our total would only be \$14. Dad got us smartcards to use while travelling on the MRT in Singapore.

Dad explained, "The smartcard has money on it to pay for your rides on the subway. It gives you discounts and can be



topped up when you need. You tap the card to scan your train ticket when you enter and exit the train platform area. A screen shows the remaining value on your card."

We only had to wait a couple of minutes before the sleek, shiny train pulled in smoothly. The train was rather full, but most people disembarked at the airport. We climbed aboard and found a group of seats in a corner. Dad talked to us about Singapore and read us excerpts from the guide map on the way.

"Singapore is a busy and prosperous city and is one of the world's leading financial centers. Actually, it's a city and a country, that's called a city-state (like Vatican city). As a city-state, Singapore is both the country and its capital!

"It is a large island close to Malaysia, separated from it by the Straits of Johor and connected to the mainland of Asia with bridges. Singapore is one main island with sixty-three small islands around it. Singapore Island is the main island of Singapore, which is also called Pulau Ujong. This island has a population of over five million people.

"The main island of Singapore is slightly more than three and a half times the size of Washington, DC.



"It has a tropical climate: humid and hot for part of the year, and warm and rainy for the rest, with frequent afternoon and early evening thunderstorms and monsoons at various times of the year.

The island has coastal plains and flat grasslands. Nature reserves protect monkeys, birds and other native animals.

"The currency is the Singapore dollar. One US Dollar is currently equivalent to 1.35 Singapore Dollars. It says here that the entire national anthem is printed very small on the back of the thousand dollar note.

"Singapore is very clean and orderly. You will get fined for dropping any garbage! You could pay up to \$1000 Singapore dollars for dropping one piece of paper! They don't even sell chewing gum in Singapore because they don't want people spitting it out on the streets. You are only allowed to chew it if it's prescribed by your doctor!

"Driving cars is very regulated in Singapore because they don't want too many cars on the road. You have to apply to drive a car here and if you are approved you can drive for 10 years.

"Long before all the buildings and skyscrapers were built, Singapore was actually a fishing village with many stilt houses built over water. The people of Singapore earned a living trading their catch of the day and travelled around the island in little wooden boats called 'sampan'.

"In Singapore with the busy air traffic and small land size, buildings are not allowed to be any higher than 280 meters. There is one exception and that is the Tanjong Pagar Centre which is 290m tall."

Dad broke off as we neared our stop, and we gathered our bags. The heat hit us as soon as we exited the subway station. Singapore is mainly apartment buildings, skyscrapers and malls, with touristy places downtown. My first impression was of many smart glass buildings.



We walked the last few steps to our hotel, Fort Canning Lodge, a high-rise with the letters 'YWCA' on the front. We gladly flopped down in the air-conditioned lobby while Dad went to check us in.

Mom told us that across from the hotel was Fort Canning Park and that it had once been the site of the palaces of Malay kings. Now they have concerts and festivals and stuff there.

After we had settled into our hotel and

tried out the bidet spray, a water sprayer pipe next to the toilet to clean yourself with, we had an afternoon nap and then decided to do a little searching on the Internet. We wanted to find out what the words on our folded paper meant. The Internet connection was very fast so it was easy to set up.

After Dad had set up his laptop for us, Jake sat down and typed the words as I spelt them out to him "t-e-n-g-a-h h-a-r-i, tengah hari"

A lot of links in unintelligible languages popped up, but Jake spotted a link that said 'tengah hari, English translation' and clicked on it. It showed the meaning as 'midday – noon'.

"So, it's a time of day," mused Jake. I was distracted watching two geckos on the ceiling. I had heard that they eat the insects and mosquitoes so I was glad to have them. I love geckos – I had often tried to keep them as pets.

Mom pulled out some snacks that she had bought on the way in, and I returned to earth to try some. There were some cool unusual flavors of chips to try: gourmet-salted-egg-yolk potato chips and seaweed-and-soft-shelled crab-flavored pringles.

There was also Irvin's salted-egg-fish-skin snack – good for omega threes apparently. The fish skins were dry and crispy and very fishy tasting.

Jake clicked another link and we discovered that the words 'tengah hari' were Malay.

"So the words mean 'midday' in the Malay language!" exclaimed Jake, "Rome said that Singapore is right next to Malaysia!"

Next, he typed in, "Singapore guitar". The results showed options like "Guitar gallery" and "SV guitar", but nothing helpful.

I leaned over him and typed, "What is guitar in Malay?" – "Gitar" was the answer.

"The words sounded like, 'I had guitar'," said Jake, "but if they are Malay words, we have to figure out their English meaning."

"Okay, so how might you spell a word in Malay that sounds like 'Guitar'?

"G-i-t-a-h," replied Jake

Jake went to google translate ready to translate Malay words to English. He typed in 'Gitah', still no luck.

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"What about 'G-e-t-a-h,' " I suggested.

"Rubber," the translation came back.

"That could be something," Jake said, leaning over the keyboard. He typed in, "Rubber, Singapore."

Many manufacturers and

suppliers of rubber products in Singapore popped up.

Next, he typed in, "Rubber industry, Singapore."

"The planting of rubber became popular across the Malay peninsula," Jake read, "once commercial opportunities became clear, after the collapse of the coffee market. As a result, Singapore emerged as a hub for the rubber industry, processing rubber for export to the USA, UK and other parts of Europe."

"So Singapore exports rubber ... "

"So, we know that the paper says noon or midday and has a picture of a lion. And we know that the word 'Getah' might mean rubber. Could the group's password be 'rubber'?"

"What about the other words, I had'. Let's look up 'I had' in Malay."

The search brought no results.

"Try 'A-h-a-d', " I suggested. He sounded like he spoke with a potato in his mouth, 'Ahad'.

Jake typed that in, " 'Ahad' means Sunday."

"So, noon on Sunday, that makes sense. Sunday is two days from now."

"What about the lion face symbol?"

Jake searched for, "Lion, Singapore"

"The Lion Head is a distinctive and easily recognizable Symbol of Singapore and can be freely used by individuals, organizations and corporations to promote a sense of national identity. The logo is in solid red against a white background – the colors of the national flag."

Jake clicked on the image button.

"That's the exact image on our paper," he said.





"And look, this link says Merlion," I pointed.

I read from the website about Singapore's iconic statue, Merlion. "You can find the statue at Merlion Park, near the waterfront at Marina Bay. This must-see Singapore attraction is just a short walk from Raffles Place MRT Station."

Now we were getting excited. "So maybe there's another meeting between some of the members of this secret organization on Sunday at noon at the Merlion statue?"

"About rubber?" Jake joked.

"Maybe," I laughed.

Mom called us to get ready for our dinner at the hotel restaurant. We ate a satisfying bowl of beef noodle soup each. Chopsticks and a spoon made for an interesting dining experience!

At the dinner table, we told the others what we had discovered.



"They grow a lot of rubber here and even export it," Dad told us. "I've been researching too. Here are some other things I found out: Singapore's national language is Malay. However, English is also an official language, from when Singapore was a British colony, and Malay is from

the people of Malaysia, Mandarin from Chinese immigrants and Tamil from the Indian people. Those four are recognized as the official languages.

"Almost every Singaporean speaks English or 'singlish', which is English with some words added from other languages. English is the main language used in schools and at work here in Singapore.

"Quite often, the English word, 'Can' is actually a replacement for 'yes'. For example, to the question, 'Get some milk on your way, can?' and the other speaker will reply 'Can' in the affirmative, or alternatively 'Cannot'."

"We'll have to investigate your orchid trail more in the morning," Dad told us as we headed back to our rooms.

I hope you enjoyed the first part of my story – I enjoyed telling it! This is Libby Gray, over and out. I'll see y'all tomorrow. I feel too excited to sleep even though I can hardly keep my eyes open! I wonder what the morning will bring.



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Changi airport has got just about every type of entertainment, comfort and convenience you can think of. There are snooze lounges, a midnight movie theatre, a **rooftop sunflower garden** and adventure playgrounds for kids. There's the **butterfly garden**, swimming pools, gaming stations, huge shopping malls and even more.

CHANGI AIRPORT

AIRPORT ORCHID GARDEN

The **Orchid Garden** features more than 700 orchids of 30 species grouped by their various colours and shapes. There are rocky pathways and a **Khoi pond** with lots of fish in it. In the 1300s, the hill on which Fort Canning Park is located was the seat of the **great Malay rulers of Singapore**. It was converted into a military base during the World War II. Major attractions include the Keramat Iskander Syah (the sacred burial ground of a Malay ruler), the Fort Gate, Spice Garden, the ASEAN Sculpture Garden and the Battle Box – a **former underground military complex**.



FORT CANNING PARK



BALINESE STONE WALL CARVINGS

The mural walls depict significant events from pre-colonial Singapore:

* **Construction of the Royal Palace** - workers carving on pillars, carrying tools.

* Siamese attack on Singapore - locals defending the island with spears, bows and arrows, behind a defence barricade.

* Singapore's Golden Age - Malay, Indian and Chinese traders meeting on shore to exchange their goods.

* Singapore's ruler taking flight - **burning of Singapore in 1613** by the Portuguese houses on the island going up in flames as the Portuguese looked on from aboard their ships.

WHERE IN THE WORLD IS SINGAPORE?









SINGAPORE FLAG



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SINGAPORE WORD SEARCH

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DAY 2 SATURDAY - EXPLORING A NEW CITY

It was hot and muggy. Jake and I were wearing shorts and thin t-shirts but we still felt too hot, and wet from the humidity!

"I am carrying a towel to wipe the sweat off my face," Jake told me. "But it gets wet with sweat again soon after I wipe it!"

"Eww," I pushed him away. "We are so close to the equator here. I guess that's why it's hot all the time. I do wish it weren't quite so muggy!"

There were lots of people of all colors, cultures and dress going about their days on the busy city streets.

We looked around at the many food stalls with Chinese, Indian and Malaysian street food arranged on platters or on sticks. Most food markets and smaller shops only accepted cash, not credit cards, so you needed to be sure to carry some.



"Let's sit down and have breakfast," I suggested. When we had found a clean bench and table, I got out my wallet and checked my Singapore dollars. "Good!" I still had the \$50 Dad had given us for the day out.

We perused the menu: noodles, stir fried or in broth, rice porridge and chwee kueh (steamed rice cakes topped with radish). I turned up my nose at that.

We chose the national dish of Pandan-scented kaya toast with runny-yolked eggs.

Kaya is a custard jam made from egg, coconut, and a herb called pandan which is similar to vanilla except it's green. You get lime green breads, rolls

and cakes which are flavored with pandan!

"Strange, yet delicious," Jake decided on his first bite.

I finished up every last bite of my yummy breakfast and licked my lips. "I could eat that for breakfast every day," I told Jake.

"Let's go catch the bus, shall we," Jake responded, all ready to go.

We had on hats, sunglasses and sunscreen, and chose a seat on the top deck of the bus. "When the sun gets too hot later, we can head below where it's airconditioned," I smiled at the thought.

"As well as get shelter from any tropical rainstorms!" Jake grinned.

The drive around the city gave us a good view of the different

neighborhoods. We disembarked in the middle of some gray skyscrapers at the spectacular 'Gardens by the Bay'.

The Flower Dome towered overhead and was exciting to behold. A sign read: "These two massive greenhouses have no interior columns or supports, making the shallow slope of the Flower Dome the largest unsupported glass roof in the world."

We went inside the Flower Dome and then to the next massive greenhouse called the Cloud Forest. Inside the Cloud Forest there were many different levels. Jake led the way to an elevator which took us to the top level. We began the walk down along walkways which snaked through the glass dome over the treetops. I skipped along until I felt a little dizzy with the high altitude.

"It feels like we are suspended mid-air," said Jake.

I laughed. "Yes. It's so nice and cool compared to the outside!"

"I feel like I'm visiting Jurassic Park, it's so much like a jungle," Jake commented.

"But there are skyscrapers and hotels outside," I replied. It was amazing! The big dome featured a thirty-five meter tall 'mountain' complete with waterfall. Apparently, it's the world's tallest indoor waterfall.

"A waterfall on a mountain inside a jungle in a glass dome in the middle of the city," Jake looked up at the thundering falls. "Whatever next!"

We left the Domes and walked to Supertree Grove. The Supertrees looked like giant futuristic trees but were actually vertical gardens. The tallest one measured up to sixteen stories in height. Jake and I travelled up to the top of a Supertree. We were awed by the view of the Gardens and the surrounding Bay.



"It says they light up at night for a light show," I pointed out.

We took a walk along the OCBC Skyway which was between two Supertrees 22 meters up in the air! I held tightly to Jake's jacket the whole way! It was kind of scary being so high up, but but so exciting that we decided to do it all over again in the other direction.

All of a sudden, big warm drops of rain started pelting us. The rain didn't seem to cool us down at all. "It's so strange to feel warm drops of rain instead of cold!" Jake exclaimed.

I nodded, holding my hoodie over my head, and pointed to a nearby indoor café with a cake stand. We quickly took shelter and tried some orange colored cake which the waiter told us was made from banana paste. It tasted very good - a bit like banana bread.



Next we visited the National Museum of Singapore. Once inside, we watched a movie clip with some Singapore history.

"In the 2nd century AD, the first settlement was established by the Sumatran Srivijaya Empire. Around the 14th century, Singapore was a Malay trading port called Temasek which later became

known as Singapura. Later between the 16th and the 19th centuries the area was controlled by the Sultanate of Johor. In 1819, it was established as a British trading colony.

"The story goes that in 1819, Sir Thomas Stamford Raffles, a British statesman and agent of the British East India Company, arrived in Singapore. He saw the small fishing village but recognized its potential as a port, so he, representing Great Britain, purchased the land from the Sultan of Johor . He signed a treaty with the then ruling Sultan Hussein Shah to govern the island. He turned it into a major port for trading in Southeast Asia. He invited Chinese and Indian immigrants to move there.

"While under British rule, Singapore had a free trade policy that attracted Chinese workers and traders from China and Malaysia. Chinese grew to be the largest part of the population. Singapore was under British rule at the same time as India. Many people migrated from India to Singapore. To this day, there are large Chinese, Malay and Indian communities in Singapore.

"During World War II, Singapore was invaded and occupied by the Japanese and for almost three years and was renamed to "Syonan-to", which meant 'Light of the South'. When the Japanese were defeated, Singapore became a British Crown Colony.

"Singapore finally separated from Great Britain in 1963. From 1963 to 1965, for just two years, Singapore was part of the new independent federation of Malaysia, formed from former British colonies. This did not work and in 1965, it became an independent country."

We enjoyed looking at the exhibits, then went to the museum shop. "The Crimson Sunbird has been declared the National Bird of Singapore!" I read on a sign. "I love sunbirds!" I bought a lovely carved and painted wooden sunbird at the museum shop.



"Time to ride the Singapore flyer," Jake announced. We ambled down the road towards the giant Ferris wheel. "Wow, it's huge!"

We learned that it's the second highest in the world - as tall as 30 giraffes! My tummy went down to my feet as we rose up quickly off the ground in the flyer pod. We had amazing views of the city. We could see from the top that Singapore was not just a single island but a collection of hilly islands with lots of greenery and old neighborhoods. The ride was awesome!

Later, back at the hotel, we discussed the Orchid trail mystery.

"Can Jake and I go to Merlion at noon tomorrow?" I asked Dad.

"If the rest of us are nearby, I guess it won't hurt to see who turns up," Dad replied. "But you must stay together and be on the alert. We'll be nearby if you need us."

"We'll have to try the password on any suspicious looking people," Jake said in anticipation.

"Maybe you should hold my Merlion souvenir when you are standing at the statue," Ren had a brainwave. "It could help



identify you to the contact, seeing as the paper had a lion head picture on it."

"Great idea," I agreed. I was to wear my orchid necklace and blue cap as well, same as last time.



We used McDelivery that evening. It was very convenient that MacDonalds could be delivered to the door. We had Big Macs all round and then fell contentedly into bed.

I had strange confused dreams filled with swimming lions and fish leaping out of the water holding orchids in their mouths.

See ya'll tomorrow!



ENGLISH MALAY

My name is MARY.

Nama saya ialah MARY

Thank you

Terima kasih

Good morning Selamat Pagi

Good night

Selamat Malam

I love you

Saya sayang awak

How much?

Berapa?



THE FLOWER DOME

Step into a world of greenery with an ever changing display of **exotic flowers from all over the world**. The climate inside is a replica of the cool dry Mediterranean climate. At night, the dome is **bathed in glittering lights**.

SUPERTREE GROVE

These unique trees can be found all around the Gardens. Stroll along the **OCBC Skyway**, a 128-metre long walkway connecting two Supertrees at the **Supertree Grove**. Chill out and enjoy the views 50m high at the tree-top bistro.

NATIONAL MUSEUM OF SINGAPORE

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The museum houses several exhibitions depicting the **history of Singapore** over 100 years. The exhibitions includes history of times when Singapore was part of Malaysia and a fishing village, arrival of British traders, Singapore as a strategic trade hub, **Japanese occupation**, struggle for independence and the modern times when Singapore gained its own identity.

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SINGAPORE FLYER

The **Singapore Flyer** is the world's second largest **observation wheel** with breathtaking **panoramic views!** A one-of-a-kind experience and built over a three-story terminal building.

SINGAPORE FUNFO

- 1. Singapore is considered an island, a city, and a country all at the same time. You could say that Singapore is its own capital!
- 2. Chewing gum is banned in Singapore unless your doctor prescribes it to you.
- 3. Singapore has the second highest Ferris wheel in the world. It is called the Singapore Flyer and is as tall as 30 giraffes!
- 4. Approximately two new restaurants open every day in Singapore.
- 5. In the Bukit Timah Reserve, there are more species of trees than in all of North America!
- 6. Singapore is one main island with 63 small islands around it.
- 7. The currency is the Singapore dollar. The national anthem is printed very small on the back of the 1000 dollar note.
- 8. The name Singapore means "Lion City". The Merlion Statue in Merlion Park, is half lion, half mermaid. The lion head signifies the lion city that Singapore was named after and the fish body is to symbolize the fishing village that Singapore once was.
- 9. Long before all the buildings and skyscrapers emerged, Singapore was actually a fishing village with many stilt houses built over water. The people of Singapore earned a livelihood trading their catch of the day. They travelled around the island in little wooden boats called sampan.
- 10. Singapore's national language is Malay because Singapore was initially a Malay settlement. The national anthem of Singapore and military commands are also kept in Malay. English, Malay, Mandarin and Tamil are recognized as the official languages of Singapore and almost every Singaporean speaks English or "Singlish" Engish with some words mixed in from other languages.
- 11. There are a few rules about the handling of the Singapore national flag. The flag should never touch the ground or hang below other flags. You could be fined up to \$1,000 for non-compliance.
- 12. In Singapore with the busy air traffic and small land size, buildings are not allowed to go any higher than 280m. The 3 tallest buildings, Republic Plaza, UOB Plaza One and One Raffles Place, all stand at exactly 280m.







SUPERTREES



MARINA BAY SANDS HOTEL



Go hunting on Google Earth to find out what places are at the following co-ordinates Simply enter the co-ordinates in the Google Earth search field and press enter. You'll fly to the place you are looking for!

If you don't see a place name, you might need to check the box next to 'local place names' under 'more'. Or simply zoom in to see if you can figure out where in Singapore you are. You will see the building quite clearly if you zoom in. Write the place name that you discover on the line next to its co-ordinates. Have a look around in Street View while you are there.

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DAY 3 SUNDAY - MYSTERY AT MERLION

The next morning, Jake and I began our day in Chinatown, walking up Pagoda Street. The shop entrances were hung with bright red and yellow Chinese lanterns. Chinese toys like fluffy red dragons were for sale.

There's an excitement in this district and people were bustling about. You can tour some of the homes of the early Chinese residents of Singapore and taste some yummy Chinese street food such as folded pancakes with fillings.

We learned about some of the Chinese traditions. Chinese New Year is one of the biggest celebrations in Singapore. The festival begins on the first day of the first month in the Chinese calendar around the end of January. Families celebrate with feasts and visit the homes of family and friends. They give each other 'hongbao', which are red envelopes with money inside, and tiny Mandarin trees. The famous 'lion and dragon' dances are held at Chinatown and along the Singapore River at both the quays. The biggest parade in Singapore is known as the 'Chingay Parade', a street and float parade with various performances ranging from acrobatics to traditional dances.



"Care to try a Chinese delicacy?" I asked, indicating the many food stalls nearby.

Jake rubbed his tummy, "Nope, I'm too full from breakfast!"

"I'm surprised," I teased. "I thought you never got full!"

"Look, there are the bumboats Dad told us about,"

Jake exclaimed, pointing to the boats lining Clarke quay. The boats were flat ferry-like crafts.

We paid for a voyage and the bumboat took us on a tour of the waterfront. We sailed past the Marina Bay Sands Hotel. "It looks like a space ship," I told Jake.

"I think it looks like three large pillars with a monorail train plonked on top," Jake laughed.

The Marina Bay Sands Hotel had three huge hotel towers with the Sky Park on top. Sky Park is a long outdoor terrace with restaurants, parks, and the world's longest infinity pool, a pool where the edge is made out of glass and the water runs over it. It looks like there is no edge, you just see water and sky.

The tour guide told us, "Over there you can see the Artscience Museum, designed in the shape of a lotus flower." The museum had curved concrete arms sticking up into the air. "Its unique shape channels rainwater into a reflecting pool inside the building."

Jake and I hopped off the boat at the huge Merlion statue which is half mermaid - half lion and was spouting water from its mouth.



I pointed to the sign. "Merlion resides at the waterfront Merlion Park. The statue stands tall at 8.6 meters and weighs 70 tons."

We stood looking at the statue over the blue water surrounded by concrete skyscrapers. We read what it said on the statue: "Singapore was previously named Temasek before the 14th century. The word Temasek means "Sea Town" in the Javanese language.

"In the 14th century, the island was renamed to Singapura. The name change came about after a prince, named Sang Nila Utama, came to the shore with plans to start a new city and saw a strange animal with an orange body and black head, which he was advised by his men was probably a lion. He then renamed the island to 'Singapura', with 'Singa' meaning lion in Malay and 'Pura' meaning city in Sanskrit - 'Lion City'. Singapore is often referred to as 'Lion City' or 'Garden City' because it's so green.

"The Merlion lion head signifies the lion that Singapore was named after and the fish body and tail is to symbolize the fishing village that Singapore once was."



"So, now we wait. Mom and Dad and the others said they'd meet us here." Jake and I stood there holding the souvenir of Merlion. Soon the others turned up and waved at us from nearby. They kept their distance though, so as not to put off the contact.

"We waited awhile for someone to arrive. After a long wait, we saw a lady wearing a Merlion t-shirt. Jake gave me the Discovery Agent hand signal for, "suspicious person in that direction."

She saw us, though she didn't understand our signals. She gave us the thumbs up sign. Jake returned the sign to her.

We approached her and I said 'Getah'. She looked surprised to see us, I guess because we are kids. But she nodded, gave us the thumbs up again and handed me a new folded piece of paper. She said something that sounded like, "is none," before marching off quickly. We unfolded the paper. Inside was a photo of a crimson sunbird and the same words as before – 'Tengah hari'

" 'Tengah hari' means 'Midday', remember," I said.

"Yes, and what did she say? 'is none'?" Jake asked.

Jake dug in his pocket and found the note he had made showing all the days of the week in the Malay language.

"She must have meant Monday – 'isnin' sounds like 'is none'."

"That's tomorrow," I replied. We suspected the gang was getting edgy and needed to move things along.

"So where will they meet tomorrow?"

"I don't know but I'm sure we can find out!"

We joined the others and discussed the mystery with them.

"So the clue is the sunbird," Jake told us. "That's one of the symbols of Singapore – the crimson sunbird, just like the lion and the orchid."

A friend of Dad's from his office had invited us to dinner at their house that evening. Goh and Mia Chen were expecting us.

We rode on the very clean MRT subway a few blocks to their house and they met us at the station. We walked down the street past a few trendy café's and shops. Did you know it rains all the time here – for more than half the year? Often the streets are slippery like ice to walk on!

Mr and Mrs Chen welcomed us to their home. Inside the house was very sparse with tiles, modern fittings, black furniture and a TV, but not much else.

They had what was called a dry kitchen inside the house and a wet kitchen which is a bit like a scullery, but is outside while still being attached to the house, with a roof like a porch. I guess it's too hot to cook indoors here so the family did most of their cooking outside in the wet kitchen on a gas stove. The washing machine was also outside.

We all sat on garden chairs in the large open room and ate some delicious shrimp and rice covered with peanut sauce.

Mr. and Mrs. Chen told us about some of the celebrations in Singapore.

Singapore's National Day





tengah hari
Parade is on 9th August. It's held at the Marina Bay. The celebrations include a parade with ceremonies like the Presidential Gun Salute and an impressive fireworks display. Most people wear the National Flag's colors of red and white.

The Singapore Heritage Festival in July is a celebration of the various cultures in Singapore and their traditions, food, costumes and music. There are exhibitions, heritage tours, culinary events and cultural performances.

The Singapore Food Festival is also in July and is a celebration of local food. There are food carnivals, workshops and lots of yummy and interesting things to taste.

We explained our mystery to the Chens and Mr. Chen told us about the popular Sunbird Café which he though may be our rendezvous point.

Mr. Chen thought the story about the rubber very interesting. "We have big problems with rubber being sold on the black market here. Perhaps you have stumbled onto something. I have a friend in the police force. Perhaps he can help."



Mr. Chen called his friend and had a long chat with him on the phone, telling the police officer the whole story. It sounded like he was arguing but then the conversation seemed to calm down and he was nodding and saying "ya" a lot.

The police officer agreed that the Sunbird Café was a good option and planned to meet us there the following day at 11:30 in the morning. That would give us time to check things out before noon.

Then the Chens took us "Glow in the dark bowling." There was an ultraviolet light in the bowling alley which made our white clothes and teeth glow purple and green. It was lots of fun.

The Chens were very good at bowling and we learned fast. We had to wear bowling shoes and pick balls that were not too big for us. We put our fingers in the holes in the large bowling balls to get a good grip before tossing them at the skittles.



There's nothing better than getting your "bowl" on while your clothing glows!



Pagoda Street boasts a collection of wonderful souvenirs, chocolates, clothing and electronics. The **street food market** is a lovely place to eat, inexpensive and bustling with a good variety of Asian food on offer. It has a wonderful vibrant atmosphere. Visit the famed **Mariamman temple**, which is the oldest temple in Singapore. Also visit the **Buddha tooth Relic temple** nearby.

CHINATOWN

Chinatown is a classic combination of colourful sights and enticing smells.An afternoon in and around Chinatown will leave you **culturally enlightened, well fed, and loaded with souvenirs**.

10.00

CHINESE AND JAPANESE GARDENS

The **Chinese and Japanese Gardens** are islands that sit in Jurong Lake. They are connected to each other by the **Bridge of Double Beauty**. The Chinese Garden has a good bonsai collection, and various pavilions and pagodas. The Japanese Garden features arched bridges, stone paths, rock waterfalls, stone lanterns and **Japanese-styled pagodas**.



JURONG BIRD PARK

Watch pelicans in the first ever underwater viewing gallery where friendly lories feed right out of your hand. **Be amazed by the singing parrot**! Enjoy a close-up view of free-flying birds from Africa and South America in the **world's largest walk-in aviaries**.

SINGAPORE SIGHTS

MARINA BAY SANDS

Three 55-storey towers of extravagant hotel rooms and the **Sands SkyPark**® which crowns the three towers with 360-degree views on the observation deck. An **infinity-edged swimming pool** overlooks the horizon.

ARTSCIENCE MUSEUM

Singapore's iconic lotus-inspired **ArtScience Museum** is a wonderful place where exhibitions, events, performances and educational activities are held. Located next to the **Marina Bay Sands**, the museum enhances the beauty of the area.

MERLION PARK

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The place is the best spot to get pictures of the **iconic Marina Bay Sands** and Singapore Skyline. The park is also the perfect spot to just sit down at the steps and enjoy the **laser and spectra water show in** the evening.

MERLION STATUE

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Come to visit this **half-fish**, **half-lion** statue which stands 8.7 metres tall and has a fountain of water spurting out into the **picturesque Marina Bay**. You can get up close to the statue or walk along the jetty that sticks out into the bay.

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to try.



Write an interesting or unusual fact you have learned about Singapore.

'Good morning' in Malay:

Write about the attraction you'd most like to see in Singapore.

What is fried Chinese carrot cake made from?

Draw a Singaporean food you'd like

National Anthem of Singapore:

Type of Government in Singapore:

Agricultural Products from Singapore:



SINGAPORE CROSSWORD



ACROSS

- 5 Singapore's nickname
- 7 Building shaped like a lotus flower
- 9 Giant Ferris wheel in Singapore
- 10 Posh Hotel overlooking Marina Bay

DOWN

- Statue with a lion head and fish tail
- 2 Singapore's national anthem
- 3 Prime minister of Singapore
- 4 Gigantic glass greenhouse with themed gardens and waterfall inside
- 6 Island in Singapore that you can reach by cable car
- 8 Vertical gardens resembling towering trees

DAY 4 Monday - Capture at Sunbird Café

"Let's go to little India today," Jake was jumping from foot to foot along the cobblestones.

The whole family meandered up Chander Road to Little India and Arab Street.

"It's so lively and colorful," I remarked.

Arab Street was lined with restaurants and palm trees with the view of Sultan Mosque at the end. The Mustafa Centre shopping area took up an entire city block. There were lots of painted walls or 'street art' as it was called. Jake, who was wearing an orange T-shirt posed



against a wall painted with orange and yellow optical illusions and with a very straight face, tried to blend in. I giggled and pulled him away.

It was really fun and interesting to see what was for sale. There were bargains on everything: clothes, perfume, souvenirs, electronics, makeup. And of course... food.

I tried on a garland of flowers from a street seller and showed them off, turning from side to side and looking at myself in the mirror.

Jake put on a pair of sunglasses and was surprised when the front suddenly flipped up as he was adjusting them, leaving two gaps where the lenses had been.

"To keep the eyes cool?" Jake asked the stall holder, in a perplexed voice.

The stall holder frowned at him, "To lift when not needed" he replied in a no-nonsense tone.

Jake and I hastily retreated and rejoined the family, trying not to laugh. Soon after, we all caught the bus to the Sunbird Café at the Treetops Executive Residences.

The police meet us there and from the time we arrived, things happened very fast. The same man we had seen at the airport orchid garden entered the restaurant and glanced around. Seeing all of us children, he immediately looked suspicious and guilty, and turned and dashed for the door. A policeman stepped from behind the door and blocked his way.

As he turned to go in the opposite direction, a second policeman stepped out and stopped him. As soon as the policeman laid hands on him, he broke down and began talking very fast and pointing to the back of the restaurant. The policeman listened and then led him out the back door.

We heard that the rubber smuggling operation headquarters was in a storage area below the restaurant. The police were able to arrest the main offenders and retrieve a suitcase full of money from the man's possession. It was all very exciting and we couldn't wait to hear the full story from the police. But that would have to wait until the following day when the police had done what they needed to do. We decided not to eat lunch at the Sunbird Café but at a Hawker Center (an Indian food court) in Little India.



The air-conditioning was a welcome relief from the muggy outdoors. We were surprised to see that a few of the tables had small packs of tissues on them. We thought it rather strange but before long, people arrived to sit at the tables. It seems people reserve their seats by placing a pack of tissues on the table!

"So, what's for lunch?" asked Jake.

"Frog porridge!" I suggested. Jake pulled a face.

"Frog porridge good," the waitress told us. "Don't be put off by the name. Frog porridge is one of the best dishes you'll ever eat, so! The frog is marinated in soy with spring onions, chili or ginger. Frog meat is succulent and sweet. The porridge with it is gloopy and light."

We giggled.

"I think we'll try the chicken and rice," Dad told the waitress. The family enjoyed the meal and even more, enjoyed watching the other diners and making up stories about them.

"That lady must work for the mafia. She's got a big coat and spy glasses even in this heat," said Jake

"Those aren't spy glasses, they're regular glasses. And you don't get mafia here!" I scolded him playfully.

"I once heard that two new restaurants open every day in Singapore," Rome told everyone.

"That's crazy" said Jake. "That means in a year's time there will be more than six hundred new restaurants! Hopefully some will close or they will run out of space!"

"Maybe they'll have to build upwards," Ren grinned, "with restaurants on top of restaurants and sloping walkways up to them."

"Or hover crafts," I suggested, imagining the fun of hovering from restaurant to restaurant sampling items.

We decided to try flavored ice or 'Ais kacang' for dessert. It literally means 'bean ice'. It's shaved ice topped with basil seeds, peanuts, corn, beans, coconut milk and then



brightly colored syrup poured on top. It tasted so good in the heat.

We found a children's garden area and we all enjoyed racing and chasing each other around the splash pad which had water fountains spraying at various intervals out of the ground and sculptures that twirled slowly between the streams of water.



Last stop for the day was the Night Zoo or Night Safari. The zoo was lit up with colored lights and we watched a tribal dance with people swinging sticks that were lit up with fire.

For supper we snacked on some street food, fried chicken in batter on sticks. Then we boarded a tram which took us on a slow

drive through the zoo. Most of the animals were awake. We got to see all kinds of diverse creatures like wallabies, leopards and anacondas. The orangutans were amazing. You could watch them, adults and babies alike swinging high above their platforms and then stopping to snack on bananas. We also saw chimpanzees, zebras, meerkats, komodo dragons, mole rats, white tigers, kangaroos, and more.

"That was awesome!" commented Jake.

"The best," I agreed.

"We'll have to come back sometime. It's been so fun," I smiled with satisfaction.

On our way to catch the bus, we passed a fish spa. Intrigued, we peeped cautiously inside.

The little "doctor fish", about the size of big guppies, like to dine on dead skin. People were sitting on benches along one of their ponds dangling their toes

in the water with the fish delicately nibbling away at their calluses.

With images of Amazonian piranhas in our heads, we hurried past and onto the bus back to our hotel. Would you try a fish spa? I shuddered at the thought.



LITTLE INDIA

ARAB STREET

Arab Street has many side cafes selling a variety of food from **India, Pakistan, Turkey and Lebanon.** The Mosque is beautifully lit up at night.

Also for sale are Persian carpets, Turkish lamps, clothing and souvenirs.

HAWKER CENTRES

Many hawker centres are found in Singapore. A hawker centre or cooked food centre is an **open-air complex housing many stalls** that sell a variety of inexpensive food. Hawker centres can provide a **one-stop destination** with a good variety of high quality, clean food at inexpensive prices.



CHILDREN'S GARDEN

With play equipment, such as a sway bridge and stepping springs, and the **Fish Fountain with water tunnels and fish sculptures**, this is an ideal place for kids to play. The rainforest tree houses reach heights of 4 metres and 7.5 metres respectively. The **water fountains are linked to sensors** which detect the movement of children to create a sequence of water effects.

NIGHT SAFARI

> The Night Safari is the **world's first nocturnal zoo**. It's an open-air zoo set in a humid tropical forest that is only open at night. It is divided into seven geographical zones, which can be explored either on foot via four walking trails, or by tram. The **animals of the Night Safari,** ranging from Indian rhinoceros and pangolins to tarsiers and Asian elephants, are made visible by lighting that resembles moonlight.







CHAN MALI CHAN Di mana dia anak kambing saya? Anak kambing saya yang makan daun Di mana dia buah hati saya?

Di mana dia anak kambing saya? Anak kambing saya yang makan daun talas Di mana dia buah hati saya? Buah hati saya bagai telur dikupas Chan mali chan, chan mali chan, Chan mali chan, ketipung payung

Di mana dia anak kambing tuan? Anak kambing tuan di atas jambatan Yang mana dia bunga pujaan? Si bunga tanjung dihujung dahan Chan mali chan, chan mali chan Chan mali chan ketipung payung

Kalau nak tahu anak kambing saya Anak kambing saya di dalam bilik Kalau nak tahu intan payung saya Intan payung saya yang kecil lah molek

Di mana dia anak kambing tuan? Anak kambing tuan yang bulunya kuning Yang mana dia buah hati tuan? Buah hati tuan yang putih lah kuning

CHAN MALI CHAN

Where is he, my little goat? My little goat is eating taro leaves. Where is he, my loved one? My loved one is like a shelled egg. Chan mali chan, chan mali chan, chan mali chan, ketipung payung.

Where is he, my little goat? My little goat is playing by the paddy fields. Where is he, my loved one? My loved one who is wearing red. Chan mali chan, chan mali chan, chan mali chan, ketipung payung.

Where is your little goat, sir? Sir, your goat is on top of the bridge. Which one of those is your favourite flower, sir? It is the Tanjong flower at the end of the branch. If you want to know where my goat is, It is in my room. If you want to know which is my umbrella, It is the tiniest one.

Where is your goat, sir? Your goat that has yellow fur. Which one is your loved one, sir? My loved one is the one who's in white and yellow.



DAY 5 TUESDAY - FUN ON SENTOSA ISLAND

The next morning, after a continental buffet breakfast, we took a cable car from Mount Faber to Sentosa Island.

The cable car was very clean with eight seats and even some cupholders for our refreshments. It was very hot though, and I knew why they had given us moist towelettes at the outset - to wipe our sweaty brows.



The cable car stopped first at the top of Vivacity Mall where you could get off and go shopping or continue on to Sentosa Island. We stayed on.

The view was spectacular! We could see lush greenery on the ground far beneath us. We could see the monorail, which was another way to get to the island. We saw the Sentosa Merlion Statue through the cable car window.

Sentosa Island was a British military fortress until 1972 when it was redeveloped into a theme park.

We walked up to Siloso Beach on Sentosa Island and watched some people playing volleyball together and kayaking. Then we visited the Underwater World Aquarium and watched the dolphins doing tricks. They liked leaping through hoops and twirling in the water, lifting themselves up by their tails to pass the balls to their trainers.

Fur seals waddled around balancing balls, catching rings on their noses and clapping their flippers.

We went to the pools where you can feed marine creatures like rays. We saw clownfish, rays and sharks just like in the "Finding Nemo" movie. We saw a host of other fish and sea animals including critically endangered turtles, sea angels, seahorses, jellyfish and an interesting species of crab which was like a giant spider.

We went on a 4D simulation ride called the Extreme Log Ride! It was very cool, though I shut my eyes a lot!

We had seen the gigantic Universal Studios globe from the cable car and were very excited to go there. There were about seven themed zones in the park. We



started with Sesame Street and went on the Spaghetti Space Chase – an awesome space ride in the dark with the Sesame Street characters to entertain you along the way.

We moved onto the next zone, which was Sci-fi City. It was by far the coolest place in the entire park. We loved the Transformers ride. We were part of the fight between the brave Autobots and the evil Decepticons. It was a 3D show and was very realistic. Rising in the air, getting sucked into a Decepticon, getting thrown off a high-rise building by Megatron only to land in Bumblebee's arms.

We proceeded towards the next themed zone, which happened to be Ancient Egypt. Everything about this place screamed of Ancient Egypt. I loved the character meet-and-greet. The star attractions were the Revenge of the Mummy ride and a treasure hunt ride.

The Lost World Zone was very exciting. It is a ride through Jurassic Park on a river raft. We got soaked! Our circular raft floated through the river and we saw dinosaurs in their "natural habitat" on either side. The dinosaur automatons of stegosaurus, velociraptors and tyrannosaurus were so realistic.

The next zone was "Far Far Away", which had the Enchanted Airways Roller Coaster and the Shrek 4D Adventure. I really loved the "castle" where the show was being screened. We enjoyed the 4D show as our seats bobbed up and down with Shrek's horse and carriage, and our faces were sprayed with water when the donkey sneezed!



The next place on the guide was Madagascar and then Hollywood which was exactly as I had imagined it to be. We watched the 'Lights, Camera, Action' show hosted by Steven Spielberg in the New York zone.

After Universal Studios, we visited the Tiger Sky Tower which is the highest observation tower in Singapore and is in the center of Sentosa Island. It has a big orange tiger painted underneath. We rode

up in the air-conditioned glass cabin that slowly ascended to the top platform rotating as it ascended.

Sentosa Island was definitely a hit and a fabulous way to spend our last day in Singapore.

As for the "Trail of the Orchid", it turns out the man who mistook us for his contact was being used by the rubber gang as a go-between. He was illegally in the country and didn't want to be found out, so he had to comply with their demands. They were forcing him to do their dirty work. In the end, he was given a minor sentence and the rest of the gang got longer ones. The contacts we had met with were to set up the meeting with the Chinese to sell the rubber as the rest of the gang wanted to remain undercover. Granny's necklace must have really confused the man!

The gang had been illegally exporting rubber at very cheap prices to China and had just

about caused a trade war. They were making money but destroying the real rubber industry in China. I was so glad we had foiled them! The orchid gang were arrested and their little black market shut down. Hurray for us and the "Trail of the Orchid!"

Thanks for hanging out with me in Singapore! Hope you get to visit sometime.

Till next time – see ya! Love, Libby





SINGAPORE CABLE CAR

You can enjoy an amazing **cable car ride** to Sentosa Island with stunning views of **Mount Faber Park**, **Universal Studios** and more! Purchase a Singapore Cable Car Sky Pass and see the picturesque landscape unfold on your way to the Faber Peak.

SENTOSA ISLAND

UNDERWATER WORLD

Don't miss the spectacular **dolphin and fur** seal shows! In the oceanarium is a moving walkway that is completely enclosed by an 83-metre long underwater tunnel, which in turn passes through a **huge tank that holds** a vast array of aquatic species. This amazing tunnel takes you on a voyage through some of the world's diverse and unique sea creatures such the weedy sea dragon, jellyfish, monitor lizards, archerfish, giant spider crabs, mudskippers, sea turtles, and mud crabs.

UNIVERSAL STUDIOS

There are **seven themed zones** in the park: Hollywood Zone, New York Zone, Sesame Street, Sci-fi City, Ancient Egypt, The Lost World, Far Far Away and Madagascar. **Fabulous rides and attractions** in each.

TIGER SKY TOWER

Tiger Sky Tower is the **highest observation tower** in Singapore and is in the center of Sentosa Island. Enjoy the view from a rotating, **air-conditioned glass cabin** that slowly ascends to the top platform.











Help the man find his wife by going through the maze. Don't crash into anything on your way.

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PEOPLE TO STICK ON ARAB STREET PICTURE



Cut around the people and paste them onto the ARAB street page.

SINGAPORE STICKERS



Paste info on reverse side of minibook

Orchids are carefully picked and stored in a climate-controlled facility. The ones with the most perfect delicate forms are selected. The orchids are first coated with copper and then plated in 24-carat gold. The final product is inspected and finally coated in a protective lacquer before being sold as jewelry.





The classic Javanese kebaya is a sheer delicate tight-fitting blouse worn over kemben torso wrap of batik cloth. These shapely tunic-style garments made using soft-textured material featuring rich bold colours and intricate embroidery. Baju kurung, a long flowing skirt paired with a long-sleeved, knee-length blouse, may also be worn.

The Buju Melayu is the name fo the traditional Malay garment worn by the men. It consists of a shirt, a sarong worn over a pair of trousers, and a cap known as the songkok. The songkok is a religious hat which originates with 13th Century Islam.





May our noble aspiration bring Singapore success Come, let us unite In a new spirit Let our voices soar as one Onward Singapore Onward Singapore

Paste or write info inside flap.



We, the citizens of Singapore, pledge ourselves as one united people, regardless of race, language or religion, to build a democratic society based on justice and equality so as to achieve happiness, prosperity and progress for our nation.





Stick pictures on upperside of petals. Stick or write info on inside of petals. Fold petals in, tuck last one under to keep closed.





Cut out information cards and have fun learning about Singapore!

9 August 1965 (from Malaysian Federation)	The Republic of Singapore is a sovereign city state and is it's own capital.
Lee Hsien Loong	Parliamentary Republic
Southeast Asia	Singapore is one main island along with sixty-two other islets.



The Republic of Singapore is.. Independence Day in Singapore

Type of Government in Singapore

Prime Minister of Singapore

How many islands make up Singapore?

World Region or Continent Cut out information cards and have fun learning about Singapore!

1 22 N, 103 48 E	important economic base in Southeast Asia, exporting electronics, computers and other goods.
rubber, fruit, orchids, vegetables, poultry, eggs, fish, ornamental fish	electronics, chemicals, financial services, oil drilling equipment, petroleum refining, rubber processing and rubber products, processed food and beverages, ship repair
Singapore Strait 0 m Bukit Timah 166 m	Majulah Singapura (Onward Singapore)



Geographical Coordinates of Singapore

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National Anthem of Singapore Geographical High and Low Points

Chili Crab	Singaporean Prawn Noodles	Ais Kacang	Fried Chinese Carrot Cake		
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SINGAPOREAN FOOD					

Hainanese Chicken Rice	Roti Prata	Kaya Toast	Satay with Peanut Sauce		
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Chili Crab

Fried Chinese Carrot Cake

Satay with peanut sauce



Hainanese Chicken Rice

Roti Prata



Singaporean Prawn Noodles

Ais Kacang













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HAINANESE CHICKEN RICE



serves 4

Rice

1 Tbs rice bran oil or vegetable oil2 cloves garlic, peeled, chopped finely2 slices ginger, 5mm thick, bashed2 cups brown rice3 cups chicken stocksalt to taste

Chicken

8 stalks spring onions, finely sliced 6-7cm ginger, peeled, finely grated 2 tsp salt

- cup rice bran or vegetable oil
- 8 chicken thigh fillets or 4 breasts, scored at 2cm
- 8 heads of Bok choy, blanched with boiling water & drained

To make the rice, combine the oil, garlic and ginger in a non-stick saucepan. Saute until golden and fragrant. Add the rice and toast until the rice is coated with oil.

Add the stock. Bring to the boil, reduce to a simmer, cover and cook for 20 minutes. Remove from the heat and allow to sit for a further 5 minutes before fluffing up with a spoon.

Preheat oven at 180°C

To prepare the chicken, combine the spring onion, ginger and salt in a medium mixing bowl. Heat the oil in a small saucepan until smoking, then carefully pour this over the spring onion, ginger and salt. This will spit aggressively so stand back.

Place all the chicken in an oven proof dish preferably with a lid, (otherwise cover tightly with foil) then spread all the green sauce over the meat.

Cover and bake for 15 minutes or until the chicken is cooked through.

Divide the rice and chicken into 4 portions and garnish with the bok choy. Serve immediately.

http://loveswah.com/2016/08/cheats-chicken-rice-make-an-easy-version-of-hainanese-chicken-rice-at-home/

ROTI PRATA

serves 4

1 kg plain flour 3 1/2 teaspoons salt 100 g sugar 60 g ghee 1 cup milk 1 egg 1 cup water oil

SWEET FILLINGS:

- raspberries and chocolate sauce
- canned sliced peaches and golden syrup
- strawberries and whipped cream
- SAVORY FILLINGS:
- fish curry
- beef mince curry
- shredded chicken with dressing
- sambal
- 1. Place all ingredients into an electric mixer with a dough hook attachment. Slowly beat ingredients, adding water gradually until mixture forms a ball of dough. Knead on low speed until dough is smooth and elastic.
- 2. Divide dough into 15 to 17 portions (about 100g each ball). Roll into round balls and rub oil generously over the surface of each ball. Place dough balls into a well greased and air tight container and leave overnight in the refrigerator.
- 3. Grease a tabletop with oil. Place a ball of dough on it and flatten it evenly with your palms. Carefully stretch the dough, working around the circle until it is very thinly stretched (about 30cm diameter).
- 4. Carefully lift and stretch dough into a rectangle. Sprinkle a little oil on the surface. Start by folding the top of the longer side to the middle and do the same with the bottom side so it forms a long rectangle. Repeat folding with the other two ends, until you form a square.
- 5. Add the filling of your choice (see above)
- 6. Sprinkle oil on a flat griddle or non stick pan, place the roti prata on hot griddle and sprinkle more oil on it. Cook over low heat adding a little oil, flipping over until they are golden brown.

https://www.hungrygowhere.com/recipe/roti-prata-recipe/cc7e3101/



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DAY 1

CLUE CARD 01 – Secret Code 01 'tengah hari' means noon or midday in Malay CLUE CARD 02 – Secret Code 03 Singapore was once a Malay trading port called Temasek

DAY 2

CLUE CARD 03 – Morse Code The Singapore flyer is as tall as 30 giraffes! CLUE CARD 04 – Cipher Wheel – cipher PS The OCBC Skyway is 22 meters up in the air.

DAY 3

CLUE CARD 05 – Secret Code 02 The ninth of August is Singapore's Independence Day. CLUE CARD 06 – Phonetic Alphabet The Merlion stature weighs 70 tons.

DAY 4

CLUE CARD 07 – Cipher Wheel – cipher 21Y The Orchid gang were rubber smugglers. CLUE CARD 08 – Secret Code 03 See anacondas in the dark at the Night Safari.

DAY 5

CLUE CARD 09 – Secret Code 02 Sentosa Island was a British military fortress until 1972 CLUE CARD 10 – Secret Code 01 The gold-plated orchid necklace started it all.

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