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MAYYA

and HER FRIENDS

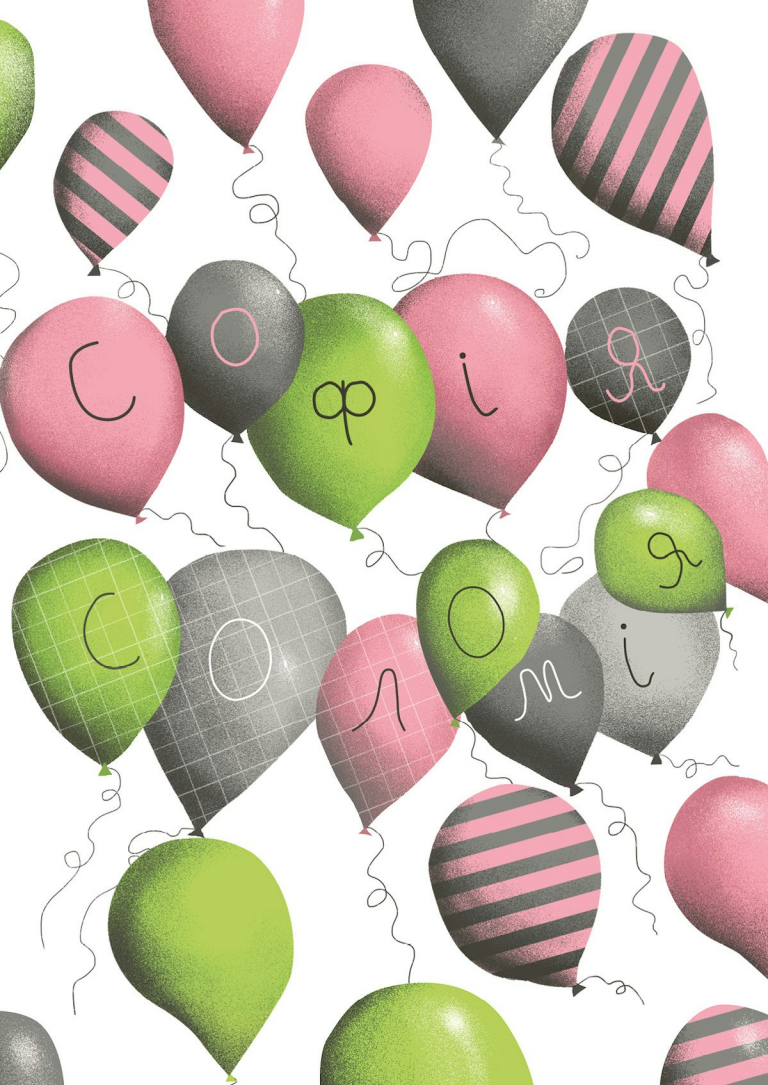
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Sometimes we are overcome by the "tranda"! Miss Yulia, our teacher, invented this word herself. It's what happens when we get naughty and sleepy and don't want to do anything. Has this ever happened to you? The only way to defeat the "tranda" is to smile, and tell jokes and interesting stories. I like to tell spooky or silly stories.



SOPHIYA AND SOLOMIA

Sophiya is one of my best friends. We call her Sophy the First. There are three Sophiyas in our class, which can get confusing if you're not careful. Three Sophiyas can cause some serious sophiyahavoc!

Sophiya the First has a twin sister called Solomia, or Solya. We used to call them test-tube babies, but then Miss Yulia explained that Sophiya the First and Solomia are just like us.

I already knew that, though, because my friend is the realest one there is!



Not all adults can have their own kids. Sophiya and Sol's mum and dad couldn't, so they asked their doctors to help them. Their aunt donated her egg so that Sophiya the First and Solya could be born. And a man donated his sperm, but he is a mystery – a bit like a secret agent! Only the doctors know who he is.

Miss Yulia told us that people who donate their eggs and sperm are called donors.



SOPHIYA THE SECOND

At first, Sophiya the Second also wanted to be called Sophiya the First, but that would have been very confusing for everyone!

Sophiya the Second has one dad and two mums. She lives with her dad and her second mum, because her first mum lives very far away, in Australia. It's a whole separate country-continent – an island country. Sophiya the Second never calls her second mum a step-mum, because in fairytales step-mums are often mean, but her second mum is incredibly kind.