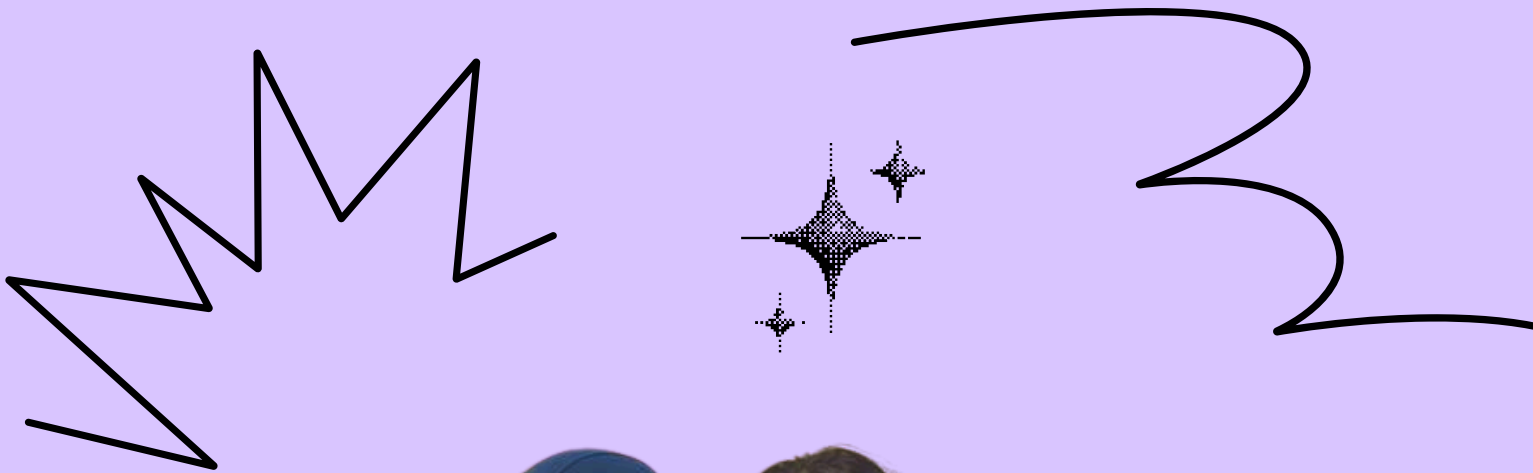


# JOURNEY TO HABIBI CENTER



**STUDENT MAGAZINE**

Dive into the Habibi Center Magazine



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A person stands on a rocky peak, silhouetted against a vibrant sunset. The sun is a bright, glowing orb in the center of the sky, surrounded by wispy, orange-tinted clouds. The person is looking out over a vast, hazy landscape of rolling hills and mountains. The foreground is filled with dark, silhouetted rocks and tall grass.

Every challenge in your education is building the future you deserve. Don't give up now, the struggle today is the strength you'll carry tomorrow. You're capable of more than you know, so keep pushing forward ✨ - Maher



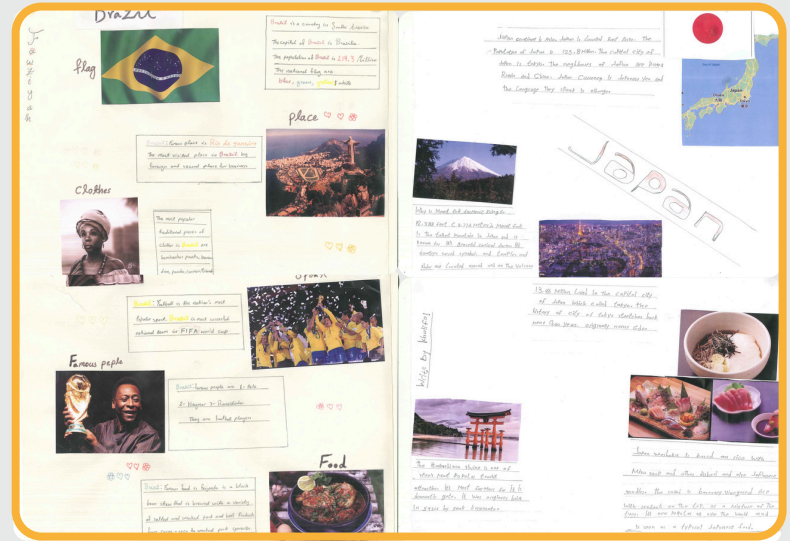
# STUDENTS' ACHIEVEMENTS

## Cambridge Exam

## Posters

Some dedicated students power through an intense 3-month preparation program, working hard 1.5 hours each day, Monday to Friday to take the Cambridge Exams.

At the end of the Red Book (A1), students make a poster to introduce either their country or a country they like.



Advantage for us, it helps us in the future. We are going to take a certificate, I might go to university thanks to the certificate. I can find a job. I think I can be a translator. I don't think I can learn anything in Greek then I need English. If I go to an English college, I will need a certificate" - Ifrah





# PROGRAMS



## Penpal Program

The Penpal Program is a way of talking to students in another country.

For 8 weeks, we send letters to students in the United States and get to know about their daily lives.

This program enables us to improve our writing skills and to make new friends around the world.

### 1) Greet your friend

Hello my dear Makena and Izabella,

### 2) Thank your friend for his/her letter

I'm so glad to receive your letter.

### 3) Answer to your friend's ideas and questions

So, let's start by your questions.

I do like drawing with pencil and colours.

Anyway, I can speak 3 languages: English, Greek and some Polish.

Because I would really love to learn any languages.

Also I'd like to travel around the world one day.

Right now, it's not possible for me to travel around the world.

Because I'm studying at school.

### 4) Add new ideas and questions for your friend

Anyway, what is your favourite sport?

And what is your favourite player?

I'd like to know your favourite one.

I'd like to play volleyball.

### 5) Close your letter

So, my dear Makena and Isabella.

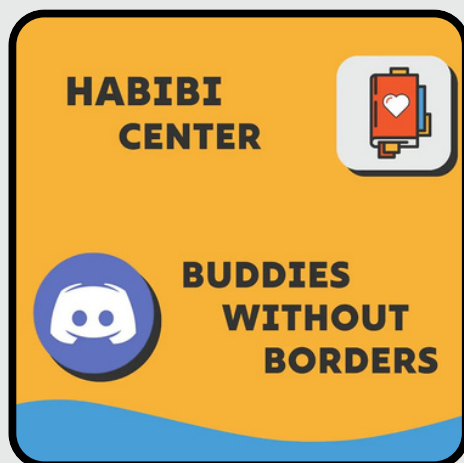
I'd like to repeat again I'm so glad to receive your letter.

### 6) Say goodbye to your friend

I'm forward waiting for your next letter

### 7) Sign your letter with your name

From Abbas to Makena and Izabela 😊



## Buddies Without Borders

### Habibi Center and BWB: Round 3!

"At the beginning of starting this program I was thinking it will be challenging for me because the students would speak English perfectly. After some time I realised that this is the most helpful way in order to challenge your knowledge to see how much you know of a language or do you speak the other person's tongue in a proper way?! Personally after then being part of this program made me to have more self confidence and be able to communicate with them." -Malihe

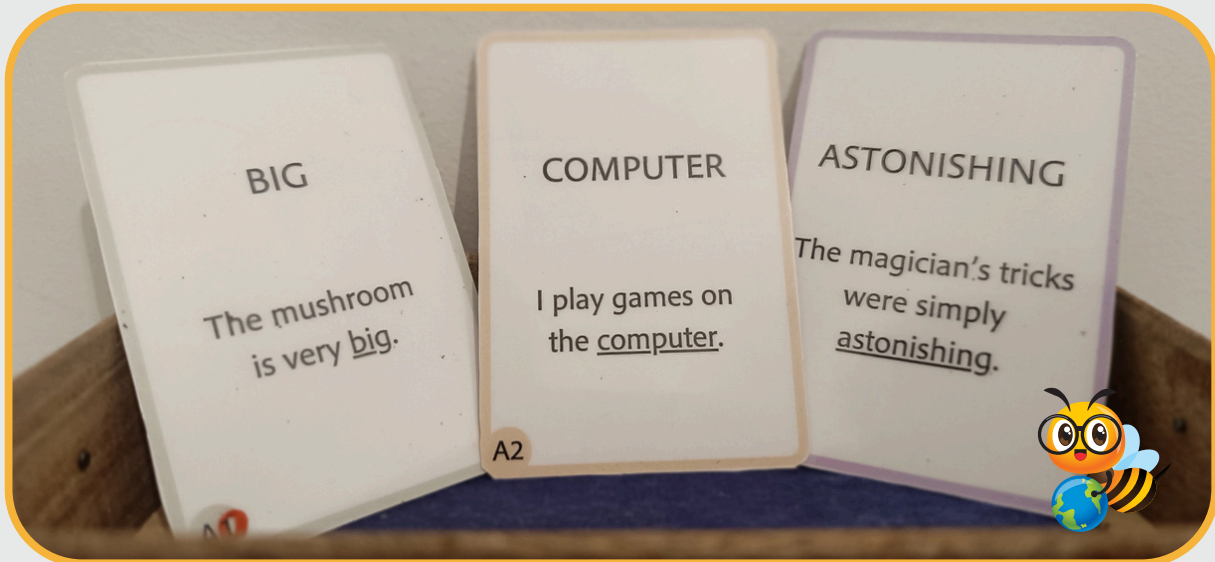


# SPELLING BEE

Spelling Bee is a spelling competition that takes place once per month.

Students have to write and spell words correctly.

When they give a correct answer, they have a more complicated word to write.



A cut out of September's Spelling Bee competition, sharing laughter and fun while learning new words.

How: Students compete in a friendly environment

Impact: Enhances language skills and fosters resilience



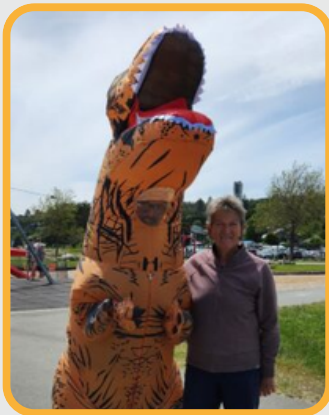
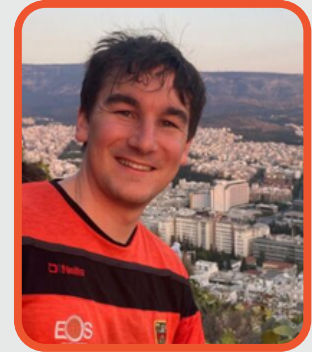


# STUDENTS CHANGE TEACHERS

**EOIN (IRELAND)**

**YOUR TEACHER FROM APRIL TO AUGUST 2024**

*"The students taught me so much about the world as we shared our own stories from our respective cultures."*



**MARY (CANADA) YOUR TEACHER FROM  
MARCH TO MAY 2024**

*"I found a deep respect for the determination, maturity and dreams of the diverse group of young people I was privileged to teach. "*

**MAX (UK) YOUR TEACHER FROM  
JULY TO OCTOBER 2024**

*"It really was a privilege to teach the students here at Habibi Centre who are so eager to learn."*



**RAKHIE (FRANCE)**

**YOUR TEACHER FROM JULY TO SEPTEMBER 2024**

*"During my two months at Habibi Center, I taught English, but I learned a lot from the students. Their enthusiasm and motivation inspired me to do my best every day. They made me grow as a teacher and as a person. The students have a big impact on their teachers too and I'm grateful for the time we spent together and the positive connections we made.  
Oh I forgot to mention, of course I am coming back 😊"*





# WORKSHOPS 2024



**Interpreter's workshop**

"The interpreters workshop is about teaching how to interpreter in different scenarios of interpreting. The workshop have personally thought me about how I should preform in interpreting sessions. Finally, I have learned a very important thing from safeguarding, which is how to protect others and myself." - Maher



**Science workshop**

"Attending the science workshop was a fascinating experience, especially when we explored the wonders of the solar system. It provided hands-on learning opportunities and practical insights into how planets, moons, and other celestial bodies interact. Personally, I found the workshop incredibly inspiring, as it deepened my appreciation for the vastness and complexity of our solar system." - Mohannad





# WORKSHOPS 2024

## Adulting workshop

"The course of Adulting workshop thought me how to pay my bills after my salary, how to study on my own and how to chores and groceries, and that is an amazing thing since it's used by everyone!" -Ifrah



## Employability workshop

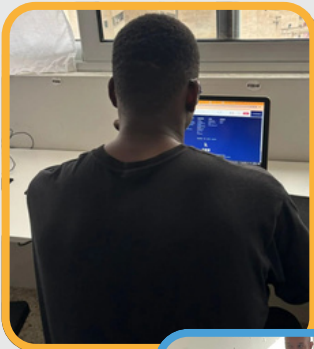
"It was a pleasure to take part in the employability workshop. I've learnt a lot there and now I can find a job according to my own availability. Thank you Habibi Centers."-Mohammad

## IT workshop

"Hi my name is Abbas, This is my experience with the IT workshop I learned how to make a CV and how to work on other things with a computer. The most helpful thing in the workshop was learning how to make a website, and that has been a pretty important factor to me, because I want to create my own website in the future"- Abbas

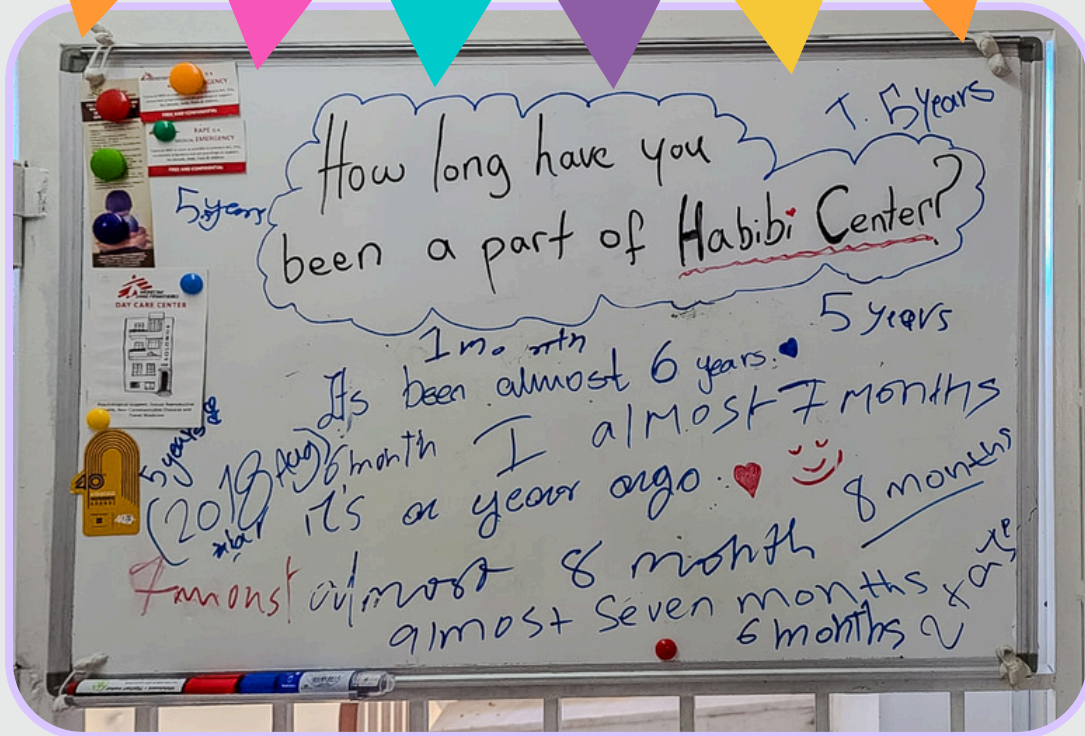
## Art workshop

"It was wonderful. This workshop helped me to be creative and optimistic. We worked with canvas and drew each others faces with different methods. At the end, I would like to say I am very thankful for participating in this fantastic workshop."-Nima





# HABIBI CENTER'S ANNIVERSARY



## Celebrating Habibi Center's 8th Anniversary! 🎉



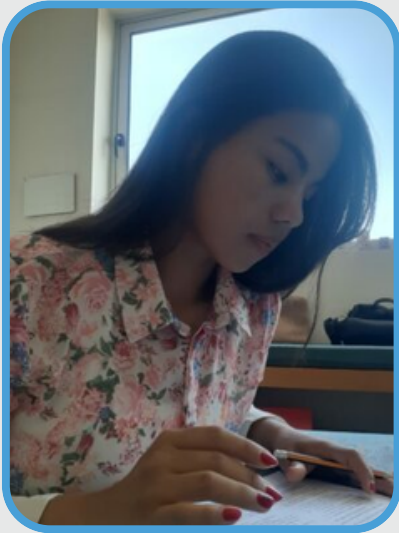
"This summer, we came together to celebrate the 8th anniversary of the Habibi Center—a place that has truly shaped the lives of so many of us. Students and volunteer teachers gathered to mark this special occasion, strengthening the bonds that tie us together through a series of fun and engaging games. These moments reminded us of the incredible sense of community the Habibi Center fosters. What makes this event particularly meaningful is its ability to bring together both current students and those who have moved on to new chapters in their lives. It provides an opportunity for reflection, allowing us to see how the Habibi Center has been a transformative experience for all of us. For many, it's not just a center for education but a cornerstone for growth, self-discovery, and lifelong connections.

Looking back, this anniversary celebration is a reminder of the lasting impact of the Habibi Center and the sense of belonging it creates—a place where we've not only learned but also found friendship, support, and inspiration. This event reinforces the idea that the center is not just a moment in time but a community we carry with us, no matter where life takes us." - Fahime



# STUDENT INTERNS

The Habibi Center Internship Program was established to help our students gain essential skills and work experience for their future careers. By joining our team, interns not only develop professionally but also contribute to our projects and give back to the community. This program is a testament to the dedication of our growing Habibi Center family



## Kamila, Our Swiss Accountant

Hey guys, it is Kamila.

It has been almost 10 months that I am accounting intern in HC. What I learn is not only accounting or bookkeeping, but also improving my communication and language skills. This wonderful place seems to be a small community, but when I went through-1.5 year ago-till yet, it has been full of enjoys. Honestly i miss everything there and hope to be there again someday. I should not forget to say that among those stressful days that I had in Athens, the HC was the reason of my mental health. Thanks to all, specially Mathew (my internship boss 😊)

## Pouya, Our Social Media Wizard

Hi, I'm Pouya, and I'm honored to be an intern at the Habibi Center! Steph, who always recognizes students' potential, saw my interest in IT and gave me the chance to learn by managing the Center's social media and website. Thanks to this opportunity, I've gained the skills to run these platforms professionally. I'm truly grateful to the Habibi Center for the growth and experience it's provided me!



## Nima, our multitasks intern!

Hey, Hey , Hey.

I am Nima. I am like an extra hand for the members. For instance, I prepare the environment for some workshops, help students if they have difficulties with reading or .... (if needed), and, take over some classes if the teachers won't be able to come to Habibi Center. Personally, the HC taught me that ( you will receive the fruit of your heart if you work by your heart). It gave me a vision that I have never thought about. Honestly, I learnt a golden rule by being at The HC. It is PATIENCE.



# IS HABIBI CENTER USEFUL?



"The Habibi Center has been the garden where I have grown and blossomed, like a seed nurtured by the right environment.

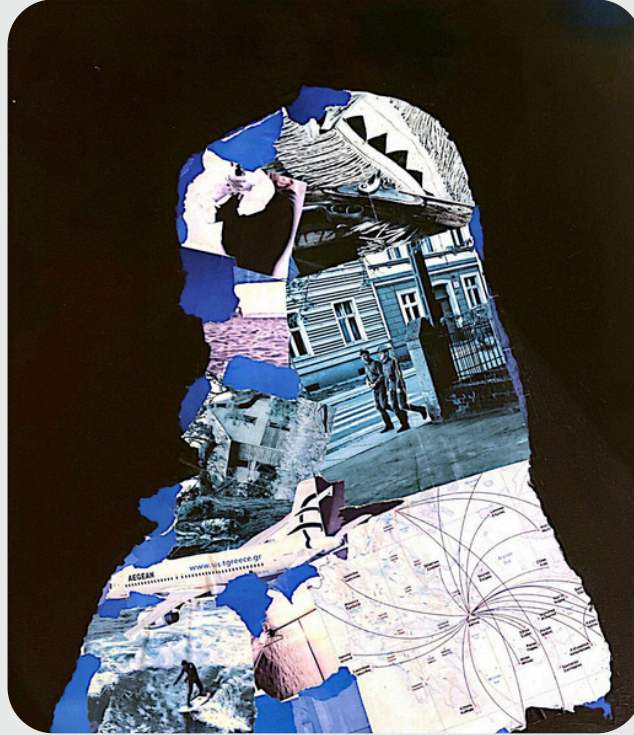
It was there that I learned my first English words, alongside people I had never met before. I gained not only language skills but also life lessons—about adulthood, management, and helping others without expecting anything in return.

This garden has provided me with everything I needed: sunlight, soil, and oxygen to grow, while shielding me from anything that could have stopped my growth or prevented me from exploring the world around me.

At HC, it doesn't matter what background you come from or your level of English; they offer whatever support they can to help you stand on your own feet.

They are there for you, no matter your abilities or skills, and I am deeply grateful for this nurturing environment. When I grow enough, I hope to be just like them—to give back in the same way. Thank you, Habibi Center." -Tayebe

# OUTSIDE OF THE HABIBI CENTER



"The Habibi Centre stays in your life forever. The Habibi Centre is not only a school, it is an opportunity to cultivate yourself and you have great opportunities to take the first step for your future. As my experiences in the HC you can get ready to study in university, to get a job, to travel, to communicate, or to get out of trouble in different situations in your life." -Sahar

## MY MEMORY IN GERMANY

"In 2020, I was in Berlin for one week and when I was at the airport to go back to Greece, I realized that my COVID-19 test was positive. As a result, I stayed one month longer in Berlin. During that time, I reminded the things I learned in HC, for example how to write an email or how to speak with a doctor, how to communicate with other people. I sent an email to the embassy of Greece and I informed them about the problem. Then, I started to keep in touch with my American friends and other friends who helped me to manage my problems and to go back home." - Sahar





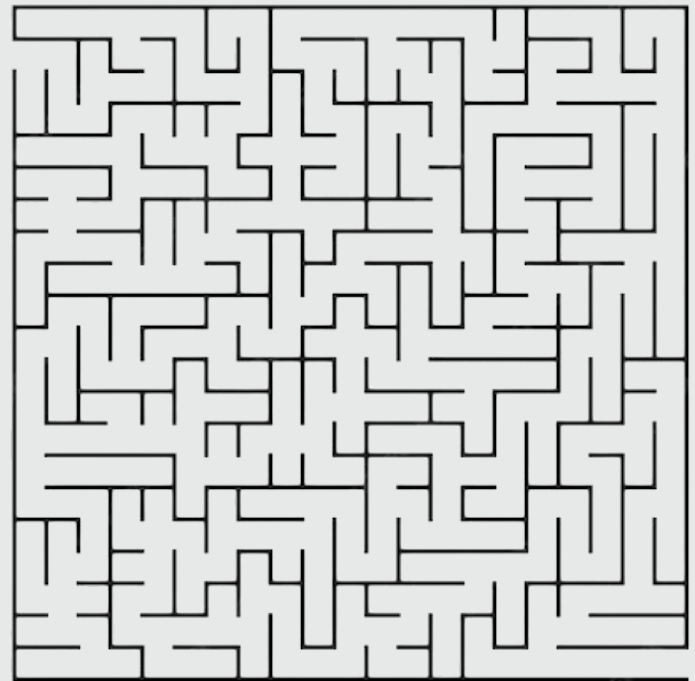
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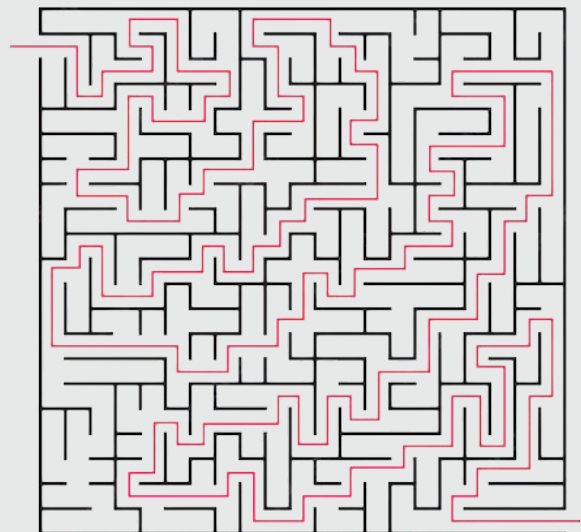
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Find the differences!

Find your way out!



Answers



# END OF THE JOURNEY

## A BIG THANK YOU TO...

Camille - Our coach  
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## EDITORS WANTED

The Habibi magazine is a magazine by the students, for the students!

We are looking for editors for our next magazine.

Let your teachers know if you'd like to join the editor's team  
or if you have cool ideas for the next edition!

## YOU NEED HELP?

SCAN THE QR CODE AND LET US KNOW!

