

A Day of Dreams: Career Day at School

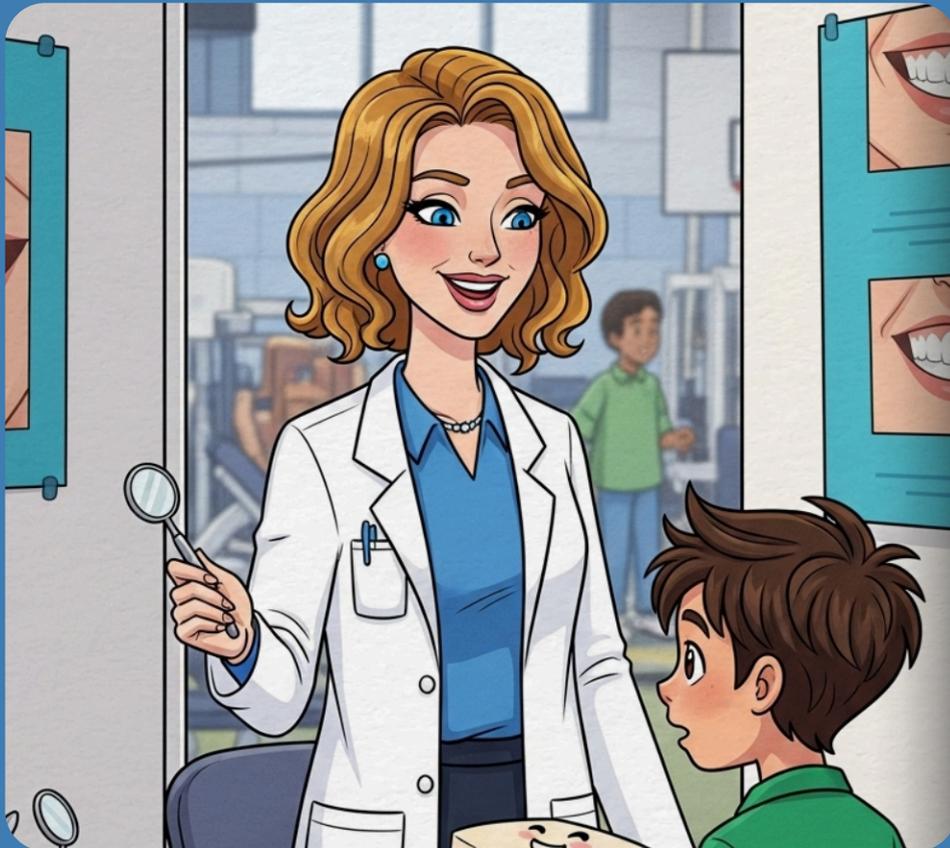


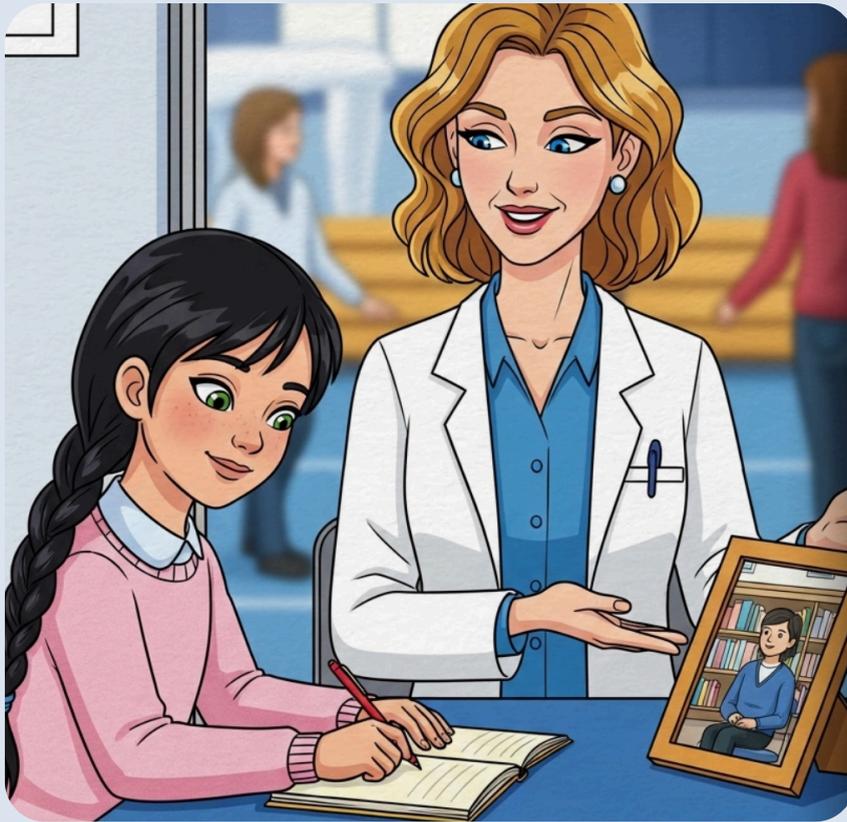


Today is a very special day at school. It is Career Day! The gym is full of colorful booths and posters. Aris and Thalia are very excited. They have their notebooks and pens ready. "There are so many interesting jobs!" says Aris. They want to learn about everyone.



They stop at the first booth. A woman named Xenia is standing there. She wears a clean white coat and has a big smile. Aris looks at her tools and asks, "What do you do?" Xenia picks up a small mirror. "I am a dentist. I treat teeth and help people keep their smiles bright and healthy," she explains.



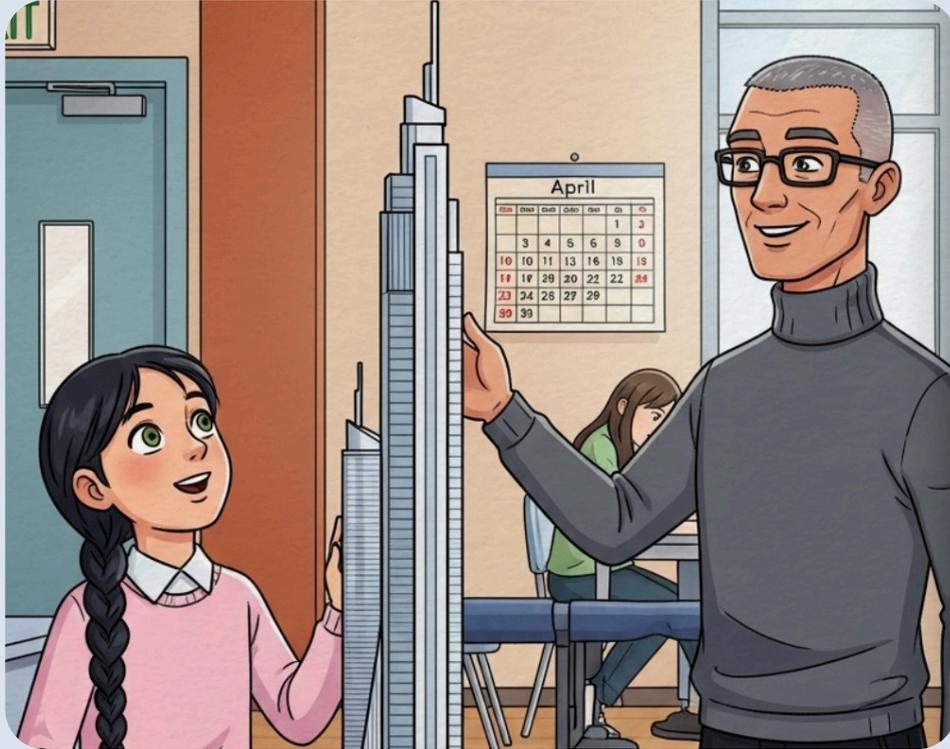


Thalia writes in her notebook. She looks at Xenia and asks, "Where were you born?" Xenia thinks for a moment. . "I was born in London on 12th May 1982," she says. "When I was a student, I was very good at science. I loved learning about how the body works."



Next, they visit a booth with many large papers and models. A man named Leander is looking at a drawing. Aris asks, "What do you do?" Leander points to a model of a school. "I am an architect. I design buildings. I draw plans so that builders know how to make houses and offices."





Thalia is amazed by the tall model of a skyscraper. She asks Leander, "Where were you born?" Leander smiles. "I was born in Chicago on 23rd April 1978. When I was a little boy, my favorite toys were wooden blocks. I was always building tall towers in my room!"



Aris and Thalia walk to the back of the gym. They see a woman in a smart blue uniform with gold stripes. Her name is Lyra. Aris is impressed and asks, "What do you do?" Lyra stands tall. "I am a pilot. I fly planes. I take passengers and cargo to different countries all over the world."





"That is so cool!" Thalia says. She asks her favorite question, "Where were you born?" Lyra laughs. "I was born in Sydney on 15th July 1988. When I was twelve years old, my parents and I were on a big plane for the first time. I knew then that I wanted to fly."



The last booth belongs to a woman named Calliope. She has a little bit of oil on her hands and is holding a shiny tool. Aris asks, "What do you do?" Calliope wipes her hands on a cloth. "I am a mechanic. I fix cars. When an engine has a problem, I maintain it and make it work again."

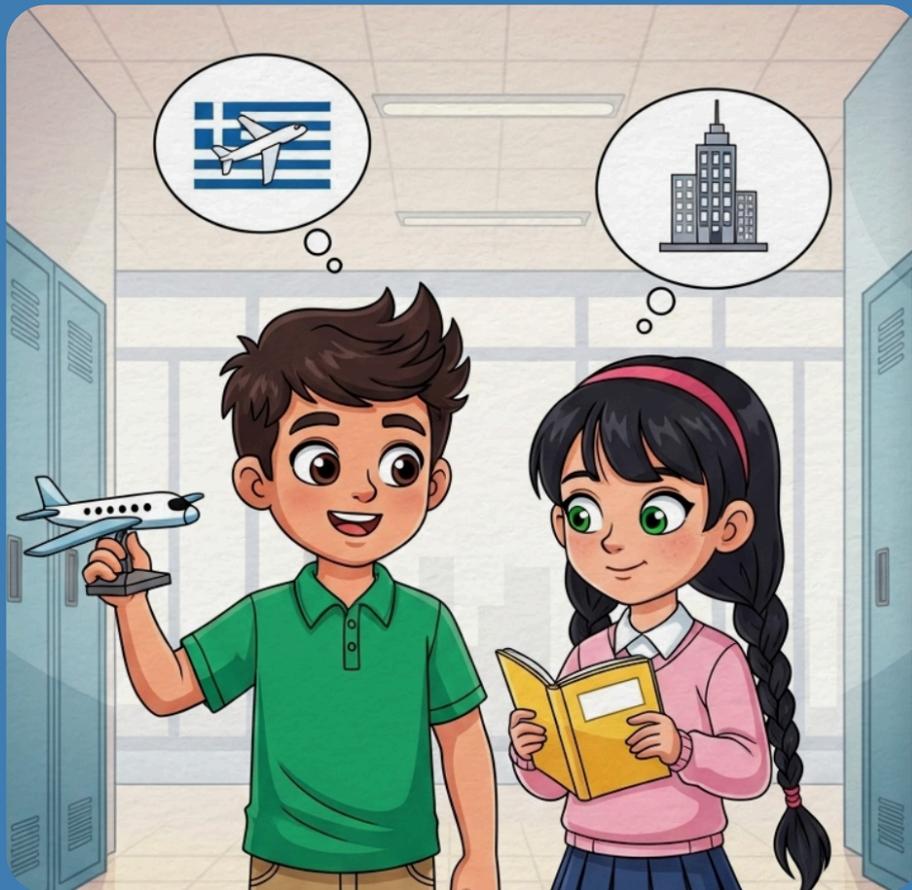




Thalia looks at the tools on the table. "Where were you born?" she asks. Calliope answers, "I was born in Berlin on 10th November 1993. My father and mother were mechanics, too! I was always in the garage with them when I was young."



Career Day is over, and the students walk back to their classroom. Aris and Thalia look at their notes. "Everyone was so kind," says Thalia. Aris nods happily. "I learned a lot today. Now I know what I want to be. I want to be a pilot like Lyra!"





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