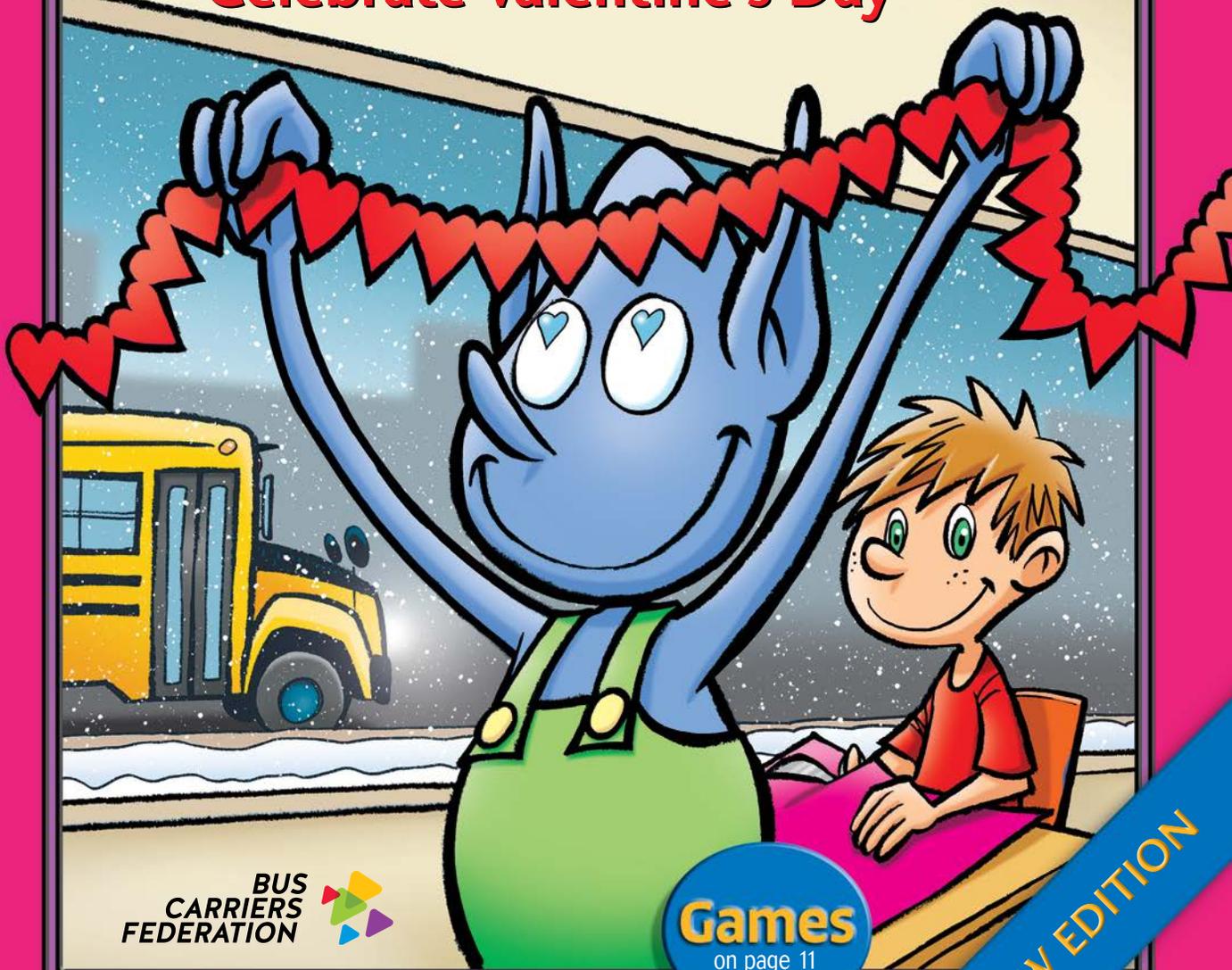




Sam and Bloop Celebrate Valentine's Day



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Today is Valentine's Day. There will be all kinds of fun crafts to make at school. Bloop is really excited, and Sam can't wait to get to school to make a special surprise for his parents. Sam's mom even put a few chocolate hearts in Sam and Bloop's back pack.

"Hurry up, Bloop! We have to leave early to catch the bus, it's really snowing out there!"

*Do you know which safety rule
Sam and Bloop followed?*

Turn to page 12 for the answer.



Many students are already at the bus stop. Sam and Bloop get in line with them. The bus is coming. Bloop is so anxious to make crafts at school, he leaps ahead of all the students, ready to hop onto the bus before it even stops. How careless!

"Get back in line," orders his friend Sam. "With all this snow, you could have slid and fallen and really hurt yourself."



*Bloop forgot an important safety rule.
Do you know which one?*

Turn to page 12 for the answer.



Everyone is sitting in their seats, but not Bloop. He stayed near the front to offer Zoey a chocolate heart. Bloop has a big heart, but he didn't pick a very good time to be so generous.

"Hurry and take your seat, Bloop," says Mrs. Beauregard, the driver.
"That was very nice of you, but I have to wait for everyone to be seated before we can leave."

*Bloop broke a safety rule.
Do you know which one?*

Turn to page 12 for the answer.





Bloop is finally in his seat. The bus is on its way to school. But... now what? What is Bloop up to? He is standing on Sam's shoulders, throwing chocolate hearts around as the passengers watch, dumbfounded. Mrs. Beauregard gets distracted as she sees this spectacle in her rear-view mirror. Bloop is jumping up and down, running in the aisle and bothering everyone.

"That's enough, Bloop! Come over here, sit near me and don't move," orders the driver, unhappy that she had to stop the bus on the side of the road.

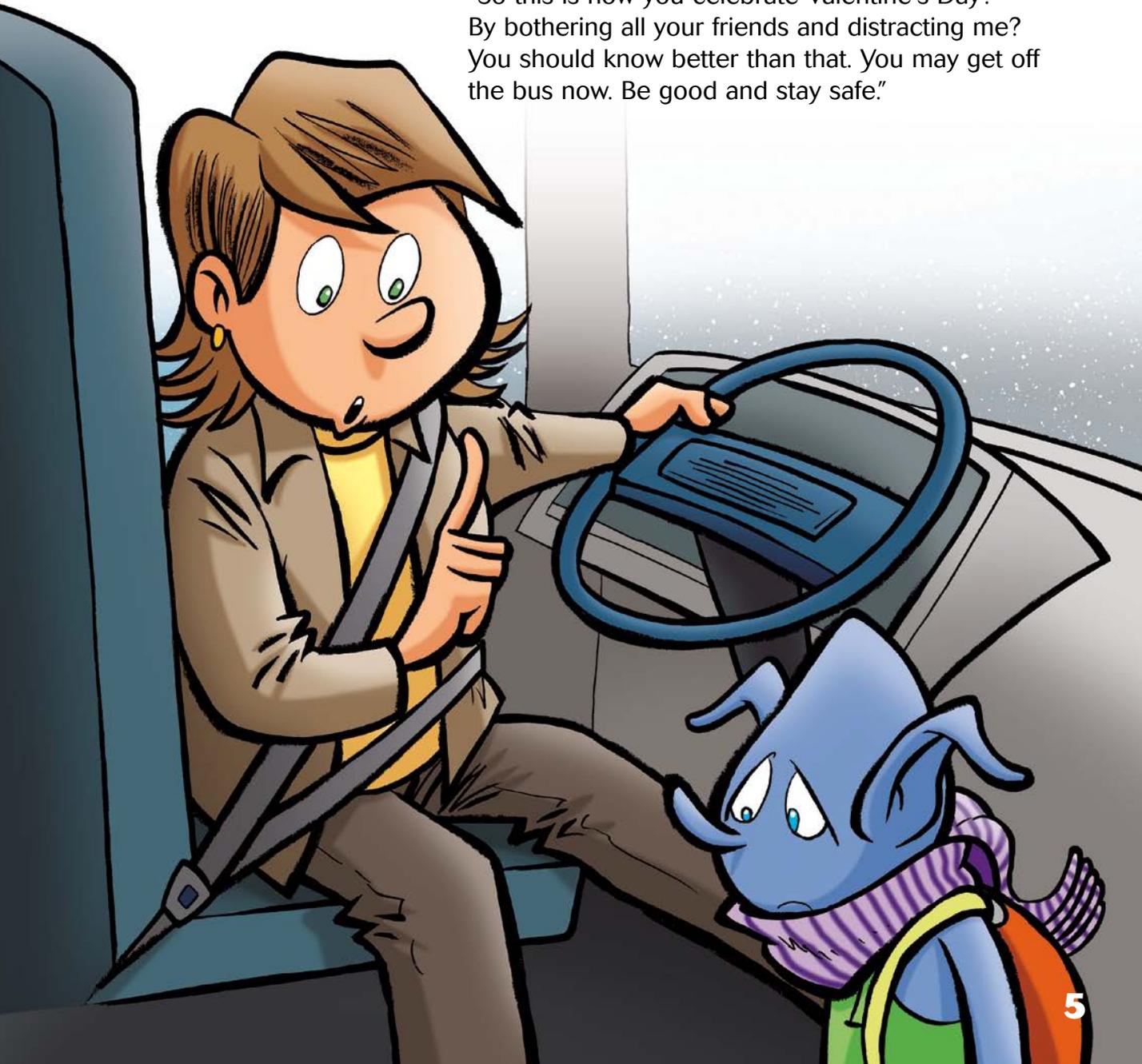


In his excitement, Bloop ignored two important safety rules. Do you know which ones?

Turn to page 12 for the answer.

The bus arrives at school and comes to a stop. Bloop is still sulking in his seat near Mrs. Beauregard. A very sad Bloop watches the students file off the bus. He is soon the only passenger left in the bus.

“So this is how you celebrate Valentine’s Day?
By bothering all your friends and distracting me?
You should know better than that. You may get off
the bus now. Be good and stay safe.”



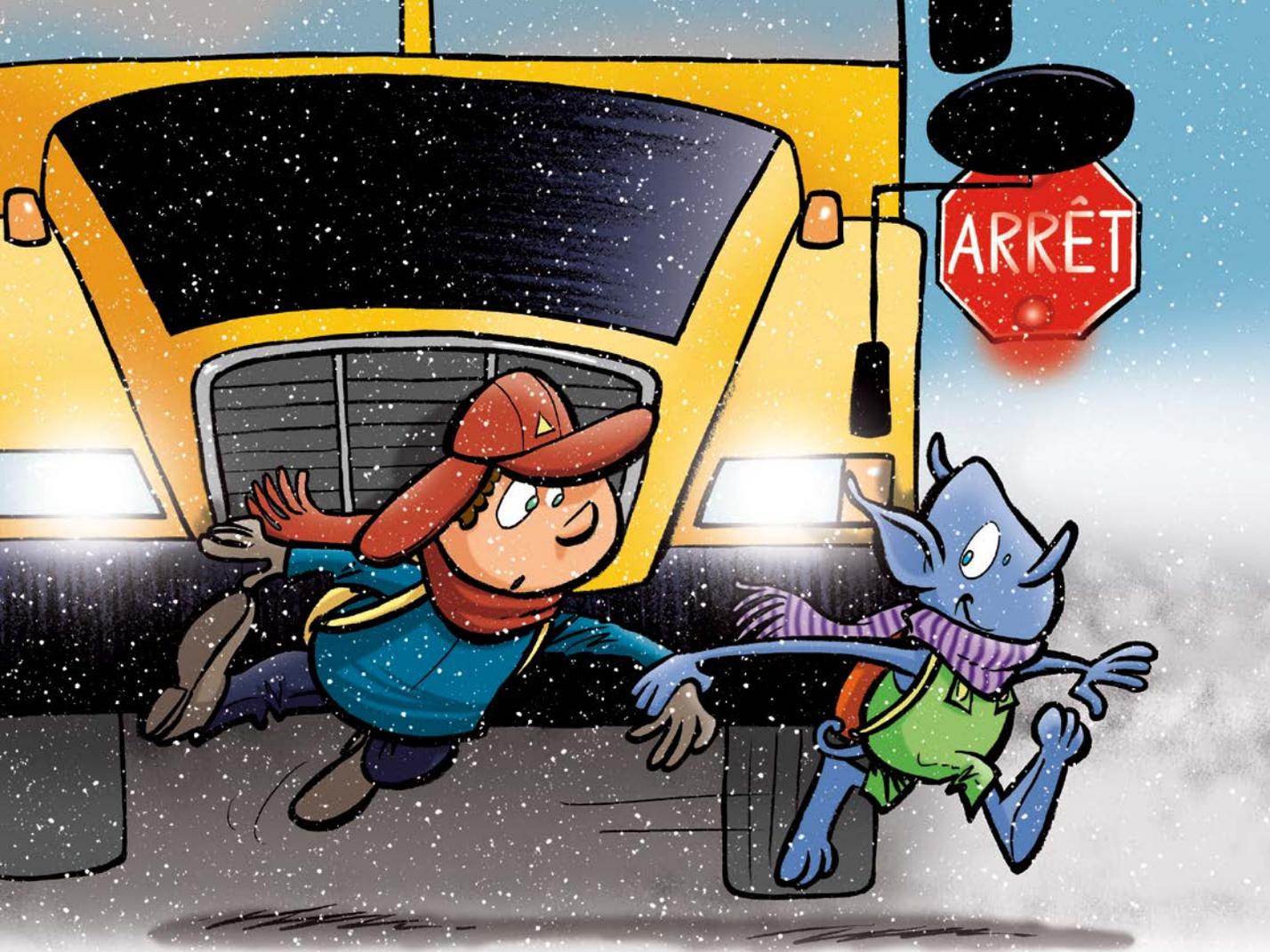


Bloop slowly gets off the bus. As he steps onto the curb, he sees Hubert, who has lost his scarf. A gust of wind blew it under the front wheels. Hubert wants to run after it, but Bloop suddenly raises his hand in front of the little boy, stopping him from doing something very foolish. Mrs. Beauregard can't get over it! Could Bloop have finally understood a few important rules?



Bloop reminded Hubert of two safety rules. Which ones?

Turn to page 12 for the answer.



The students have already crossed the street. Bloop is so anxious to join them, he grabs Hubert by the hand and together they dash in front of the bus, practically leaping across the street. Their friends, who are gathered in front of the school waiting to go in, can't believe what they're seeing.

"What are you doing?" asks Sam. "You and Hubert could have gotten badly hurt because of your carelessness!"

In one careless moment, Bloop forgot three important safety rules. I am sure you know what they are. Can you name them?

Turn to page 12 for the answer.



The teacher, Mrs. Feather, tells the class about today's schedule. After a morning of schoolwork, they will spend the afternoon making crafts for Valentine's Day. Students are paired off, and Hubert is Bloop's partner. Just as he was getting to work on his crafts, Bloop starts thinking... then starts cutting and pasting to make a long chain of little red paper hearts. After he is finished, he gives it to Hubert.

"You are so nice, Bloop," says Hubert. "You practically saved my life today".





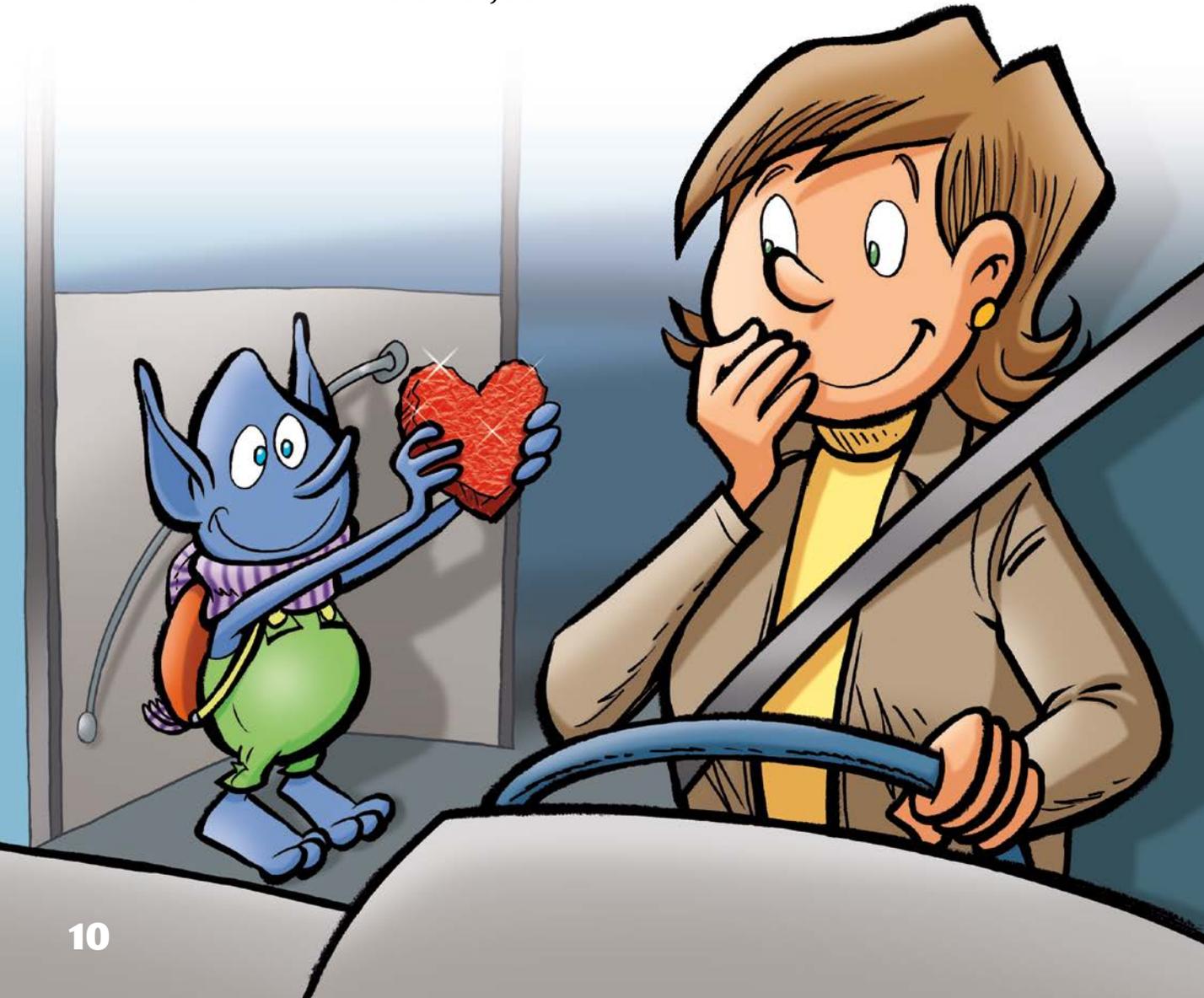
The bell has rung. The day is over. Sam proudly shows Bloop the Valentine he made for his parents.

The students climb aboard the bus. What is Bloop hiding behind his back? A chocolate heart for the driver.

"Thank you, Bloop, that is very thoughtful of you. But the best gift you could ever give me is to obey the bus safety rules. You can do that, can't you?"

Believe it or not, Bloop rode all the way home sitting quietly in his seat.

"Congratulations, Bloop! You finally understand. You just gave us all the best Valentine ever!" says Sam.



Games

Do not write anything in this book! If you need to, write your answers on a separate sheet.

1 Secret sentence

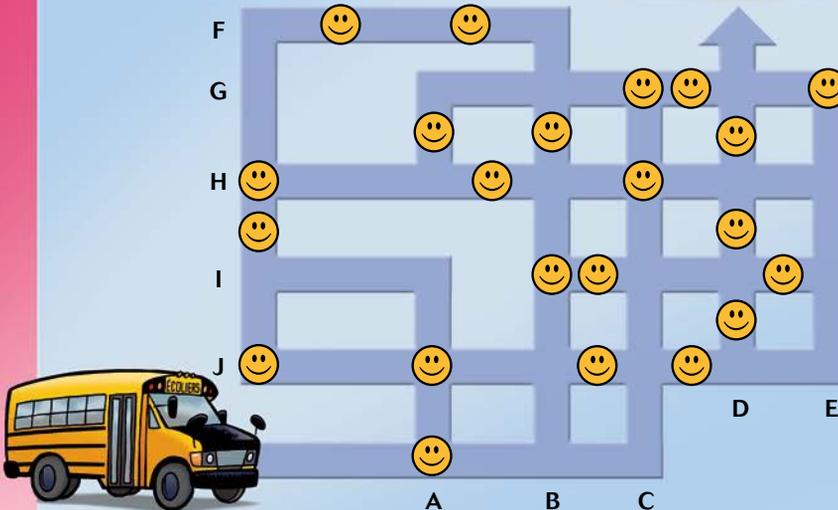
Put the letters of each column in the correct cell of the corresponding column to make up a complete sentence. Words are separated by a colored cell.

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2 Efficient itinerary

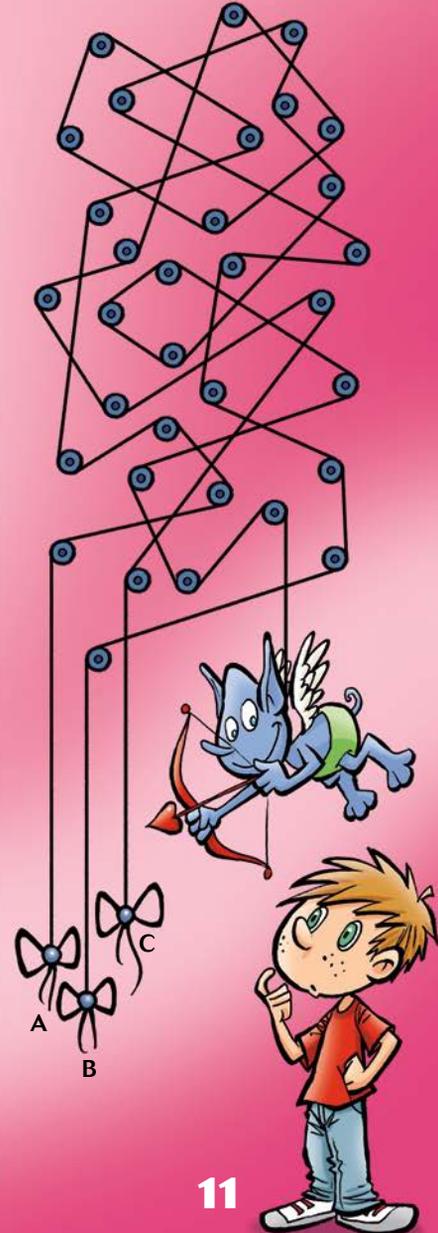
Which itinerary must the school bus follow to pick up the students on the way to school?

WATCH OUT! The school bus only turns left. It may cross a single intersection as often as necessary, but it may never take the same road more than once.



3 Cupid

Which rope Sam must he choose to make Cupid come back down to earth?





Read the following safety rules

I go to the bus stop early to avoid running. (Answer to page 1)

I stay in line to wait for the bus without shoving others.

I wait until the bus has come to a full stop before approaching it.
(Answer to page 1)

I get on the bus in single file and hold onto the handrail.

I go straight to my seat and sit down. (Answer to page 3)

I leave nothing in the aisle.

I avoid distracting the driver.

I keep my things in my bag. (Answer to page 4)

I keep my head and my arms inside the bus at all times.

I do not throw food or other things out the window or onto the floor of the bus.

I remain seated at all times until the bus has come to a full stop.
(Answer to page 4)

I move away from the bus as soon as I get off and I stay away from the wheels.
(Answer to page 6)

I count ten steps after getting off the bus before crossing in front.
(Answer to page 7)

I make sure the driver has seen me before I cross in front of the bus.
(Answer to page 7)

I walk in front of the bus, then I check for traffic to the left, to the right and to the left again before crossing the street. (Answer to page 7)

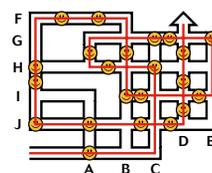
I wait for the driver's okay before trying to recover something I dropped that has rolled under the bus. If I cannot speak to the driver, I wait until the bus has left before picking up the object. (Answer to page 6)

I never go behind a school bus.

Discuss with the teacher the importance of obeying the rules.

Answers to the games on page 11.

- 1 Secret sentence: **The bus driver counts on your collaboration to drive you safely.**
- 2 Efficient itinerary: **Turn at C, then at CH, at HB go down to BI, go to IE, go up to EG, go to GA, then to AH and to HB, go up to BF, from there to F, to J and to D, go up to school.**



- 3 Cupid: B



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