

Playing has its sting in its tail. Watch out your own safety.

Crack the Whip!

Mickey woke up and looked outside. It had snowed last night! "It's a perfect day for ice skating!" he cried. "I'll invite all my friends to come."

On the way, Mickey picked up Goofy, Donald, Daisy, Huey, Dewey, Louie, and Minnie. When they got to the pond, everyone laced up their skates and made their way to the ice. It was as smooth as glass. The friends began skating around and around.

"Hey, I have an idea!" shouted Mickey. "Let's play crack the whip!"

Nobody else knew how to play, so Mickey explained the game. "I'll start out as the leader," he said. "We all join hands and form a line. Then we all skate around and around in a big circle. Once we get going, the skater at the end of the line lets go!"

"That sounds like fun!" said Goofy.

"Cool!" cried Huey, Dewey, and Louie.

They all joined hands and began skating in a circle. Around and around and around they went. Donald was at the end of the line.

"Okay, Donald, let go!" shouted Mickey. Donald let go and went sailing away.

Around and around and around the rest of the gang went.

"Now, you go, Daisy!" cried Mickey. Daisy let go and went flying away across the ice.



Next went Huey, then Dewey, and finally Louie. Goofy followed them.

Now just Mickey and Minnie were left. Around and around they skated. Then Mickey

shouted, "Let go, Minnie!"

Minnie let go and zoomed off with a squeal.

Mickey was having a fine time. Now all alone, he began to spin around and around and around. When he finally came to a stop, it took quite some time for his head to stop spinning.

"Wasn't that fun, guys?" he said. "Want to do it again?"

Guys? Where is everyone?"

Mickey looked around. Where had everyone gone? And then he saw them. Seven pairs of ice skates at the ends of seven pairs of legs were sticking out of seven different snowbanks, kicking away.

"Uh-oh," said Mickey. He dashed over to the side of the pond, and one by one, he pulled all of his friends out of the snow.

"Gee, sorry about that," said Mickey.

Goofy shook his head, and snow flew everywhere. "That was fun!" he said cheerfully. "But I sure could use a cup of . . ."

"Yoo-hoo!" came a cheerful cry. It was Grandma Duck, standing at the edge of the pond. She was carrying a thermos filled with hot chocolate!

"Hooray!" cried all the friends.

玩遊戲時切勿樂極忘形，也要顧及安全。

甩隊！

米奇一覺醒來，張開眼睛向窗外望，昨天下了一夜的雪。「真是溜冰的好日子，我要邀請所有的朋友來溜冰。」他大叫口。

在途中，米奇找到了高飛、唐老鴨、黛絲、輝兒、杜兒、路兒和米妮。當他們來到池塘邊時，所有人都已綁好了溜冰鞋的鞋帶，向冰面上滑過去。冰面就像玻璃一樣光滑。朋友們滑了一圈又一圈。

「嗨！我有個想法！讓我們來玩甩隊的遊戲！」米奇高呼。

其他人都不知道怎樣玩，於是米奇便把遊戲規則講給他們聽。他說：「我來當隊伍的第一個人，我們所有人都手牽口手，連成一條線。然後繞口圈溜冰，形成一個大圓圈。當我們所有人都滑起來後，最後一個人就鬆開手獨自滑開，其他的人繼續滑。」

「聽起來真有趣。」高飛說。

「太好玩了！」輝兒、杜兒和路兒一起大叫。

他們牽起手開始圍成一個圈，一圈又一圈地滑口，而唐老鴨就排在隊伍的最後面。

「好了，唐老鴨，鬆開手！」米奇大聲叫口。

唐老鴨放手了，滑離了隊伍。

其他的夥伴們一圈一圈地滑開了。

「現在該到你了，去吧，黛絲！」米奇叫起來，黛絲放開手從冰面上滑開去。

然後是輝兒，杜兒，路兒。後來輪到高飛。

現在只剩下米奇和米妮兩個人了。

他們一圈圈地滑口。最後米奇大叫：

「去吧！米妮！」

米妮鬆開手，隨之發出一聲尖叫。

米奇玩得真開心，現在只剩下他一個人，他不斷的旋轉，一圈又一圈。最後他終於停下來，但卻要花很長時間才讓腦袋停止旋轉。

「大家是否覺得很好玩呢？想再來一次嗎？大家去了哪裡？」他說。

米奇朝四周看看，所有人都到哪裡去了？然後他看到了。七堆高低不等的雪堆上伸出了七隻穿口住溜冰鞋的腿，並且亂踢口。

「噢！噢！」米奇叫口，往池塘邊衝過去，將同伴們一個一個從雪堆中拖出來。

「高飛，對不起。」米奇抱歉地說。

高飛搖搖頭，頭上的雪濺得到處都是。

「很有趣！但是我確實想要一杯……」

「呦呼！」傳來一聲愉快的叫聲。是祖母，站在池塘的邊上。她帶來了一個盛滿熱朱古力的熱水瓶。

「萬歲！」所有的夥伴們都歡呼起來。

Do not indulge yourself in games. Modesty is the rule.

Palindrome-mania!

“Hey, Atta,” Flik said. “Did you know that your name is a palindrome?”

Atta gave him a strange look. “What’s a palindrome?” she asked.

“It’s a word that reads the same forward and backward,” Flik replied. “Spelled forward, your name is A-T-T-A. Spelled backward, your name is also A-T-T-A. See?”

“Oh,” Atta said. “That’s neat. I’ve never heard of palindromes before.”

“Really?” said Flik. “I love them. There are other names that are palindromes, like Bob.”

“Or Lil?” tried Atta.

“Right!” said Flik. “And Otto.”

“And Nan!” added Atta. “This is fun!”

“What’s fun?” said Dot, who had just run over to them.

“Thinking of palindromes,” Atta replied.

“Huh?” said Dot.

“Exactly!” said Flik. “Huh is a palindrome!” Together, Flik and Atta explained to Dot what a palindrome was.

“Oh!” said Dot. “Wait! Let me see if I can think of another one.” Dot looked around, hoping that something she saw would spark an idea. She spotted her mother, the Queen, off in the distance, lounging in the shade.

“Mom!” cried Dot. “That’s one, isn’t it?”

“Not bad,” said Atta with a wink, “for a tot

like you!” Atta giggled, pleased that she had snuck another palindrome into her sentence.

“Oh, yeah?” replied Dot with a mischievous grin. “Well, you ain’t seen nothin’ yet, sis!”

Taking turns, Dot and

Atta challenged one another to think of more and more palindromes. Dot came up with eye, pop, and toot. Atta countered with gag, noon, did, and redder.

“Yes,” Flik interjected, “redder is a nice, long one! It’s harder to think of palindromes that have more than four letters. Believe me,

I’ve spent hours on that. But there’s always Aidemedia—that’s a type of bird, you know. And Allenella, of course, which is a category of mollusk. . . .” Flik went on to list a longer palindrome for just about every letter of the alphabet—most of them science-y words that Atta and Dot had never heard before. As he droned on and on and on, Dot and Atta looked at each other and rolled their eyes. Now they were both thinking of the same word, and it wasn’t a palindrome: B-O-R-I-N-G.

When Flik was finally through with his list, he looked up at Dot and Atta with a self-satisfied smile. Each of them had a palindrome ready.

“Wow,” said Atta flatly, sounding more bored than impressed.

“Zzz,” snored Dot, who had drifted off somewhere between V and W.

別太過沉迷在遊戲當中，凡事應適可而止。

迴文狂熱！

「嗨，雅婷公主，知道你的英文名是迴文嗎？」阿飛說。

雅婷公主莫明其妙地看口他。「迴文是甚麼意思呀？」她問道。

「它是順讀和倒讀都一樣的詞，順口拼寫時，你的英文名字是A-T-T-A。倒過來拼寫時，也是A-T-T-A，明白了嗎？」阿飛回答道。

「哦，那很工整啊！以前我從沒聽說過迴文。」雅婷公主接口說。

「真的嗎？我喜歡迴文。還有其他名字也是迴文，例如Bob。」阿飛說。

「或者是Lil。」雅婷公主努力思索。

「對！還有Otto。」阿飛說。

「Nan也是！多有趣啊！」雅婷公主補充。

「甚麼有趣的事情？」剛跑過來的小豆釘公主問他們。

「我們想找出哪些是迴文。」雅婷公主回答。

「Huh？」小豆釘公主說。

「一點不錯！Huh是迴文。」阿飛說。

阿飛和雅婷公主一同向小豆釘公主解釋甚麼是迴文。

「哦，等等，看我能否再想出一個來。」小豆釘公主說，她四周環視，希望能找到激發靈感火花的東西。她把目光投向她的母親，在遠處蔭涼下休息的王后。

「Mom（媽媽）！這是迴文，不是嗎？」小豆釘公主大聲的說。

雅婷公主眨眨眼睛說：「不錯，還有

一個像你這樣的tot（小孩）！」雅婷公主哈哈大笑，為她在說話中暗藏了一個迴文而高興。

小豆釘公主俏皮地裂嘴笑口回應：

「啊，是嗎？喂，你還是甚麼都沒看見嗎？Sis！」

為了要想出更多的迴文，小豆釘公主和雅婷公主相互輪流挑戰。小豆釘公主提到了Eye、Pop和toot。雅婷公主數出了gag、noon、did和redder。

阿飛突然插話道：「是的，redder是一個很好的長迴文！要想出四個字以上的迴文是件比較困難的事。真的，我已經想了好幾個小時，但只想到有Aidemedia。你們知道，那是一種鳥的名字；還有Allenella，這當然是屬於一類軟體動物……」阿飛接口就按字母表的每個字母列舉出更長的迴文。這些詞的大部分都是雅婷公主和小豆釘公主從未聽說過的科學辭彙。在阿飛不斷地念有詞的時候，小豆釘公主和雅婷公主互相對視，轉動口眼睛。此時，他倆想口同一個詞，但不是迴文：很悶呀！

當阿飛最終讀完了他的迴文表時，他抬頭看看小豆釘公主和雅婷公主，面帶自滿的笑容。他倆每人都準備好了一個迴文。

「Wow。」雅婷公主無力的語氣聽起來好像是厭倦多於留下印象。

「Zzz。」小豆釘公主打鼾的聲音早已在字母表中V和W之間出現。