



Its pink and beautiful!

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Level 2



“Sir, there is it. It is pink in colour and looks beautiful,” shouted the girls jumping out in joy.

Looks like they have found something interesting on the lake surface.



Beautifully camouflaged along the bunch of water hyacinth leaves is the bird, Pond Heron.

With a hunched neck, it looked still as rock beside the leaves. Girls had a tough time spotting the bird but after spotting the bird they looked confused. They couldn't relate it with an actual bird as it stood there like a statuette.



Once they looked convinced, they came with this observation where they claimed to have spotted another pond heron.



Teacher had a closer look as it is not very far from them; may be 15-20 feet away. Taking a step forward, he bends. His eyes frowned and seem to have lost the enthusiasm. Yet he tried to keep up his spirits for the sake of the children.

“Wonderful observation. It is pink but not pond heron for sure. Why can’t you have a closer look and observe its features?” He gave the binoculars to the girls, who grabbed it like a hungry tiger.



"Hey look at the flower. It is closer now," shouted a girl who was waving her hand to touch and feel the flower.

"Wow, how close it is!" said another one who snatched the binocular from another.

One after another looked through the binocular and were thrilled. But they were lost in this excitement. They forgot that pink thing they observed a few minutes back.

Teacher, after noticing it, reminds them about the one they spotted.



The girls struggled to adjust and point the binoculars at the place where they want to see. It was all leaves, flowers, birds for them. They couldn't target the point. Watching this, teacher stepped in and asked them to see and spot the thing in naked eye before going for binocular.

They followed the instructions. One after other spotted that pink thing and observed it sitting on the surface of the lake beside the water hyacinth leaves.



After screening the surface for a few minutes, one girl identified it, “It’s still there. I got it!” she shouted.

Another girl observed it closely and said, “Yeah, it’s there! Quiet and motionless. I don’t think it’s a bird.”

The background of the slide is a very blurry, high-contrast black and white photograph of a body of water. In the center of the image, there is a small, dark, indistinct shape that could be a bird or a small boat, but it is too out of focus to identify. The water's surface is covered in ripples, creating a textured, grainy appearance.

“If not a bird, what else it is? Give me that glasses,” one angry looking girl snatched the binocular and started looking at it cautiously.



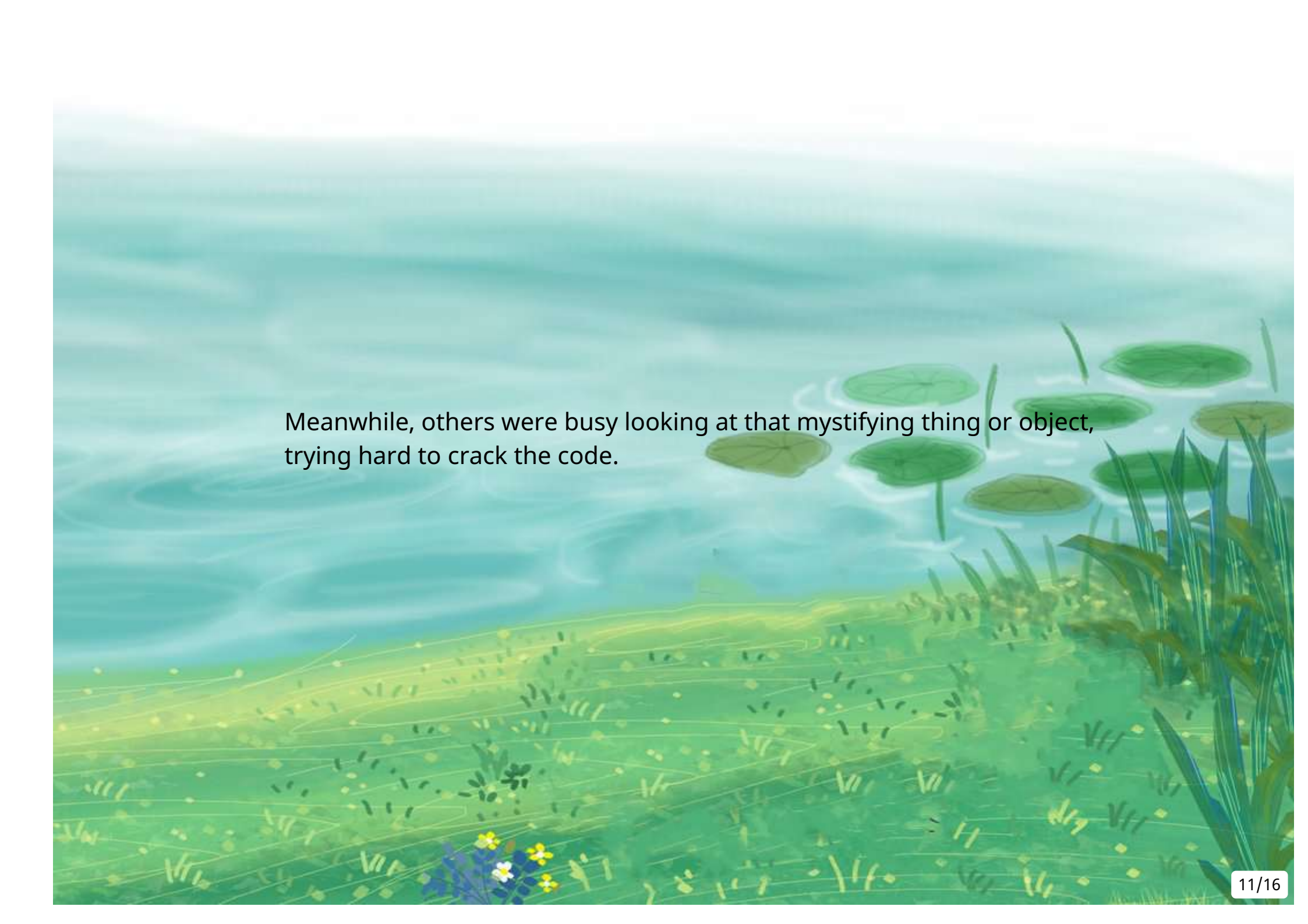
Teacher corrected her, "It's a binocular!"

One girl started writing binocular in her notebook. But teacher sensed something was going wrong so he asked, "Why are you writing it for?"

She replied, "You only told that it is binocular," pointing the pink thing on the lake.

"No, this is binocular. Not that," he clarified pointing the binocular to her.

"Oh I see," she gave an innocent nod.

A soft, painterly illustration of a pond scene. In the foreground, a grassy bank is dotted with small yellow and white flowers. To the right, tall green reeds stand near the water's edge. The pond itself is filled with several large, round green lily pads. The water is a pale, hazy blue, and the background is a soft, misty landscape with rolling hills under a pale sky. The overall mood is calm and serene.

Meanwhile, others were busy looking at that mystifying thing or object, trying hard to crack the code.

"It's a BOTTLE," exclaimed an animated girl.

"What!" others were surprised.

"A bottle?" another startled voice came from nowhere.

"Yes! Bottle. BEER BOTTLE."





It took a while but girls were convinced that it's a beer bottle.

But the teacher looked disturbed.



That the beautiful lake being polluted by some useless human beings. The lake that harbours diverse range of species – birds, insects, animals, plants and trees – are being used by irresponsible people for drinking. Not just for alcoholism but also for throwing or even dumping the plastic waste.

And most annoying of all was these little girls, ageing less than ten, identifying it as BEER bottle.





"Beer bottle! It is," girls wrote on their notebooks and looked at the teacher who looked visibly lost.



This observation came from the nature walk organised at one of the lakes (Bahour) in Puducherry for the students of Government Girls Primary School, Bahour, Puducherry.

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(English)

Little girls curiously observing something new along the surface of the beautiful Bahour lake at Puducherry. Its pink in colour and beautiful. Not a bird, not an animal but something different. Whats that?

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