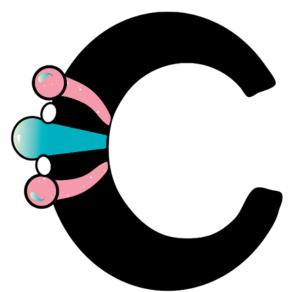
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The Valentine's Friendship Bracelet Contest

In the heartwarming town of Friendshipville, Valentine's Day was not just about romantic love; it was a celebration of friendship and kindness. This year, the town decided to hold a special event called the Valentine's Friendship Bracelet Contest, where children could showcase their creativity and spread love through handmade bracelets.



Meet Lily, a creative and friendly girl who loved making crafts. She was excited when she heard about the contest and couldn't wait to participate. She imagined all the wonderful friendships that would be strengthened and new ones that would be formed through the art of bracelet-making.

Lily's best friend, Max, was equally enthusiastic. The two of them spent days gathering colorful threads, beads, and charms, ready to create the most beautiful friendship bracelets Friendshipville had ever seen.

The day of the contest arrived, and Friendshipville's community center was abuzz with excitement. Children from all over the town brought their handmade bracelets, each one unique and filled with love. The room was transformed into a vibrant display of colors and creativity.

Lily and Max marveled at the array of bracelets on the tables. There were bracelets with intricate patterns, ones adorned with sparkling beads, and others with cute charms representing friendship symbols like hearts and flowers.

As the judges walked around, examining the bracelets and asking the children about their designs, Lily and Max couldn't help but feel nervous. They had put their hearts into their creations, and they hoped their bracelets would touch the judges' hearts too.

The judges, impressed by the talent and effort put into each bracelet, had a difficult task ahead of them. They carefully examined the craftsmanship, the color combinations, and the messages of friendship conveyed through the bracelets.



Finally, after much consideration, the judges announced the winners. The first prize went to Lily, whose bracelet featured a delicate pattern of intertwining hearts, symbolizing the strength of true friendship. The second prize was awarded to Max for his bracelet with a rainbow of colors, representing the diversity and joy of friendship.

As the winners celebrated their success, the atmosphere in Friendshipville became even more joyful. The children exchanged bracelets with one another, forming new friendships and strengthening existing ones. The community center was filled with laughter, smiles, and the sound of clinking bracelets.

Friendshipville had truly embraced the spirit of Valentine's Day, where love and friendship were celebrated in equal measure. The contest had brought the town together, reminding everyone of the importance of kindness, compassion, and the bonds of friendship.

From that day forward, the Valentine's Friendship Bracelet Contest became an annual tradition in Friendshipville. Each year, children eagerly prepared their creations, not only to win prizes but also to spread love, kindness, and lasting friendships.

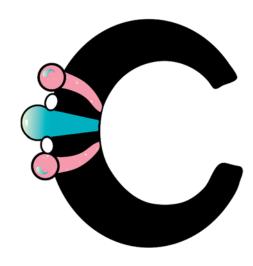
The bracelets became cherished symbols of love and connection, reminding everyone in Friendshipville that even a small act of kindness, like giving a friendship bracelet, could have a big impact on someone's heart.

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Reading Comprehension Questions:

1. What was the special event happening in Friendshipville on Valentine's Day?



2. What materials did Lily and Max gather to make their friendship bracelets?

3. How did the community center look during the contest?

4. What were the criteria the judges considered when evaluating the bracelets?

5. What message did Lily's winning bracelet convey?