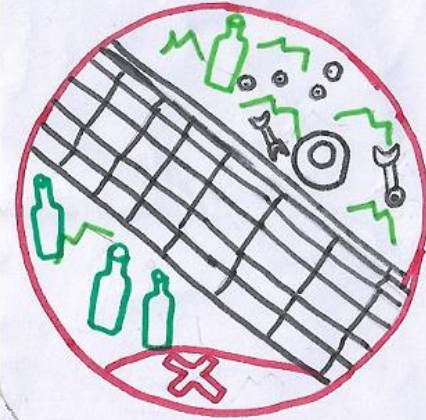




# THINK CLEAN

Go Green



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## Chapter 1 My day begins

Yawn! I woke up in the morning as the rooster began to crow away loudly. Hoping off my bed, I brushed my teeth and took a bath. After that as I changed into my new, soft blue top and pant, I felt fresh. I helped myself with a couple of slices of bread while my lunch was packed by my mother. I boarded the bus and was observing my surroundings when my eyes stopped at the tidy street side. I noticed a man wipe his hands and throw a banana peel right there. Just then the bus moved forward, and in a few minutes, I reached school.





## Chapter 2 My school day & in the bus


My school day began with my favorite science class in which we learnt about the human respiratory system and its functioning. Next came math, after which we had our social studies class. At last was English class where we had to prepare a play. The play was based on famous "Rudolph - The red-nosed Reindeer". This was the first rehearsal and we had a lot of fun. Finally, school was over for the day. We walked up to the school gate and boarded our respective busses. After I was seated, something got my eyes hooked on to the view outside the window. Guess what I saw? I was observing the spot where the man had thrown a few banana peels in the morning, on the street side.

Those few peels had turned into a huge heap of garbage! Well we shouldn't pollute our land like that. should we? No, throwing garbage here and there doesn't keep our environment clean. If you are looking for a way to prevent



this, then my friends, I have a very good method. Wherever you go, you can carry a small bag along with you, where all the waste (ex: wrappers, fruit peels, plastic

bottles, cups, glasses) can be collected. Then when you spot a



dustbin all that waste can be emptied there. Isn't it a good way?

### Chapter 3 My next day begins

"Mummy! Mummy" I called out, just as I stuffed the last crumb of bread into my mouth. "Mum, can you drop me to the school as I am very excited today.". I continued "I have the final rehearsal of my "Rudolph - The red nose Reindeer" play!" I nearly screamed into her ears.

" Yes, of course my darling" my mother said lovingly as we woke my father up. My dad stretched himself and quickly got dressed, while my mother combed her hair. She always did her hair messily, but when going out she would make a fashionable hairdo for herself and me. Just then my mother called out to me. I threw my bag on my shoulders, we rushed down the stairs and entered the car. We settled in and sped away to school.



## Chapter 4 School Time!

I jumped out of the car just as I reached school. Then I entered my classroom and settled in. As usual I had Math and we learnt about decimal points. Boring!!! Then came science class where we learnt the process of breathing.

Next was English! We rehearsed our play with costumes, expressions and props just as we were told to. And last came social classes where we learnt minerals and their properties.

At last the time came to disperse! As I was making my way to the bus, my eyes fell upon a bunch of children throwing chocolate wrappers in the nearby lake. That was a very sad sight. The lake which was already polluted was being littered even more by the children.

I already saw a fat and short person cleaning the river with a black filter paper like sheet and a machine. The janitor was coughing constantly and seemed like he had some respiratory disease.

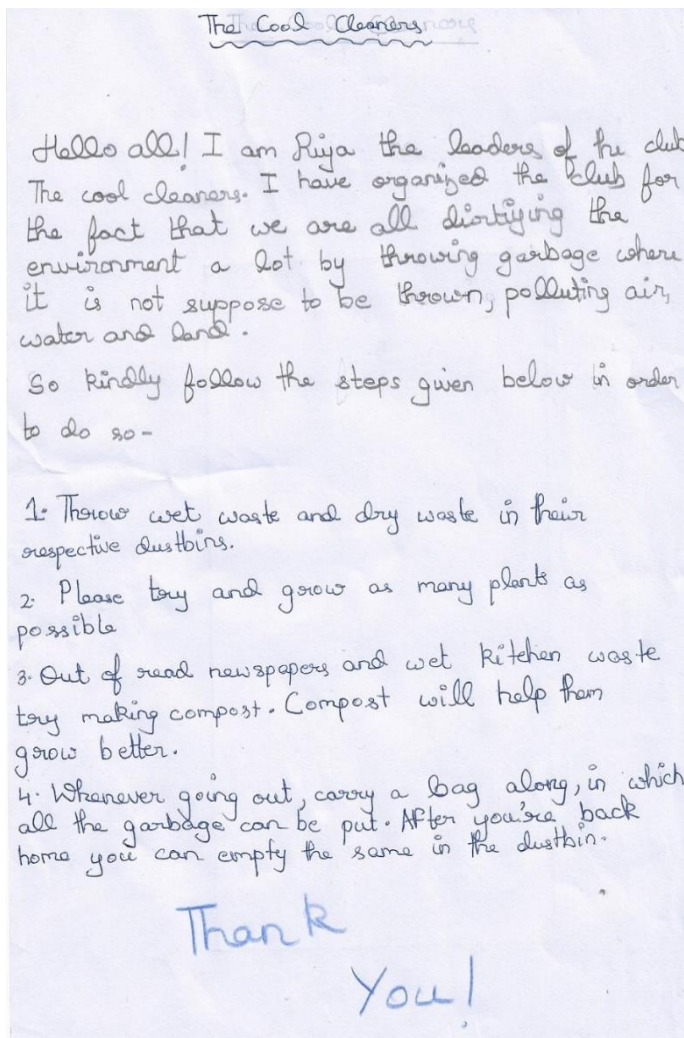
"Beeeeep beeeeeep"! I heard. It took me a minute to understand where I was and what was happening around me, before I shook myself off my thoughts. I rushed towards the bus, scrambled in and sat with a thud on my seat. I had a smooth journey throughout till at last I was at my doorstep.



## Chapter 5 - Prevention is better than cure!

I was so tired that I rushed to my bedroom and tried to sleep. But unfortunately, I couldn't. The thought of the man, the lake and the garbage pile didn't allow me to sleep at all. At the end I was fed up of lying down and went out of the room. I tried thinking about what could be done about all this pollution until finally an idea struck me.

I took out 10-15 A4 sized sheets and made posters out of them.



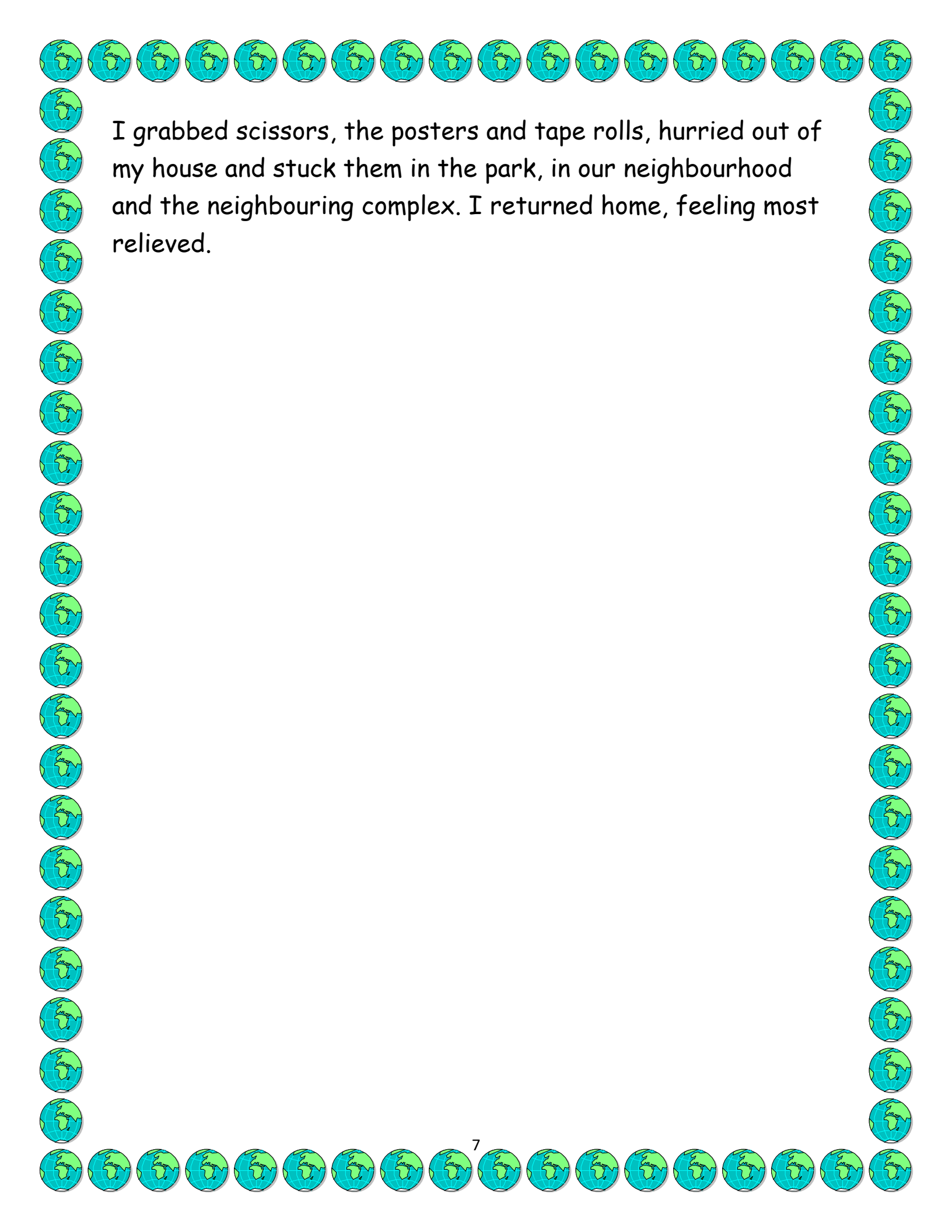
In the posters I wrote -

*Hello all! I am Riya- The leader of the club "The Cool Cleaners".*

*I am here to spread awareness about polluting our environment. I have organized the club for the fact that we are dirtying the environment a lot by throwing garbage where it is not supposed to be thrown, polluting air, water and land*

*So kindly follow the steps given below in order to do so-*

1. *Throw wet waste and dry waste in their respective dustbins.*
2. *Please try and grow as many plants as possible*
3. *Out of read newspapers and wet kitchen waste try making compost if you are growing plants. Compost will help them grow better.*
4. *Whenever you are going out, carry a bag along with you in which all garbage can be collected. After you're back home, you can empty the same in the dustbin.*



I grabbed scissors, the posters and tape rolls, hurried out of my house and stuck them in the park, in our neighbourhood and the neighbouring complex. I returned home, feeling most relieved.





## Blurb

Hello I am Riya and I am really worried that we are polluting our land, air and water. Hence destroying the environment. I am wondering what we can do to preserve our natural surroundings. Read the book to know more.



## About the Author

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