

## Australian icon

Prior to the assembly of the Sydney Opera House, Sydney had no dedicated music venue. The Chief Conductor of the Sydney Symphony Orchestra and Director of the NSW Conservatorium of Music in 1947 thought of creating a venue for performing arts. Approval from the government came seven years later and a competition was held for the design. The winner was Jorn Utzon, a Danish architect. The largest hall is the Concert Hall and it contains the Sydney Opera House Grand Organ, the largest mechanical tracker action organ in the world with over 10,000 pipes. Each of the theatres are designed to suit their purpose. On June 28, 2007, the Sydney Opera House located at Benelong Point was included on the UNESCO World Heritage List.

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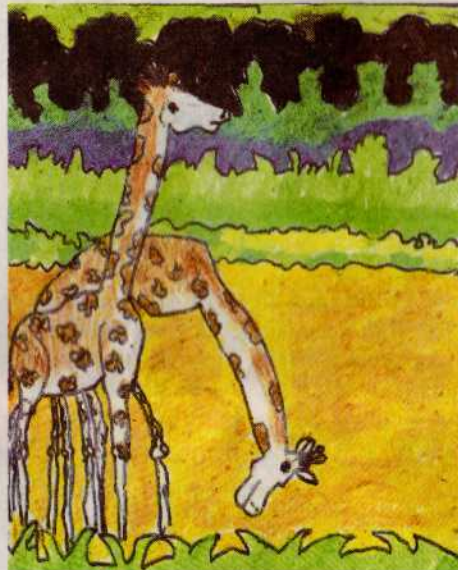
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## Make new friends

One day I went out shopping at the mall with my mom and dad. Suddenly, I saw my favourite pet shop and requested my parents to take me in. I had always wanted a cute puppy and maybe I could find my friend here. As soon as we got inside I saw a very cute puppy sitting all alone. I liked him a lot and decided that he would be my best friend forever. So we brought him home.

Aryan is brown and white, and is a handsome Welsh corgi. He plays soccer with us and loves car ride and the cool wind. Most of all, he loves to play.

One day, when Aryan and I were playing, I heard a knock at the door. I ran to open it and guess who was standing there? My friend Hanna. I was thrilled. But oh! She did not like dogs. She was afraid of them. What should I do now? I wanted to play with both Aryan and Hanna. I was confused.

Then I got an idea. I told Hanna to give Aryan some treats so that he would stop barking at her. I wanted them to be friends, so all of us could play. Hanna did not like the idea at first. But she agreed later and Aryan was happy with all the treats. He jumped on her and gave her a kiss. Hanna loved it. The three of us had a wonderful time.

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