



Every Minute Counts

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Level 3

Adil is always late to school.
His class teacher, Miss Rupal, is angry.

“You missed 15 minutes of maths class today,”
she scolds him. “You missed 15 minutes of art yesterday.”



An illustration of a boy and a girl sitting at a dark red desk. The boy on the left has a sad expression, with his head resting on his hand. The girl on the right has a surprised expression, with her mouth open. On the desk, there is an open green book, a pencil, and a pencil sharpener. In the background, there is a bookshelf with books, a pen holder with pens, and a drawing of a sun on a piece of paper. The sky is filled with several yellow pie charts of various sizes, each with a blue slice. The overall style is colorful and whimsical.


Adil feels terrible.

“Why am I never on time?”
he asks his best friend Paro.
“Where do all the minutes go?”

Paro decides to help Adil find the lost minutes.
“At what time do you wake up?” she asks.

“Ma wakes me up at 8am,” Adil says.
“If I’m feeling lazy, I lie in bed for five more minutes.”






“What do you do next?” Paro asks.

“I take 25 minutes to get ready and 15 minutes to eat breakfast. It takes 20 minutes to walk to school.

“Together, that is one hour. I should reach school by 9am.”

Paro writes, $25 + 15 + 20 = 60$.
60 minutes make an hour.

A cartoon illustration of a boy with a large head and a surprised expression, with his mouth wide open. He has four arms. His top-left arm holds a blue cup of milk with steam rising from it. His top-right arm holds a large blue pencil with a red eraser and a gold band. His bottom-left arm holds an open blue book with the Hindi letter 'अ' (a) on the cover. His bottom-right arm is empty. The boy is wearing a blue shirt and blue shorts. A trail of red pencil shavings follows a curved path around him, starting from the pencil and ending near the book. The background is plain white.

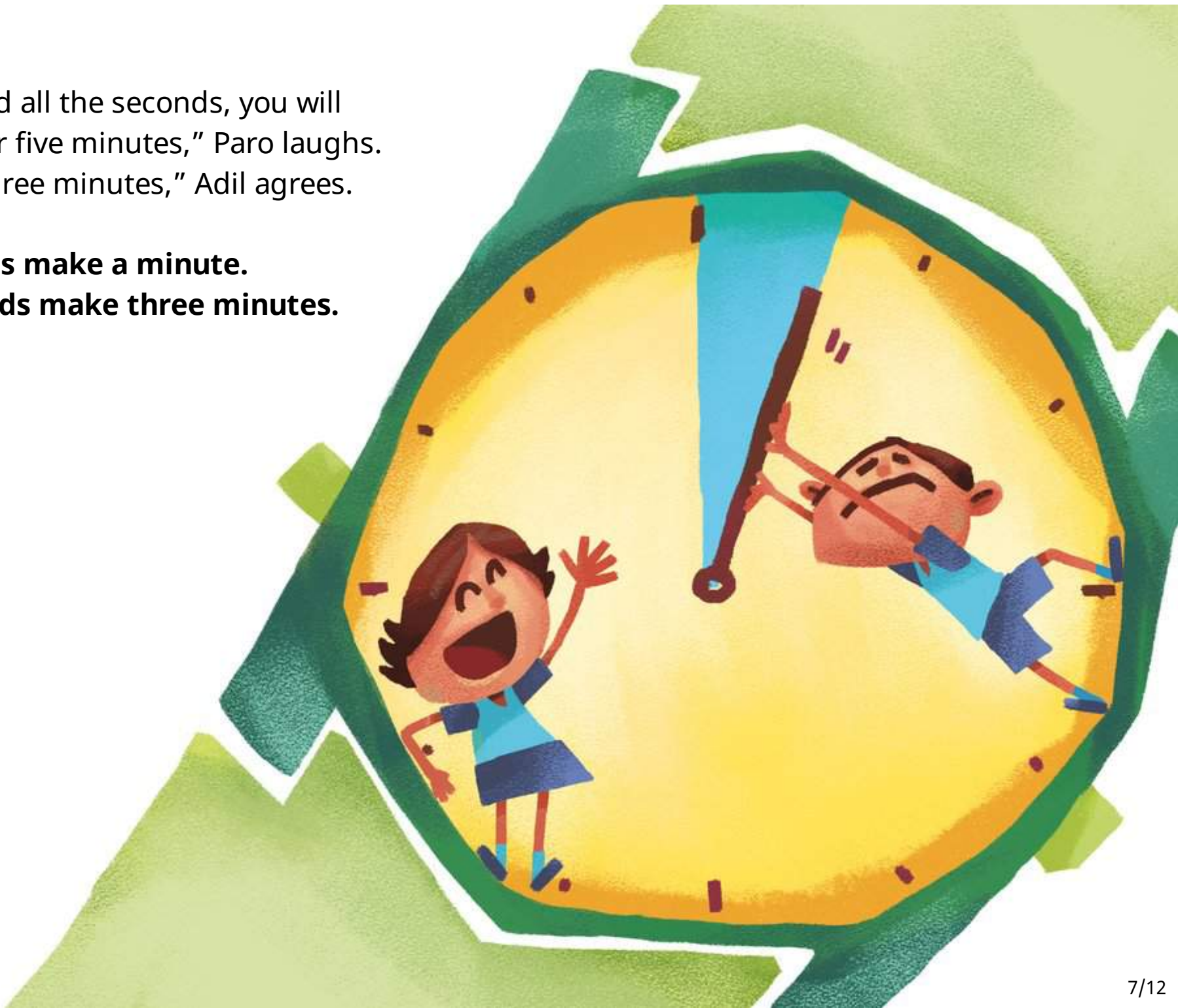
"Do you always get ready on time?" Paro asks.
"Sometimes I have to sharpen my pencil," Adil says.

"Sometimes my milk
is too hot to drink.

"Sometimes I have to find
my Hindi book. But those
things take seconds."

“If you add all the seconds, you will get four or five minutes,” Paro laughs.
“Maybe three minutes,” Adil agrees.

60 seconds make a minute.
180 seconds make three minutes.

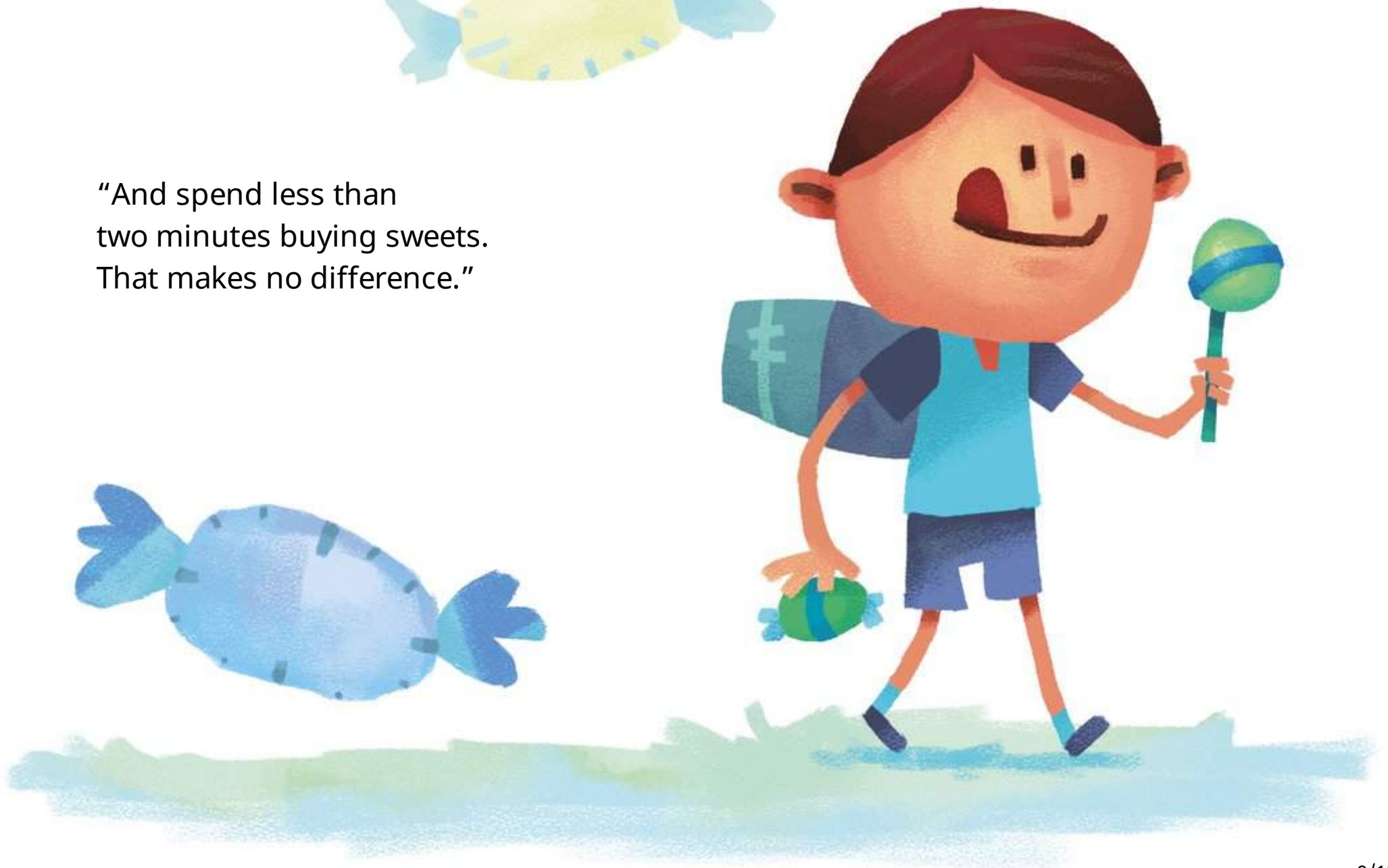


“I have seen you playing with Bittu’s puppies and buying sweets on the way to school,” Paro says.



“I play with the puppies for five minutes,” Adil says.

“And spend less than
two minutes buying sweets.
That makes no difference.”



“Every minute makes a difference,” Paro says.
“If you add the extra time in bed, the time to sharpen pencils
and everything else, you take 75 minutes to get to school.”



5 minutes extra
in bed

+



3 minutes extra
while getting ready

+



5 minutes playing
with the puppies

+



2 minutes
buying sweets



= 15 minutes

“That is not one hour,” Paro says. “That is one hour and 15 minutes. Do you know what that means?”

"Yes," Adil groans. "It means that I will have to wake up 15 minutes early — at 7.45am.

"It means Miss Rupal will be happy, and I will be sleepy and sad."





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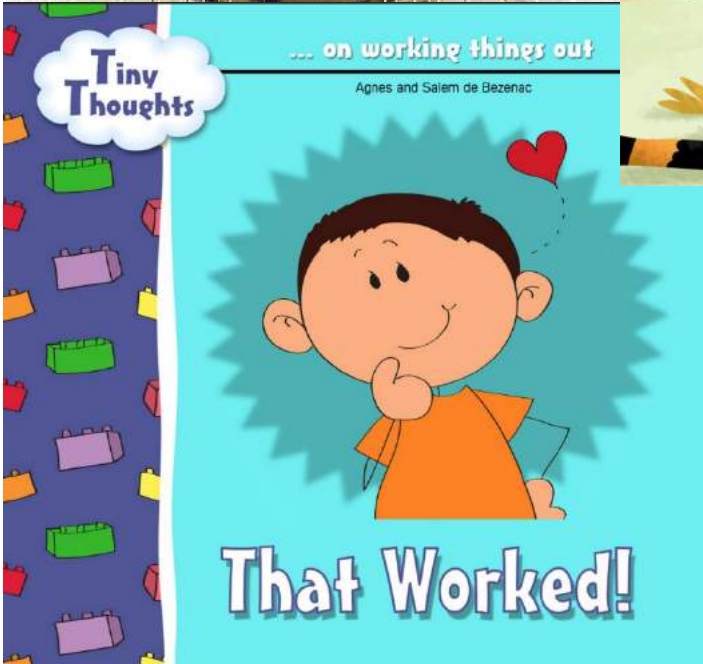
(English)

Adil has a full hour to get ready and walk to school. But he is late every day! Where is he losing time? His friend Paro decides to help him account for every minute of the hour.

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