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The first phase of the SOF IGKO examination was successfully conducted on **22 September 2026**, followed by the first phase of the SOF ICSO examination on **24 September 2026**. The first phase of the SOF IEO examination is scheduled for **30 September 2026**.

If your school has missed registering students for the earlier examination dates, **SOF is pleased to offer an opportunity to participate on the upcoming available dates as per the finalised examination schedule**.

SOF OLYMPIAD EXAM SCHEDULE 2026-27

Schools may select any suitable examination date from the available options and complete the registration process to ensure their students can participate in the respective Olympiads.

SOF Olympiad	Date 1	Date 2	Date 3
IGKO	~~22 September~~	06 October	03 November
IEO	~~30 September~~	27 October	17 November
ISO	30 October	19 November	3 December
IMO	23 October	26 November	10 December
ICSO	~~24 September~~	17 December	–
ISSO	30 November	19 January	–
IHO	23 November	22 January	–
ICO	30 November	19 January	–

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📸 IN THE SOF SOCIAL MEDIA SPOTLIGHT

🏫 SCHOOL COLLABORATION

Schools can **send collaboration requests** by sharing SOF Olympiad–related videos on Instagram. After **verification**, selected collaborations will be accepted and the videos will be **featured** on our official platforms.

Here is our official social media profile link

🎓 STUDENT COLLABORATION

Students can collaborate with us by posting short Instagram videos on topics like **SOF medal wins (National/International), learning journeys, preparation tips**, or **Olympiad experiences**. All entries will be verified first, and approved collaborations will be showcased on SOF's official handles.

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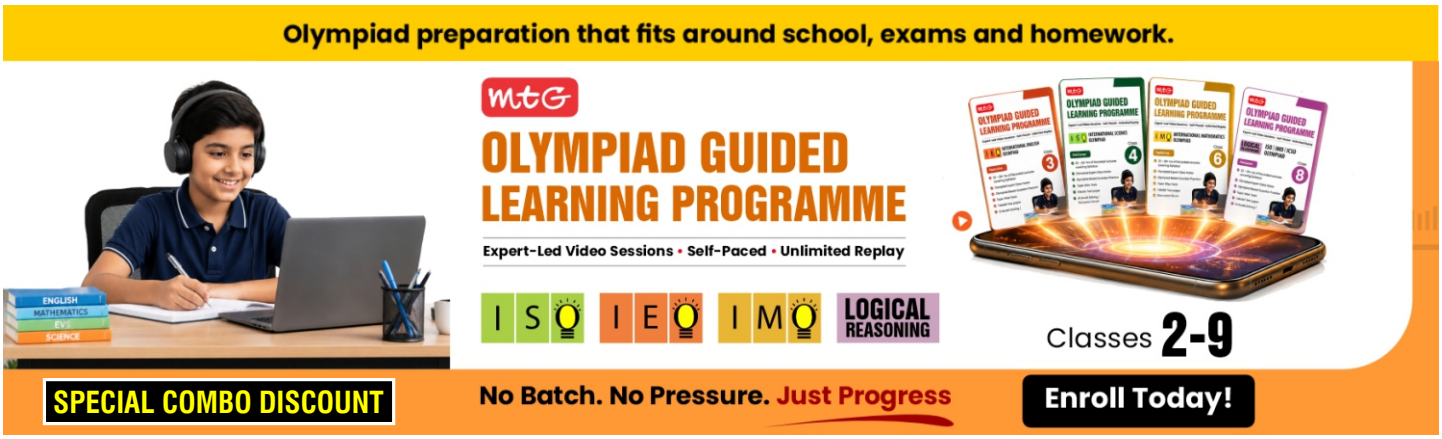
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"SOF IEO helped me look at English beyond grammar and vocabulary. It encouraged me to express ideas clearly, think creatively, and develop confidence in communication - skills that continue to support me today."

SCIENCE IS COOLER THAN YOU THINK!

A Lizard's Tail Is a Built-In Escape Plan

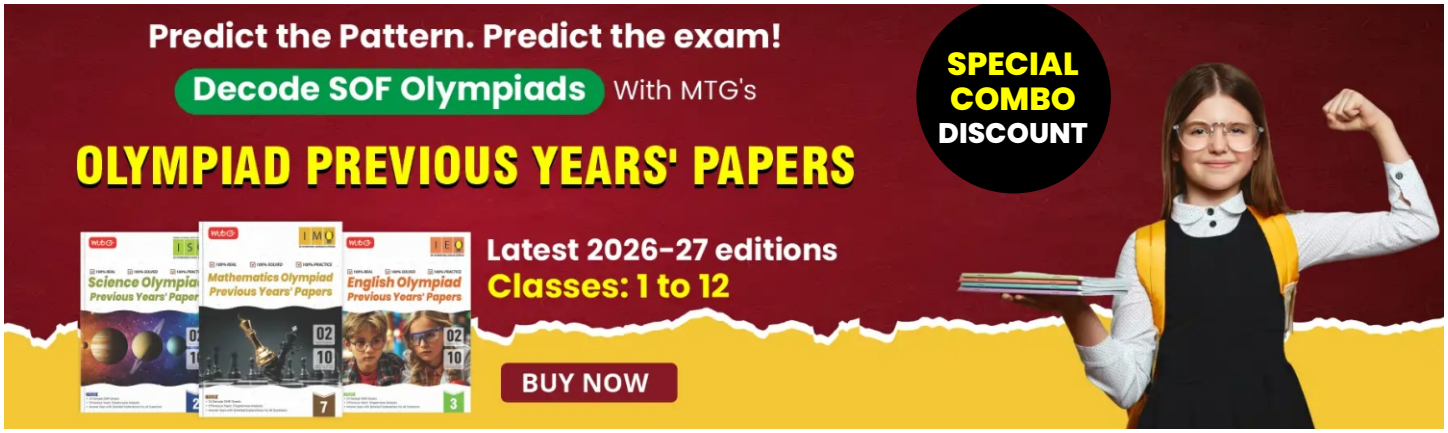
Imagine losing a part of your body to escape danger - that's exactly what some lizards can do!

When threatened by a predator, certain lizards can detach their tails to distract the attacker and quickly escape. This amazing survival ability is called **autotomy**.

The detached tail can continue moving for a short time, keeping the predator focused while the lizard makes its getaway. Later, some lizards can even regrow their tails.

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WHAT'S HAPPENING AROUND THE WORLD?

UPI Is Changing: What's New?

From shopping to paying bills, UPI has become a part of everyday life. But the digital payment system India's digital payment ecosystem is seeing new developments as changes around merchant UPI transactions come into focus.

A new **Merchant Discount Rate (MDR)** framework has introduced charges for certain **merchant UPI transactions above ₹2,000.** The move has brought attention to how digital payment networks are managed, maintained, and expanded as UPI usage continues to grow.

Behind every quick UPI payment is a network of technology, banks, and systems working together!



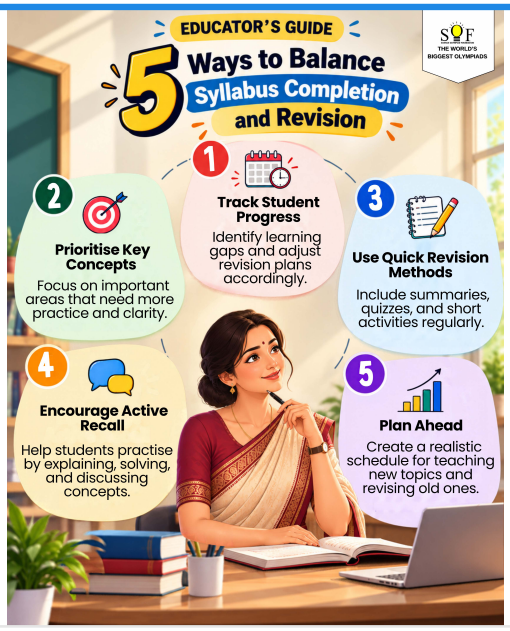
TEXTBOOK MEETS REAL WORLD

Why Does Your Voice Sound Different in a Recording?:

Have you ever heard your recorded voice and thought, "Do I really sound like that?"

The reason is science! When we speak, our vocal cords create sound vibrations that travel through the air. But we hear our own voice in two ways - through the air and through vibrations that travel inside our skull.

These internal vibrations make our voice sound deeper and different to us. However, a recording captures only the **sound waves travelling through the air**, which is why our recorded voice may sound unfamiliar.



MYTH V/S FACT



MYTH

Ants Don't Sleep

FACT

Ants Have Rest Periods

Ants take many short rest periods throughout the day instead of one long sleep like humans.

WHAT WOULD HAPPEN IF

What Would Happen If the Moon Disappeared?
Without the Moon, Earth's tides would change significantly because the Moon's gravity helps control the rise and fall of ocean waters. Nights would become much darker, and many animals that use moonlight for navigation, hunting, and migration could be affected.

The Moon also helps stabilise Earth's tilt, which plays a role in maintaining our planet's climate over long periods.

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VOCABULARY BOOST

What Does "Ubiquitous" Mean?

Meaning: Present or found everywhere.

Example: "Smartphones have become ubiquitous in our daily lives."

"The internet has become ubiquitous, connecting people across the world."

"Artificial Intelligence is becoming ubiquitous in education, healthcare, and technology."

"Trees are ubiquitous in nature, providing habitats and oxygen for living organisms."

DO YOU KNOW?

Giraffes Have the Same Number of Neck Bones as Humans?
At first glance, a giraffe's long neck looks completely different from ours. But surprisingly, both humans and giraffes have the same number of neck bones - **seven cervical vertebrae!**

The difference is that each neck bone in a giraffe is much longer, allowing it to reach tall trees and feed on leaves high above the ground.

ASTRONOMY FACT

A Wet Cloth Behaves Differently in Space - Here's Why!
On Earth, water falls out of a wrung cloth because gravity pulls the droplets downward. But in space, things work very differently!

When astronauts wring out a wet cloth in microgravity, the water does not drip away. Instead, it forms a **floating blob that sticks to the cloth and moves around due to surface tension.**

This happens because there is almost no gravity pulling the water down, allowing water molecules to stay together and behave differently.

ASK THE EXPERT

Have doubts and queries about the SOF Olympiads? Ask now! Submit your questions and get them answered by experts. Don't miss out, stay informed and excel in the SOF Olympiad. Message us on the SOF Official Instagram Page.

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