

CLASS – 10

ENGLISH

Footprints without Feet

**CH-9 : The Book That Saved
the Earth**

Part – 3

**Decoding the Sandwich -
'Mother Goose'**

ARPITA SHARMA



OVERVIEW

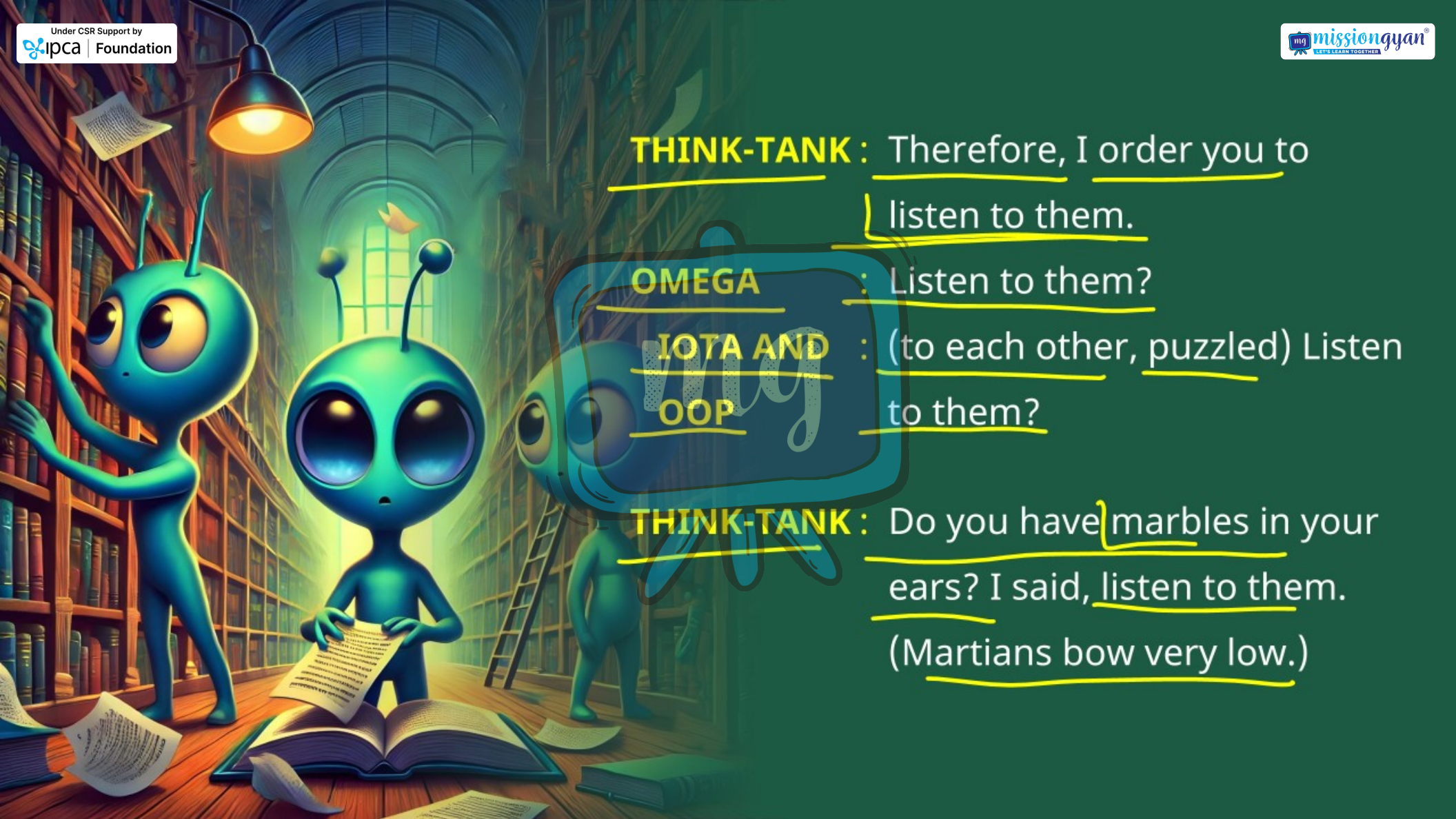
1. Think-Tank's Grand Plan

2. Martian Misunderstanding: The Sandwich Theory

3. Decoding the Sandwich - 'Mother Goose'

4. The Invasion Halted by Nursery Rhymes





THINK-TANK : Therefore, I order you to
listen to them.

OMEGA : Listen to them?

IOTA AND OOP : (to each other, puzzled) Listen
to them?

THINK-TANK : Do you have marbles in your
ears? I said, listen to them.
(Martians bow very low.)

OMEGA

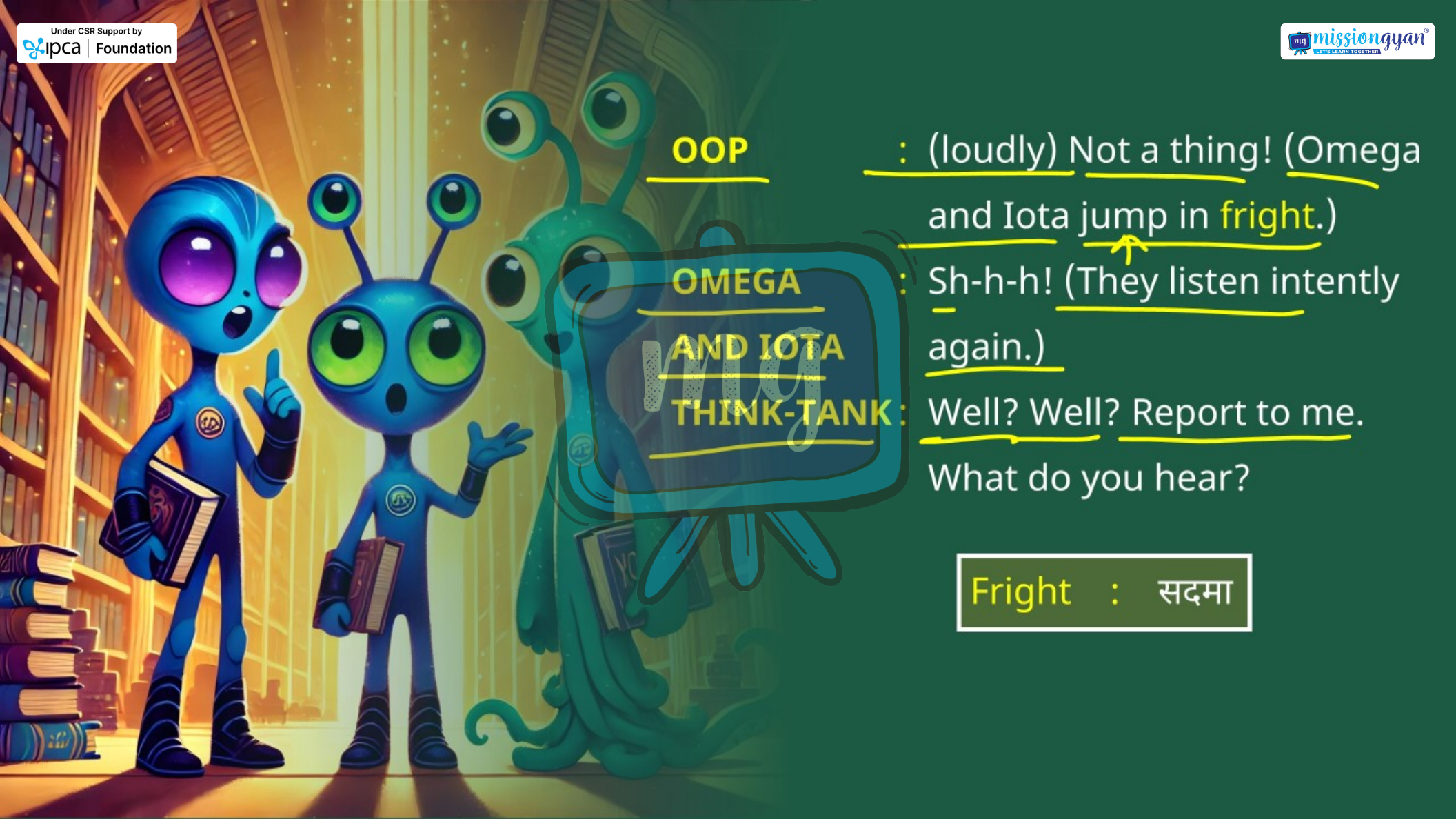
: It shall be done, sir. (They each take two books from the case, and hold them to their ears, listening intently.)

IOTA

: (whispering to Omega) Do you hear anything?

OMEGA

: (whispering back) Nothing. Do you hear anything, Oop?



OOP

: (loudly) Not a thing! (Omega and Iota jump in fright.)

OMEGA

: Sh-h-h! (They listen intently again.)

AND IOTA

THINK-TANK:

Well? Well? Report to me.
What do you hear?

Fright : सदमा

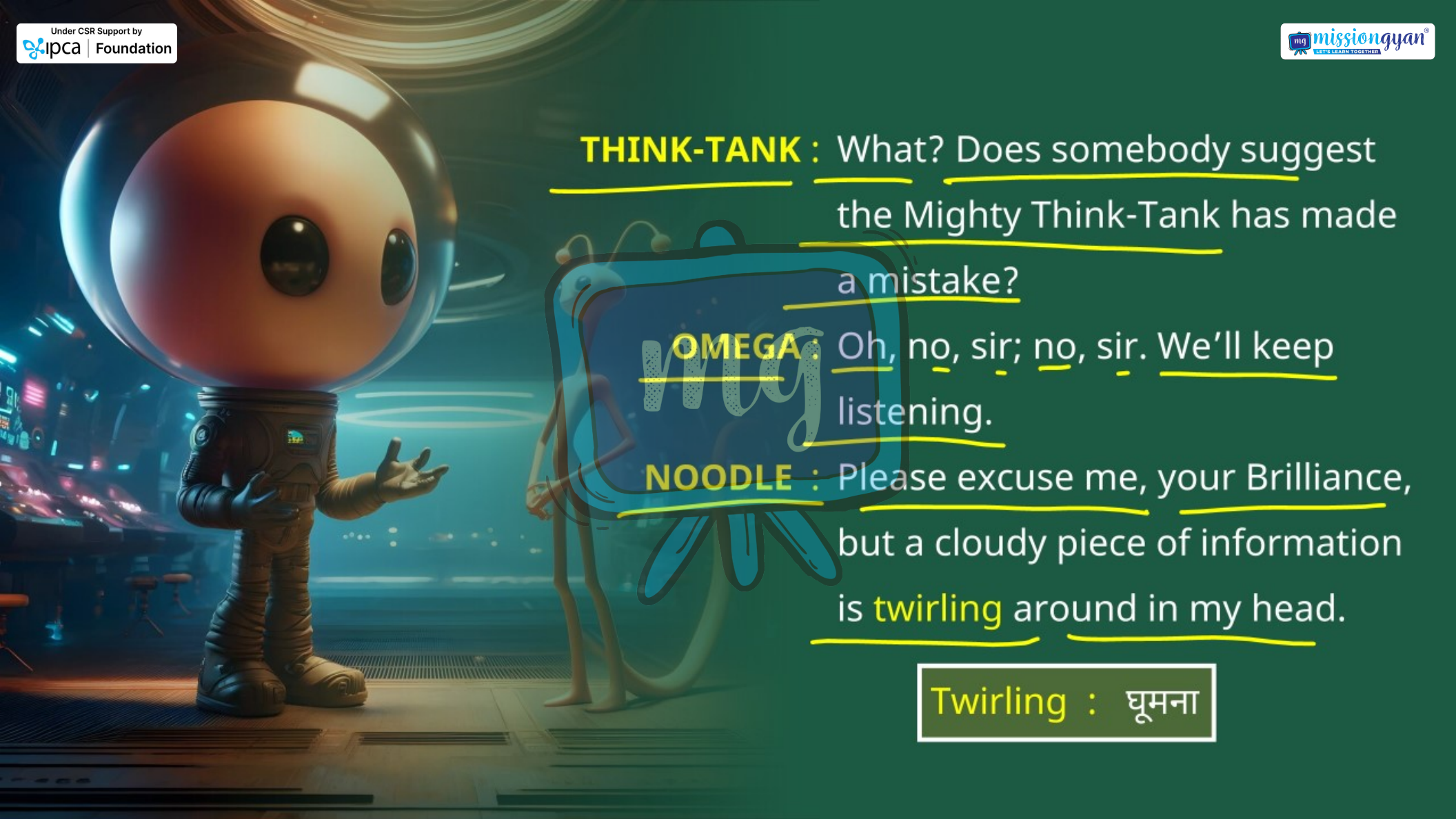


OMEGA : Nothing, sir. Perhaps we are not on the correct frequency.

IOTA : Nothing, sir. Perhaps the Earthlings have sharper ears than we do.

LOOP : I don't hear a thing. Maybe these sandwiches don't make sounds.

Frequency : रेडियो तरंगों की कंपन दर



THINK-TANK : What? Does somebody suggest
the Mighty Think-Tank has made
a mistake?

OMEGA : Oh, no, sir; no, sir. We'll keep
listening.

NOODLE : Please excuse me, your Brilliance,
but a cloudy piece of information
is twirling around in my head.

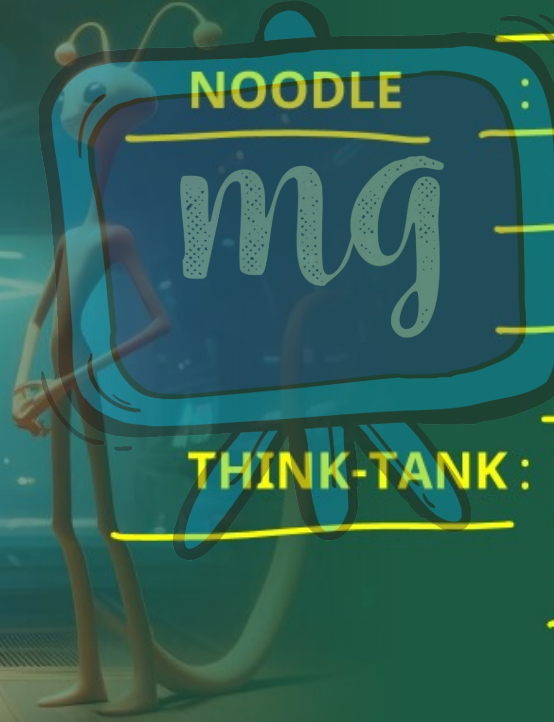
Twirling : घूमना



THINK-TANK: Well, twirl it out, Noodle, and I will clarify it for you.

NOODLE: I seem to recall that the Earthlings did not listen to the sandwiches; they opened them and watched them.

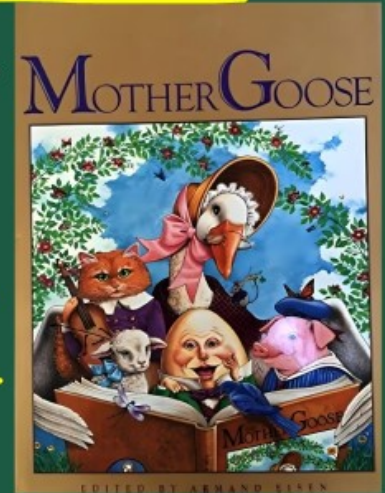
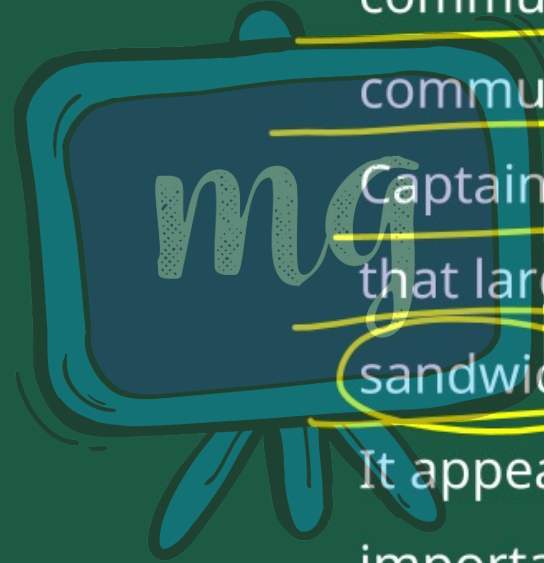
THINK-TANK: Yes, that is quite correct, I will clarify that for you, Captain Omega.



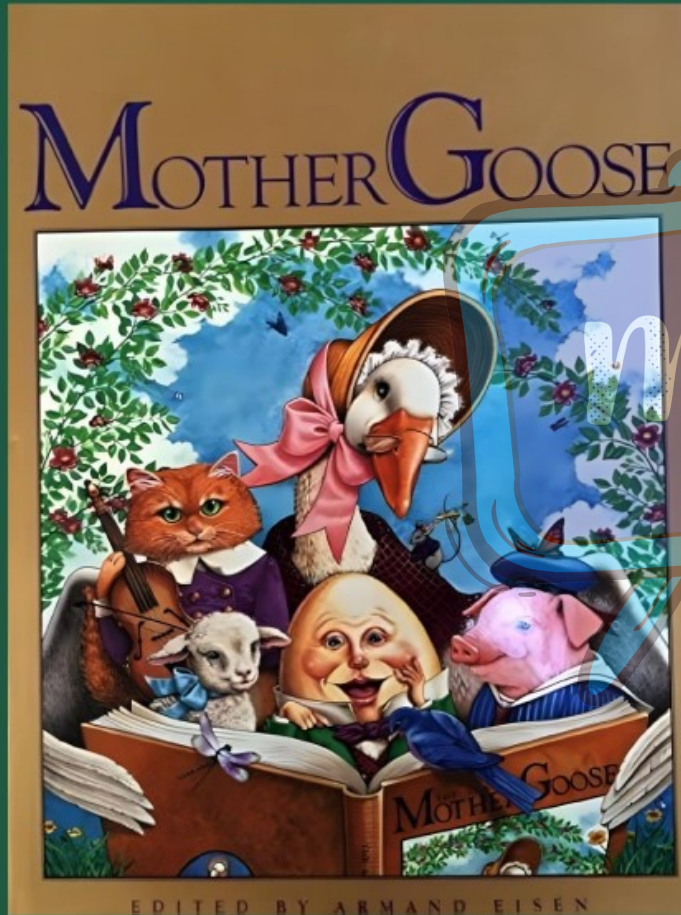
Those sandwiches are not for ear
communication, they are for eye
communication. Now,

Captain Omega, take
that large, colourful
sandwich over there.

It appears to be
important. Tell me what you **observe**.



Observe : निरीक्षण



(Omega picks up a very large volume
of Mother Goose, holding it so that
the audience can see the title. Iota
looks over her left shoulder, and Oop
peers over her right shoulder.)



OMEGA

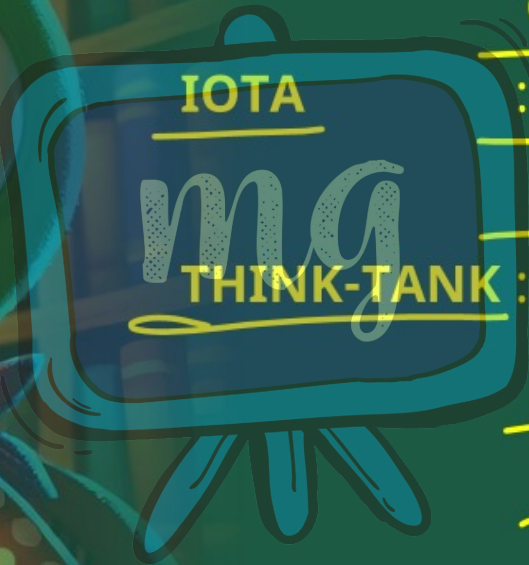
: It appears to contain pictures of Earthlings.

IOTA

: There seems to be some sort of code.

THINK-TANK

: (sharply interested) Code? I told you this was important.
Describe the code.



OOP

: It's little lines and squiggles and dots – thousands of them alongside the pictures.

THINK-TANK: Perhaps the Earthlings are not as primitive as we have thought. We must break the code.



Squiggles : टेढ़ी मेढ़ी रेखा
Primitive : साधारण

NOODLE

: Forgive me, your Cleverness, but did not the chemical department give our space people vitamins to increase their intelligence?

THINK-TANK

: Stop! A thought of magnificent brilliance has come to me. Space people, our chemical department has given you vitamins to increase your intelligence.





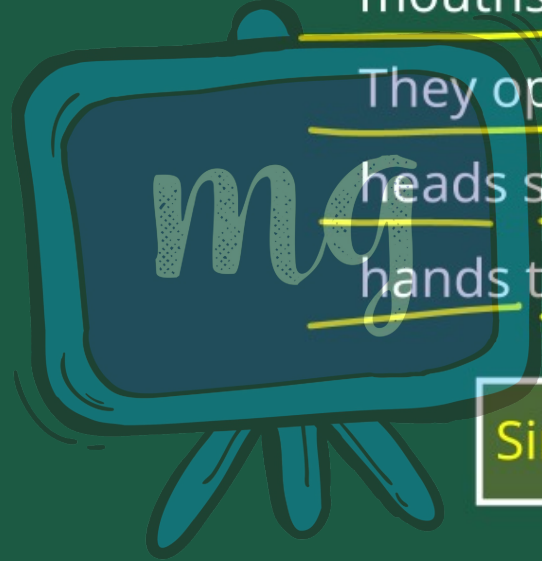
Take them immediately and then watch the sandwich. The meaning of the code will slowly unfold before you.

OMEGA : It shall be done, sir. Remove vitamins. (Crew takes vitamins from boxes on their belts.) Present vitamins. (They hold vitamins out in front of them, stiffly.) Swallow vitamins.

Stiffly : रूखेपन से

(They pop the vitamins into their mouths and gulp **simultaneously**.)

They open their eyes wide, their heads shake, and they put their hands to their foreheads.)



Simultaneously : एक साथ



THINK-TANK : Excellent. Now, **decipher** that code.

ALL : It shall be done, sir. (They frown over the book, turning pages.)

OMEGA : (brightly) Aha!

IOTA : (brightly) Oho!

OOP : (bursting into laughter) Ha, ha, ha.

Decipher : पढ़ना/कूटवाचन करना



THINK-TANK : What does it say? Tell me this
instant. Transcribe, Omega.

OMEGA

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: Yes, sir. (She reads with great
seriousness.)

Transcribe : अनुवाद करना



Mistress Mary, quite contrary,

How does your garden grow?

With cockle shells and silver bells

And pretty maids all in a row.



OOP

: Ha, ha, ha. Imagine that. Pretty
maids growing in a garden.

THINK-TANK:

(alarmed) Stop! This is no time
for levity. Don't you realise the
seriousness of this discovery?

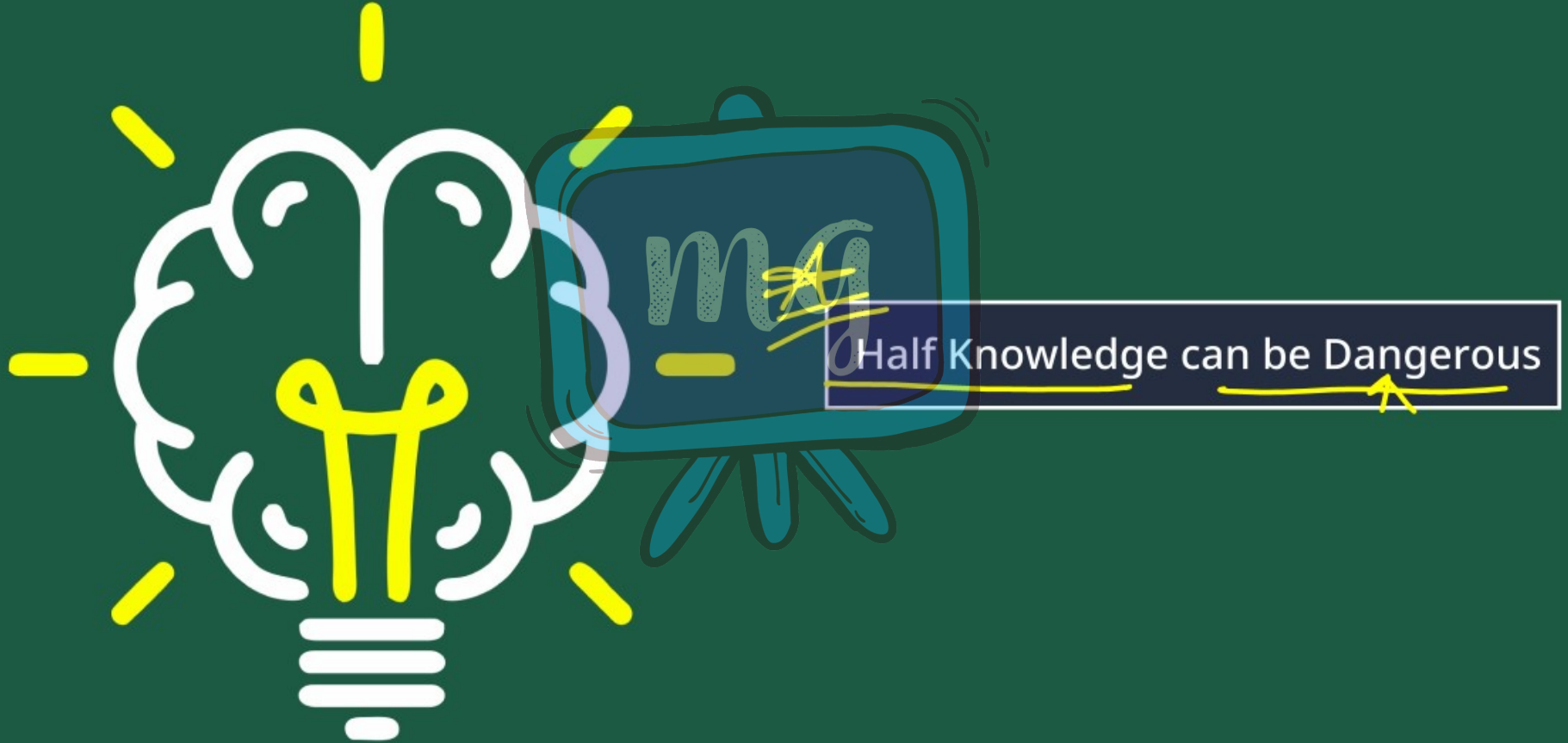
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The Earthlings have discovered
how to combine agriculture and
mining.

Levity : मजाक / लापरवाही

Agriculture : कृषि

LEARNING OUTCOME



ASSESSMENT



1

Think-Tank believes the Earthlings have combined agriculture and mining.

True

False

ASSESSMENT



2

Think-Tank is amused by the nursery rhyme.

A True

B False

alarmed

ASSESSMENT



3

Noodle corrects Think-Tank's
interpretation of the books.

A True

B False