



Bang!
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Hurry! Hurry! Dragon is running late.
Grandma Elephant must be waiting.



It's the opening day of Grandma Elephant's orange shop.

Dragon will be helping her out. Look, Porcupine is here too!



Dragon's task is to pump balloons.
Sounds easy, right?



Oh no, the balloons keep slipping away.
What should Dragon do?



Aha! What if Dragon just blows them up? He has strong lungs.



Bang!



Dragon uses his pump again. This time, he tries to be more patient. He pumps the balloons with extra care.



Hooray! All the balloons are pumped.
Hey, here comes Porcupine! But his quills
might pop the balloons. And his hands are
also dirty.



Bang!



See? It must be Porcupine's quills that did it!



Porcupine did not like being blamed. His quills didn't touch the balloons at all.



Dragon put away the rest of the balloons.
Oops! One falls into a pile of orange peels
and gets dirty.



Bang!



Dragon is convinced that this is all porcupine's fault. But wait...Porcupine was nowhere near the balloon. So why did it pop?



Never mind. The orange shop's grand opening is about to begin.



The guests are arriving. Grandma Elephant serves them oranges. Dragon wants a taste too.



Yum...yum! The oranges are sweet and fresh.
Dragon happily gobbles them up.



Afterwards, Dragon goes back to decorating the balloons. Huh, why are only two left? Where did the other balloons go?



Found them! But why did these balloons shrink? There are small holes in them. Could it be...



...Porcupine? Dragon glared at him. But Porcupine didn't do it! He got angry.



Dragon and Porcupine start to fight.
Grandma Elephant quickly separates them.



Bang! Another balloon pops.



Hmmm...Dragon finally figures it out.



It wasn't Porcupine's fault. The balloons popped because of the orange peels!



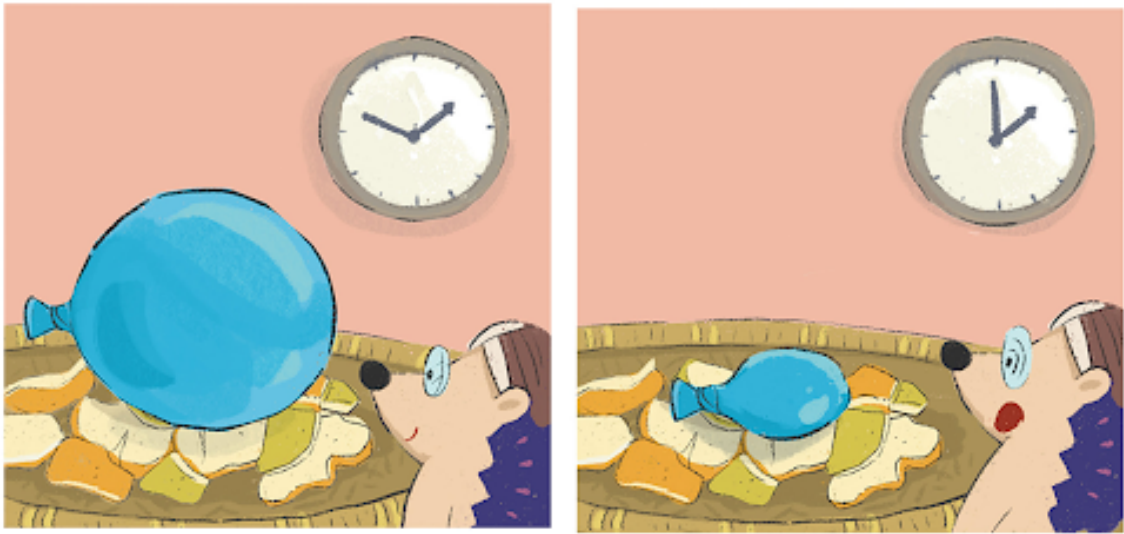
Let's Learn about Volatile Oil

Do you know why a rubber balloon can pop because of an orange peel?

This is because of the essential oils found in the orange peel.

The volatile and evaporating properties of an orange peel can dissolve rubber. So, the balloon pops.

If you don't want your balloon to pop, avoid peeling an orange near a balloon, and...



...do not place a balloon near a pile of orange peel waste.



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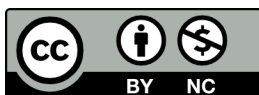
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