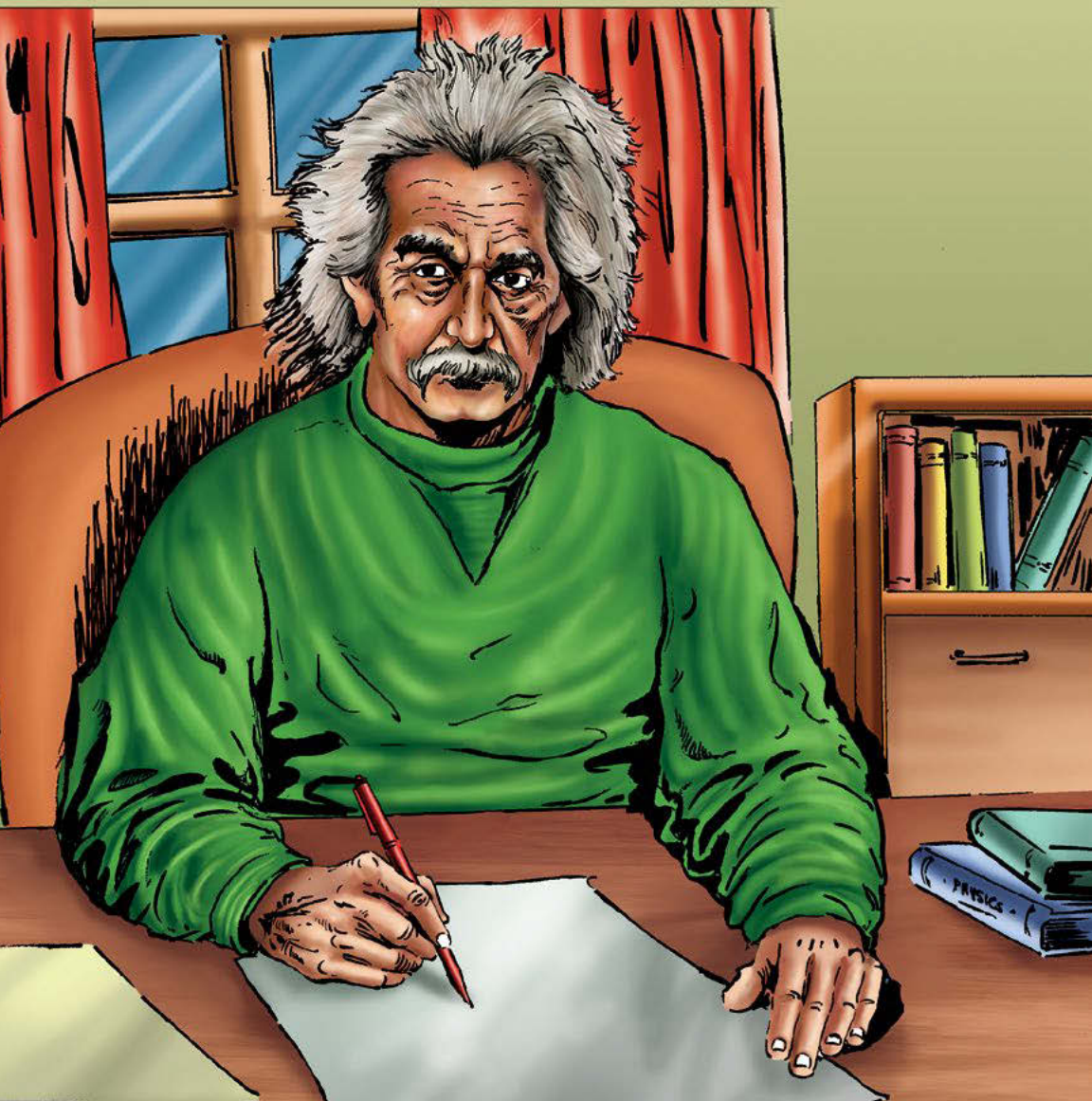
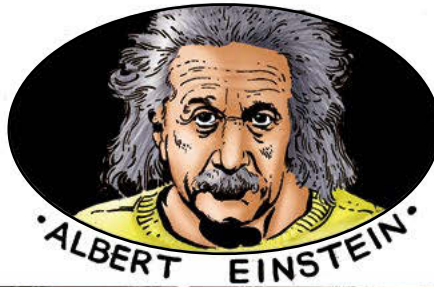


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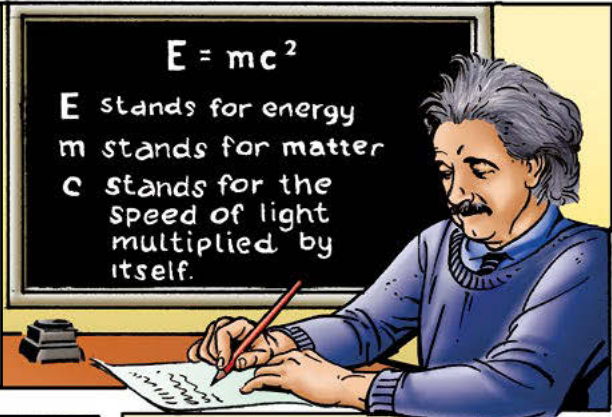
Albert Einstein





Albert Einstein was born in Germany in 1879. He became famous as a scientist and as one of the most important thinkers of our times. In 1933 when the dictator Adolph Hitler came to power in Germany, Einstein left his native land for good. Einstein was a Jew. Hitler hated Jews. In 1940 Albert Einstein became a citizen of the United States.

Although he made many important discoveries, he is best known for his theory of relativity. This law became the most famous equation in science. It read $E=mc^2$. "E" stands for energy, "m" stands for matter, and "c" stands for the speed of light multiplied by itself.



One day when five-year old Albert was ill, his father bought him a gift.

My son, I have bought you a compass.

What's it for?



No matter how you hold it, the iron needle always points north. Sailors use it to find their way on the ocean.





He thought about the
compass for a long time.

Albert's mother
loved music.
She spent many
evenings playing
music with friends.



Albert especially liked to listen to his mother and friends perform Mozart's violin sonatas.



One day ...

This is for you!
You must have
music lessons.



He went to
the teacher.

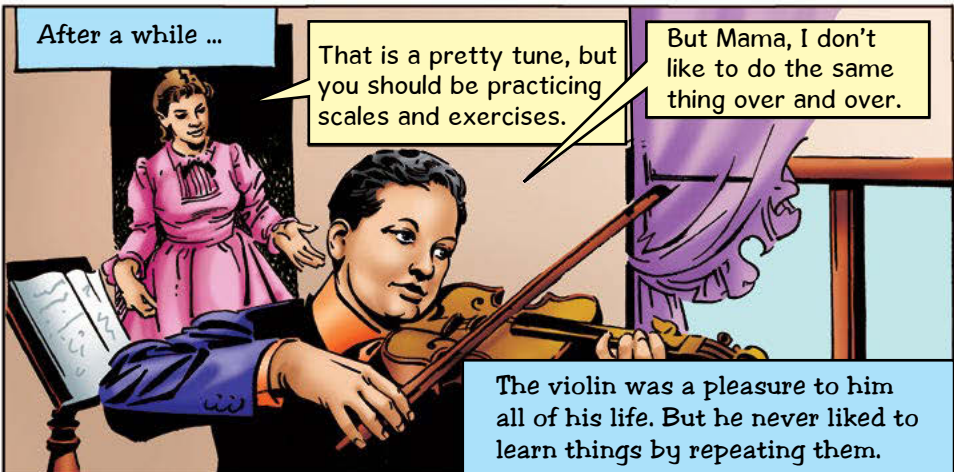
Practice,
practice,
practice!
Always scales
and exercises!



After a while ...

That is a pretty tune, but
you should be practicing
scales and exercises.

But Mama, I don't
like to do the same
thing over and over.



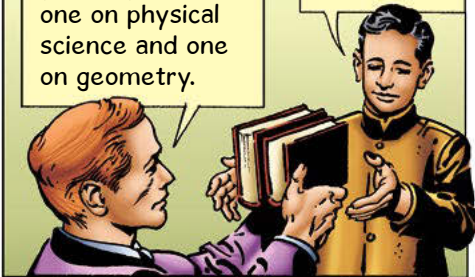
The violin was a pleasure to him
all of his life. But he never liked to
learn things by repeating them.



Later a young friend gave him books.

I have brought you two books you may like, one on physical science and one on geometry.

Thank you very much!



A few weeks later ...

Oh, Max! Good! There's a problem here you must help me solve.

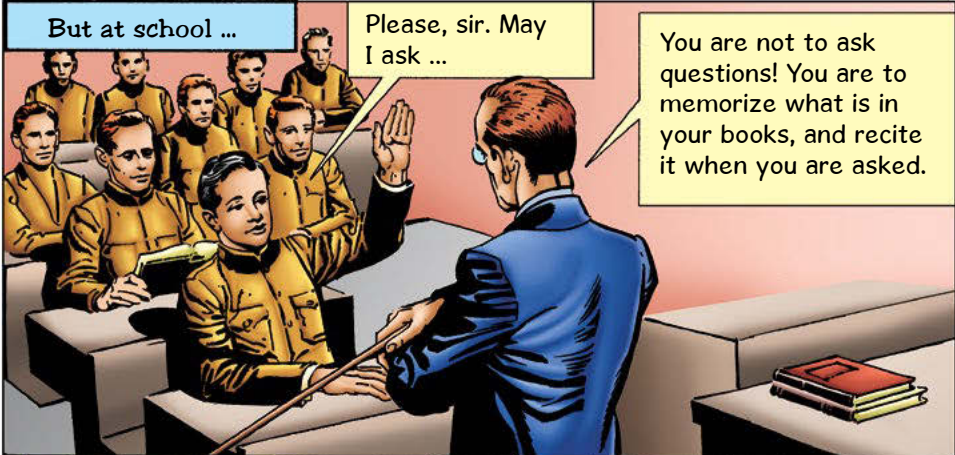
I am sorry, Albert. You are already far beyond me in physics and higher mathematics!



But at school ...

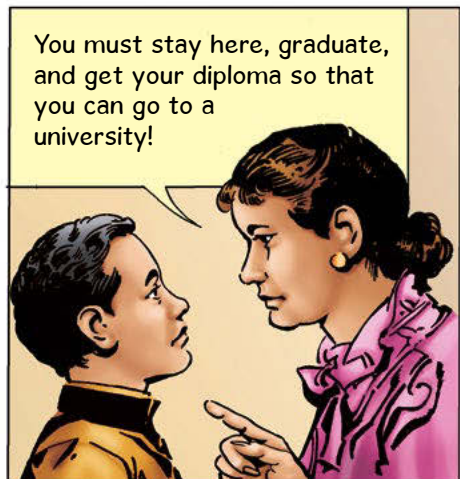
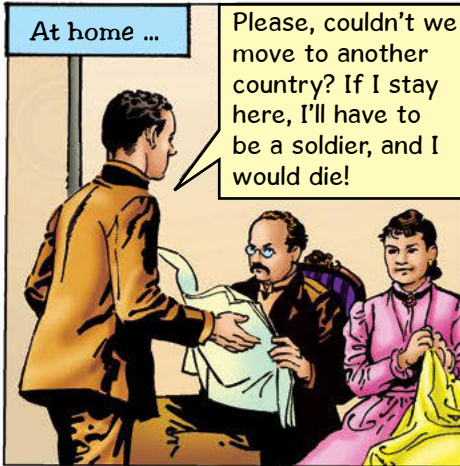
Please, sir. May I ask ...

You are not to ask questions! You are to memorize what is in your books, and recite it when you are asked.



School is like the army. The teachers are officers. Everyone must do what he is told and be just like everyone else!









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