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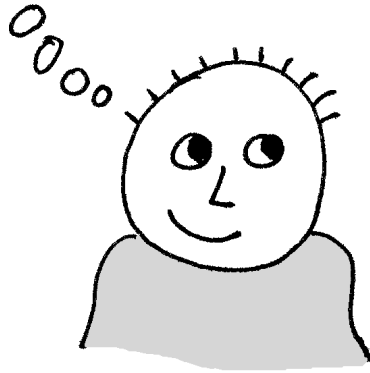
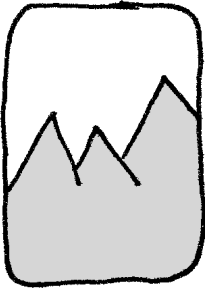
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$$20F = 527 = 17 \times 31$$

$$\stackrel{?}{=} 17 \times 3 + 1 \stackrel{?}{=} 17 \times 4 \stackrel{A?}{=} 17A$$



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“A window seat,” I answered when the man at the check-in counter asked if I wanted to sit by the window or the aisle.

“I have 17A,” the man said. “How does that sound?”

“That is impossible,” I replied. “I cannot be in an A-seat. I cannot watch over the ocean when we come in for landing. I need to see land. I cannot imagine the descend into the ocean. Don’t you have any F-seat available.”

“Yes,” replied the man. “20F is free.”

“20F,” I echoed. “That is 527 in the hexadecimal system. 17 times 31. 17 times 3 plus 1 is 17 times 4. 174. Which is more or

less like 17A. Almost exactly the same seat as you offered me in the beginning!”

“Excuse me?” asked the man. “Does that not suit you either?”

“But, yes,” I replied. “Don’t be silly. Of course that suits me.”

About The Author

Börkur is an avid storyteller with a keen eye for quirky characters, funny dialogs and vivid scenario descriptions. Much of his writing falls within the genre of realistic fiction and his stories are more often than not based on real events in the author's life. Although the tales contain grains of truth, they are melded with fiction, making the reader curious to know the line between reality and fantasy.

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