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The path around the world is a path we walk from birth onwards. The countries that the main character visits in the story are different periods of our lives. The experiences in these stories show our perception of life in a humorous way. For example, the land of the giants is the period when we are babies or small children and everything around us is huge and upside down when viewed from the stroller. In each country, we also learn a new Spanish word. Read all the stories and find out for yourself in which period of your trip each country is. I wish you lots of fun reading and don't forget to learn all the Spanish words.

WITH THE MOTORBIKE WAS FASTER. I TELL YOU, I DROVE AT SUCH A SPEED THAT I OVERTOOK ALL THE SNAILS ON THE WAY. EVEN THE TURTLES COULDN'T KEEP UP WITH ME. THIS TIME I ARRIVED IN A NEW COUNTRY QUICKLY AND I IMMEDIATELY KNEW WHERE I WAS, AS I WAS GREETED BY HUGE FRUIT TREES AT THE ENTRANCE TO THE COUNTRY. WELL, THEY DIDN'T GREET ME WITH A VOICE, I WAS SIMPLY DRIVING BY AND THAT'S JUST WHAT IT'S CALLED.



AFTER DRIVING AROUND THE FRUIT COUNTRY FOR A WHILE, LOOKING AT ALL THOSE JUICY, DELICIOUS FRUITS ON THE TREES, I GOT HUNGRY. I APPROACHED THE FIRST TREE ON WHICH GREW PEARS, APPLES, AND STRAWBERRIES. HA HA, FUNNY THAT STRAWBERRIES GROW ON TREES. I WANTED TO TEAR ONE OFF, BUT IT HAPPILY GREETED ME. THE TALKING STRAWBERRY SCARED ME, NOT ONLY DOES IT TALK, BUT IT'S ALSO AS BIG AS A WATERMELON.



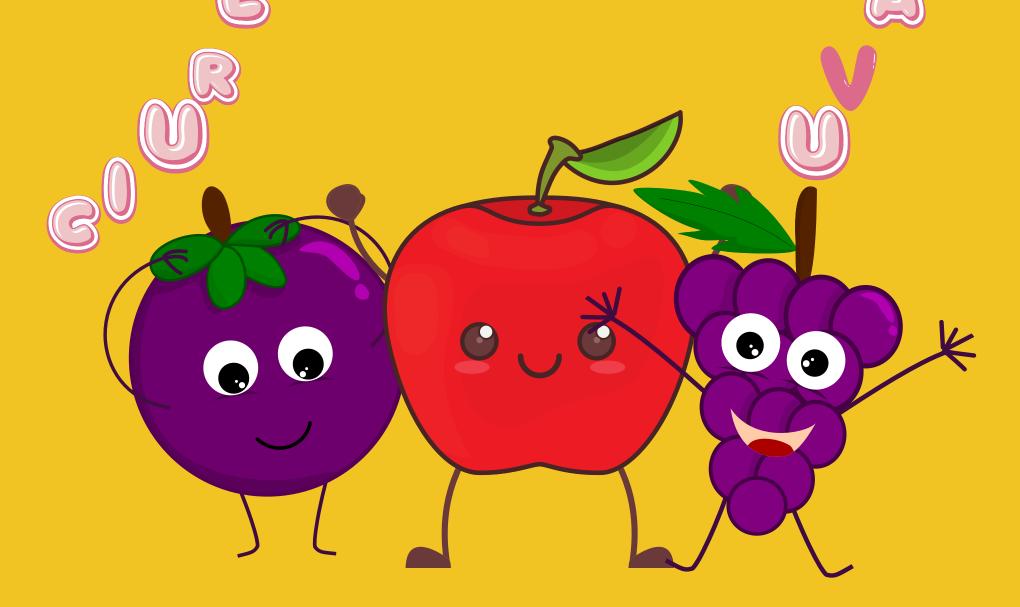
THE STRAWBERRY ADDRESSED ME: "BITE ME, COME ON, COME ON. QUICKLY!" "HOW CAN I BITE **90**U WHEN YOU'RE ALIVE, AND I DON'T LIVING THINGS!" I RESOLUTELY SNAPPED AT HER. "IT'S OKAY, IT'S OKAY, TAKE A BITE AND YOU'LL SEE." "WHAT I'LL SEE, I ALREADY KNOW EVERYTHING, I'LL EAT YOU AND YOU'LL BE GONE, AND THEN YOU'LL KEEP TALKING IN MY TUMMY AND IT WILL TWIST AND HURT." "NO, NO BECAUSE YOU, WON'T EAT ME!"

> EAT ME COMEME

MEANWHILE, A BOY RODE BY ON A BICYCLE. HE HAD EYES ON STALKS LIKE SNAILS HAVE. HE STOPPED AND TOOK A BITE OF A STRAWBERRY. "YUM, HOW GOOD SHE IS," HE SAID AND DROVE ON. I LOOKED AT THE STRAWBERRY, AS IT IMMEDIATELY GREW BACK. IT LAUGHED AND SAID: "WELL, YOU SEE, I'M FINE, YOU CAN'T EAT ME, "I GOT THE COURAGE AND TOOK A BITE. "WATCH OUT, YOU'RE TICKLING ME," JOKED THE STRAWBERRY.



I ATE SOME MORE PEARS AND APPLES, THEN A BANANA THAT GREW RIGHT OUT OF THE GROUND LIKE A MUSHROOM. IT WAS FUN TO SIT UNDER THE FRUIT TREE AND TALK TO THE FRUITS. "BUT WHERE IS THE BOY I SAW EARLIER? ARE THERE ANY MORE GUYS LIKE THAT?" I ASKED. "YES, YES A LOT, THEY LIVE FAR AWAY FROM HERE, IT'S HALF AN HOUR'S ROLLING TO THEIR VILLAGE." "HALF AN HOUR," I REPEATED. IT'S A GOOD THING I HAVE A MOTORBIKE BECAUSE IT WILL GO



I THANKED THE STRAWBERRY AND DROVE OFF. SHE WAVED GOODBYE TO ME AND CALLED: "COME AGAIN SOMETIME!" BUT SOON I CHANGED MY MIND AND RETURNED TO THE STRAWBERRY. "WOULD YOU LIKE TO GO ON A TRIP WITH ME?" I ASKED STRAWBERRIES, APPLES, BANANAS, AND PEARS. "YES!" THEY SAID OUT LOUD, "HOW EXCITING, LET'S GO!" SHRIEKED THE FRUITS. A BASKET FULL OF THEM HAS ACCUMULATED AND TOGETHER WE WENT TOWARDS NEW





You have to try the fruit too!

Tell us which one is your
favorite?

The following story can be found in book 6, titled:

THE MAGIC FOREST