

Storyline: Kartik, the Maths Teacher

Kartik grew up in a small town where numbers fascinated him more than stories or games. As a child, he would spend hours drawing geometric shapes in the sand and challenging himself to solve puzzles beyond his grade level. His love for problem-solving carried him to university, where he majored in mathematics. After graduation, Kartik chose teaching over a high-paying corporate job because he believed that the joy of understanding numbers should be shared, not sold. He joined a local school, where his unconventional teaching style — mixing humor, riddles, and real-life examples — quickly made him the favorite among students. But Kartik isn't just a teacher inside the classroom. He organizes weekend math clubs, helps struggling students after school hours, and creates puzzle competitions that bring together kids who once feared math. His dream is to publish a book of original math riddles, combining storytelling and logic, to inspire children across the country. Though admired for his patience and clarity, Kartik has his own struggles: he is often underappreciated by the school administration, and he wrestles with the thought of whether he should pursue research or stay in teaching. Still, every time a student's eyes light up with understanding, Kartik knows he has chosen the right path — because, to him, teaching is not just a profession, but a lifelong mission.