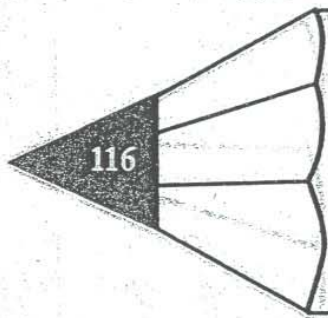


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Begin a story with this sentence: "My message is written. Now I will put it into a bottle and toss it into the raging sea."

"My message is written. Now I will put it into a bottle and toss it into the raging sea. The message that I put in the bottle is short but very important. It is "Use your words instead of weapons and fists." I hope that the sea takes my bottle to the Middle East. There are a lot of wars and fighting going on there. People are getting hurt and killed. Kids are losing their homes and their schools and places to play. I would like my message to go to someone who will try to talk to someone that makes them angry instead of fighting them. When people talk to each other they can get things done. When people fight everyone gets hurt. If my bottle doesn't get to the Middle East it's ok because there are a lot of places where people are fighting. There are people that are fighting with each other in the United States, Africa, Mexico, Italy, Israel, Lebanon and Iraq. I think my message is a very important one. The world is a scary place and war is a very mean thing to do to each other."