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Jack and the Beanstalk

My favourite story is named "Jack and the Beanstalk" which is written by Flora Annie Steel. "Jack and the Beanstalk" is an adventure story. In this story, the main character is Jack. The minor characters are Jack's mother, the giant and his wife. The main idea of the story is about Jack and a beanstalk which has grown into a giant house.

Once upon a time, Jack and his mother lived together, but they were very poor. One day, Jack sold their only cow for 5 magic beans. The beans became a beanstalk overnight. When Jack realized that the beans had grown into a beanstalk, he climbed it up.

The beanstalk reached a giant house. He met the giant's wife and the giant's wife treated him very nicely. However, Jack found out that the giant liked eating humans. He hid in a place when the giant sensed that there could be a human somewhere in the house. Jack had stolen a sack of gold coins and a hen which could lay golden eggs, and a magical harp from the giant's house when the giant was asleep. However, Jack was nearly caught by the giant when he was taking the magic harp away.

The giant chased after Jack down the beanstalk. Jack took an axe and cut the beanstalk, and the giant fell from the beanstalk. Finally, the giant died. After that, Jack and his mother became rich and they lived happily ever after.

I enjoyed reading this story very much. I think it is full of imagination. The ending impressed me the most because I thought the giant would eat Jack. However, all my predictions were wrong, and the happy ending was good. From this story, I learned that we should not be angry at people because we do not know what would happen in the future. For example, Jack's mother did not realize the beans are magic beans and she was angry at Jack. So, I think we should not be angry at someone but try to understand them.

Lian Liu S3E



Lizzie and the Magic Mirror



3D Lam Yee Ching

Book Reports and Cover

The Case of the Disappearing Fish

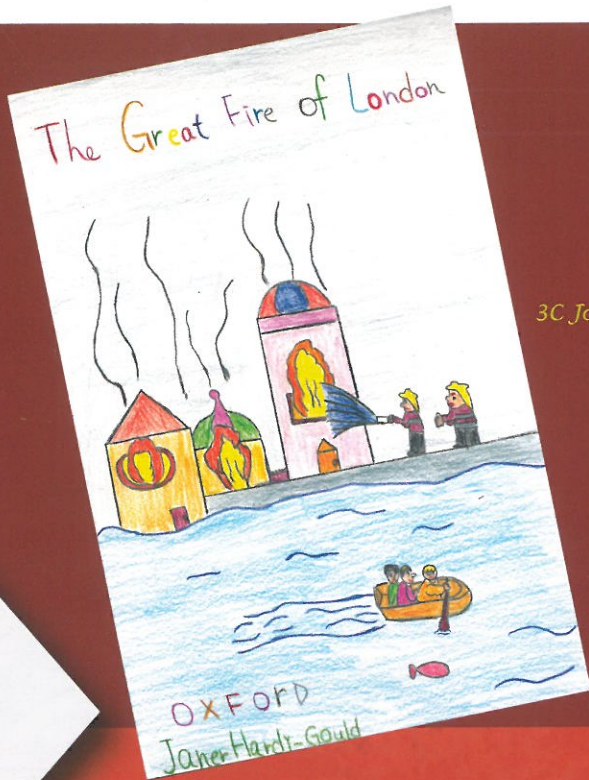
It is a detective story. There are three characters, they are Joe, Jim and Grace.

The main idea of the story is about animals and sea creatures. The story is about Joe who lived in the suburbs near Rottray Marsh. He had a beautiful backyard and a garden pond for the fish and frogs. However, his two friends, Jim and Grace did not really agree to what he did to the animals and sea creatures. Grace thought that animals should not be kept in captivity while Jim only loved these animals when they became his food. After that, Joe discovered that his fish population was vanishing quickly. He decided to catch the thief. At the end of the story, Joe realized that he had been wrong because the culprit was actually a heron.

My favourite character is Grace because she loves animals so much like I do. I like this story because it is simple and interesting to read. In this story, I have learnt more new words and I learnt that we should keep our animals carefully. I think the final part of the story impresses me most because it is the most exciting part.

Tom Chang S.3A





3C Joey Ng

Good morning everyone! Today, I would like to discuss a documentary about Mother Teresa. After I had watched this documentary, I remembered a story which I read from the bible. This story said that Jesus went into a small village and helped ten lepers heal their sickness. At last, Jesus said to them "Stand up and go; your faith has saved you."

I think this message from the bible inspired Mother Teresa to make an ideal plan for helping the poor and needy.

How could she sustain her plan right to the end? That was faith. Faith was the element for Mother Teresa to keep on helping the poor and needy in Calcutta. She trusted the lord while she was having difficulty in establishing the Missionary of Charity. Although the mission was to care for the lepers and blind people, she did not receive the Vatican's permission. Nevertheless, she was patient and waited for permission. She went around the city and got some food and charitable donations. She continued to help the victims and removed their hunger and sickness. In this event, she believed the lord and did not give up serving others as her goal.

After she received the Vatican's permission, the Missionary of Charity was established. At the initial stage, it began as a small order with thirteen nuns in Calcutta. But now, it has thousands of nuns running orphanages and the charity centers to care for them. At the same time, she operated lots of charity missions in more than a hundred countries, not only in Calcutta. That's why she is highly respected by everyone for her humanity.

Finally, faith supported her in developing her charity services. Through her selfless work, she effected to develop a worldwide organization and helped the needy in other places. Many volunteers joined because they were influenced by Mother Teresa. Her exertions lead us to be concerned about the poor and patient in other countries and to understand the happiness we enjoy. That's the end of my individual presentation, thank you.

Lam Tsang Shing S.5C

The Talking Tree

Introduction

The title of my favourite book is 'The Talking Tree and Other Stories'. The author of this book is David McRobbie. Among the fourteen stories in the book, my favourite story is 'The Talking Tree' which is a fable.

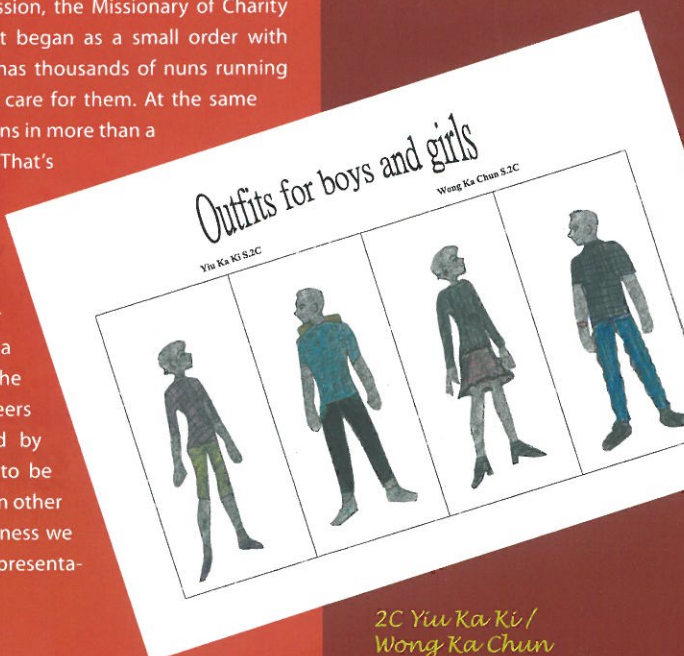
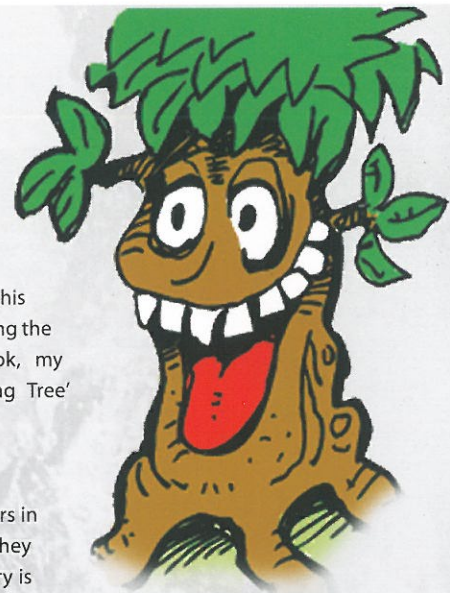
Summary

There are three main characters in the story, The Talking Tree. They are Zain, Ali and Abu. The story is about a boy called Zain. One day, Zain found that there was a hole at the bottom of a tree. He realized that it was a good hiding place. He sang inside the tree and his voice sounded very strange. At the same time, Zain's classmates, Ali and Abu, came nearby the tree. They were frightened by the strange sound made by Zain. Zain found it exciting to cheat his classmates, so he spoke in a deep and slow voice. He asked his classmates to give food to him because he was very hungry. Finally, Ali and Abu discovered that it was Zain who tricked them. They gave a big surprise to him by pouring fruit juice and honey into the tree. They laughed at silly Zain loudly.

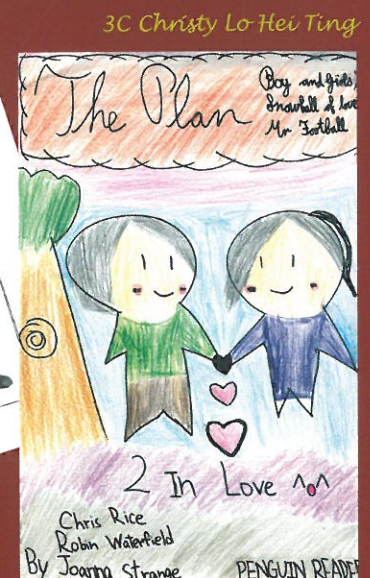
Reflection

In the story, Abu is my favourite character because he is very smart. He discovered the truth that someone was hiding in the tree and tricking them. The moment when Abu discovered the truth impresses me most because it was very exciting. I was very nervous when I was reading that part of the story. I like this story very much because it is awesome and the word is easy. I learn that we should not cheat anyone and we should keep calm when we discover anything special or not that common. I would recommend this story to my friends.

Chan Ki Yip S.3A



2C Yiu Ka Ki /
Wong Ka Chun



3C Christy Lo Hei Ting

A Bug's Life

Do you like insects? Some people may dislike insects because they think that they are harmful. However, I want to tell you a film I have watched called "A Bug's Life". After watching the film, you will find insects are likeable. It is an animated film with mainly bugs as characters. It is a fiction.

This film is produced by Darla Anderson. It is directed by John Lasseter and presented by Disney and Pixar. The main character in the film is Flik. He is lovely. He plays a main role in defeating the grasshoppers. The minor characters in the film are Hopper, Princess Adder, Dot, Slim, Herman, Francis and Manny.

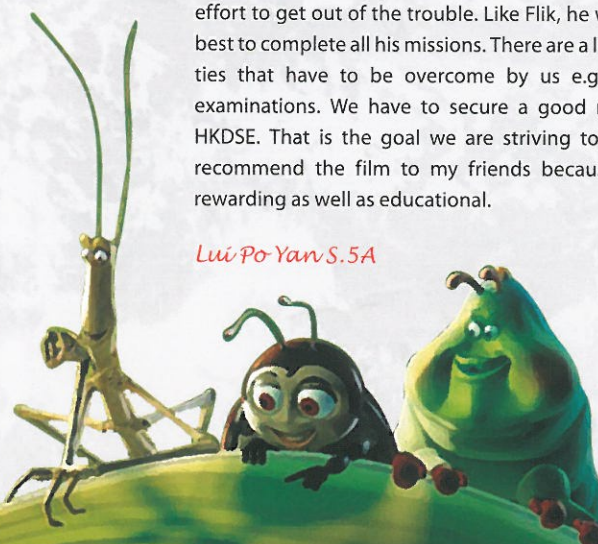
The themes in the film are friendship, courage and protection. An example of the theme of friendship is that Dot is supportive and becomes a loyal friend of Flik. Flik and Princess Adder become friends too.

Let me tell you about the setting of the film. Every year, some grasshoppers come to an anthill and eat what the ants have made. One day, a bug named Flik drops all of the seeds into the river. The grasshoppers give the ants one last chance to find the food by the next season. Flik goes off to find help and meets up with a circus crew, giving the ants some hope and the adventure begins.



I like this film because it is not only attractive but also marvellous. It teaches us a lot. For instance, if one is in a muddle, one should keep one's nerve and make every effort to get out of the trouble. Like Flik, he would try his best to complete all his missions. There are a lot of difficulties that have to be overcome by us e.g. the public examinations. We have to secure a good result in the HKDSE. That is the goal we are striving towards. I will recommend the film to my friends because it is very rewarding as well as educational.

Lui Po Yan S.5A



gossip girl



Review on Gossip Girls

I believe that many people have heard about a hot TV series, Gossip Girls. It's one of my favourite TV series. This story comes from an original novel under the same title.

First of all, I really like this book. I've watched the TV series, so I know how amazing the plot is before reading. In this book, the author described scandals in New York's Upper East Side, which is a place surrounded by rich people and celebrities. The two beautiful main characters, Blair Waldorf and Serena van der Woosen, were studying in a royal high school. They were very popular. The theme of the book is all about Serena's and Blair's life. As they were raised in famous families, they lead an extravagant life. Blair was a 'queen bee' in Constance High School. The highlight began when Serena came back from a boarding school, who threatened Blair's status. Blair then started planning to take revenge.

I like Blair more than Serena because she was such a lovely person. She was absolutely clever and unpredictable.

Although she would become a bad girl sometimes, she just

wanted to protect herself. She would get what she wanted no matter how difficult it was to get it. What's more, she never

felt scared about everything. She always said, 'True friends stab you in the front.' Also, she looked good and charming. I can imagine her brown long hair and perfect complexion. The most memorable chapter is that she forgave Serena eventually and loved her as her best friend.

Overall, the author has written some exciting plots. She knows how to touch teenagers' heart as she has written a lot of lines on complicated relationships which can totally reflect that teenagers wouldn't handle them seriously. Plus, the description of scandals is so realistic, for example, in charity parties at fancy apartments. I would like to recommend this book to girls who are looking for relationship or friendship. Gossip Girls is very interesting.

Au Nga Ting S.6E

Love in disaster

'I can't move...' No matter how hard I try, I still sat at the corner of the room. A heavy table fell on my legs which hurt my legs. A lamp also fell on the floor and glass was shattered. My arm was bleeding because of the glass smash. What happened?

All the things happened suddenly. Although the surroundings were messy and my mind wasn't clear, I knew that there was a disaster, there was an earthquake. How unfortunate I was!

Celebrating my birthday, my family travelled to Japan. The happiness suspended by the earthquake. After shopping for hours in Tokyo, we went back to our hotel. There was no warning and the earthquake arrived. Everything was shaking, the bed, the table, the TV... The ceiling was rotating. I escaped to the corner because of my common sense. Later the shaking stopped. Actually, I didn't know how long the earthquake lasted. It seemed it never ended. I could hear someone shout and cry. I wanted to know how my family was but I couldn't move. Sadness, helplessness and despair overwhelmed me.

I couldn't move. I couldn't do anything except wait for help. I couldn't describe how frustrated and helpless I was. I didn't want to die here. Without light, everywhere was in darkness; same for my heart. I still waited and it seemed to be a lifelong time to wait.

I couldn't think of anything as I was so tired and wanted to sleep. 'Hey, wake up, don't sleep.' Where did the sound come from? I opened my half-closed eyes and I saw a strange man through the dim light. 'Are you okay? I didn't answer since I was too weak. He ran out the room and found his friends to help me. Thankfully, I could be saved. They sent me to the nearest hospital. The hospital was full of people. Those strange men



left, as they needed to help others. I felt warm and was touched that there were some kind and helpful people. Not only those men, there were also some friendly and caring people in the hospital. They provided water and food to patients and comforted them.

Nothing is better than survival. I was worried about my family members. I hoped I could recover to find them. The volunteer in the hospital said they would like to help me. Undoubtedly, I was worried and anxious. Yet, this experience and those kind-hearted people made me become brave.

Since my injury was not too serious, I recovered a week later. There was another piece of good news. I found my family. Although we were all injured, it was great to be alive. I insisted to stay in Japan to help others as I was rescued because of others' help. However, I was persuaded to leave because of the nuclear leakage and tsunami in the northern part of Japan.

After coming back to Hong Kong, my thankfulness never stops. Hong Kong people were concerned about this issue and support the Japanese.

Natural disasters are hurtful, but love is warm.

He Qi Wen S.6B

Dear Ricky,

How are you doing? In your letter, you asked me something about shopping centres in Hong Kong. Let me tell you my favourite shopping centre and my recent shopping trip.

My favourite shopping center is Mega Box. It is in 38 Wang Chiu Road, Kowloon Bay. It is very big. Sometimes, I go ice-skating with my friends there. The ice-skating rink is called Mega Ice. We also usually hang out in electronic shops. They are on the fifth and sixth floor. We always go window shopping in the supermarket. There is a Wellcome Supermarket. It is on the seventh floor. My favourite shop is a convenience store. It is called 7-eleven. Occasionally, we go to watch a film at the cinema. My favourite cinema is called UA Mega Box.

Last Saturday, William, Cano and I visited Mega Box in Kowloon Bay. We went there by MTR first and then took a free shuttle bus at Kowloon Bay. We arrived there at about twelve o'clock. First, we watched a film in UA Mega Box. Next, we bought some drinks at the convenience store. It is on the first floor. Then, we went to have lunch in the food court. The price was reasonable. Finally, we left Mega Box at about seven o'clock.

Do you have any favourite shopping centre? Can you tell me something about your recent shopping trip? Looking forward to hearing from you.

Love,
Jacky

San Kin To S. 2A

A Boy who Loves Candies

It's Halloween. Children love this festival very much. Children in the town go to every house, knock on their neighbours' doors, and ask for candies.

Ken, a 7-year-old boy, loves candies very much. So he enjoys Halloween a lot! He planned to knock on every neighbour's door and ask for candies!

'You should not eat too much candy, Ken!' mother said.

'No, I want candies! I am going out now!' Ken said.

Ken went to every house and asked for candies that evening.

'Trick or treat!' Ken said.

'Here you go, kid,' an old lady said and gave Ken a lot of candies.

Ken was very excited because he got a lot of candies from his neighbours.

It was already 11:00pm when he returned home. He was so tired that he decided not to brush his teeth.

'Ken, you must brush your teeth before going to bed,' mother said.

'No, mom. I am very tired. I am going to bed now,' Ken replied.

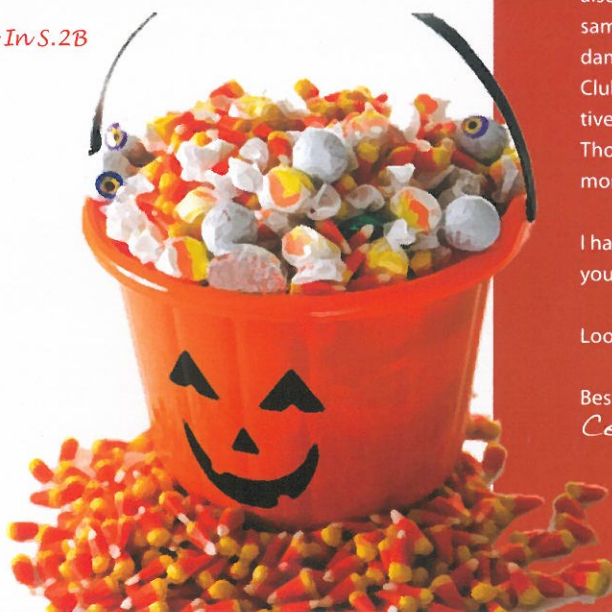
Ken went to bed without brushing his teeth that night.

After two weeks, Ken woke up in the morning and had a very serious toothache. His mother found that he had a decayed tooth and so she decided to take Ken to the dentist.

However, Ken was very afraid of going to the dentist. He refused to go to the dentist. But his mother explained to him that he was going to lose all his teeth if he didn't go to the dentist.

Finally, Ken went to the dentist. After two hours of treatment, Ken came out of the clinic with shining teeth and with tears. He regretted eating too many candies and not brushing his teeth. He promised his mother that he would eat fewer candies and brush his teeth twice every day.

Mok Nga In S.2B



Dear Amy,

Hi, how are you? I want to tell you something about myself.

My name is Ceci Leung. My friends usually call me Ceci. I am 13 years old. I live in a housing estate in Tseung Kwan O, New Territories. It is just a 5-minute walk to the MTR station. I have been living in Tseung Kwan O for more than five years. I like this place as it is near a shopping mall and I can go shopping anytime.

Now, I would like to tell you about my school life. I study in a secondary school in Tiu Keng Leng. I only need to take about 30 minutes to go to school. My favourite teacher is Miss Wu. She teaches me Chinese Language. As Miss Wu is very nice, I like the subject that she teaches me very much. Another favourite subject that I like most is Integrated Science. I like it because it is interesting to do experiments.

Do you want to know something about my family? I live with my parents. They are very nice. When I am sick, they take care of me. They also help me a lot with my Mathematics problems. Although I am the only child in my family, I don't feel bored because I have a lot of buddies and have acquired different hobbies. Therefore, I am very busy every day.

Among all my buddies, I like Jasmine most. She is cute and funny. She always tells me jokes and makes me laugh all the time. She is also a helpful girl. We always do revision together. We have the same hobbies. Our common indoor activities are reading and dancing. We are members of the School Reading and Dancing Clubs. The Clubs have meetings on Wednesdays and Fridays respectively. For an outdoor activity, we always play badminton together. Though we are not very good at this kind of sport, we enjoy the moments of playing together.

I have to go now. Can you tell me more about your best friends and your favourite hobbies in your next letter?

Looking forward to your reply.

Best wishes,
Ceci

Ceci Leung Sze Nga S.1A

Dear Editor,

Living in this day and age, I find it increasing difficult to live a day without I.T. Here I would like to share my thoughts on how a life would be like if some of our Information Technology products disappeared.

Firstly, let me tell you about the disappearance of mobile phones in our lives. It is very convenient to send SMS and leave instant messages to our friends, but we could no longer do it without our mobile phones. Taking snap shots is another nice function but we can no longer do it when our mobile phones disappear. How would our lives be like when we cannot be connected with our friends?

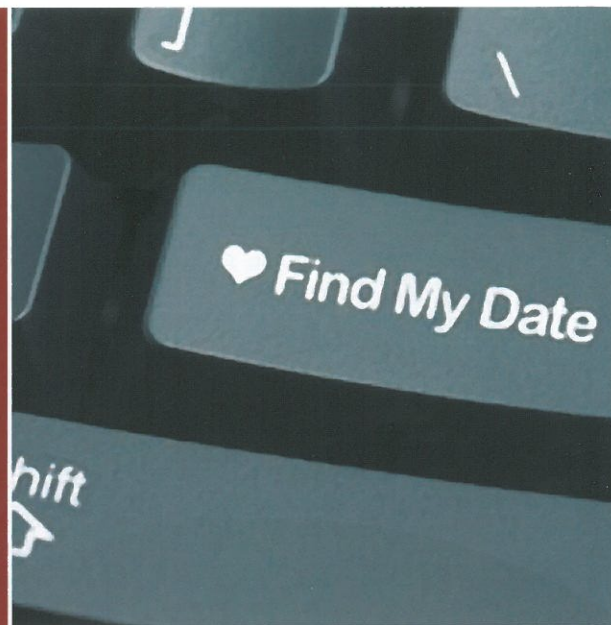
Secondly, let me tell you about the disappearance of computers. It is very important for us to surf the Internet and keep ourselves updated because the world is changing every minute. It is very difficult to search information without a computer connected to the Internet. Also, computers can store a lot of data and help us save time and space. How can we find enough room to keep all the old documents at home?

Thirdly, let me tell you about the disappearance of televisions. We will become bored when we do not have anymore TV programs and movies to watch. What's more, we cannot watch some meaningful programs like the discovery channel and the world news. How can we widen our horizons and know more about the world?

What would a life be like without I.T? To me, it is no longer a life.

Yours faithfully,
Eva Lau

Eva Lau Ching Lam S.1B



That's What Friends are for

Every darkness has a light
which can shine so bright,
if you just open your eyes
and forget all the lies.

When you feel all alone
and you just want to go home,
remember that someone is always there
whenever you need to be cared.

When you're lost and can't be found,
just open your eyes and look around.
Even if you don't know what to do,
a solution will come and find you.

When you're shivering with fear
and you have to shed a tear,
someone is always there for you to lean on
and will make all your troubles begone.

When you want to cry
and hopelessly say goodbye,
remember that you haven't yet lost the fight
because there is always still light.

Open your eyes
and realize
you have nothing left to bare,
cause we, your friends still care.

Eva Lau Ching Lam S.1B



My school

I have lots of good friends at school.
I have lots of great teachers at school.
Whenever I have problems, they both help me out.
There are lots of facilities at school.
There are lots of snacks at the tuck shop.
Whenever I'm hungry, I would buy snacks
and share them with my best friends

Cheung Wing Fung S.1A

Time

A school day seems so long,
because you don't know what fun things to do.
But if you try to do something you love,
you will have fun every day.

Fu Tsz Lung S. 1A



Coca-Cola Chicken Wings Recipe

Ingredients:

Coca-Cola	1 can
Chicken Wings	8 pieces
Ginger	1 slice
Spring Onion	2 bunches
Soya Sauce	1/4 cup

Steps:

1. First, put the chicken wings into the pot with boiling water for 2 minutes.
2. Next, stir-fry the ginger and spring onion in a wok.
3. Then, put the chicken wings into it. Stir-fry it until it is brown.
4. After that, add soya sauce and Coca-Cola. Cook for 20 minutes.
5. Finally, serve the chicken wings on a plate.

Hailey Poon Tsz Ching S.1D

Is internet dating a good activity for teenagers? Discuss.

Nowadays, online dating is a popular activity for people to make new friends and possibly develop a romantic or sexual relationship. To fall into the current trend, the vast majority of teenagers who would like to hunt their partners online are on the rise. However, not many youngsters are well aware of the potential risks of online dating, especially going out with some e-friends whom they do not really know much. Hence, I can undoubtedly tell you that internet dating is not a good activity for teenagers.

Have you ever thought that why teenagers prefer making friends online? There are several reasons. First, internet dating is a good way for teenagers who are quite busy or with little network to come across new friends or know the opposite sex. Unlike dating arranged by marriage agents, internet dating has avoided face-to-face interaction, which is more convenient and can reduce unnecessary embarrassment.

People in Hong Kong are always occupied with their work and thus choose

their partners from the internet. But, is it a good activity for the youth? In fact, internet dating will affect teenagers' inter-personal skills as they rely on the internet and no longer have face-to-face communication. Besides, teenagers who are addicted to the internet might have difficulties in developing real life relationship. Many of them also go out with some e-friends. I think it is not sensible for them to meet those friends. How much do you understand them? Indeed, there are cases of being cheated by unknown friends from the internet.

To help the teenagers to develop more positive view of life, parents should try to encourage them to join more activities and let them be more confident and outgoing. Their inter-personal skills also can be improved when they kick the habit of online dating.

To conclude, internet dating is not a good activity for teenagers. There are various activities that the youth can choose. I ensure that teenagers also can make more new friends and open up their horizons without the Internet.

Cheng Ka Man S.5C

The Pros and Cons of Reclaiming Land from Victoria Harbour

Hong Kong is an international city with a high density population. As the demand for land for business and financial development is increasing, the government has been reclaiming land from Victoria Harbour for further development in recent years.

Several parties can benefit from reclaiming land. For instance, some potential worldwide companies are interested in investing in Hong Kong but the limited supply of land and the expensive rents hinder these companies from setting up new offices in commercial centres. Reclaiming land from Victoria Harbour can increase the supply of land. The rent will then be dropped as more supply becomes available. It encourages companies to develop their businesses in Hong Kong.

Moreover, Hong Kong has been short of land for many years. We do not have enough space for entertainment, sports or other recreational activities. The lack of public space has made Hong Kong too stressful to live in. Having more land along Victoria Harbour allows the government to build more stadiums, museums and so on. Citizens can directly benefit from land reclamation.

Hong Kong is also notorious for its traffic congestion. There are traffic jams everywhere in Hong Kong. The situation in commercial areas is even worse. If we are able to provide more space for roads and transportation, the proposal of reclaiming land is worth considering.

However, some activists have formed a society that regularly protests against reclamation. It is an understandable motive for the activists to protest. They are just fighting against the government for preventing Victoria Harbour getting narrower and narrower, or even vanishing.

Victoria Harbour is one of the most important seaways and ports for business and tourism. As the harbour is getting narrower, it will be hard for ships to navigate the harbour. This will definitely discourage the development as an entrepot in Hong Kong.

In addition, Victoria Harbour is one of the landmarks in Hong Kong and has created a lot of memories for many Hong Kong citizens. We don't want to lose it for financial interests. Since Victoria Harbour is not the property of the government, it should not keep on reclaiming land from it. On the other hand, there is a need to improve the water quality of the harbour.

In my opinion, the government needs to quit the action of reclaiming land from our precious harbour. It is sad to see that the harbour is not the same as before anymore. However, it is not too late to fix the mistakes that we have made. We can stop reclaiming land from it before the harbour becomes a channel.

The financial development might be a top priority, but it does not mean that we can neglect the importance of Victoria Harbour. The government needs to reconsider the issue of land reclamation from Victoria Harbour.

7A Christianna Yeung



The Newly Phenomenon In Hong Kong—Kidults

There goes an old saying "An old man is twice child." Nowadays, one of the interesting phenomena confronting our society is "Kidults" which means middle-aged people who indulge in entertainments such as watching 4D movies or playing computer games, like children. For the following grounds, this trend will be explained below.

The first major factor of the occurrence of kidults is that people who want to fulfill their dreams and delights in their childhood in the 60s/70s when economy was poor. Unlike people in a few decades ago, there was a view that people should earn more money to support their family's livelihood. In contrast, they need to enjoy the entertainment to release their pressure. That has become a dominant perception among some middle-aged people. Consequently, not only are the young people willing to play computers games, many adults are also willing to do so. With financial ability, kidults can enjoy those pastimes that they were unable to enjoy in their teens. This can surely account for the number of kidults that has been growing.

In addition to their growing affluence which enables them to buy the sophisticated technology gadgets, kidults are financially stable with their saving and income, so that they can buy their favourites anytime. Kidults are not equivalent to people in the 60s/70s. They can spend their saving freely. Therefore, we can see lots of kidults spending much of their money to buy Japanese toys, computer games or other trendy items in search of their 'lost innocence'. Their financial adequacy, as a result, is one of the major causes for kidults to become addicted to their kids' toys or games.

Alternatively, though being kidults can help to release their pressure and fulfill their dreams, they have their shortcomings which affect their family and the society.

Firstly, kidults think that this is a channel to sweep away their pressure and find themselves a room to escape from responsibility as an adult in society. It is a healthy phenomenon if the kidults can enjoy a better mental condition by watching cartoons for instance. However, it will affect their social skill at the same time as they indulge in the virtual world and cannot get along well with others and nourish good interpersonal skills.

Undeniably, the relationship between the family members and kidults can be improved for both parties, the grown-ups and their kids, have common interests, since this eradicates the generation gap as it serves as a lubricator, tying a closer bond between father and sons. On the contrary, lack of communication with other family members is one of drawbacks of being kidults. If they are playing the computer games, watching cartoons for a long time, kidults will neglect their family members. Misunderstanding and isolation might cause family problem.

Thirdly, kidults seem to enable our society younger as Hong Kong can be the competitive edge of being innovative. Still, if the kidults are so indulged in their pastimes and abandon their identity as grown-ups, they become unproductive, and it will strangle the development of Hong Kong which may affect the next generation.

Last but not least, kidults' phenomenon in Hong Kong certainly brings both advantages and disadvantages. On the positive side, kidults can be benefited from their search of lost happiness in their teens. Conversely speaking, it will deter mental development, and being withdrawn. Hence, from society, kidults should get a balance, otherwise, it would bring the harmful aspects to Hong Kong. Now, would you want to be a kidult?

Wong Mei Wa S.6C

