

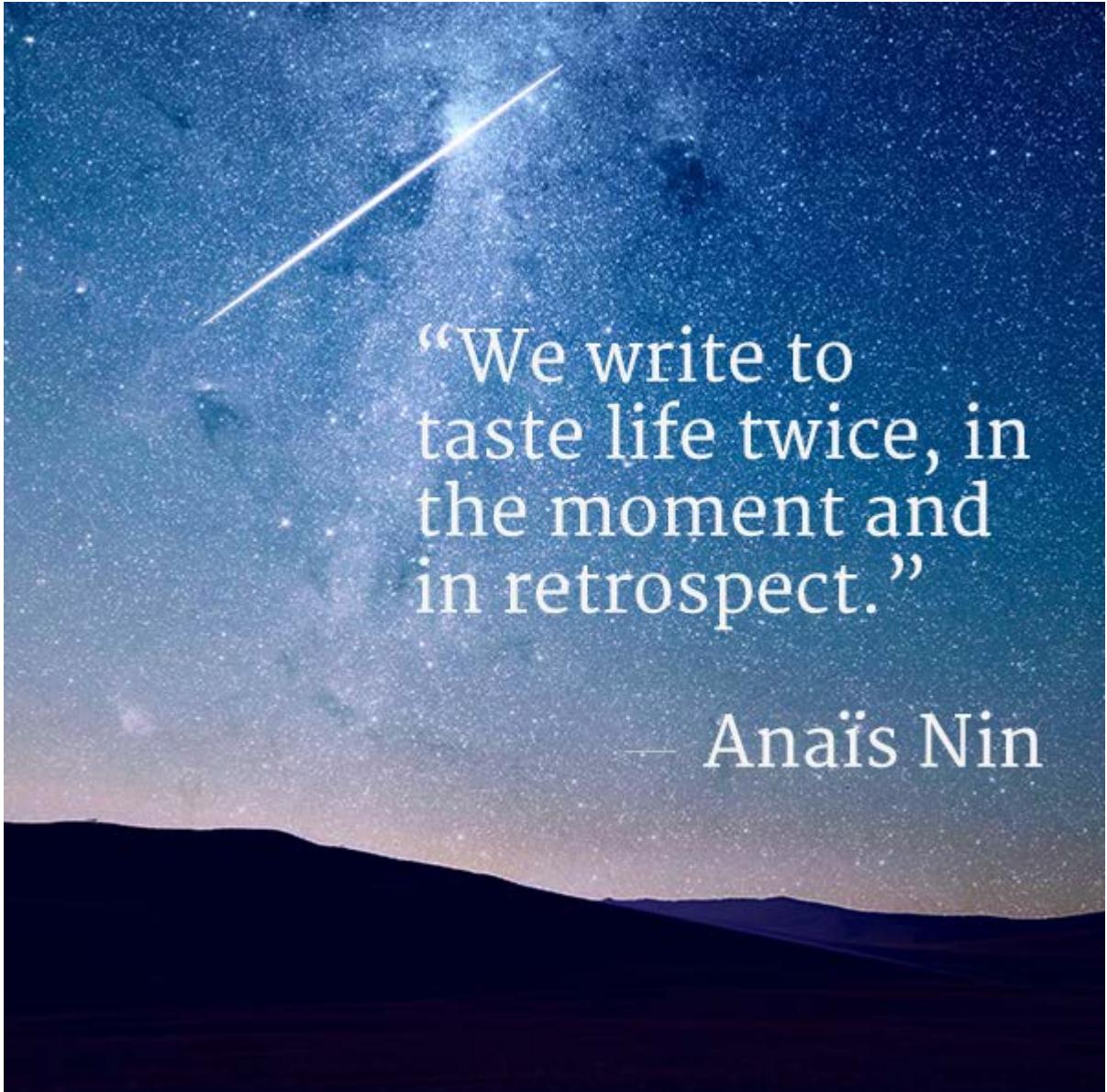
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“We write to taste life twice, in the moment and in retrospect.”

— Anaïs Nin

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Egg puffs

Hong Kong is known as “gourmet heaven” because there is a raft of authentic cuisines such as pineapple buns and Hong Kong-style milk tea.

For me, egg puffs are my favourite snack. Not only do they have a unique taste, but they also give me nice memories.

Egg puffs are crunchy and golden yellow in color when they are done lightly. Their shape is similar to eggs and they are a little bit sweeter. Their smell is irresistible.

I love to have egg puffs with my family members. Since I was a little kid, I have developed a habit of buying a bag of egg puffs on family days. After I buy a bag of egg puffs, my younger brother will hold the bag. Then, he will use his small hands to separate the egg puffs and share some with me and my parents. The egg puffs are so sweet that I would chew them slowly in order to make the taste last longer.

Egg puffs are still my favourite Hong Kong food. The different flavors like chocolate flavor and green tea flavor can show Hong Kongers’ creativity.

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Impact of divorce on children

Dear Lillian,

I am writing to express my view concerning your programme, which is about the impact of divorce on children. I totally agree that the negative influences on children are profound but I do not really agree that we should put all the blame on divorced parents.



Parents' divorce affects children's mental development in a negative way. Family is the most important place for children to develop all-round personality. The better the environment, the higher quality of education the children can enjoy. Therefore, children may have lots of problems if they are in broken families. There is no doubt that no one wants to have the experience of their parents having divorced since the life of the children will be greatly different. Children may be reluctant to have close relationships with others since they are afraid that their friends will leave them one day. It will also lower their confidence and self-esteem, which makes them lose the abilities to get along well with other people or have a wonderful social life.

Not only will divorce have a negative impact on children's mental development, but it will also cause detrimental consequences on their academic

performance. If the children lose their father or mother, they will not receive as much care and love as before. Some of them may try to become bad kids in order to grab their parents' attention. Besides, some of them will feel so upset that they think they have no hopes in the future. Families are the only people they are concerned about. They without their parents' care also will not have the motivation to strive for the best in academic performance. Obviously, it will worsen children's academic performance. As a result, they may become the losers in the future.

Parents' divorce causes irreversible harm to children. Not only is the social life affected, but their academic result may also deteriorate. However, we should not put all the blame on divorced parents. They must have their own reasons for getting divorced.

The divorced parents are the victims too. It is believed that they know about the bad effects of getting divorced. If they still decide to do this, I think the reasons must be understandable. Perhaps, there may be violence or severe problems involved which affects the whole family. In this case, divorce is even essential.

Parents' divorce deals a great blow to children's lives. We must consider thoroughly before we act in an effort to safeguard the lives of the children. We should also offer sympathy towards these poor divorced parents instead of blaming them since they are also the victims who have an unhappy experience in marriage.

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<http://daddyhood.net/wp-content/uploads/2015/03/impact-of-divorce-on-children.jpg>)



Writing a letter of advice

Dear Peter,

Thank you for writing to me. I'm sorry to hear about your problem, but I hope I can help you. I think you should not always feel overwhelmed at times.

First, you mentioned that you can't study easily in the flat because the small flat is crowded and noisy, and the television is switched on all the time. It's time to address this problem. Did you do badly at school? Or was it just a difficult assignment? If it is a difficult assignment, you should try talking to the teacher to make sure you understand how to avoid this problem in the future. If I were you, I would try to talk with the parents courageously. You should solve the problems with your parents together.

Second, you said that you have not got enough money to go out and relax with your friends. Dropping out of school altogether and finding a full-time job are the only solutions. You mustn't drop out of school. You should strike a balance between study and work. And you should focus on your studies. Study is important for you to join the community in the future. Do you think that dropping out of school and finding a full-time job mean you can go out to relax with your friends? Remember that it is not a good way to solve the problem. If I were you, I would seek help from social workers because they can help you solve all the problem. So there is no doubt that seeking help from social workers is a good way.

Third, you mentioned that school days are not happy days in your life. You should become more sociable by taking part in school clubs that you enjoy in leisure time. We can broaden our horizons by joining school clubs. You should be willing to challenge yourself in the coming years. I'm sure you'll manage it.

Finally, I hope that this advice is helpful. Don't give up if the problem doesn't arise right away! Please write and tell me how you get on.

Take care!

Nicky

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My impressions of Hong Kong



My first impressions of Hong Kong

The first thing I noticed was unfortunately the problem of air pollution. The air there was really choking. It was a kind of feeling that I was locked in a room with poor air-conditioning. The airport was fairly crowded, but it was understandable since Hong Kong was no doubt a busy international city. On the other hand, the amount of ‘green’ places in Hong Kong was pretty impressive. When I looked out of the window on the plane before it was landed. I could see an overwhelming amount of forests in a developed, modern city.

Hong Kong people

Hong Kong is known as a fast-paced city, but from my point of view, the reality was fifty-fifty. If you look at the people in the commercial district, then it is true. The people really try their best not to waste a single second, but there are usually some of the elderly sitting there, chatting with each other and not caring about if time has gone by.

Some might say that most Hong Kong people are inconsiderate, but I found that it is not the case. Two out of five people I had encountered were actually willing to give me a helping hand when I asked them for the location of some attractions. Seven out of ten people, which might sound very few, were struggling to be punctual, so I think Hong Kong people are actually more kind-hearted than what we think they are.

Culture of Hong Kong

As we all know, Hong Kong was a British colony. While most of her population was Chinese, it was not crazy to think the culture is a hybrid between the British and Chinese culture. In reality, both cultures have co-existed without much of a change, so in theory it is possible for us to experience both types of culture on this small but fantastic island.

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http://assets.fodors.com/destinations/54468/boat-harbor-hong-kong-china-1_main.jpg)

International Save the Earth Week

Good morning principal, teachers and fellow schoolmates.

A clean environment is essential for our health. Hong Kong is our home so we need to keep it clean together. This is our duty. The earth has suffered from global warming. We need to protect the environment by saving the water, using a fan when it is not very hot and recycling all the recyclable items. The earth has suffered from global warming because we always use the air-conditioners to make the earth become very hot.

Students can hold a ‘no air-conditioning’ day, ‘use a fan week’ and ‘a planting day’. We should recycle all the recyclable items and reuse the unwanted materials as much as possible. I think these are workable because these activities can let students know that using an air-conditioner will make the earth suffer from global warming. That means it makes the air become very filthy and the earth in turn becomes hotter and hotter.

The most important thing is we can make less rubbish. Besides, planting can make the air become better.



At home, students can protect the environment by reducing rubbish, collecting kitchen waste as fertilizers, turning off the lights and electrical appliances, saving water and doing some planting at home. First, reducing can make less rubbish at home. Then, collecting kitchen waste as fertilizers is environmentally friendly and the rubbish can become fertilizers for planting.

Turning off the lights and electrical appliances can save energy and save money. It can save energy from the electrical appliances that you don't use. After that, taking a shower instead of bathing can save water. We should turn off the tap when brushing teeth at home. Finally, doing some planting at home can make the air become better.

Let's work together for a healthy living environment and a better Hong Kong. Thank you.

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Experience on the MTR

Dear Editor,

In order to allow the passengers to have a comfortable environment on the MTR, I am writing to express my concern about the problems I have seen on the MTR. Many people do not follow signs and rules properly.



First, I saw passengers rushing to the train. I think it is dangerous. We should follow the rules when we enter the MTR compartment and let others get off the train before boarding. After entering the MTR compartment, we should move inside to make room for other passengers.

Second, I saw that pregnant women and disabled people could not find their seats. I think we should offer the seats to anyone in need. And passengers should not occupy the priority seats because these are specially designed for the people in need.

Third, some passengers ignored the signage. They ate or drank and even smoked on the train. They will make the compartment very dirty. And it will affect other people. They may feel sick. On the other hand, we should not spit because it spreads germs. Spitting makes the area unhygienic. This is selfish behavior. We should not do all these things on the MTR. We should keep the trains clean.

In short, to enjoy a cozy ride, I hope passengers pay attention to these problems. If they keep on behaving inconsiderably, nobody will take the train anymore. Let's join hands to make the situation better!

Yours faithfully,
Kristin Ha

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<http://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/img/52414026/Master.jpg>)

The black cat

On Monday at 9 o'clock in the evening, a cat walked on the street feeling very relaxed.

Suddenly, Wonder Whiskers felt very uncomfortable. He felt the danger. After that, the cat saw a dog and a couple. The dog wanted to throw the brick and hurt the couple. The cat heard the dog saying bad things. He wanted to use the brick to hurt the couple.

At last, the cat screamed loudly to warn the couple about the danger. The couple then escaped from the brick. The dog left angrily. The couple thanked the cat and gave her some cat snacks. They took the cat home.



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<http://dingo.care2.com/pictures/greenliving/uploads/2013/10/black-cat-outside.jpg>)

[8]3D Leung Tsz Chung

Hong Kong Light Pollution



Hong Kong is a place which many tourists visit. But Hong Kong has a big problem with light pollution.

Firstly, let's talk about the cause of light pollution. In Hong Kong, the major reason is advertising boards. Advertising boards are on busy streets like Mong Kok and Tsim Sha Tsui because these are popular districts. These advertising boards are promotion tools to attract customers.

Secondly, the effects of light pollution can be serious, you can't enjoy the nature in Hong Kong, because you can't see stars if the light pollution problem persists. Actually, turning on advertising boards all day long wastes electricity and money. It destroys our earth.

Lastly, let's think of some ways to reduce light pollution. We can teach the young generation to learn ways to stop this problem or we can set up laws to stop the problem.

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A wonderful band show

Last week, I watched a band show during the music festival at school. That was not a popular band in Hong Kong. They had four members. The show amazed the audience.

They were singing, dancing, playing drums and the guitar. None of the audience felt bored. The show and their performance were very exciting. The audience sang and danced along with the band.

There were many surprising moments. Our teachers were also amazed by the show. Teachers were dancing and singing together. We could hear them singing with beautiful voices and they danced well. Students were not only impressed by the band, we enjoyed the teachers' singing. The band was powerful. No matter what they sang and played, it was wonderful.

I think this show was the greatest show I have ever watched. The audience was certainly not disappointed with the band performance, but I think the band members were quite shy. They could be better. At the end of the show, the audience clapped for a long time. I wanted to watch the show again.



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Family is the most important



Dear Mum,

I am feeling nervous while I am writing this letter because I seldom talk to you frankly. You know what! Sometimes you are annoying. But I know you worry about me. As your son, I know you just want me to do well. I know I always give you much trouble. I argue with you all the time. I like playing tricks on others. Do you know why? It is because I am lonely. Dad and you are always busy. The only thing you will tell me is "Have you finished your homework?" or "Stop playing with your mobile phone!" I believe our relationship is more than schoolwork or mobile phone. But I just can't feel it. Poor Kitty is always my target. I think she is the worst sister in the world. She just ignores me. Each time when I argue with her, you just ask me to shut up. It sounds like it is my fault only. However, in my deepest heart, I know it is because you don't want me to get hurt.

I just don't understand why you say you love me but you are rude to me. Recently, I have figured out the reason...

In early April, I read a book about a mischievous boy called Max.

He argued with his mum and sister because he felt lonely and he wanted to control his world. Then one night, he ran away from home and arrived in another world which was full of wild animals. At this stage, I can feel how amazed Max was because he can reach a place that he likes. Max found that he had magic power. But one day, all the animals were hungry and they wanted to eat Max. Luckily, he escaped successfully. Finally, he returned to the original world. His supper was waiting for him. He realized that his mum loves him so much. This story told me that family is the most important.

In this story, although Max got mad at his mum, she still showed her love to him. Max believed that the wild world suited him, but finally he found that it was wrong. He became more considerate to his mum. It is really like you. Family relationship builds on obedience and understanding. This part told me the reason you always shout at me because you love me. At this stage, a lot of happy moments pop up in my mind. Sometimes you watch TV with me when you finish your housework. I know you enjoy the time when you do everything with me, and so do I! You always buy everything I want. I remember that when I was a kid, you always bought the superhero DVDs in Yuen Long. When I grow up, I don't have much time to watch DVDs so you buy some food when I'm hungry. You do everything for me so I love you.

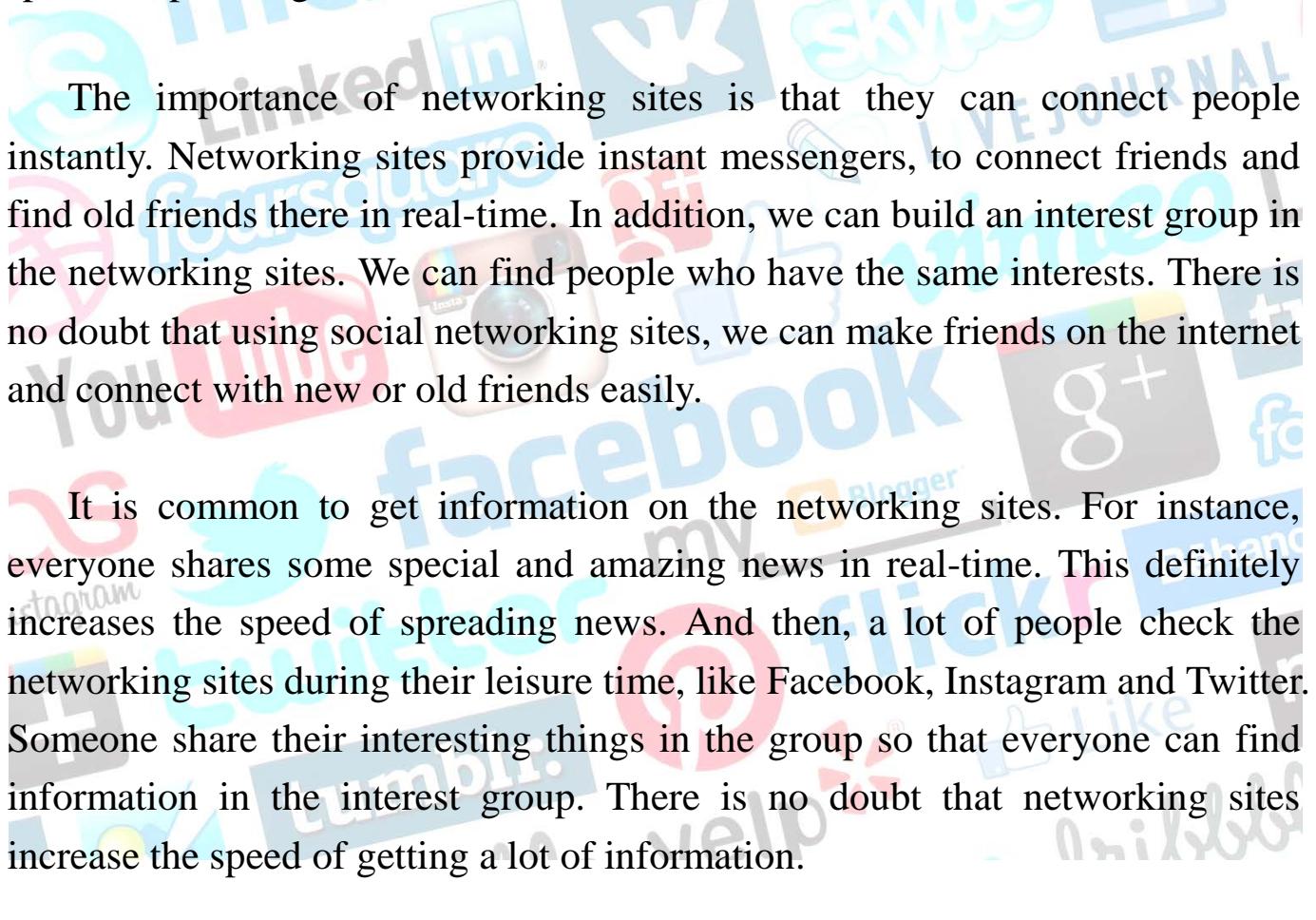
All in all, I think you are the best mum in this world! I love you in any situation. I am looking forward to the TV moment with you every day!

Best wishes,
Justin

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The Benefits of Social Networking Sites

It is understandable why people around the world spend much time using social networking sites. There are a number of reasons for this, including using networking sites making easy for us to connect with friends and increasing the speed of spreading information.



The importance of networking sites is that they can connect people instantly. Networking sites provide instant messengers, to connect friends and find old friends there in real-time. In addition, we can build an interest group in the networking sites. We can find people who have the same interests. There is no doubt that using social networking sites, we can make friends on the internet and connect with new or old friends easily.

It is common to get information on the networking sites. For instance, everyone shares some special and amazing news in real-time. This definitely increases the speed of spreading news. And then, a lot of people check the networking sites during their leisure time, like Facebook, Instagram and Twitter. Someone share their interesting things in the group so that everyone can find information in the interest group. There is no doubt that networking sites increase the speed of getting a lot of information.

In conclusion, we can make or connect with friends on the internet and increase the speed of spreading information. It is no wonder that social networking sites have a lot of benefits and they should not be banned.

(image source :

<https://lynnclaerhout.files.wordpress.com/2016/09/social-media-logo-image.jpg>)

“Where the Wild Things are”

Dear Susan,

Hi! How are you? After you get into the university, we seldom communicate because we are not living together anymore. We argued with everything. Now you are a more mature person, and you have a better attitude. But for me, haven't changed. Affected by a book, I think I should write a letter to you to say our relationship because I have been a troubled person in your eyes.

My sister, before you became a university student, we couldn't get along with each other well. You know, I have given you lots of trouble. I always challenged you. I was always attention-seeking. I always talked to you when you were busy. You always helped me. Now you are a Year One student at university, and I am still a Form Two student. I know arguing may hurt your feeling, but I just couldn't control it.

A book titled “Where the Wild Things are” helped me think about our relationship. In the story, there was a boy called Max, who was always mischievous. He even called his mother “Wild thing” so his mother didn't give him dinner. After that, he went to a dream world. He dreamt that he became the king of the forest. But he felt lonely and stepped into his private boat and exited the forest. Finally, he came back to his room; and he found his dinner was still hot.

After I read the story, I realized I am a troubled person in your eyes. But

you know me, I won't apologise because I feel embarrassed. I am sorry! I was too rude. I wished I could be the king of the world because I can control everything. But this story tells me that it only brings loneliness to me. I argued with you because I thought I was correct. I was superior. But now I know I am wrong. And actually you are older and more mature than me. Though I don't totally understand why you sometimes argue with me, I should listen to you. I suddenly remember that you said you would buy me a Macbook after you graduate from university. It reminds me that you are always nice to me. I trust that you will do it.

Hope you will do well at university.

With love,
Iris

side by side
or miles apart
sisters
will always be
connected by the heart



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A letter to the local charity officer

Dear Officer,

I have realized that there are a lot of homeless people living in the area after paying a visit to a friend around my district. I would like to talk about the situation to you.

As I see, homeless people are not treated squarely by the government. The government just turns a blind eye to their circumstances and there are few policies to save them out of the bridge. They almost get nothing from the government. So I think our local charity officer should take responsibility for saving them out of this kind of plight. I would like to outline ways which can help these people.

At first glance, we can help them to find some opportunities to work. To get out of poverty, the first thing we can do is help them to find a job. If homeless people have work, that means they have money. If they have money, that means they can satisfy the basic needs of lives. So we can be a bridge between community companies and homeless people to help homeless people to get a job. It is one of the many ways to help them get out of poverty.

Secondly, we can bring some materials to meet their short term needs. In my view, we should let them know they can be a good person in this society, then they will be more willing to reintegrate into the community. That's why it

is short term help. We can bring some food, old clothes and old beds for them to live under the bridge first. This action may reduce the difficulty they face to living under the bridge. So I think it is a necessary way to help them.

Moreover, we can ask the government to face this problem and implement more policies to help homeless people. Government is a vital character to help homeless people. It is because the government has more resources than us to help them. For instance, the government can give more welfare to them, such as providing some money for them to live in a short term. That's what we can do. It is because we can't give money to all of them. Also, the government is responsible for helping them as well because homeless people are also residents of Hong Kong. So it is justifiable for the government to help them.

Furthermore, we can ask some social workers to help them to face their emotional problems. I believe that some homeless people may be scared or anxious to integrate into the community. It is because they haven't got in touch with the people in the community for a long time and they don't even know anything happening in the community. Under these circumstances, I suggest we should ask some social workers to communicate with them and encourage them to reintegrate into society again. I think it is a vital step to give them confidence to reintegrate into society again. So I think we should ask some social workers to follow up homeless people's cases.

Last but not least, we can raise money for the homeless people. In the past,

it was rare to see local charity raising money for homeless people. Those organizations always raised money for the elderly and the disabled. But in my view, we should raise money for the homeless people too. It is because they need to have money to make a living before they have a job. Moreover, we should give more care to homeless people. So it is a feasible way to help them get out of poverty.

The number of homeless people is increasing at an alarming rate. I am not sure if these ways are sufficient to help them or not. But I am sure we have to take action as soon as possible. The more we do, the more homeless people we can save.

The cause of having a large number of homeless people is that they get little help. So we ought to try our best to help them. Hope that we can reduce their burden of living in this city.

Yours sincerely,

Chris Wong

(image source :

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[14] 3D Wong Yee Wing

The mysterious shoplifting

There was a theft in a 7-11 convenience shop at Tuen Mun shopping centre last night. There was no one on the street. It was dark and silent.

“Oh, where is the money?” the 7-11 convenience shop assistant shouted loudly.

The 7-11 staff found some money missing when he checked the cash register. He was scared so he called the police immediately. The policemen and the detectives arrived and investigated the case. Detective Lee rushed to the crime scene and studied the crime scene carefully.

Then, Detective Lee met the witness outside the convenience store. The witness was a boy. The boy pointed at the man who wore a hat which has the number ‘7’ on it. Detective Lee walked to the man and started questioning him. “Not me! Please trust me!” said the man and he was sweating.

Next, Detective Lee reached into the man’s trouser pocket and found the missing money. The man felt regret.

Finally, the convenience store assistant said thank you to the detective. At the same time, the policemen sent the thief to prison.



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A letter to the Principal



Dear Principal,

I am Chris Wong. I am writing to express my opinion about our school's numerous school activities. It may not be a problem to Junior Form students. However, it is a serious situation to us.

To start with, having too many school activities consumes a lot of time. Our school is now organising a variety of activities, some are for entertainment and some are for learning. School activity is enjoyable. Nevertheless, too many of those will bring disadvantages such as students having less time to learn or study. If that happens, students' test results will not improve or even become worse.

Moreover, another effect of having too many school activities is that it will exhaust students. Senior Form students are busy all the time since they have to handle the quiz, homework and revision. If they also have to participate in so many school activities, they will definitely become tired. Therefore, they do

not have the motivation to learn or do their hobbies in leisure time. Day and night, night and day, it may become their source of pressure.

To prevent students from suffering from these problems, I think our school should reduce the number of activities and do something to prepare F5 students for the Hong Kong Diploma of Secondary Education Examination.

Firstly, our school should have more supplementary classes. Some students may encounter some difficulties or cannot keep up with the lessons. The supplementary classes allow students to ask questions and have revision and the teacher can explain the content in details.

Secondly, our school can also invite graduates from our school who get a great result in the HKDSE exam to come back and give us a talk. When preparing for the HKDSE exam, some of the students are confused since they don't know what to do. The graduates can share their study method with our students and give some useful advice to them so they will understand how to prepare.

The above are my opinions about the adverse effects of having too many school activities on students' studies and what our school should do to help F.5 students to prepare for the HKDSE exam. Thank you for your patience in reading my letter.

Yours truly,

Chris Wong

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My favourite festival: Valentine's Day

My favourite festival is Valentine's Day. I like it because during the festival, we can get chocolates and feel the love around us.

The festival is on 14th February. During the day, I will find the most popular chocolate and will buy it at all costs. If the chocolates are sold out, I will make it by myself.

I will give the chocolate to the girl I like and meet her in a western restaurant to have a warm dinner, too.

Overall, Valentine's Day is the best event ever in this planet because I can exchange chocolates with the girl I like.



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Should wild animals be kept in zoo?

I support wild animals should be kept in zoo, as it can protect wild animals and attract lots of visitors to go to zoo! Although keeping wild animals in the zoo is safe, we must consider the feelings of these wild animals such as making a good habitat and giving enough food to the animals. It is very important so we cannot ignore it!

Why do I support wild animals being kept in the zoo? If wild animals are kept in zoo, it can protect the animals. They will not be in danger. Wild animals can live in a comfortable environment in zoo. I think it is better than other places, such as forest, mangrove as swell as swamp. It is because there may not be enough food or water for the animals. If animals do not have enough food or water, they will die. Therefore. I support that wild animals should be keep in zoo.

All in all, it is important for us to protect wild animals and our environment and promote wildlife education. Finally, please don't forget to consider the feelings of these wild animals. It is important for the wildlife to stay in a safe habitat.



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[18]4A Wong Wai Sum

Put Chai Ko — My childhood memory

Hong Kong, a place that is called the ‘Food Paradise’ by people all over the world, is famous for its irreplaceable indigenous cuisines. For me, Put Chai Ko is the most yummy snack in Hong Kong.

Put Chai Ko is a pudding cake that is sweet in taste and in a bowl size. It is made with brown or white sugar and some rice flour so its color depends on the kind of sugar you use. You can even add some red beans to Put Chai Ko. In these few years, different unique flavors of Put Chai Ko have emerged. Not only can you find the traditional flavor, but you can also find Put Chai Ko with green tea or pumpkin flavor.



Put Chai Ko is important to my childhood. When I was small, my grandmother always accompanied me to the park. After playing for a long period of time, I started to feel hungry. My grandmother would buy me Put Chai Ko. It is the most delicious snack I have eaten in my life. Although Put Chai Ko nowadays has many different flavors, I still like the original the best, because it contains my childhood memories.

Everyone has their own favourite snack. Mine is Put Chai Ko. How about you?

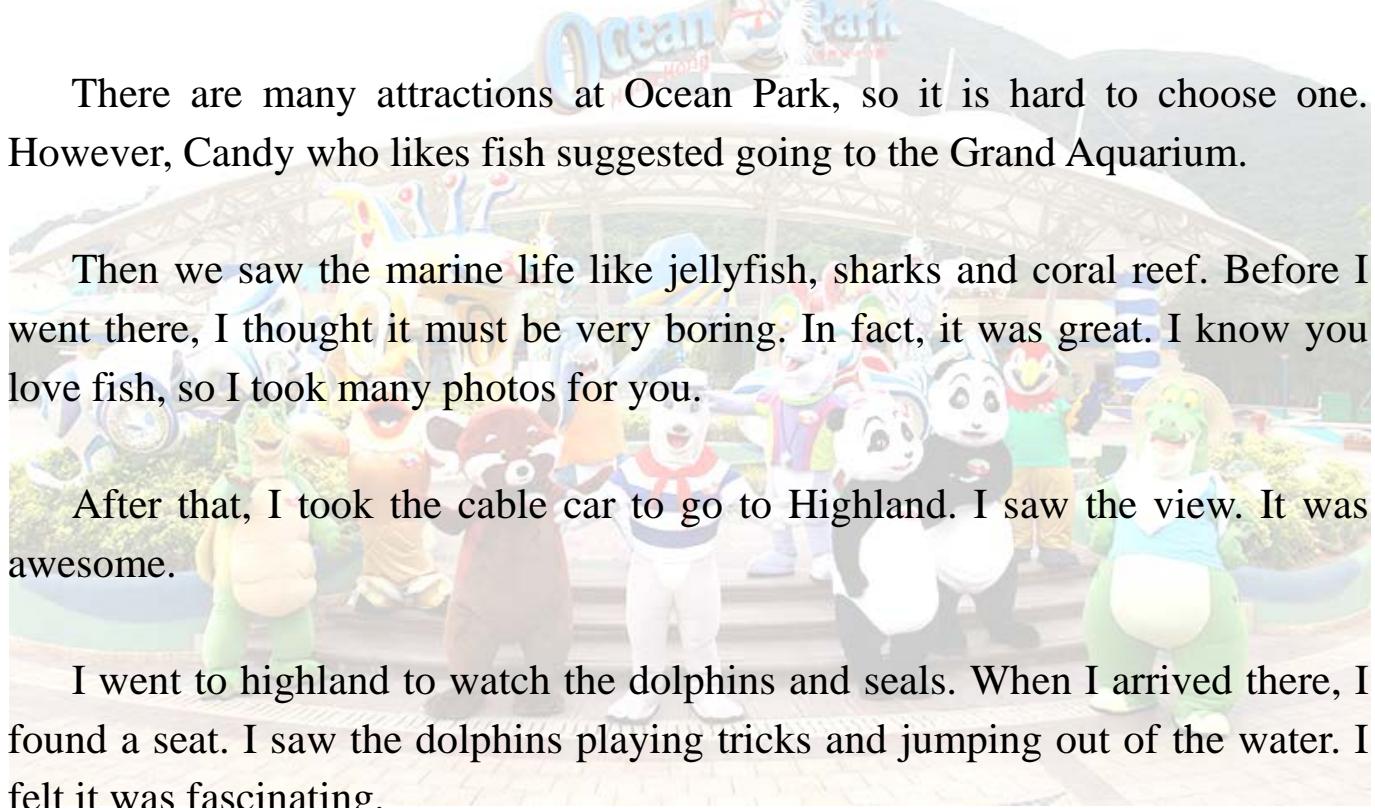
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A day at Ocean Park

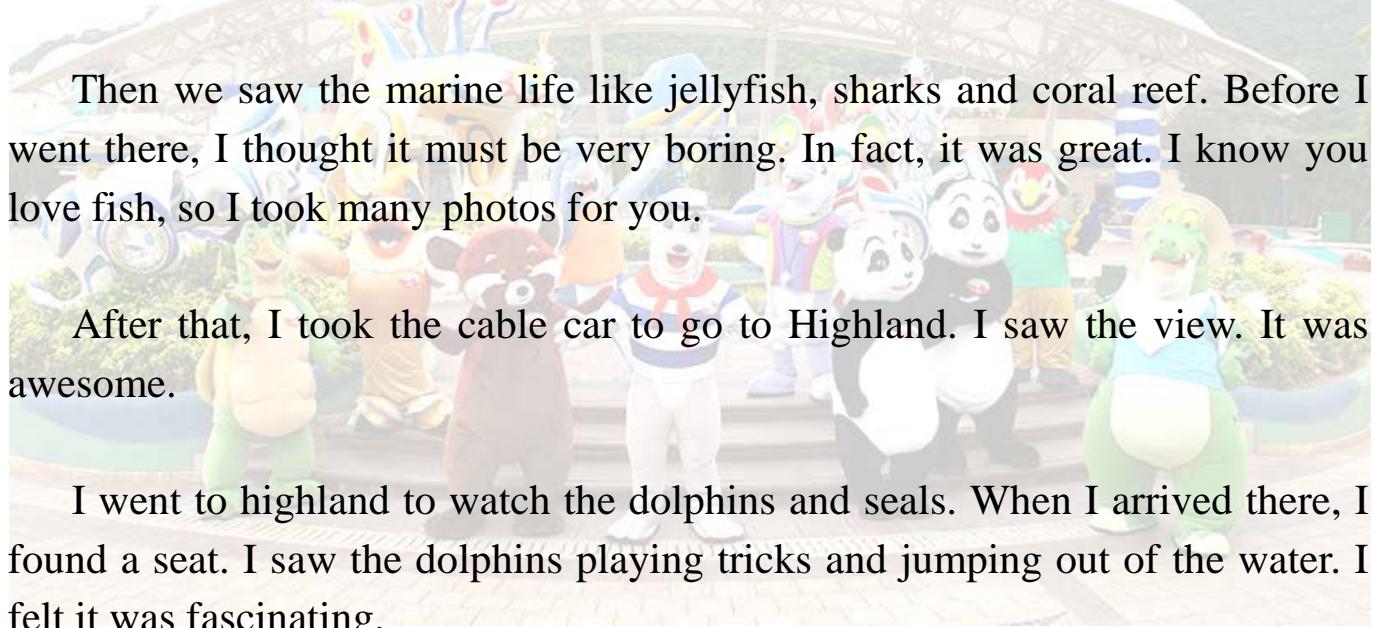
Dear Jane,

I had a good time today. Let me tell you something fun. Today was sunny. It was perfect for going outdoors. So, I went to Ocean Park with all F.2 students. I am happy to go to Ocean Park with my friends.

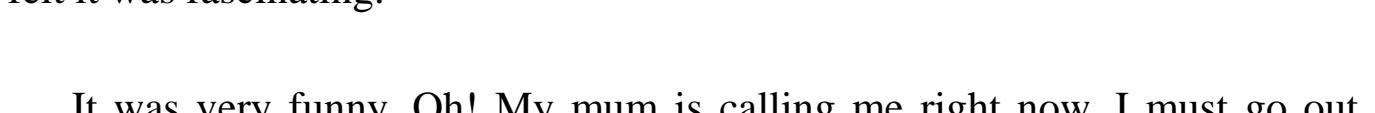


There are many attractions at Ocean Park, so it is hard to choose one. However, Candy who likes fish suggested going to the Grand Aquarium.

Then we saw the marine life like jellyfish, sharks and coral reef. Before I went there, I thought it must be very boring. In fact, it was great. I know you love fish, so I took many photos for you.



After that, I took the cable car to go to Highland. I saw the view. It was awesome.



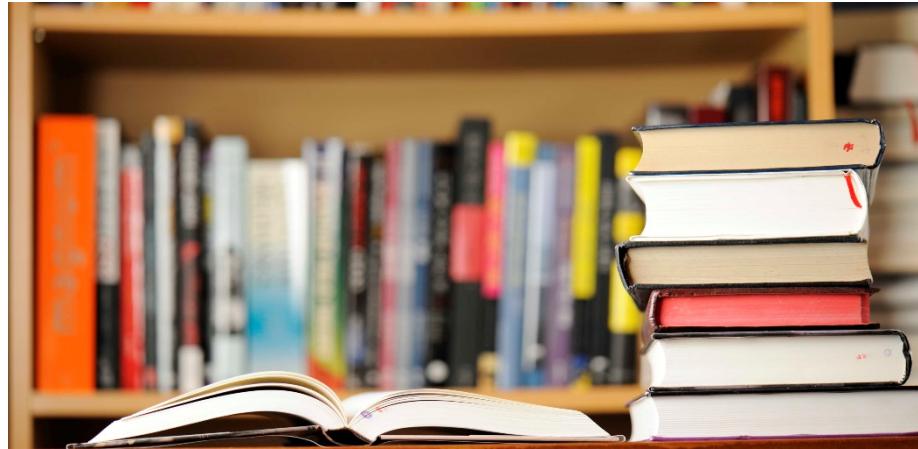
I went to highland to watch the dolphins and seals. When I arrived there, I found a seat. I saw the dolphins playing tricks and jumping out of the water. I felt it was fascinating.

It was very funny. Oh! My mum is calling me right now. I must go out. Please write me back.

Love,
Ting Chi

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Libraries are not a Waste, a Virtue



Given a highly advanced technology, the world is getting closer and closer and is bonded globally by the Internet and many beautiful old traditions are gradually abandoned. Recently, an article from Hong Kong Post written by John Chan suggested libraries are a waste of community resources and online resources and the access to information digitally can replace public libraries. From my perspective as a local librarian, I disagree with him.

Libraries are more than getting information. Instead, it is a place to relax and learn. In terms of convenient access and quick reference to data or information, online resources are much more efficient than going to libraries. Nevertheless, sometimes we go to libraries not only for a place where we can quietly read and try to get rid of the busy lifestyle, we can also find books for entertainment, books about science and books that we enjoy reading. Then, we

can sit down and just immerse ourselves in our little imagination of fiction, instead of being overwhelmed by heavy daily workload. Besides, students in Hong Kong have different living conditions and some may have terrible learning atmosphere and environment. For them, libraries take up an important role in providing everything that can help enhance their academic performance, be it an informative computer or a sea of reference books. That's what the Internet can never provide.

Libraries are a sign of civilization and represent a culture of reading. Hong Kong is proud of its efficient transport network and comprehensive support for schools and hospitals. Yet, when it comes to the reading culture, Hong Kong could be the last few if it has a ranking. Imagine how a city can still be developed in a thriving way without the majority of the people gaining intellectual fulfillment in the pursuit of knowledge. Reading a book is really different from reading via the Internet. After reading a book, we can get a sense of accomplishment, achievement and satisfaction. That's how it starts — find a book and have fun from it. Libraries really play an important role in starting the culture.

In the eyes of overseas people, Hong Kong is no more than a city characterised by rapid economic growth. Based on Mr. Chan's article, the cultural atmosphere in Hong Kong is really at stake. It's time for our citizens to re-examine our approach to reading and learning and try to make Hong Kong more than a thriving city but an intellectual and love-to-learn city.

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