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LEARNING.

What *exactly* is "learning"? Why has it existed since the appearance of human kind? In this issue, the Writing Scripters team shall take you into the world of learning – beyond limits of textbooks, diving into wonderful aspects of life.

Here, the definition of "learning" is **unlimited**.

It can be interesting – How so?

Tony Lo 1D

I learnt Photoshop in Primary 5. It was very difficult because I had no idea how to use the drawing pen to draw a picture, but after I learnt the methods from the Internet and my friends, I could consequently handle the basics.

Photoshop is good for drawing pictures and it can make photos beautiful. I feel happy to learn. As long as it is the right way, learning can be very interesting.

Harry Wong 2D

Learning English is a difficult, yet important task. Not only does it help us get good results at school, it is also a vital tool in today's society. Therefore, we should try to master English.

To begin with, English movies are an appealing way to learn English. After we get used to English in everyday life, we can try reading English newspapers and books. It can improve our English writing level and boost our reading speed, which is vital during our exams. If we try to memorize 5 words from these media every day, we will improve consequently.

Although learning English is an arduous task, we should make every effort to learn and master it.

Finally, hope you can get a satisfying result in your English!

Wincy Tse, Louise Yuen 1A

We like working in the school library rather than at home. When we have difficulties we can ask classmates and teachers. On the contrary, at home, our sisters like playing around and many things can distract us, such as computer games, TV, food, books and magazines. Do you think CCAU is a waste of time? Of course not! It makes our school life more colorful. For example, participating in Handicraft Class can improve our life skills (stitching). Taking part in the School Choir can improve our singing skills!

I had an unforgettable learning experience once. I couldn't master English and I was the poorest in my class. I was ashamed of myself, so I asked my Mum if I could have a tutor to help me improve my English. Of course, Mum managed to sign me into a tutorial class.

I was scared to find many foreigners at the tutorial class. It was amazing that other children there were not nervous. I couldn't believe that someone could be happy learning English, so I asked them the reason. They said when they took the first lesson, they were nervous too, but day-by-day they learnt to enjoy it. Now that I'm used to the classes, I feel great during lessons.

When you know the way, you can do it. Just show some confidence and everything will be okay. I love English now.

Salad Wong 1A

If we can choose the right tools, we will yield twice the result in learning. To me, the tools I use are simple, but effective - a computer and a notebook.

Computers can help our learning. For instance, if we want to acquire some extra knowledge that is not from our textbooks, the Internet is helpful and convenient enough to provide us with a myriad of information. Wikipedia is one of the examples.

Moreover, bringing a notebook is also a fantastic way to learn English because we can jot down the new vocabulary from our daily life, so we can memorize them easier.

Finally, it is interesting for us to learn English by watching movies. If we listen to the native speakers more, we will get used to their speaking.

I hope you can find your best tool for learning!



NO STUDENT KNOWS HIS SUBJECT: THE MOST HE KNOWS IS WHERE AND HOW TO FIND OUT THE THINGS HE DOES NOT KNOW.

WOODROW T. WILSON

Election – It's a matter of choice!

Do you like making choices and decisions by yourself?

New to the Student Union election, Form 1 students are telling us how they made up their little minds for the votes and of course, what they have learnt from this election.

1C Ken

This campaign broadened my horizons as there wasn't a Student Union in primary schools. I have learnt a lot from it, such as how to be nice like the chairperson of "Ignite". Although his cabinet was not elected, he still congratulated "Arrow".

Moreover, I have learnt to be hard-working. I'll work for my schoolmates as everyone in the "Arrow" team is hard-working and they fight for the welfare of schoolmates.

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"THEY WORKED HARD
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STUDENTS."
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1C Kiki

Arrow had attracted my attention since it was my first participation in an election. The activity was interesting. They had tried to introduce the concept of SU to us.

For me, I feel very elated that there is a student union to express my voice. The SU in this term is the one I am looking for. In this election, I have learnt that elections should be clean and fair, and we should have our own viewpoints.

1C Hinkey

As a Form 1 student, this is my first time joining the student union election. I think it was interesting because there were three cabinets. All of them tried to provide different kinds of welfare to attract us to vote for them. All of the welfare they offered was beneficial to us, including the discounts of the bookshops. At last, I voted for the cabinet 'Break'. Although 'Break' did not win, I learnt a lot from them. I can be fair to my rival competition.

1C Andrew

I experienced our schoolmates having strong team spirits. All the candidates presented their team as hard-working and united. However, they did not do it for their own. They worked hard for all the TKPSS students.



ARROW

THE MORE WE STUDY, THE MORE WE
DISCOVER OUR IGNORANCE.

PERCY BYSSHE SHELLEY

A Trip to the Sky – Cathay City

6S William Ngo

Have you ever had a dream – a dream of flying high in the sky, above the picturesque view of our marvelous world? I bet you have.

Our schoolmates had the great opportunity to visit Cathay City this year. That meant our team just found another thing to write about – another interesting one...

We departed after lunch. Although it was a pity not being able to attend the last 2 lessons, the trip was totally worth the time and hustle.

We visited the place where most Cathay Pacific staff work and relax. It was amazing to see how the whole place was designed to make use of natural elements, such as natural lighting and ventilation, in such a way that it made our visit a comfortable experience.

It was a pity we couldn't take a look at the flight simulator. Yet we were lucky enough to be able to visit the passenger compartments. Of course, we've taken lots of photos!



We were also glad to witness a training session for air hostesses, which was surprisingly strict. We wouldn't have imagined that even holding a bottle would be strictly ruled!

What's more, our team met two "staff members" and took pictures with them. See for yourself!



Well, sort of with "them", Ha-ha (Left: Kwan Chong ; Right: Me)

Despite the shortness of our journey, this visit inspired us deeply. Seeing the staff working happily at their favorable posts, we've got one important message – we need to go for our dreams and catch them. If it's something you long for, you have the best reason to fight for it.

Life is not about sitting there in doubt and sadness – it is about doing what you like and achieving what you wish. So, as long as you have a dream, go fight for it!

Do you think flying in the sky as your career is an unreachable dream? No, it isn't. We've found the requirements for entering the industry, just in case our aspire-readers want to have a peek:

- A minimum of Grade E in 5 HKCEE subjects (including Level 2 or above in English Language), or equivalent.
- Fluency in English and Cantonese is required, Mandarin preferred.
- Polished interpersonal skills with a positive and customer-oriented attitude.
- Previous experience in the service industry is preferable.
- A minimum arm-reach of 208cm and physical fitness to pass the pre-employment medical assessment.

Now that you know the minimum requirements, what's left is your enthusiasm and hard work!



Today, it is no more a dream you cannot reach.

SUCCESS IS THE ABILITY TO GO FROM ONE FAILURE TO ANOTHER WITH NO LOSS OF ENTHUSIASM.

WINSTON CHURCHILL

Get online and fight against hunger!

5D Pang Hong Suet

Learning English from newspapers... again? Let's introduce a brand new way of learning English (And other subjects too!)... Freerice!

Freerice, a web project dedicated to fighting against world hunger, is a site where users all over the world can play multiple-choice games. For every question the user answers correctly, 10 grains of rice will be donated to the Third World. So, are you ready to take up the challenge and show your responsibility for the needy?

First, get onto the website: www.freerice.com (Hey, you don't expect us to teach you how, do you? ☺)

1 right = 10 grains

5 right = 50 grains

Play and feed hungry people

English Vocabulary

Change Subjects ▶

boat means:

film

ship

noise

bag

24078270 grains of rice donated yesterday.
Over 89 billion grains donated to date (see [totals](#)).

How to Play

- Click on the right answer in the middle of this page.
- If you get it right, you get a harder question. If you get it wrong, you get an easier question.
- For each answer you get right, we donate 10 grains of rice to the [United Nations World Food Program](#).

WARNING: This game may make you smarter. It may improve your speaking, writing, thinking, grades, job performance... ([more](#))

Then, it's simple – choose the answer. Every time you answer correctly, 10 grains of rice will be donated and you can climb up to the next level! What's more, you can change subjects if you want. You can spend a whole day on this site. I promise. There are 60 levels and 13 subjects after all.

Subjects

ART
▶ Famous Paintings

ENGLISH
▶ English Vocabulary
▶ English Grammar

CHEMISTRY
▶ Chemical Symbols (Basic)
▶ Chemical Symbols (Full List)

GEOGRAPHY
▶ Identify Countries on the Map
▶ World Capitals

LANGUAGE LEARNING
▶ French
▶ German
▶ Italian
▶ Spanish

MATH
▶ Basic Math (Pre-Algebra)
▶ Multiplication Table

Yes! I heard you – didn't you say, 'the question is soooooooooooooo easy'? Well, you'll see.

English Vocabulary

Change Subjects ▶

Incorrect! antrum = bone cavity

busuuti means:
Cameroonian turban
floor-length dress
coconut milk drink
Nile fishing boat

Level: 59 to 60 Best Level: 60 Change Level ▶ Re-Start ▶



Please try again. Your donation total is 30 grains of rice.

[Learn more ways to fight hunger >](#)

Told you it won't be easy. See? You can learn a lot on this website. You can also learn from your mistakes!

Up to now, the site has raised US\$213,000 for the UN World Food Programme. You may wonder, 'Who on earth would pay for users to play quizzes?', and the answer is, the sponsors! The advertisers on the website pay according to the number of visitors.

Not only can you benefit yourself from Freerice, but you can also help ease the lives of the needy. Freerice kills two birds with one stone.

Life is not always easy everywhere. We shouldn't just think about ourselves. If you think life is hard enough as a Hong Konger, please remember that there are many more people living in worse conditions than we do. The things we take for granted may be difficult and scarce to get in less developed countries.

The message is simple but true – always treasure what you possess and feel grateful for that. Never waste anything, no matter how insignificant it might appear to be. Who knows, an old T-shirt you bought last year might be useful to someone on the other side of the world!

And the Chief Editor wants to add...

Learning is unlimited. Don't expect your teacher to teach you every single thing in the world. Schools are only places for us to learn by ourselves. We may be able to know the way of thinking and learning at school, but there is no way one can completely rely on schools to become successful.

We should learn to acquire knowledge, not only for the grades and marks at school, but also for our lives. After all, life is not only about tests and exams. It is about experience.

The Writing Scripters team is proud to share with you the stories about learning in this issue. We hope you find the articles interesting. Remember, learning can always be a pleasure.

We're now planning for the next issue. Our team will be focusing greatly on sports next time. Sporty students, keep an eye on our progress!

**IF YOU WANT TO FEEL RICH,
JUST COUNT ALL OF THE THINGS YOU HAVE THAT MONEY CAN'T BUY.**

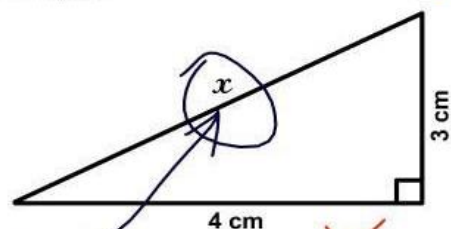
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ENOUGH FOR TODAY – NOW LET'S HAVE SOME FUN!!

Why all the workload? Why all the pressure? Why all the looking at the sky seeing birds flying and exclaiming 'How I wish I could fly freely?'

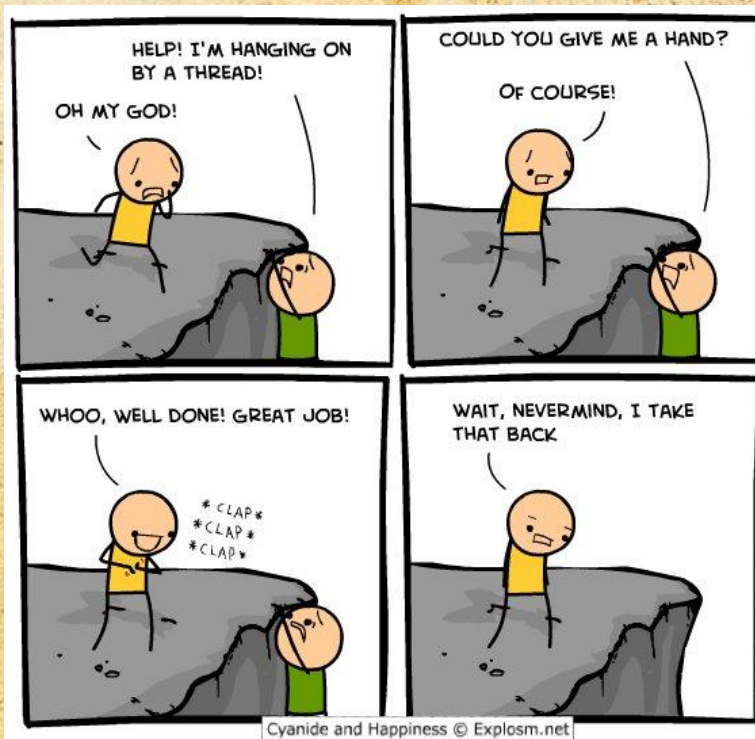
Hong Kong people are workaholics sometimes – Why don't we relax a little bit? Games and jokes, anyone? ☺

3. Find x.



What is the longest word in the English language?

"Smiles". Because there is a mile between its first and last letter!



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(Can you read this?)

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