



A SENSE OF

HUMOUR

幽默感

當月經來臨的時候

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「媽……我懷疑自己有……子宮頸癌。」我拿著手中的電話害怕地說道。「什麼？為什麼突然這樣說？」母親罕有地緊張起來。「我流血……小褲子有血……」，我說過這句話後，她的語氣由緊張轉為冷淡，「讓外婆接聽吧。」外婆笑了，摸著我的頭，輕輕地、沙啞地說：「吶，別害怕，不是什麼子宮頸癌。而是，你長大了。」

這是第一次碰到月經。哈，十分難為情的第一次。另外，婆婆那一句「只是，你長大了。」令我興奮不已。

從有了「難為情的第一次」以後，好奇心誘使著我想更了解月經是什麼，因為當時母親是多麼關心我，實在喜歡那種被愛的感覺。從此，常識課變得有趣，我更會走到書局看一些關於生理的書籍，更買了一本《青春事件簿》回家慢慢閱讀，有時會拉著母親的手跟她說這本書的內容，她只像機械人般重複著：「我很忙，這只是生理常識，任何人都會懂。」

一個月後，在考試時肚子劇痛。我只是忍受著，要是早退的話，便會麻煩工作中的母親。我一直忍受到放學，在步行回家的途中，我已暈倒在茫茫人海當中。

「你孫女身體較差，要悉心照顧。」我隱隱聽到一把低沉的聲音在說話。外婆見我張開眼睛說：「傻孩子！哪有人像你經痛得暈倒在街上的？我擔心得心跳快停頓了！」外婆用她溫暖的手握著我那雙冰冷的手。然後，她告訴我母親正趕來醫院。我既緊張又害怕，緊張的是被愛的感覺在我心中湧出來，害怕的是母親會因此而討厭我，又說我是

「小麻煩」。外婆似乎一眼就能看透我的心意：「放心吧！母親不會責怪你。」

母親流露出擔心的眼神，真的，很久不見，這陌生的熟悉眼神。母親跟我道歉，原來她最近十分忙碌，才不太理我。她最後還補上一句「你長大了。」

外婆跟母親先後跟我說：「你長大了。」兩次的感覺也是一樣，一樣興奮不已。可是，以後再沒法聽到外婆的讚美，她離開了我，安詳地到天國去了。以後的日子，經常忘記帶衛生用品；經常經痛但忘記服藥。

沒有她的日子，生活變得糊塗起來，糊塗得連自己的家課也會忘記。回到從前的我、母親和外婆經常去的公園，我總是會不自覺地呆著，回憶著三人一起玩耍的情況，那些回憶片段就像走馬燈般精彩，美好。

月經的來臨沒有使我成長，只是拉近了母親和我的距離，讓我更倚賴親愛的母親。而且，讓我更想念外婆待我的好，珍惜現有獨一無二的親情。同時，它又讓人厭惡，每次都痛不欲生，身不由己。

突然，我苦笑一聲，吐出一句：「矛盾也。」「快服用止痛藥吧！不然，後果自負！」母親從廚房大叫。對，又忘記先服藥可減輕痛楚。

林瑾老師評語：

詹同學妙用初次來經的經驗，透過它把與母親和外婆之間的親情連接起來，非常有創意，值得鼓勵。

What a Cold Day!

2M Lo Yik Hong

Last Sunday, a cold snap reached Hong Kong. The Hong Kong Observatory issued the cold weather warning signal.

At eight o'clock in the morning, my dad asked me to go out and buy a newspaper. When I stepped out of my building, I could feel the chill already. I heard the wind whistling and roaring. It seemed that I was going to be blown away. I shivered in cold and ran out to the quiet street. The street used to be congested and full of noises. But today, because of the cold weather, the street was quiet and only very few people walked by quickly.

Suddenly, I heard a weak voice calling me from behind. 'Little boy, little boy please help!' Shivering in the cold, I looked round to see who had called me. There in the wind, I saw an old woman with a cart full of newspapers. She asked me, 'Could you help me push the cart, little boy? My hands are frozen!' 'Okay, let me push it,' I replied eagerly. We pushed the heavy cart to the recycling center. The old woman thanked me with a broad smile. I said goodbye to her and went along the way to buy a newspaper. Although it was freezing cold, I felt warmth and happiness in my heart.



When I reached the newspaper stand, I quickly noticed that all my feelings just now were wrong. My wallet was gone! And I remembered that the old woman had touched my pocket. She stole my wallet! I was left in the cold without any money. What a cold day!

Feedback from 3V Ho Jodi K:

I deeply appreciate your kindness. Nevertheless, I feel sorry to hear about your 'cold day'! Next time, you should be careful with your belongings in every situation. Let's assume the old lady needed that money desperately and you have already helped her overcome her financial difficulties. Let's hope she won't do that again! It hurts!

Money Minded

3J Luke Martin

It would be wonderful to be very rich,
Buying anything I wanted without a glitch!
Maybe I'll inherit a billion or two,
Although even a few million would do!

I would definitely buy a Rolls Royce,
And hire a chauffeur of my choice!
My hand-tailored clothes hung neatly in a row,
Dressing like the rich, no matter where I had to go!

A huge penthouse apartment would be about right,
A view from the Peak would be quite a sight!
I'd throw parties lasting all night long,
While a live band played my favourite song!

Charities called for donations day and night,
And the local taxman game me a fright!
Friends and relatives I never really knew,
Appeared from nowhere, claiming to be true!

School projects, endless studies and a few wild schemes,
Continued all day long and even in my dreams!
That wonderful rich life was confusing like a mess,
Came with mountains of work and hardly any rest !

My idle rich dreams have slowly faded away,
And were replaced by a beautiful sunny day!
I've put on my swimsuit and headed for the beach,
To search for seashells, a real treasure within my reach!

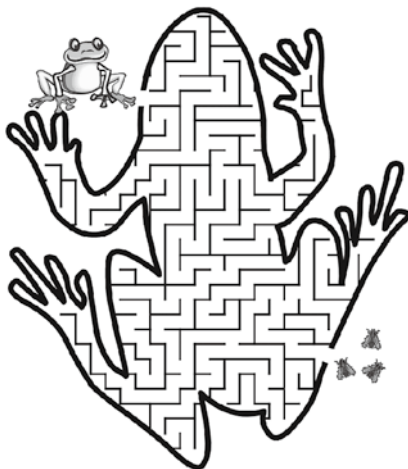
Feedback from 3M Luk Guan Ling:

On one hand, this is a beautifully-written poem which exemplifies people's minds towards money, where being rich can buy anything. On the other hand, Luke has successfully constructed the real image of being rich: the fear of charities, taxmen and those claimed-to-be-friends-or-relatives. So, let's live wisely and be more down to earth. Who is joining Luke to the beach? I am.

The World of Mathematics

3S Chong Szi Yong

In many people's eyes, Mathematics is a long frightening word, so it must be difficult to learn. It's nonsense! It's actually the easiest subject to enjoy and to learn. Mathematics is one of the oldest known subjects to the world. It's related to a lot of subjects including physics and computers and this means you can study Mathematics easily through different subjects. Mathematics makes your lives full of pleasure and fascinations as you can experience the fun part of learning.



When I was small, I loved to do maze-puzzles like this frog maze beside the text. If I couldn't solve it, I would invite my friends to come over and finished it together. It was enjoyable and fun.

Now, think in this way, Mathematics is the same as this maze. You start with a question which is the entrance of the maze. Then, you try to solve it, same as you passing through the maze. When you solve the question wrongly, you will have to go back and solve it again. It's just like reaching a dead end in the maze and then going back to a crossroad and finding the other way around. Once you solve a Mathematics question, it also means you have reached the end of a maze. As a result,

you will experience the same amount of joy as finishing a maze-puzzle.

Mathematics is more meaningful than you can ever imagine. Think of all the formulae found and passed down by famous mathematicians and scientists like Pythagoras and Albert Einstein. With their years of research, new things have been discovered, like nuclear energy $E=mc^2$ which was discovered by Albert Einstein. Based on the foundation of mathematics formulae, they were able to finish their research.

Mathematics can also improve the quality of our lives. The invention of Optical Fibers by Professor Charles K Kao is a good example. Thanks to the promotion of binary numbers which helps us transmit messages, the Internet world is meant to be a success. As you can see, Mathematic could also change our world to a better place.

Since we started dominating this planet, Mathematics has changed our lives tremendously because wiser ones understand the unlimited power of Mathematics. What they get in return is an unlimited fun and joy. Mathematics has no boundaries and so it means there are lots of mysteries yet to be solved and awaiting us to explore. So do you want to come with us to explore this magical Mathematics world? I will ensure you that it will be fun and easy when you are discovering and solving new and fantastic mathematical questions. What you need to do is to study Mathematics with the world! How hard can it be?

Feedback from 3V Lai Mong Hay:

Szi Yong, it seems that you love Mathematics very much. So do !! I hope your essay will inspire many fellow schoolmates to know what the amazing part of Mathematics is.

By the way, I would love to explore the magical Mathematics world with you.

The Reality is quite Ugly

6V Tse Hong Kiu

Beautiful people are all over the place
But is it truly the real case?

The jewellery they bought
The luxurious lives they sought

The glamour on the rich lady's face
Doesn't really look like it's in place

Is it not just a matter of money
It's as serious as a bad surgery

The reality is unfortunately quite ugly
How many of us could see it clearly?

At the end what do people gain?
The reality is just vast amounts of pain.

Success is no coincidence
All you need is your confidence

Patience and acceptance are the ingredients
To what makes life full of fruitful experience

Feedback from 3N Chu Sing Yung:

With a unique theme, the poem is destined to be quite interesting. The writer evidently shows how ugly the reality is, while, unfortunately, only very few people can see through it. I hope Connie can write more poems to show us the reality and encourage readers reflect on their lives.