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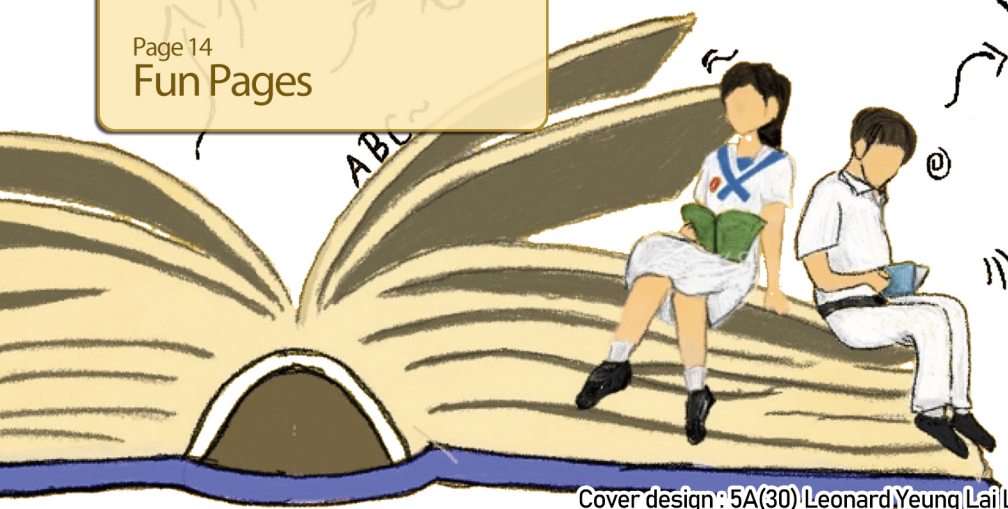
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Words from Ms Retha



As we start the new year, I think we should reflect on all the amazing things we did last year. Having joined the LKYS team last year, I am grateful for the warm welcome from the teachers and the students. The students' efforts to interact with the Native English Teachers outside of the classroom do not go unnoticed - great job! We should continue to burn the candle at both ends! The English department with the help of the other teaching staff, has successfully conducted fun English activities during recess and after school. We extend our gratitude to Ms. Debbie Shek for arranging the 'You sing, I guess' activity. Let's not forget our incredible vocalists Mr. Chu Kit (Maths Teacher), Mr. Wong Wang Yui (Science Teacher), Mr. Chan Ka Yin (Maths Teacher), Mr. Tsoi Ka Wing (Geography Teacher), Mr. Kwan Yu Hin Anthony (Chinese Teacher), Mr. Cheng Chun Sing Jason (Religious Studies Teacher) and Ms. Li Ho Lam (P.E. Teacher). The English Ambassadors also held down the fort during these learning activities. Another big thank you to Mr. Paul and the students who went to represent the school at the Broadcasting Radio House - way to go! Did you join the Christmas carol singing activity? Well, you missed out if you didn't. We sang two Christmas songs that got everyone in a Christmas spirit.

In an attempt to make learning English more fun, this year's Connect has fun pages with some puzzles to solve. Do you think you know the school well? Check out the answers at the bottom of the fun pages and see if you really do.

As we get ready for Term 2, let us continue to be in good spirits! Remember - we are capable, we are smart and we will be victorious!

Photos of English activities

You Sing, I Guess



Photos of English activities

Singing Christmas carols



WE went on the radio!



Meeting Our NETs



Me, Myself and I

Name: Lea Tan
Country of origin: Singapore

Hi everyone, it's my pleasure to be here. I am from Singapore - a multicultural country that is fairly small but rich in many other aspects. It has a diverse mix of people, culture and languages. I grew up speaking 3 languages plus a mix of local dialects.

From my late teens onward, Canada became my new home - school, work and family. Winters were filled with weekend skiing trips, digging our cars out from under waist high snow, the long days of summer were packed with golfing, road trips and outdoor barbequing. Life was full of changes and surprises.

Achanced opportunity to come to Hong Kong to teach came in the midst of the SARs crisis through an advertisement in the Canadian newspaper. Here I am in Hong Kong - my base since 2006.

What do I miss most while in Hong Kong? Definitely good Singaporean food, my family, and (it's still) food in Singapore. And from Canada ... the vast spaces everywhere even though it's a pain in the neck to be driving in the snow.



Mr. Pavol ('Paul') Dutko

My specialty is grammar and pronunciation. My accent is a mix of redneck American, pretend British and '90s video game slang.



Hong Kong has been my home for 14 years but I come from a very multi-lingual European country called Slovakia which is full of beer (yuck!) and giant castles. Every ghost story you have probably heard of has some origins in this part of the world so, you see, I am an actual genuine

gweilo ;-)

Besides scaring people, we are also good at winter sports and making cars – Wanna race? (^_^) I could also fly an airplane and build a house, but as I had been born into a dangerous time of pre-1989, I was also very good at getting into trouble... all in the name of science, of course, but physics tends to fight back, hard.



U Since then I can only speak one language and half of my memory's gone. So, I got a job teaching English to pay for a degree in computer science, built GPS tracking and e-Learning servers which were then sold to China, and that's how I ended up in Hong Kong. I like teaching much more than staring into a computer screen all day, and I'd like to inspire you all to do more than just that as well.

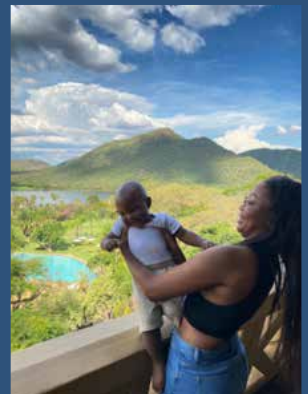


My name is Rethabile Matseke, everyone calls me Retha and it is a pleasure to introduce myself. I am from South Africa. I have many hobbies such as reading, traveling, hiking, writing poetry and I recently started playing golf. This is my fourth year as an ESL teacher and I am looking forward to an exciting and positive year with the students and teaching team.

My primary goal as a teacher is to help children discover the joys of learning, and to help them be confident and comfortable with speaking English. I want to help my students develop a strong belief in their ability to communicate and share their thoughts/ideas in English. I hope that through me, my students will learn the



importance of hard work and have pride in their work and also learn to appreciate and respect other peoples' differences. My greatest strength is my ability to connect to students on their level. I intend to build a warm and successful classroom environment! Let's learn!



Students' Work

What qualities do you think a good friend should have? Have you got any good friends?

1D (06) Yoyo Hon Tsz Yiu

I think a good friend should be cheerful because I don't like someone who is negative. Someone who is negative will make you unhappy. Cheerful people can make you laugh. I have a good friend. Her name is Lian. We have known each other for nine years. She is very cheerful, so I like her very much.

1D (31) Greyson Tai Ho San

I think a good friend should be supportive, positive, hilarious, interesting and caring. If you want a good friend, you need to have a good relationship with others. If you act rudely towards others, they may not want to be your friend. Another important point is that if someone wants to be your friend but they are rude to you, you may not want to be friends with them. For example, a good friend should say positive things when something bad happens to you. Your friend will try everything they can to cheer you up. I have a good friend called Alvin. He is tall and slim. He is hilarious and interesting. We play games together after we finish our homework. Even though I have only known him for 1 month, we have become good friends. That's why I think a good friend should be supportive, positive, hilarious, interesting and caring.



1D (10) Amy Tang Hiu Laam

I think a good friend should be honest, supportive and fun because the friendship will help me grow. An honest friend will give you the most direct answer. Although the answer is sometimes unsatisfactory or even disregards your feelings, it is still an honest answer from a good friend. Good friends will support your decisions. Though they may share their opinion, they will support you whether you adopt it or not, without ridicule or criticism. One of the best qualities of good friends is that they are fun. They like to do fun things to keep you entertained. My good friend is called Sarah and she is honest, supportive and fun. Therefore, I think good friends are important.

1D (15) Sarah Wong Ying Suet

I think a good friend should be cheerful and honest because it is easy to get along with cheerful people. Also, honesty is important. I don't like people who cheat. I have a good friend called Amy. I met her on the first day of school. She is a good friend because she always helps me with my homework. Every weekend, I hang out with her. She is very energetic. Sometimes, we go running. Although I have only known her for two months, she is my best friend and she is so important to me.

Should cycling be promoted as a mode of transport in Hong Kong?

Against

5C (04) Mandy Lau Shuk Kwan

I don't think bicycles should be promoted as a mode of transportation in Hong Kong.

First of all, I think bicycles will be more dangerous on high traffic roads and some roads may be uneven, which may cause more accidents, so it will be very dangerous for cyclists.



In the urban areas, there are a lot of people and vehicles, which may hinder the drivers at peak hours. These times are also crowded with many people. If the number of cyclists increases, it will cause traffic congestion and affect the traffic condition.

To sum up, I think bicycles should not be promoted in Hong Kong. It will not only cause more accidents, but also increase the burden on the drivers. As a result, there will be countless traffic jams.

For

5C (07) Amy Wu Kom Lam

I think cycling should be promoted as a mode of transport in Hong Kong. Firstly, cycling is a good sport. We can run errands, and do exercise at the same time. Buying a bicycle is not expensive and there is no need to buy a car. It is very convenient and it can save money.

Secondly, we can put the bicycle at home and have access to it without any hustle. The speed of a bicycle is very fast, if we want to go to a grocery shop, we can easily get there without getting stuck in traffic.

Therefore, I think cycling should be promoted as a mode of transport in Hong Kong.

Has wearing masks in school had a negative effect on students' social skills?

Against

5A (20) Kevin Liu Kai

I don't think so. In school, although every student wears a mask and we can't see each other's facial expressions, we still have eyes. Our eyes can sometimes better show a person's emotions because eyes can't deceive people. If you smile with a mask on, your eyes will become narrow. Therefore, not being able to see other people's facial expressions with a mask is not a reason that affects social interaction.

Moreover, if we wear masks, we are protected from getting infected. They serve their primary purpose and we can still socialize and chat with classmates. Don't say that wearing a mask will make your voice softer. To sum up, I don't think wearing a mask in school will negatively affect students' social skills.



For

5A (28) Jeff Tsui Chun Cheung

In my opinion, wearing masks in school has had a negative effect on students' social skills.

First, wearing masks reduces students' desire to socialize. A survey shows that if teenagers wear masks for a long time, they will gradually get used to hiding their expressions and emotions. When a student is used to hiding his/

her emotions and not sharing them with others, he or she will be afraid to communicate with others later because of low self-esteem.

Another problem is that wearing a mask can hinder communication. Studies show that emotions can only be identified when you see a full face. If a student wears a mask, it's hard to tell if he or she is smiling or frowning. This can lead to communication barriers.

Therefore, I think wearing masks in school has had a negative effect on students' social skills.

What do you like to do after school?

1C (24) Bryan Liu Zhenye

Every day after school, I go to the library and study or do my homework. Whenever there's a test, I don't even need to tell my parents where I am going, because they already know I am going to the library to study. I will head over there and study for an hour. When I come home, then I mess around on my phone, have dinner, and after that do more studying again.

What is your favourite family activity? Why?

1C (14) Gigi Lin Yongjie

My favourite family activity is travelling, because travelling means that my whole family will go to another place to play together while living in another place. Travelling can make family relationship better and better. I would like to travel to Shanghai because it is my hometown. Travelling always gives me happiness.

Is it important to regulate social media?

6A (21) Elvis Wang Ruo

Recently, social media is like a wildfire spreading in the world due to its anonymity and high degree of freedom. However, the characteristics have also made certain people suffer. Cyberbullying, phishing websites and even some offenses often appear in social media. Thus, it is important to regulate social media.

To start with, there are some teenagers who are suffering from cyberbullying in social media. According to an Oxford University's study, a vast majority of teens have experienced cyberbullying while using social media. As most social media lack a sound regulatory system and it's anonymous, there are many people who would like to type some hurtful words online. Therefore, some teens will be hurt by those words. In the long run, it will become a nightmare for them from the cyberbullying.

In addition, there are a lot of phishing websites on social media. I am sure that you must have seen some phishing messages like "We will take you to earn enormous money!!! Join us please !!!" This fake information is attractive, especially for teenagers. It will entice them to click the virus link under the post. If teenagers can't resist these lures, their smartphones or computers will be infected by viruses. Therefore, if we want to prevent these circumstances from arising, we must take some actions to regulate social media in order to protect our teenagers.



Should photo editing be banned in advertisements?

6A (19) Ivan Ip Siu Wang

Photo editing should not be banned.

First, it can increase company's respectability and credibility. One of the most important advantages of photo editing, particularly for new companies, is the way it may assist a company to establish trust in a tough-as-nails industry. When compared to stock pictures, almost 46 percent of consumers find it simpler to trust a company that uses real images on its website. A tiny office area may be made to seem larger and



welcoming by retouching your pictures professionally, without deceiving your visitors. Therefore, photo editing should not be banned.

Second, it can increase the sales. The goal of photo editing is to improve the overall quality of the photographs. Businesses do not want their goods or services to be represented by poor pictures. Good photo editors may quickly alter the complexion of models, people and overall quality of a picture to make it seem more appealing to the public. One of the greatest examples of this can be seen in fast-food

marketing and how companies such as McDonald's and others use high-quality photos for greater sales.

Therefore, photo editing should not be banned.

Many Hong Kong students think that learning English is hard.

Discuss one reason why learning English is hard, and suggest one way to schools to help students learn English.

6C (06) Suki Tsang

Many Hong Kong students think that learning English is hard because some words are so difficult to spell, and some words have confusing explanations in the dictionary. I think the schools can use e-learning to help students learn English. For example, since e-learning is interesting to students, teachers can let students use their iPads to learn English. Also,



students can use English apps like dictionaries to help them, because the app can pronounce the words and provide extra exercises for students to do, which can help students improve their English, all the while they think English language is so easy. That's what I think the school can do to help students.

Although studies show electric cars are more environmentally friendly than petrol cars, less than 3% of all vehicles sold in 2020 worldwide were electric. Write a letter to the editor of Hong Kong post. Discuss why sales of electric vehicles are so low. Suggest what can be done to attract more people to drive these vehicles.

6C (08) Sam Chiu Chun San

Dear Editor,

I am writing to discuss why sales of electric cars are so low. It is without a doubt that electric vehicles still have obstacles to cross. Why can't electric vehicles replace petrol vehicles? Hong Kong is a fast-paced city, how to promote electric cars as fast as possible?

For starters, electric vehicles have their own safety problems. It does not take much to realise that electric vehicles were invented just a few years ago. As such, electric vehicles still have a lot of safety problems. A survey conducted by a car safety organisation said that electric vehicles can't protect your personal safety, and that two percent of these vehicles often have safety problems. This means that electric vehicles still can have accidents. The biggest electric vehicle company, Tesla, said that its vehicles are more than 99 percent safe, but people would still worry about that 1 percent. I think nobody wants an accident when driving a car. I think that's one of the reasons why electric vehicle sales are low.

Apart from the fact that electric vehicles can't fully ensure the drivers' safety, there are also fewer charging stations for electric vehicles. Hong Kong has a lack of equipment for electric vehicles. A survey conducted by an Electric Station Group found that Hong Kong has only 10 places for electric cars to charge. The amount of charging stations is not enough for electric vehicle owners. This causes the sales to be low. Due to insufficient charging stations, petrol cars are more convenient to use. Also, if you want your electric car to have a full battery, it might take half a day of charging. Petrol cars only need to be refueled by a petrol pump, which is more convenient and faster. That is the reason people mainly drive petrol cars.

To address the aforementioned problems, I think the government should support electric vehicles to attract more people. For example, they can provide free charging. If the government can also set up more charging stations, it will help the electric car owners.

Electric vehicles are trending nowadays. If we don't increase the number of electric vehicles, it will be hard to protect our planet.

Yours faithfully,
Chris Wong



6A (16) Jackson Chan Wing Ching

Dear Editor,

I am writing to express my concern over the use of electric cars in society. In spite of the fact that electric cars are carbon neutral and do not emit toxic substances, most people still opt for petrol cars. I am inclined to believe that something must be done to boost the sales of electric cars.

There are several reasons why the sales of electric cars are so low. First and foremost, electric cars are generally more high-ticket than petrol cars. Electric cars require specific turbines and motors, which are the latest technology, to power a vehicle solely with electricity. This is drastically different from traditional cars, which use petrol or diesel as fuel. Therefore, electric car parts cost a fortune. As electric cars run out of electricity easily, drivers constantly have to find charging stations and pay the charging bill. To add insult to injury, maintenance of electric cars require special equipment that is not commonly used. Hence, drivers have to pay a large sum of money to send their electric cars to overseas factories for repairs. All of these contribute to the sky-high price of possessing an electric car, making electric cars unaffordable to most people. Even for those who would prefer electric cars over petrol cars for the sake of the environment will be compelled to purchase a petrol car due to insufficient budget. As a result, the low sales of electric cars are because of the high price of electric cars.

In fact, the crux of the low electric car sales is actually due to the lack of promotion of electric cars. Most people nowadays are used to driving petrol cars, some are even unaware of the existence of electric cars. The reason why people do not consider buying electric cars is that they do not understand how electric cars are greener than petrol cars. Without proper promotion of electric cars, the public are unaware of the benefits of electric cars and the seriousness of global warming. Thus, they would not take the initiative to buy electric cars to make the world greener. The public must realise the importance of electric cars when it comes to the sustainability of our environment. Electric cars are vital to reduce carbon emissions, and also help save fossil fuels for the use of future generations. Promotion of electric cars must be done to raise awareness of electric cars and how it can save our environment.

To remedy the situation, the government must take a prompt action to facilitate the sales of electric cars such as tax allowance for those who buy electric cars. As the public often chastises the government for imposing heavy tax for buying cars, allowing electric car buyers to pay significantly less tax sounds attractive to those who are planning to buy new cars. This nips the problem in the bud as electric cars were unaffordable before this, and the government may also take this opportunity to promote the advantages of owning electric cars over petrol cars. This can raise the public awareness on environmental protection by reducing carbon emissions and change the minds of potential consumers of petrol cars to buy electric cars instead. Having implemented tax allowance for people who are willing to purchase electric cars, the sales of electric cars may increase gradually in the future.

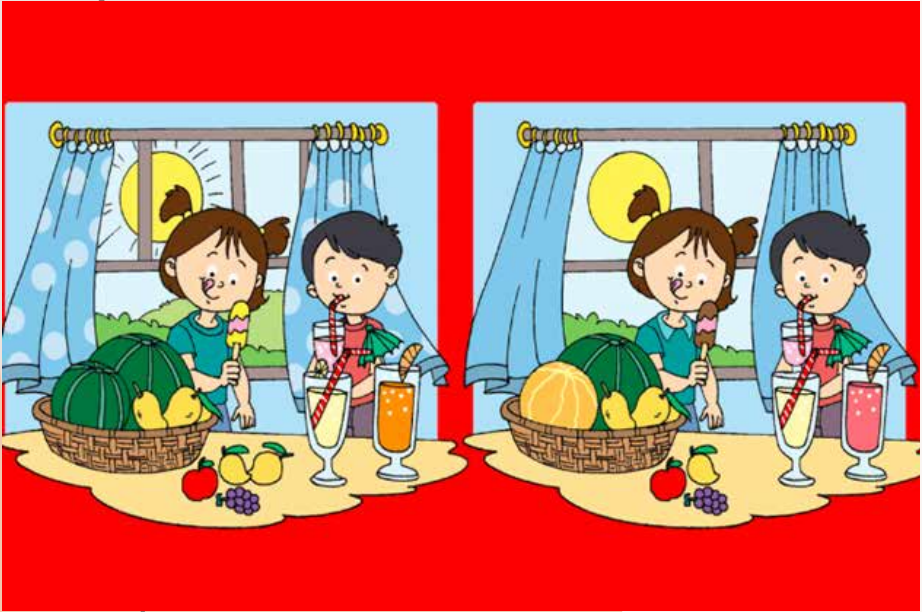
In a nutshell, the problem of low sales of electric cars must be resolved. It is high time the government offers a helping hand and carries out policies to boost the sales of electric cars. With concerted efforts, we can make the world a greener place and potentially put an end to global warming by opting for electric cars instead of petrol cars.

Yours faithfully,
Chris Wong



Fun Page

Circle the 10 differences in the two pictures.



Try to answer these riddles!

Riddle 1: I'm tall when I'm young, and I'm short when I'm old. What am I?

Riddle 2: There's a one-story house in which everything is yellow. Yellow walls, yellow doors, yellow furniture. What colour are the stairs?

Riddle 3: What can you break, even if you never pick it up or touch it?

Riddle 4: What goes up but never comes down?

Riddle 5: I shave every day, but my beard stays the same. What am I?

Riddle answers : 1. a candle, 2. there are no stairs it is a one-story house, 3. a promise, 4. age, 5. a barber

School time! See how many words you can find.

Z	G	N	S	T	U	D	E	N	T	L	V	Q
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Answers: STUDENT, NOTEBOOK, GLUE, BOOKS, TEACHER, PLAYGROUND

Guess the room

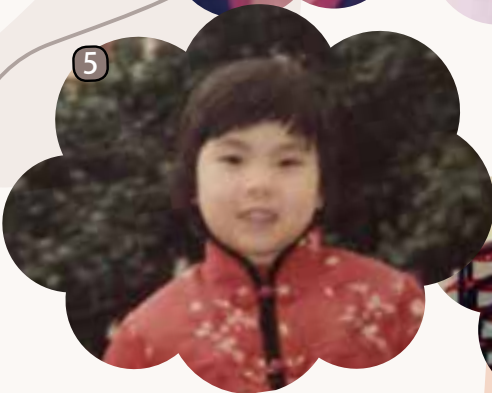
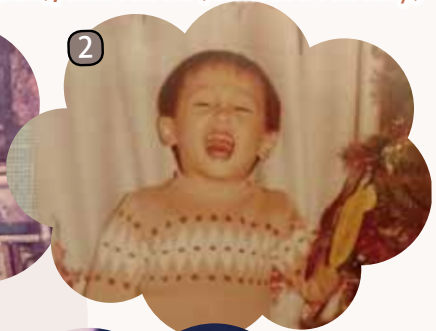


Answers:
1. N02
2. N03
3. N04
4. 601
5. Canteen

Who is the teacher

Choose from the following :

Ms. Lau (Chinese), Mr. Lo (Mathematic), Ms. Wu (Mathematic)
Mr. Yuen (English), VP Kwan (English), Mr. Kwok (Chinese History)



Answer:
1. Ms. Wu (Mathematic)
2. Mr. Yuen (English)
3. VP Kwan (English)
4. Mr. Lo (Mathematic)
5. Ms. Lau (Chinese)
6. Mr. Kwok (Chinese History)