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## **A letter to my parents**

Dear parents,

Hi, how are you? Are you okay in Hong Kong? Thanks for taking care of me for such a long time. You have treated me very well since I was born. I have experienced lots of happy, sad, scary and cheerful moments with both of you.

I really want to tell you that after being alone in the past few years in a foreign country, I have realized some big mistakes I made. I know you have always treated me well, but I have often shouted at you. I was really impolite to both of you. The other mistake was that my room had always been dirty and messy. I remembered that you once shouted at me about my untidiness, but I didn't care. As you can see, I have found out many things I did wrong to you both and I have since grown from that. Therefore, I decided to write this letter to simply say thank you for your love and care.

After reading this letter, will you forgive me? You have made sure I'm prepared for different kinds of things in my life and have offered a lot of advice to me. I am very sorry for my disobedience. I am going to put a great effort to change myself for the better. I promise. You will be able to see the new me. Please forgive all the wrong doings of mine.

I really hope to see you soon. May you come and visit me when you are free? Both of you are the best parents and I really hope you can forgive me. Hope you stay healthy and cheerful every day.

Best wishes,  
Cynthia



## **A letter to my parents**

Dear Dad,

Hi Dad, how are you? Um...I have something to apologize for. I have broken your camera... Please don't be mad at me! The incident happened like this... Yesterday afternoon, I took your camera with me to the restaurant. I ordered some food and went back to my table. I started looking at the photos that I took at Hong Kong Wetland Park. Suddenly, the waiter spilled the soup in front of my table and I dropped the camera on the floor. I have already taken it to repair, but I got a call this morning. I was told that the photos could be restored, but the rest of the functions won't ever work.



I promise you that I will buy you a new one as an apology. I hope you can forgive me and won't be angry with me.

Love,  
Christy

## **A letter to my parents**

Dear Mum,

Hello Mum! How are you? Thanks for taking care of me. I am sorry that sometimes I haven't treated you well, making you feel sad and angry.

Mum, I feel sorry that I didn't help you to do housework so I know why you are tired all the time. Sometimes, I haven't talked with you so you must have felt lonely and sad. I'm very sorry and I know I need to help you more with the housework. The most important thing is I need to take care of you because you are my mother. Thank you for always taking care of our home and always staying here to support me. Recently your health has not been good so I feel sad. Also, I feel my

duty to take care of you and I want you to be strong. You should go to visit the doctor.

Thank you for teaching me many things. When I grow up I will bring a lot of money for you to use. Although sometimes we have different ideas, I promise we will together deal with everything.

I feel very sorry about my past as you always taught me to be good but I didn't listen to what you said. I made you unhappy every day. Now I shall be a good girl, treat you well and help you to do housework. I just want you to be healthy and happy. You are the best mum in my heart and you are more important to me than anyone. I don't want to lose my favourite person in my life.



I hope you can rest more. You are always tired so I promise I will support you more. Lastly, I want to say thank you. I really thank you a lot. I will put more effort into my study, because I know that will make you happy. I love you, mum. I promise I want to be good. Please continue to take care of me.

Love,  
Michelle

*Yan Chun Wai (F. 1B)  
F. 1 Writing Competition –Merit*

## A letter to my parents

Dear Mummy,

Mother's day is coming! I am so excited! I bought lots of flowers for you. I have something to tell you - thank you very much, Mum! Thanks for always taking care of me but I am so sorry that I am always lazy and playing video games. I know you are tired all the time after work. I don't want to give you extra burden so every time when I go back home, I want to help you to do the housework. However, I don't want to tell you this in person because this is a secret. And I remember when I was small, I felt sick easily. Then you would be so worried and took me to see the doctor immediately.

I know you work so hard for the family. When you come back home, I want to make you a drink and cook you a nice meal to cheer you up.

The last thing I want to tell you is that I want to promise you that when you are old, I will take care of you and love you. I wish you good health. I really want to thank you one hundred times for being my wonderful mum!



I hope you feel happy and take more rest every day. You are always my best mom in my eyes and Happy Mothers' Day!

Love,  
Morten

*Lu Yu Ching (F. 2D)  
F. 2 Writing Competition – Champion*

## An unforgettable day at school

Last year, I had an unforgettable day at school. It was a Christmas party. Christmas is the festival I like most because I can have lots of activities on that day.

In the morning, we entered the hall to have Christmas prayer and praise God. We sang together and listened to reminders from the Principal. After the prayers, there was a performance which I thought was good. Form 1 students sang Christmas songs. They were very fantastic. Next, we went back to the classroom and had our Christmas party. We ordered food from Pizza BB. The food was yummy but I thought it could be better. When we finished our lunch, we exchanged our gifts. Some of us felt very excited when they got what they liked. On the other hand, some felt disappointed when they got their gifts. However, we all enjoyed gift exchange very much. Then, we played some more games, for example, big TV, music chair and paper combo. I thought the party was great although it was not perfect because we hadn't taken any class photos.

We have learnt many things at school. These are all my unforgettable experiences. I hope that we will all cherish our time in secondary school.

**Friends like you make  
Christmas extra special!**



*Kwan Ho Long (F. 2B)*  
*F. 2 Writing Competition –1st Runner-up*

## **An unforgettable day at school**

On the last P.E. lesson, when I was playing basketball with my friends, Mr. Yuen asked us, ‘Does anyone want to play a ball game?’ I didn’t know why Mr. Yuen wanted to play a ball game with us but I agreed. We formed the team by ourselves and started. First of all, we had to shoot and see who could score to know which team could take the first move. After the ball game, my team lost and Mr. Yuen’s team won but it was exciting.

When we finished the ball game, we all felt very tired because we used up all our energy to play. I learnt that I should trust my teammates. If you do not trust anyone, you will get nothing and nobody will trust you in return. I did not feel sad about losing in the ball game because it wasn’t easy to play with Mr. Yuen. If I had another chance, I would like to play with them again. Although the weather was very hot, I would not give up. What an unforgettable day with my classmates and Mr. Yuen at school!



*Leung Ying Lam (F. 2D)*  
*F. 2 Writing Competition –2nd Runner-up*

## **An unforgettable day at school**

The day when I performed on the stage in Form One was the most unforgettable day for me at school. It was an activity held by the Student Union. It was called ‘The King of Hundred Animals’. My friend Rainie invited me and May to join this competition.

I remembered that we had to dance in this activity, so we were all very worried about this because when we rehearsed for the competition, we still couldn't follow the beat of the dance. However, we didn't give up as we wanted to win this competition. We practised every day. Finally, it came to our show time and we had to dance in front of all the schoolmates and teachers, so we felt very tensed.



After the show, we were still very nervous. When we were told that we were the champion of the competition, we almost jumped up on the stage.

To our surprise, we were the champion and were also awarded the prize for the Best Team. We got a lot of snacks which we shared together. This is my unforgettable day at school.

*Suen Cheuk Yiu (F. 2D)  
F. 2 Writing Competition –Merit*

## An unforgettable day at school

Last Wednesday was the most unforgettable day for me. That day was my birthday. My friends and parents bought me lots of presents that I wanted, for example, water colours, stationery, dolls and so on. I was so excited and happy.

After the English lessons, I went to the library to find Ms. Law as I was on duty on that day. When I was walking upstairs, I felt someone push me. Suddenly, I fell down and both my arms and legs ached. I found that the one who pushed me down was my classmates. He was running up the stairs at that time. Luckily, my friends Chole and Yanus saw that and picked me up.

After that, Chole and Yanus took me to find the teacher and helped me bandage my arms.

At last, I knew that our friendship is precious. When I get hurt, they are always around me to back me up. I hope our friendship will last forever.

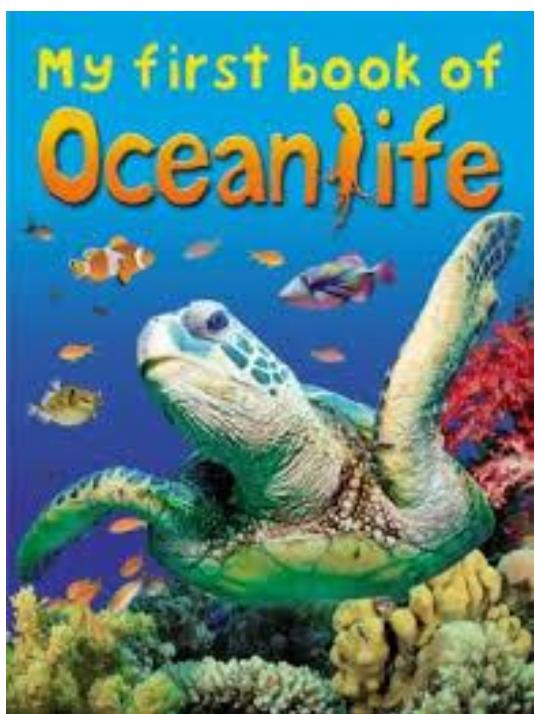


## **How would I spend a weekend without mobile phone?**

Sometimes I imagine what I would do if I didn't have my mobile phone with me because I might lose my phone or it might not work properly one day. So, I have thought of what I would do before it really happens to me.



As drawing is one of my favourite hobbies, I would go out to different places in Hong Kong and do some sketching. Sketching can make me learn about the details of a place and calm myself down. I would also do some watercolor painting since I think that watercolor paintings are wonderful and satisfying. When I had my first trial on watercolor, I felt like I were one of the popular artists from YouTube! It was fun to draw with watercolor too. Drawing would be the first thing I do if I lost my phone.



When I was a little girl, I was always a huge fan of marine animals. I love going to the aquariums to see different kinds of fish, sea turtles, dolphins and other cool sea creatures. If I lost my mobile phone, I would go to the library and borrow some books to read in order to learn more about the life of marine animals so that I can get better results in Biology.

If you lost your phone or your phone was not working anymore one day, you could try these activities that I have just mentioned above. By doing so, you wouldn't feel bored or depressed.

## **How would I spend a weekend without mobile phone?**

Last Friday, I left my mobile phone in a taxi. I felt upset since it would cause me a lot of trouble. Let me tell you more about what happened at the weekend without my mobile phone.

On Saturday morning, when I woke up, I wanted to check what time it was. I used to check the time by looking at my mobile phone, but, I found that I had lost my phone. So, I had to go to the living room to check the time. I felt annoyed as it was quite inconvenient.

As I needed to get a new mobile phone as soon as possible, I wanted to ask my friend to shop with me. However, as I could not use my chatting apps to find my friend, I needed to go straight to my friend's home to find her and ask her to go shopping with me. It was very time-consuming. What's worse, while I was shopping for my new mobile phone, I got lost. I couldn't use Google map to help me find the place that I wanted to go to. It took me some time to go to that electronic shop. When I found a suitable phone, I realized that I didn't have enough money to buy it. That was my first day, a really bad day.

On Sunday, I decided to go to the same electronic shop again to buy a new mobile phone, but when I was on my way, I found that I had to complete an assignment with my schoolmates on that day! I totally forgot about that as the schedule which I used to remind myself was stored in my old phone. Now, my phone was lost and I couldn't remember what I needed to do! Fortunately, they helped me fix the assignment.

Since then, I will keep my things in a better way. I think that I cannot adjust myself well without a mobile phone because it is an important thing for me in my life.



## How would I spend a weekend without mobile phone?

Last weekend, I dropped my phone in the water. When I picked it up, it was not working anymore. I was upset. It meant that I couldn't use my phone till the weekend. It also meant that I needed to get a new phone.

During that weekend, I went to a park and walked with my puppy. It was lovely and my heart was melting. I played ball games with it and it looked happy.

At night, I used to ignore my family members and play with my phone. Now, I realized that I could have more quality time with my family by not playing my mobile phone. The next day, I decided not to fix my phone. I was happier than before because I had adequate sleep. Also, I didn't need to lay on bed all day using my phone.

I learnt a lot from this experience. Although it is quite inconvenient for me to go without a phone, the positive thing is that my body is getting healthier and I have a better relationship with my family members. Because of that, I will not use my phone again.



## How would I spend a weekend without mobile phone?

Nowadays, almost every HongKonger has their own mobile phones. They always use them for communicating, surfing the Internet and playing mobile games, but not everyone has a mobile phone. I was born into a poor family, so I don't have a mobile phone, but I can still arrange activities during weekends.

If I don't have a mobile phone, I will go cycling with my friends in the afternoon because cycling can make us stronger. Also, we can build a better relationship with our friends while cycling. At night, I always play some board games with my family because my parents always love playing Chinese Chess and Monopoly, but I always lose while playing Chinese Chess. Although I am not good at Chess, I can still learn a lot from it.

On Sundays, we usually go yum cha in a Chinese restaurant. I like eating siu mai the most as it tastes good and delicious. After that, I go swimming in the afternoon. It was relaxing because it was really hot in the last few days. Swimming can strengthen our bodies and lungs. I always go to Yau Oi Swimming Pool to meet my friends as they are very good at swimming. At night, we may have dinner in a sushi shop if it is possible. We seldom eat sushi because it is too expensive. The price always rises and many people cannot afford it. We always eat udon because the soup is tasty and fresh. But we can't eat too much. Last time, we spent about five hundred dollars eating in a Japanese restaurant! I was shocked when seeing the bill.



In conclusion, not having mobile phone, we can still have many things to do. Therefore, we shouldn't always use our mobile phone. Instead we should try to do something interesting and meaningful.

## The person who influenced me the most in my life

In retrospect, tons of people have been acquaintances of mine but only a few of them whom I've got inspired from. If you are asking me who is the one that influenced me the most in my life, without doubt, Taeyeon definitely owns the title.



I have been maturing along with Taeyeon since I was a child. Though I have never physically communicated with her, mentally she is always in my mind. Her music is the source of strength to me. She has a God-gifted talent, her singing techniques. She is capable of managing different singing styles. She can handle them beautifully and powerfully. Critics may say she is just a typical idol with a gorgeous presentation. However, she has impacted many people's lives such as mine.

You may be curious of how much a vocalist can affect one's life? Taeyeon has given me a variety of life-changing lessons. I can get along with people wiser, battle against all odds and live optimistically. All thanks to her, I have understood that one should not simply try to comprehend the others just by taking a peek at their physical appearances. Some people may look arrogant but they have a caring and warm heart inside them. Taeyeon is known to be one of these people. Thus, she has left terrible impressions on certain people. However, she believed in her destiny. She has never been hesitant nor giving up her dream. I admire her spirit of living her life fully.



To recap, I am grateful to God for sending Taeyeon to earth. She has always been my biggest inspiration.

## **The person who influenced me the most in my life**

In my Secondary School life, there was a person who helped me a lot. She is an interesting person with a charming and kind-hearted personalities. I can say that she is one of the persons who has influenced me the most besides my parents.

She is my tutor. I remember that once, I was in a bad mood. She comforted me and asked me about the situation. Then she gave me some useful advice for it so that I could tackle the problem well. She also helped me a lot with my English. She told me that being arrogant would not help me improve my English. She also showed me that I was just a frog in a well. I should widen my horizon and gain more perspectives.

She is just like Confucius to me. She taught me how to socialize and be better at decision making. She set herself as an example. She reminded me from time to time so that I kept improving. She did not bear any responsibility to teach me how to improve myself in my life since she was just a tutor. However, she treated me like her friend. She is the most selfless and honest person I have ever met. Sometimes, she knew that if she told the truth, I would be mad at it but she chose to confess her thought.

Now she is not my tutor anymore because she went for a better job but still she cares about me. She prepares loads of exercises for me because she wants to help me with my school work. Whenever I have questions to ask her, she will reply me



as soon as possible even though she is busy at work. She also invited me to have dinner with her and told me stories of her work.

She taught me how to be a better person. If she had not taught me, I wouldn't have been able to get better school results.

## **The person who influenced me the most in my life**

I believe everyone has met a person who influenced you the most in your life. For me, the person who influenced me the most in my life is a girl called Stella.

Stella is my friend. She is kind and friendly. I met her when I was in Primary three. Back then, I was a shy girl and I always hid my feelings. I didn't have any friends and I was always sad. After I met Stella, she inspired me a lot and I became more confident of myself.



When I felt sad, I told her my feelings. She would then give me a lot of advice and encourage me to be strong. She became the first person who I trusted. Besides, she shared with me everything that had happened to her.

Stella is the girl who changed me the most. She brought me a lot of pleasant experiences. She also taught me a lot of things about studies, friendship and social relationship.

Giving me support and encouraging me, Stella is the person who has influenced me the most in my life. She has inspired me to become a stronger and more confident girl. I am glad that we have become friends and maintained a very positive relationship. I am thankful of her letting me know I am not alone. I hope I can be a person who can influence others the most in their lives.

## **The person who influenced me the most in my life**

We meet people in our life. Some of them walked away far but some of them gave us precious memories. There is a person who influenced me the most in my life. She is Miss Cheung, my swimming coach.



When I was five, my mother forced me to learn how to swim but I actually wanted to learn music. Since I was afraid of staying in the pool, I could not open my eyes even though I had put on my swimming goggles. Miss Cheung kept encouraging me to try and distracting me so that I would not leave learning nothing.

But still, I was not interested in swimming because other coaches there were being too strict all the time. Besides, I could not make a friend there. Miss Cheung was the only one who was eager to chat with me and teach me patiently. Eventually, I was more willing to follow their teaching and advice and attended every swimming class.

After a few years, I made some friends in the class and I was quite good at swimming with the constant encouragement from Miss Cheung. I found that swimming was not that bad so I kept swimming till I graduated from my primary school.

I am really thankful that I had Miss Cheung as my swimming coach. She inspired me my love in swimming and gave me memorable experiences of learning a new thing.

## A lesson in life

I have done many wrong things in my life. We are not perfect as we make mistakes, but the thing is, ‘Could they change us?’ Changing yourself to be a better person may seem difficult but it is definitely beneficial to our personal growth.

Take me as an example. I was an overly possessive person. I like to claim things or people as my own. And no one seems to have noticed this little problem of mine. Little did I know that this problem is corrupting my mind slowly. Every time I saw my friend hanging out with others or people trying to get near my friend, I would be alert and aggressive all of a sudden. I would stand closer to my friend and give them the ‘death stare’. Most people would have seen it and walk away and some would not. These kinds of people were the ones I hated the most. I would do many things to hurt them so that they would stay away from my friends. I would spread rumours, damage their relationship with my friends and make them suffer. “Fortunately”, things were going as smoothly as I planned. My friends started to stay away from them whenever they saw them. Everything was going to an end and I could finally claim my precious friends. Yet, seeing them suffer and feel sad made me feel bad and guilty. ‘Was this what I wanted? Hurting people? Is this the right thing to do?’ I questioned myself every single night desperately, hoping to find an answer to end my madness.



I googled, I thought, I read. All answers were the same, which was ‘Let go’. I wanted to let go, I had always wanted to let go, but I couldn’t. Can you imagine how hard it would be for an overly protective and possessive individual to leave a thing they once owned? Rather than being a monster and be mean and rude to everyone, I am determined to change myself. And now I am not a possessive person since I’ve learned my lesson.

Befriending people is easy, but treating them heartily well is not. A simple mistake may put everything in chaos. Being friends with one and another requires mutual trust, for you need to trust people in order for them to trust you. Be genuine, don't be hypocritical, you won't have a chance to truly know your friends more if you keep 'faking things out'. Friends are not objects, they cannot be owned. They



have their own thoughts, feelings and dreams. They belong to themselves and no one can ever change that. They are allowed to have other friends. Behaving like a control freak will cost you a lot and you'll have to confront it sooner or later, so why don't you just give yourself a little break? And be happy and relaxed for once?

Building a long-term relationship with friends can take your whole life but it only takes five minutes to destroy it. Cherish your friends, and treat everyone the way you want to be treated. Being possessive may not be your fault but forcefully pushing your relationship upon your friends further is. So always mind your own behavior, then you will be able to control yourself both inwardly and outwardly.

*Tse Shun Chi (F. 5D)  
F. 5 Writing Competition –1st Runner-up*

## A lesson in life

14<sup>th</sup> February, 2017, a day on which I met John. I had a crush on him on that day. Not just because of his eye-catching appearance, his personality is appealing as well.



'I am sorry, may I sit here?' John asked me with a glamourous smile. 'Sure.' I answered. At first, both of us were quite speechless as we didn't have any common topics. Suddenly, he told me something which I was interested in. I

felt so glad and we started to communicate. We also exchanged the information we know. Several months later, we decided to be in relationship with each other. We became boyfriend and girlfriend thereafter.

It was a wonderful experience during those days. We always had romantic dates. No matter how far the place I wanted to go or how strange the things I wanted to do. John never grumbled or showed any dissatisfaction. At that time, I even imagined about our wedding.

Yet, as the saying goes, ‘Bad luck comes in threes.’ One day, John told me that he was betrayed by his business partner, so half of his money was taken away. He was frustrated by his partner and the financial loss he suffered. He needed about 1 million dollars to tackle this problem. He begged me to lend him some money with an earnest face. He said that he would pay me back after he had solved his problems. Finally, I trusted him with no doubt and let him a large sum of money.

‘Oh my god, you fell into a scam, my darling.’ My mother approached me and gave me a hug. ‘Dad, am I reckless?’ I cried immensely and thought that I was beyond remedy. ‘There’s nothing you need to worry about, the only thing you need to focus on is to keep eating regularly, understand?’

Indeed, after I had lent almost 1 million dollars to John, he disappeared! I recognized that I had fallen into a trap. I felt so sorry when I talked to my parents. However, they comforted me with kindness and told me that there was nothing that I needed to worry about. It was terribly “expensive” to use nearly 1 million to learn a lesson. Luckily, I found that what I need to cherish in my whole life is definitely, my parents!



## A lesson in life

Everyone comes across various adversities in life. Most of us should learn something from them. Those adversities may change your way of thinking or your attitude towards life. As for me, there is one thing that I can't forget which taught me a lot.

Once I was on my way home, I remember it was a quiet night and I had just watched a film at the cinema with my sister. When we walked past a crossroad, I heard a soft sound from the highway. I looked around and tried to find out where the sound came from. Suddenly, I realized that there was a little kitten which was lying on the ground. It seemed that the kitten was extremely weak.



Needless to say, as an animal-lover, I like to help the animals in need. That's what I was thinking at that moment. I hugged the kitten as I picked it up and took it back to my house immediately. I did not spare any time to consider what I should do. The first thing came in my mind was rescuing him.

After taking him to my house, I knew my father would definitely scold me of bringing a sick kitten home or even the kitten who was on the edge of his life. Yet, he might ask me to throw it away without any doubt. However, they were just my imaginations.

By setting him down properly and comfortably, I finally had a rest, so I went to sleep until the alarm clock rang. When I woke up, I instantly went to look after the kitten but I couldn't find it anywhere. I remembered that I had put him under the table in the living room. But now, it was empty and the kitten had disappeared. I shouted out loudly: 'Hey! Where is the kitten? The one I saved last night! Has

anyone seen him?' At that moment, my father came to me with a black face and said: 'Are you serious? You have no idea what you brought back. A sick kitten! It was a dying kitten! I threw it away already.'

I was shocked at that time and I started to blame my father instead of searching for that kitten. It seemed that I was filled with anger and worries while totally forgetting the main thing I should do at that moment. I didn't know whether the kitten was still alive or not. Owing to the pressure of my father, I dare not to argue with him since I was timid. Thus, I chose to give up looking for the kitten. The only thing I did was to pray for the kitten. Why am I telling you about my experience? What is the meaning behind? I do feel regretful as well as ashamed of my attitude when encountering the experience. I shouldn't have given up looking for the kitten just because I was scared of the anger of my dad. I should have been affirmative of what I am doing and thinking, too. As long as I took it home, I had to be more responsible for him. I feel like I am a criminal who abandoned the kitten.

If there was a time machine which could get me back to the past, I would absolutely ask my dad that where the kitten was. Even if I couldn't adopt him, at least I could try to seek for other's help. Perhaps, he would have had a different future, a better life. Sometimes, insisting is really crucial for dealing with something.



## A lesson in life

A few years ago, something serious and ridiculous came into my life. It was a big trouble for me but I still learnt something important from it.

I remember when I was just a F. 3 student, I was way more naughty and childish than now. One time, just before the seventh lesson, my friends, Tony and Teddy and I were sitting together and had nothing to do. We were just sitting on the chair and killing time. Suddenly, Tony suggested that “How about doing something interesting?” Then he picked up a broom and threw it towards us. Luckily, Teddy and I jumped off from the chairs and dodged this instant attack. Weirdly, instead of thinking that this kind of “throw and catch” game was dangerous, we thought it was interesting and exciting. I picked up the broom and threw it to Teddy. Then Teddy threw it to Tony. Then Tony threw it to me again and made the passing route like a triangle. I speeded up my throw and threw it to Teddy, but Teddy jumped off a few steps! The broom flew straight to the window and it broke into pieces in a second.



We realized how stupid we were. How dare we played such dangerous game in the classroom? When we were checking the damage of the window, a teacher came in and asked us what had happened to the window. We could only tell him the truth. Finally, we got 2 hours detention after school.

I felt regretful after this incident, but I also learnt something important from it. First, I should follow the rules. If we had not done anything against the rules in class, we would not have been punished.

Second, I learnt that we need to be considerate before doing anything. If we consider the results before doing anything, we can avoid accidents and punishments.

Finally, I learnt we need to convince other students or our friends before they do something stupid. If I had convinced Tony not to start the “threw and catch” game, all awful things would not have happened.

If I were given a second chance, I would definitely not do the same thing again.

## **One thing I regret doing in my life**

There is no denying that everyone has done a lot of wrong things in their lives. We may feel regretful of doing those things. Sometimes people may not forgive us. Those things will sadly become a heavy backpack on our hearts.

I have a scar that always reminds me of an extremely wrong thing I did to my parents. The scar is on my wrist which makes me remember how I broke the trust of my parents at one moment in my life, which I truly regret. I feel sorry for my mum and dad. Yes! I shamelessly hurt my mum. I had broken their hearts. I shouldn't have done so. That's why the scar never lets me forget that moment.

Being a senior form student, at first, I felt extremely stressed and under great pressure. Every day, I had to undergo a heavy workload at school. After school, I had no energy to communicate with my parents. I would rather take a rest. One day, I returned home at 8 p.m. I was really tired because of the schoolwork. When I got back home, my mum gave me a bowl of soup. I ignored her. My father saw me doing it. He thought that I was impolite. He scolded me, ‘How can you be like that? Ignoring your mum? What an impolite girl you are!’ Although my father scolded me, I had no energy to respond and went back to my bedroom. My father felt angrier and pulled me into the living room. I became extremely annoyed and I ended up pushing my father away. I even broke the soup bowl.

Mum immediately picked up the broken glass. Unfortunately, my mum’s finger got a cut. It bled. Dad helped mum to stop bleeding and shouted, ‘What kind of



daughter do we have?!’ Hearing this, I shut the door and left home. ‘They have totally misunderstood me! How could they blame me like that? I didn’t feel any love between

me and my parents.’ I burst into tears and ran to a park.

When I got to a park, I calmed myself down. Close to me, I saw a boy and his father sitting. The kid was holding an ice-cream happily. The father looked at his kid lovingly. The father said, ‘Son! Do you love this ice-cream? In the future, you

also need to buy an ice-cream for me and take good care of me. Don't feel annoyed because of what we may say to you sometimes. As we love you, we want the best for you and this means at times we may shout at you. What we do and will always do is because of our love!' I was woken up by the father's saying. What have I done to my parents? How could I have ignored them? They love me! They take care of me! I am their only daughter but I broke their hearts!

So, I quickly returned home. After I reached home, I felt ashamed. I apologized to my parents. I realized I have wronged them.

Our parents are the only ones who always love us. Their love is forever! If I had a chance, I would not do it again. I hope time can be reversed, but I know it can't. What I have to do now is to treasure my parents and have trust in their wisdom and care. We have to love our parents all the time.



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## One thing I regret doing in my life

There are countless things that I have done. Some were good and some were awful. When I did something great, it left a memorable mark in my heart. However, once, I did a thing that I regret the most. It took me a lot of time to recover from this. The regret was giving up too easily when a friend was in need of my help.

If I was able to help my friend with certain things, it wouldn't have made his situation worse. I blamed myself as I was unable to help him. When I saw him repeating the class as he didn't do well in his exams, I was shocked. No doubt, his attitude was unbelievably bad. But, I still rejected to help him because honestly I didn't know how to help him.



Days later, I saw him absent for a long period. I asked myself ‘is it my fault?’ This question repeated in my head each day I went to school. If I was able to help him, things might have gone better. Although I could answer few simple questions for him, but was it really enough for him?

He said he was depressed. As a friend, I wanted to give him a helping hand but I just didn’t know how to. All I could do was to say to him that he shouldn’t give up and try his best. True, neither he nor I knew anything about handling such circumstances. We lacked perseverance to do our tasks. What’s more, his attitude affected me too.

I couldn’t believe a former friend like him could change in such a big way. Maybe if I could have helped him, then he could have stood up on his feet again. Honestly, I truly regret what I have done. A friend has become a stranger. Worst still, we lost our friendship. With his attitude, I didn’t think I could see any ‘hope’ in him. The main reason was he lost his motivation long time ago.

Every time I saw his homework left on his desk without his name, I felt sad. He missed so many of his lessons too. It resulted in him having a bad impression among his teachers. Sometimes I heard comments from teachers, saying things like if he would appear in lesson or not. Every night before I slept, I did a reflection of my choice. I fear this will be a continuous nightmare for me, not only about his academic results but also the friendship of ours.

I sincere hope there will be someone who is better than me can rescue him from his situation. I wrote a diary entry to seek help from teachers too. I learned one thing about him, which is he is like an object which caught fire. If I had stayed



for a longer time, I would have been affected in bigger way too. I felt sorry for him, but I don't have other options but to give up on him. I can tell his DSE results will be the same – fail.

His tragedy always flash pass by in my mind. There may be tons of things I have done badly, but I was able to admit my fault and solve them. But this time, only this time, I couldn't do anything. This nightmare will not disappear or fade away. I hope there will not be another thing to regret in my life.

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## **One thing I regret doing in my life**

‘Oh! Look at you! You are so ugly,’ I said. ‘Who will use a Hello Kitty school bag when she is in F. 3, haha?’ Chris laughed at Mary. Mary sat in the corner of the classroom, holding her school bag tight. ‘Ding! Ding! Ding!’, the school bell rang and all of us went back to our seats. I looked at my friend, Chris. Her eyes said it all. ‘Let the show begin!’

When Mary opened her school bag, a black spider came out from her bag. She became really scared and started to scream. This was not the end! We also added a good amount of salt into her water. ‘Chris, Look! She is drinking water,’ I said to Chris. Chris answered me with laughter. ‘I am sure her mouth is full of saltiness!’ Mary seemed that she could not stand this anymore. She ran out with tears and slammed the classroom door. ‘Ha! Someone is angry now,’ I spoke out loud.



After that, I asked everyone not to play and talk with Mary, even the boys. Since I was the eldest, all of my classmates they looked up to me. I felt I was cool when I bullied people. But what I didn't know was that it was the stupidest thing in the world.....

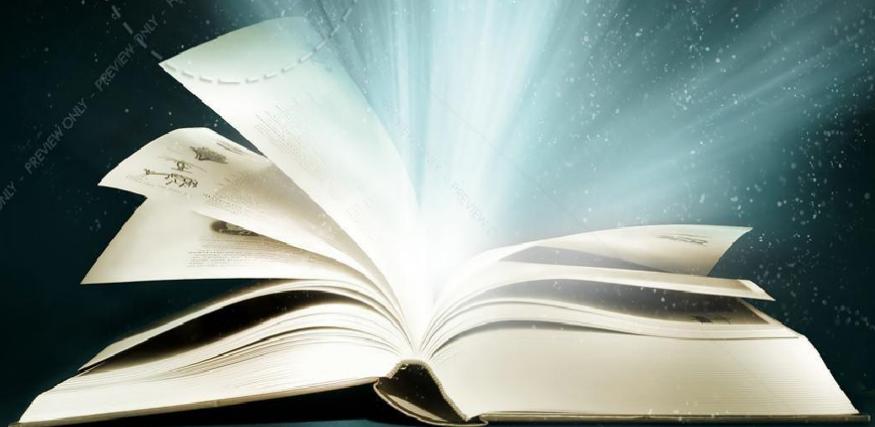
This situation continued for a month, until one day..... Mary didn't come to school. We didn't notice that because all of us were trying to ignore her existence. Suddenly, a janitor came in and spoke with a nervous tone, 'Is Mary Chan absent today?' Our class teacher answered 'Yes. What's wrong?' The janitor said 'I... I'm afraid Mary is gone.....' The reply of the janitor completely shocked my heart. I couldn't believe that Mary committed suicide. It was entirely my fault; I was the one to be blamed upon! I felt was very regretful and sorry about what I had done. I wish I could turn back time. School bullying was something which is wide spreading. We all had the responsibility to stop this from happening.

My friends and I received a serious punishment. I think all of us have learned something from the event. Now, I never bully people again. I am trying to treat everyone kind. It is undeniable that bullying can hurt. I wash Mary has never left us. I regret a lot. Why would I ever do this...



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