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F. 1 Writing Competition: My Favourite Time with Family

Champion

Hui Sum Ki, Fiona (F. 1D)

When I was six years old, my family took me to Disneyland. That was my favourite time with my family because it was exciting and unforgettable.

We went on different rides and got some drinks there. We enjoyed the drinks very much! We drank apple juice, lemon-cola etc. I loved the lemon cola the most as there was a Mickey Mouse picture on the cup! Mum preferred the mango juice and dad loved the apple juice. We rode the roller-coaster after we had some drinks. Before going on the ride, one of the staff gave us some stickers of some cartoon characters. He was nice and generous! He was also helpful! He said, 'If you feel unwell after the ride, you can find me and I will help you!' We said, 'Thank you!'



After the ride, my mum asked, 'What do we do next?' My father suggested seeing the monkeys! I was scared and kept shouting! My mum laughed at me. Many people were looking at me because they wanted to know why I was not fearless. We went to a restaurant for dinner. We ate some noodles and some chicken wings. The chicken wings were spicy! We kept drinking water but the chicken wings were in fact incredible! The noodles tasted yummy but they were overpriced! It cost us \$500!

Soon, it was getting dark. It was time to leave. We were lucky to have the chance to visit this beautiful place! We look forward to our next trip to Disneyland soon!

My favourite time with my family was my sixth birthday. On that day, my parents and I visited Ocean Park to celebrate it.

It was my favourite time with my family since we could go to Ocean Park together. On that day, we had a lot of fun. We tried a lot of rides, such as merry-go-around, frog jump and some other exciting rides. After playing these games, we went to take the Ocean Express to see some animals. Next, we watched the dolphin show. I was excited because that was the first time I had seen such a performance! I thought the dolphins were good because they followed their trainers and did some tricks. Later, we went to see different kinds of sea animals, such as sharks, jellyfish and crown fish. I liked them very much! Finally, after taking the cable car across the park, we went to see pandas and left the park afterward.

I felt the experience was super great because that was the first time I had been to Ocean Park and I saw a lot of animals that I haven't seen before. That's why I felt great about it! I hope I will go to Ocean Park again.



2nd Runner-up

Leung Pak To, Paco (F. 1C)



My favourite time with my family was when I was six to ten years old. At that time, they always brought me outside because I didn't have much homework and they didn't have to work much.

One day, they brought me to Ocean Park. I only went on two rides. When I wanted to try more rides, I was refused because I was not tall enough. I was sad. I wish I could become taller faster!

When we were having lunch, dad saw that I was sad. So he asked, 'Do you feel bored? Later, I will bring you here again, don't feel sad.' After talking with dad, I felt better. Then, we went on to visit other attractions. Next, my dad even let me use his phone to take photos of things around. The time I spent with dad was great and I felt that our relationship got closer.

All in all, it was a happy day. But now, we don't have much time going outside. He needs to work and I need to study and do homework.



Merit

Tang Yan Min, Sunny (F. 1D)

My favourite time with family? Let me think...

When I was ten years old, one day, my father took me to Disneyland. We rode the roller coasters and other thrill rides. Also, we took photos with the people who cosplayed as Iron Man. This is my favourite time with my family because my father and mother often went to work. They always left me alone

at home. It was the first time we spent so much time together. The second reason is that they bought many souvenirs for me, like toy cars, robots and school bags. That was the first time I had got so many presents on the same day.



I felt very excited when I was on the roller coaster. I felt so full when I finished my lunch. In the end, I found this experience simply unforgettable.



F. 2 Writing Competition: My Favourite Gift

Champion

Chiu Yan Yin, Ian (F. 2C)



A lot of people receive gifts whenever it's their birthdays or there's a festival. However, I didn't receive my favourite gift on my birthday or at a festival.

This gift wasn't given to me neither by Santa at Christmas nor by my friends else. That gift was given to me by my mum when I was around 2 years old.

One day, my mum suddenly told me that I was going to have a sister soon. I was shocked. I asked, 'Where is she though?' She said, 'Your sister is in my tummy!' I didn't believe her at first, but I started to believe that there's actually a 'creature' inside her tummy as her tummy was getting bigger and bigger.

After a couple of months, my mum went to the hospital. I felt so sad at that time since it was the first time my mum left our home without bringing me along with her. Luckily, my dad was with me and he comforted me, ‘Your mum is giving birth! You’re going to see your sister in a while!’ Well, actually I was in the crib and I couldn’t even escape from it without my parents’ help. So, I couldn’t do anything besides crying and calling mum when she was not there.

Finally, my mum returned home. However, she came back with a baby instead of a bag of vegetables. I knew it was my sister. My parents named her Ivy, which is a kind of flower.

My sister could be kind of annoying sometimes, as she was just crying all day and she often grabbed my toys. But at the same time, she had also brought me unlimited happiness. That’s why she’s my favourite gift.



1st Runner-up

Ng Cheuk Tung, Emma (F. 2D)



My favourite gift is a doll. It’s a little pig. My father bought the doll to me on my ninth birthday. I really love this doll. I have given it a name. It’s called Pink Pink. I like to sleep with Pink Pink and our favourite activity is to play together. Our favourite game is the “hug game”. This game is my father’s idea. When I hug Pink Pink and close my eyes, I fall asleep easily.

I have loved Pink Pink even more since my father died. That was the only gift my father had ever given me. Sometimes I hug Pink Pink and cry because I really miss my father. I tell Pink Pink what happens every day. I think if I



tell Pink Pink, maybe it will help me pass the message to my father. I hope Pink Pink has told my father how much I miss him.

However, I think my father knows that I miss him. However, I still can't meet him.



2nd Runner-up

Cheung Hau Ching, Amy (F. 2D)

I have a music box which is white and black, and it is made of glass in the shape of a piano. It is my last gift from my best friend. It is my favourite gift.



Nine years ago, I played at a park with my friend. I saw a boy who was wearing a black T-shirt and he was adorable. He was called Tommy. At that time, he was 7 years old and I was 5 years old. He was my neighbor. I always played with him and he always taught me how to do my homework. He lived with his sick mother, who was always sleeping in bed. I always went to his home and took with me the cookies my mum had made. He asked me why I always played with him and helped him with his housework. Maybe I didn't know how to thank him for teaching me homework. I said I liked him because he was kind.

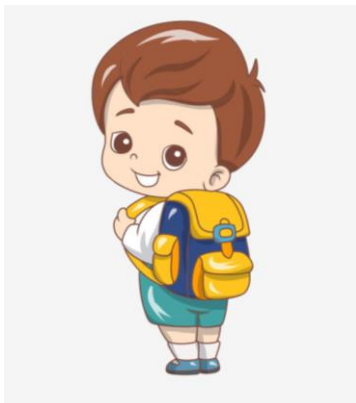
I played with him more often. One day, I went to Tommy's home. There was no one in his home. Also, his mother who was always sleeping in bed was not at home either. I felt sad and I just left. When I returned home, my mum

gave me a letter and a gift. They were from Tommy. In the letter, he said his father took them to live in England since they wanted his mother to receive some medical treatment. This was the last gift I got from Tommy, a music box. I still miss Tommy very much, so I always listen to the music box to remember my best friend.



Merit

Tam Pak Lok, Oscar (F. 2D)



My favourite gift is a school bag. Although it looks simple, it carries a special meaning for me. When I was six years old, my father bought a gift for me. The gift was wrapped in a blue and red dotted package. There was a school bag inside it. The school bag is blue and yellow, covered with some dotted patterns. The school bag cost \$1000 since it was made by Jay Chou, who is a famous singer. I think the school bag was so expensive.

That school bag is my favourite gift since it was the first gift from my father. My father is a doctor working in China, so he always stays there. This gift was a big surprise because my father suddenly came back to Hong Kong and gave it to me. Second, the quality of this school bag is very good and I have used this school bag for six years so far. Third, its size is very big, so I can carry a lot of books to school.



I hope my father can buy me another gift because I want to see him again.

F. 3 Writing Competition: If I could Invent Something

Champion

Zheng Chi Yam (F. 3C)

If I could invent something, I would invent a machine that allows our mind to travel into a virtual world. I think this innovation could help the people that are blind or immobile.



This invention would be called ‘Full-Dive Machine’. As I have mentioned before, this machine would allow our mind to travel into virtual reality. You could do anything that you couldn’t do in reality. For example, floating in zero gravity, being a non-human, doing illegal things, teleporting and seeing our friends wherever we want, etc.

You may ask, ‘how can the ‘Full-Dive Machine’ help the blind or the disabled?’ Now let me tell you how. This machine would cut off the link between our mind and the real world until you log out from the system, so we would have different bodies there. That means we could have a pair of eyes that could see or move freely!

This would be a perfect invention if it is free of problems. However, our actions in the virtual world would not affect our real bodies, so we would still need to lead a normal life.



If I could invent this machine, it would be the greatest innovation in the world.

If I were an inventor, I would invent a giant air-conditioner to help our earth cool down. As global warming is becoming more serious, the temperature keeps increasing. The sea level is rising and the icebergs in the South Pole and North Pole keep melting. As a result, the polar bears are becoming endangered.



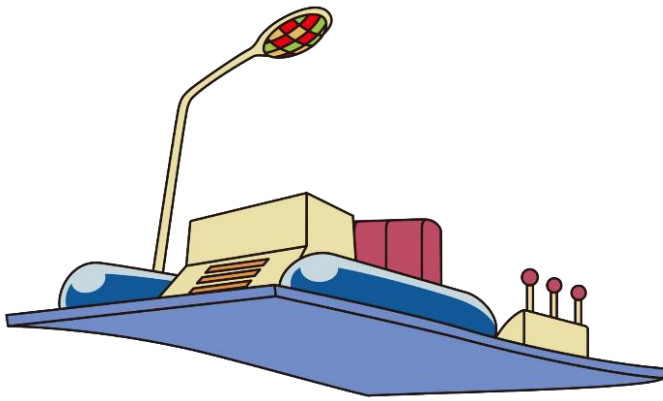
The giant air-conditioner could release a lot of cool air but it would not use electricity. It would use solar energy to produce power instead.



If I invented the giant air-conditioner, I would solve the most serious problem on this planet. Many animals would not be endangered if I solved this problem. Venice would not flood either.

Even if I invented the giant air-conditioner, you still need to help solve the problems of global warming. For example, you can plant more trees, use less paper, drive less often and follow the principle of 3Rs. The most important thing is - avoid turning on the air-conditioners at home all the time since the air-conditioners discharge a huge amount of hot air. That is one of the reasons that global warming is becoming more serious.

All in all, if I really invented this giant air-conditioner, I would be the noblest inventor in the world.



If I could invent something, I would manufacture a time machine. It could take me anywhere at any time. This machine would be powered by electricity. People would need to sit inside the machine for around ten minutes. I think ten

minutes is a bit long so I would arrange some magazines for people to read. Also, the time machine would not be very large, so people are not supposed to stay there for a long time because it would be dangerous.

Next, I'm going to tell you what problems this time machine could solve. People always feel regretful of what they did in their past. For example, they could not see their relatives before they died. My invention could help them travel to the past again and prevent something from happening so that they could stop living in the memories of their past.

There is one point that I'm worrying about. I think some people might over-rely on the time machine and not want to come back. To address this problem, I must say that one person is allowed to travel back in time once in their lifetime, and he wouldn't be able to change history by himself; otherwise, it would cause chaos.



Lastly, I hope that the time machine could be used by everyone to solve their personal problems. I would be glad if it could be widely used in the society.

As the COVID-19 is getting more serious, wearing masks has become a part of our daily lives. There are a lot of people who can't afford expensive masks. Therefore, I would try hard to invent some masks affordable for everyone. The mask I would invent is called 'Virus Mask' which could protect people from any virus, even COVID-19. The mask would be made of green materials which would not cause any harm to the planet. It would also be light and fashionable. If people put on this mask, they would be well protected.



More importantly, a special kind of gel is coated onto the virus mask. The gel can kill 99% of germs and viruses and is not harmful to people's health. It is powerful enough to protect you from the COVID-19 virus. This would help the world overcome this situation and one day we could live without masks anymore.

You may come up with a lot of questions now. You may worry 'Is it suitable for children?' and 'Does the gel smell bad?' or even 'It must be very expensive with all the advantages!'. Don't worry! As I invented this mask, I would make one version for children and another version for the elderly. Also, some flower fragrance would be added to the special gel to make it smell pretty good. Lastly, it would not be expensive because I make this only to help the world, so it would be sold at reasonable prices.

I hope everybody would use the 'Virus Mask' because it is green and protective. As long as you take a small step, the world will be better. Let's save the world together!



F. 4 Writing Competition: Evaluating Face-to-face Lessons and Zoom Lessons

Champion

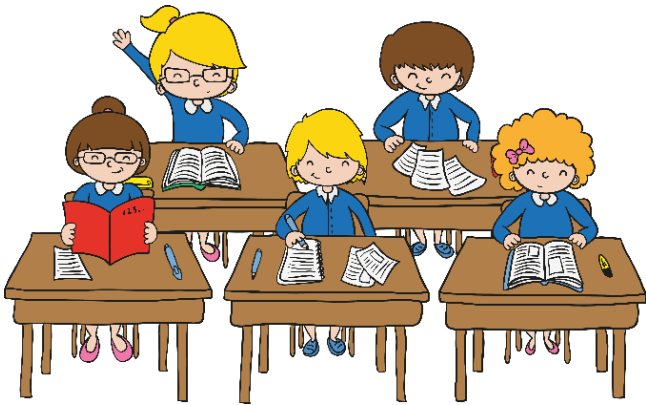
Fong Yu Ho, Tom (F. 4D)

Zooming Out to See the Bigger Picture

Have you ever wondered why we need to sit in the classroom for hours just to learn something that is a few clicks away? Or have you ever questioned why the Zoom lessons need to be a stripped-down version of the face-to-face lessons? The pandemic is like the last straw, revealing the weaknesses of our education system, so we need to do something about it.



Online lessons are now just a stripped-down version of face-to-face lessons. Teachers and students always associate Zoom lessons with adjectives such as boring and tiring. Some schools try to avoid them as much as they can. There are many reasons why we do not like Zoom lessons very much. For example, students always get distracted by things around them and sometimes students don't really have a suitable study environment. For teachers, they don't prefer Zoom lessons because they cannot know if the students understand the subject or not. They also cannot view the students' work immediately. When compared with face-to-face lessons, not only is the physical distance between teachers and students widened, but the learning outcome is hard to verify.



On the other hand, face-to-face lessons can involve more technology. To me, there is one good thing about Zoom lessons. I can take notes digitally, which means my notes can be viewed anywhere. On the other hand, face-to-face lessons do not allow us to do that as we cannot take photos of the blackboard. The only thing we can do is to jot notes by hand.

In conclusion, both Zoom lessons and face-to-face lessons have their advantages and disadvantages. If we make good use of them, both of them can facilitate learning.



1st Runner-up

Chan Chun Yuen (F. 4D)



Nowadays, because of the pandemic, students cannot go to school to have face-to-face lessons but attending online lessons via Zoom instead. By doing so, students can keep learning at home or anywhere. These two methods of learning have their own pros and cons. Now let me compare these methods and share with you my views.

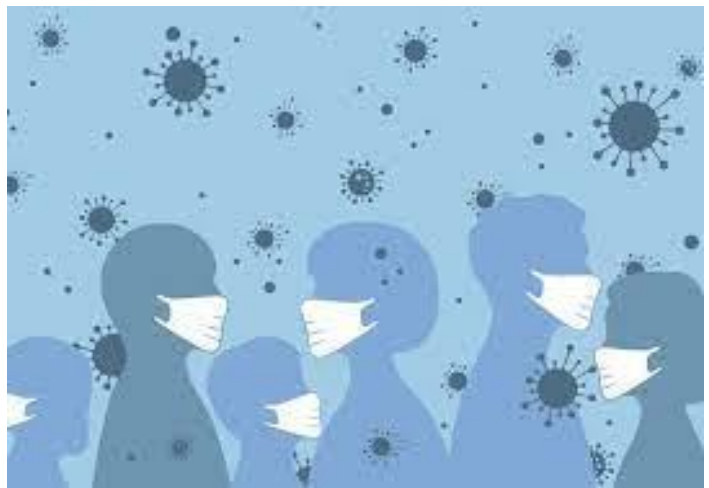
From students' prospective, when having face-to-face lessons, they need to wake up early to go to school. Because of this, they may prefer to have Zoom lessons at home. It is more convenient than attending face-to-face lessons because they can stay at home or even stay in bed during lessons. In addition, they can save money since they do not need to take any transport to school.



But there are also some disadvantages of having online lessons. During online lessons, students need a good network support and equipment such as computers, cameras and microphones. Some of the students

do not have the necessary equipment, thus negatively affecting their learning. Moreover, some students become lazy while having lessons at home as there are too many distractions like mobile phones and televisions. They cause students to lose focus during lessons. Therefore, students' grades will dramatically drop when they are not having face-to-face lessons.

We always say that face-to-face-lessons are good for students as they can concentrate better and learn more effectively. However, there are some cons of face-to-face lessons. For face-to-face lessons, students need to wake up and leave home early so that they can arrive



at school on time. It means students may not have enough time to have breakfast. In addition, face-to-face lessons may increase their risk of being infected with COVID-19 since there are so many students in the campus. If one student is infected and he does not know it and keeps going to school, other students may be infected as well.

All in all, online lessons and face-to-face lessons have their own advantages, but from my perspective, I prefer online lessons to face-to-face lessons because I do not want to leave home for school. Also, staying at home is better for me to learn because of the silence and convenience!

Do you think face-to-face lessons are better than Zoom lessons? In my opinion, face-to-face lessons are better than Zoom lessons since face-to-face lessons can make me focus better during lessons.



During face-to-face lessons, if I have some questions, I can ask my teacher immediately. I can also discuss them with my friends. After the lessons, I can play with my friends and talk with them. It makes me happy.

But I need to wake up early and arrive at school before 8 a.m. It makes me feel tired and don't want to go to school. Sometimes I feel tired during lessons because I think some lessons aren't interesting. They make me not want to go to school anymore.

In Zoom lessons, I can enjoy my breakfast as some teachers don't require us to turn on the camera. During the lessons, I can even watch videos or play computer games since some teachers don't ask me questions. In fact, no one knows if I am paying attention to the teacher.



However, one of the cons is that I can't ask teachers questions immediately as they are too occupied with the technology as well as the teaching. Therefore, I think face-to-face lessons are better than Zoom lessons.

Since COVID-19 has spread all over the world, to protect students, governments have decided to let them have online lessons instead of face-to-face lessons. As a result, students have different problems and benefits while having Zoom lessons. Therefore, let's compare face-to-face lessons with Zoom lessons.

While students are having Zoom lessons, they may stay at home alone or with their family members. They may be distracted by games, phones or even their family members. Also, teachers find it hard to use the new technology and identify students' mistakes immediately, which causes students' academic results to worsen.



However, are there no advantages of Zoom lessons? For some students, they live very far away from school. It takes them a lot of time to commute. Learning at home is better. Students may have more time to take a rest or study. Moreover, they can train their self-discipline. If students can focus on lessons, their academic results will be better.



Face-to-face lessons are more flexible than Zoom lessons. Students can communicate with others more freely. Learning from one another is good for students. When students can meet one another physically, they will have more interaction. That improves their mental health as well. More importantly, students can resume their P.E. lessons which can strength their physical health. Besides, teachers can also take better care of students as they can help students solve their problems.

Though face-to-face lessons seem to have more advantages, students always complain about them. Some teachers do not use good teaching methods, like lecturing without interacting with students. Some students may feel bored and annoyed in these classrooms. Moreover, having many students studying in the same classroom may put them at risk during the pandemic. If a student is infected with COVID-19, the whole school will be in big trouble.

All in all, face-to-face lessons and Zoom lessons have their advantages and disadvantages. Both students and teachers have to prepare themselves well so that they can adjust to the two kinds of lessons.



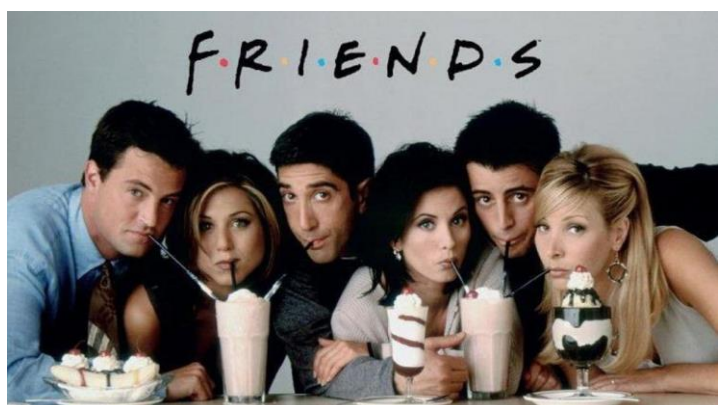
F. 5 Writing Competition: Do friends have to agree? Why? Why not?

Champion

Zeng Shi Ying, Imma (F. 5D)

Everyone has friends, right? If you have a friend, you may have a similar experience like ‘Should I agree with him or her if we have different opinions?’ In this situation, we may be worried that our friends will get mad if we don’t agree with him or her.

First of all, I have to say that friends don’t have to agree all the time. We have struggles and we may make poor decisions. Sometimes when we make mistakes, we need a person to remind us not to do that again. This is very important. For



example, when I don’t want to finish my English homework and I prefer telling teachers that I’ve forgotten it because of my laziness. My friends should not agree to what I did, instead they should tell me I am wrong. Then, I would

know I need to overcome my laziness and do the right thing – finish homework on time. What if my friend agrees with me even if I continue not completing my homework? That would be terrible because I would get used to such a bad habit. I would get punished by my teachers and my poor learning attitude would be difficult to overcome. In this kind of situation, friends have to disagree and it is actually important for us.

On the other hand, friends should agree in a few situations. Let's think about how you and your friends became such good friends. When you were tired of learning and life was full of difficulties, your friend just came over to you and said, 'Me too'. You became friends because he or she agreed with you and you two shared the same feelings. He or she could totally understand you! It was not so easy to find someone who shared the same thoughts, so you two became good friends.



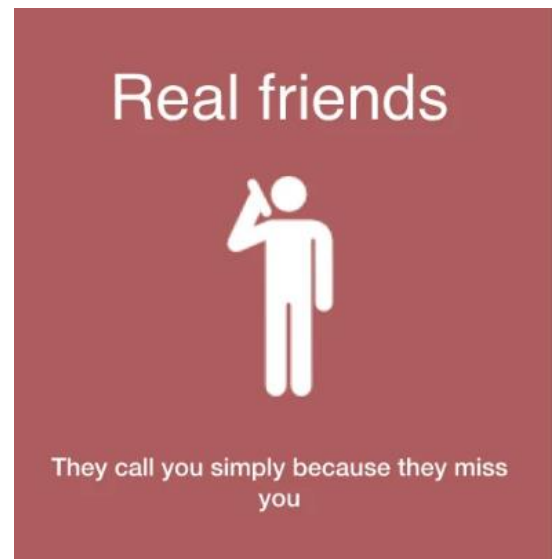
Also, when your friend is asking whether you are interested in the things he or she likes, you can just agree. Of course, you don't need to agree all the time. By doing so, you may have a closer relationship and it is just a way to keep a good relationship with friends.

In conclusion, whether friends have to agree depends on different situations. And we should learn when we should agree and when we should not agree with our friends. Wish everyone will get better relationships with people around us, not just friends, but also your family and relatives.



Without a doubt, all of us have friends. Nevertheless, there are lots of choices in our lives. Most of them will affect whether your friends like you or not. It is because teenagers love to find an agreement among their peers. However, should we always agree to a friend's behaviors blindly for keeping the friendship? For me, I totally disagree to this.

There are two kinds of mates surrounding us – good friends and bad friends. Having a good friend will bring you a lot of benefits as you can learn plenty of things from him or her. For instance, a good friend will make you become more hard-working. You may be inspired by him or her. Moreover, a good friend will solve the difficulties with you and will help you without any complaints or asking for rewards. Furthermore, your world will be brightened by having a good friend. The most important point is they will accept others' suggestions. They will not be sad because of what you say.



On the contrary, a bad mate will always make you sad. They care only about themselves. If you have trouble, they may not help you. The worst thing is they do not accept others' advice. If you think they are wrong, they will be angry. They may even leave you alone when they cannot get the support which they want from you.

Last but not least, you will be influenced differently by having different kinds of friends. As a result, we do not have to always agree with our friends since a true friend will not leave you because of what you say. Yet, you have to give the suggestions politely as your tone may make him or her feel hurt.

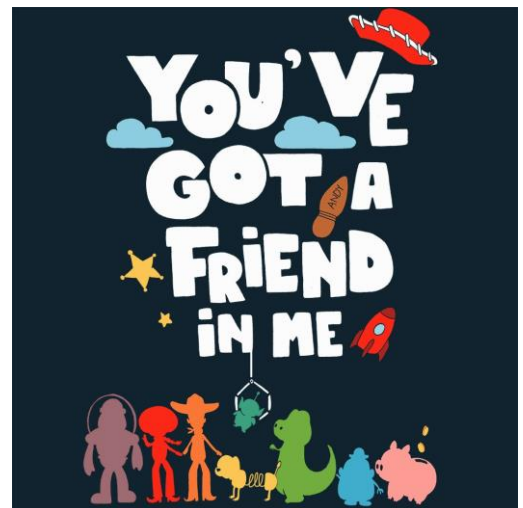
To sum up, we don't need to agree with our friends all the time and we should learn to accept others' advice humbly.



2nd Runner-up
Wong Shan Ho (F. 5D)

Who is the most important person in your life? The very first one we would think of may be our family member. That may be the one we see every day. Next would be the second most important person in our lives, that may be our friend.

Friends, who are supposed to be honest and supportive to us, are an essential foundation to build our lives. We all have friends in different stages in life. We try hard to become a better friend to others in order to maintain the friendship. Somehow, we are always taught to encourage our friends; however, blind support could drive our friends to an extreme. Eventually, it does no good to them.



Do friends have to agree? Yes, but in most cases, it depends. For example, when your friend is striving for his dream to enter a degree programme in college, you should support him. But if he has a terrible idea or habit, you should correct him and lead him back to the right track. This is what a friend should do.



Having a great impact, friends could influence us a lot. It is not rare to hear about how peer pressure is harmful to teens. They want to get into their friend's social circle. They think that is the way to be accepted and be considered real friends. Under the circumstances, teens might make a lot of ridiculous choices. This would not only be harmful to the society but also to their physical and mental health.

To sum up, sharing our valuable experiences and opinions is what we have to do as a responsible friend. We should always give suggestions rather than showing endless agreement.



Merit

Yeung Ho San (F. 5B)



Some people think that we should not always agree with friends while others may think the opposite. As for me, I think we should not always agree with friends, and here are the reasons to support my view.

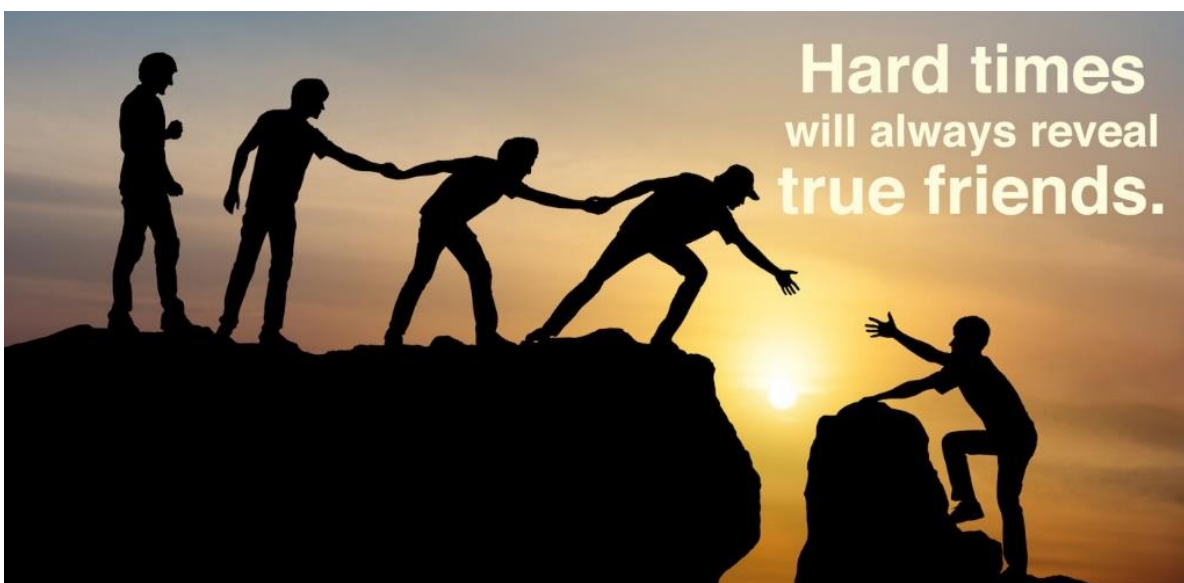
We should not always agree with our friends because sometimes their actions may not be right. If you agree with them, you are not helping them but you are making things even worse for you and your friend. Actions like doing something illegal or dangerous should not be supported at all.

“
A true friend
won't sugarcoat advice
but is never
cruel.
”

If your friend does something illegal, it will make both of you in trouble as it is very likely that you will be put in jail. Nobody wants to waste their time in jail. Therefore, we should not agree with our friends if illegal actions are involved.

The next thing which we should not support is people committing suicide. Suicide is a very serious issue. You would not want your friend to die. Your decision could cause a lot of harm to many people like their family and their community. Instead, we should encourage our friends to face their problems bravely and treasure their life.

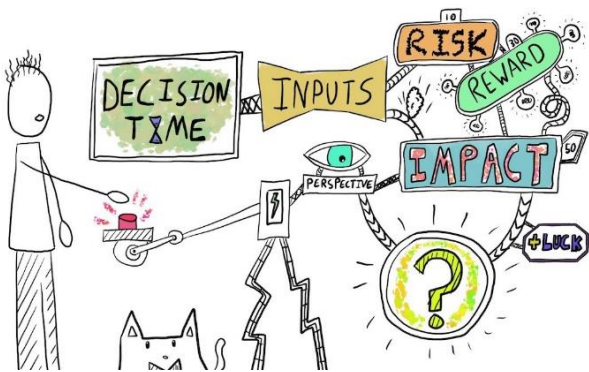
If we shouldn't agree with our friends in certain situations, what should we do? I think we should try to convince them instead of agreeing with them. We should tell them what is wrong and what is right and why we shouldn't do certain things and the consequences. If it doesn't work out quite well, just let them be. After all, it's their life and they choose their own path.



F. 6 Writing Competition: The Best Choice in Life

Champion

Lau Wing Lok (F. 6B)



More often than not, consequences hinge on our choices. There is always a double-edged sword when we decide. Making a mistake in a decision may lead to a different story. Sometimes it is not easy to decide. I don't deny we could be confused when we have to make choices in difficult situations, but I do agree that the more we consider, the better decision we may make.

Many say that it is anything but a wise move to suddenly change a decision. Well, I can use one of my real-life experiences to prove that it is not totally true.

I remember when I was in primary school, my mother and father were struggling about whether we would move to another country to build a new life. I was really sad when I thought about it because I would miss everything in Hong Kong.



Having lived here for 11 years, Hong Kong had always been my hometown, and I had many friends here. I could barely imagine what would happen when I was in a new environment.

After a few days, mom and dad discovered that I had negative feelings about the upcoming move. My parents, therefore, constantly tried to persuade me. They told me how great the new environment would be, and explained to me the good things about the foreign country. Finally, I agreed to the move, though in my heart I was not willing to do so. Be that as it may, I tried my best to stay positive. I told myself that there might be a fresh start ahead.

After a month, it was time to leave. We brought our passports and belongings, and went to the airport. As soon as I arrived at the airport, I could not help but start crying. Then, I expressed all of my feelings to my mom and dad and told them I wanted to stay in Hong Kong.



After the talk in the airport, mom and dad finally understood my feelings and I didn't have to say goodbye to my hometown.

You may think what I experienced is simple. Nevertheless, the choice to share my thoughts with my parents in the airport totally changed our lives. You may ask why I did not choose to broaden my horizons in another country. Well, I will say that there are hidden gems around us in Hong Kong.

All in all, the 'choice' has had a positive impact on my life. One day you may have to face similar situations, I hope you can make the best choice for your life.



1st Runner-up
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Looking back on my life, have I made a great choice before? I think it is conceivable – yes. Although making that decision was tough, I still believed that it was helpful to my career goal.



Since I have been studying in Hong Kong for many years, for me, the most difficult thing is that we need to deal with exams which are harsh and boring. In fact, the exam results affect the opportunities for us to get a place in university and even our job prospects. Fortunately, the elective subject I chose is the most favourable one for me.



Before the decision was made, I was doubtful and confused about which elective subject to choose. Never had I felt so much pressure in my life. Therefore, I sought help from my junior form teacher and hoped that she could provide some advice for me. However, she said it depended on my personality traits and my desired future occupation. Nevertheless, she told me that BAFS is a subject about business and accounting and that the subject suits my personality as I am a patient person. Due to the assistance of my form teacher, I finally realized my strengths and was able to make the final decision.



While studying BAFS, my interest in the subject was strongly aroused and I determined to work hard in order to achieve a good result in HKDSE. Moreover, my teacher said she would assist me in my preparation for exams and told me to find her if I had any difficulties or obstacles. Her support strongly boosted my self-confidence and my determination to conquer the exams. Unequivocally, choosing this elective subject has been the best choice in my life so far. I was so lucky to have encountered a great teacher and gained knowledge in an area that I am deeply interested in. The more I learn, the more I engage, and the more I learn about myself. I sincerely hope that I can make other great choices in life.

In my life, I've made a lot of choices. Some of them were good, some of them were terrible. But there was one choice in my life that I would say was not so great in the beginning, but turned out to be the most wonderful choice I've ever made.



I remember when I was in F. 4, there was an exchange programme to Singapore. At first, I wasn't sure if it was a good idea to join the exchange programme. I had always wanted to visit Singapore, but not many of my friends signed up for it. Luckily, later on I found that one of my friends had applied for the exchange programme, so I decided to participate as well. I was so excited that I couldn't wait for the day of the trip to come.

When the day came, we gathered at a primary school in Yuen Long early in the morning. I decided to greet my friend, but he was too busy talking with his other friends. So, I decided to talk with him later in the trip and went to talk with the others.

Throughout the exchange programme, whenever I tried to talk to my friend, he always seemed uninterested or just ignored me and hung out with his other friends.



That's when I realized he didn't even want to spend time with me. After that, I was a bit lonely and miserable during the trip. That's when I thought joining this exchange programme was the worst choice ever.

But a year later, I randomly started thinking about that exchange programme. At first, I was a bit sad because I remembered being ignored by my friend. Even so, something flashed in my mind which made me realize that the choice I made was in fact an excellent one. After all, I made a new friend during the trip!



He was a F. 5 student at that time and now he is a university student. We went to the same primary school as well. Before the exchange programme, we didn't really know each other well, but as we started talking to each other, we found out that we had a lot of things in common. We shared some interesting or funny stories about our time in primary school and that is how we became best friends.

At first, it seemed that I made a choice which was unsatisfying, but it turned out to be the best choice I've ever made in my life. The friendship that developed is what made my choice special and truly memorable.



Merit

Leung Sze Yuen (F. 6D)

When I reviewed my school life, there were a lot of wonderful and meaningful moments. I not only enriched my knowledge of the world but also made some friends. During which I also faced some problems in life. Hence, I needed to make some choices to solve them. The best choice I have ever made in my life was changing my attitude towards my studies.



As I was very lazy and addicted to computer games, I felt that studying was difficult. Therefore, I got poor results in the exams. Because of that, I considered giving up studying since I was not smart enough to pass the exams. During that time, my best friend noticed my situation and he encouraged me by sharing his experience. After having a conversation with him, I felt much better and was confident that I could overcome the hurdle.



Since then I have changed my attitude towards my studies. I have become more hard-working and started spending more time on my weak subjects. Besides, I paid full attention in the lessons and kept revising after class with my classmates. Eventually, studying was not as difficult as I previously thought. Whenever I learned something new, I felt a sense of achievement. I developed a stronger desire to study and gain new knowledge. Consequently, my results improved.

All in all, this is the best choice I have ever made in my life. Having changed my attitude towards my studies not only makes me enjoy learning but also makes me become a more responsible person. I believe that this attitude can prepare me to tackle the hurdles ahead.

**“If you are not willing to learn,
no one can help you.
If you are determined to learn,
no one can stop you.”**

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