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Beyond Expectation

I participated in a solo verse speaking competition in the Speech Festival this year. The poem is about the anger of the poet. The most unforgettable thing is that I won the competition. I could never have imagined it! I hoped my parents would be pleased with my result. First, I want to thank God for leading me and always being with me. Second, I want to thank my teacher for her teaching and helping with my pronunciation. Third, I want to thank my parents for always supporting me and encouraging me to have confidence. When I was standing on the stage in front of the adjudicator and the audience, I was so nervous. I took a deep breath and started. Finally, the adjudicator announced the result. I was the winner! After participating in this competition, I have learnt to be confident no matter what I am doing.



Serena Tai Sin Tung 1D

Improvised Drama



The English Improvised Drama Club has once again won prizes at the annual inter-school competition, 'Speak Out - Act Up!' The team, with members from Forms 1 to 5, won two awards - Second Runner-up and The Most Original Performance. Students in the Club have many opportunities to improve their English while having fun and developing their acting skills.

Mrs Carol Ann Ferguson, NET

I Won!



I won the champion in the Speech Festival this year. The poem is about birthdays. The poet tries to convey a message that every day is as joyful as our birthday and we should treasure every single day. I have joined the Speech Festival since when I was in primary school. Thanks to my teacher's patience and the experience I received in each competition, I was awarded the champion this year! I couldn't believe it when the judge announced the result. I will definitely join the Speech Festival again next year!

Natalie Tin Hiu Shun 2A

Reflection on "Tao Jie"

It is astonishing that my classmate and I had a chance to present on the movie "Tao Jie" in an assembly.

Since this was the first time for me to share in front of so many schoolmates, I felt a little bit nervous. The topic we shared was "Ignoring the Elderly", which has long been a thorny problem in Hong Kong. We hope that ILCians could know more about this phenomenon. The feedback from our schoolmates was so encouraging. Some of them said that they learnt more about the struggles of the elderly and they will make an effort to change their attitude towards the elderly.

Yau Tsz Hin 4C



Being an MC

Aria and I were the MCs of the Language Arts Assembly this year when S.2 Mini-Drama and S.3 Commercial Competitions were held. It was a wonderful experience being an MC. We wrote our scripts and practised with a teacher. We edited them again and again until they were perfect. We enjoyed the performances from the backstage, which is very different from what the audience usually sees. I was nervous when I spoke in front of my classmates, teachers and the principal, but it was fun and thrilling! We were rewarded with small gifts of encouragement. Great!



Rebecca Fung Hiu Yan 3A

Debate – Is it a piece of cake?

When you hear the word "debate", what comes to your mind first may be the smell of gunpowder because it is an opportunity for people to battle each other by showing how eloquent they are. In fact, I had the same thought as many of you and this is the reason why I thought debating was a hard task. However, after I attended the English debating competition last summer, I found that it was not as difficult as I thought. I realized that debating is not an activity for people to fight with each other, but rather, an activity that requires team members to work together. If you can cooperate with your teammates well, debating will be a piece of cake because the key to success in debating is 'cooperation'.



Ho Tsoi Wa 6A

Sadness

Sadness is blue.

It smells like a piece of onion,

It tastes like bitter herbs,

It sounds like a ghost's scream,

It feels like sticky glue,

It looks like tears in my heart.

Sadness is sleepless nights.

Ramona Shiu Sheung Ting 1A

Overseas Summer Study Tour Liverpool, UK



Every year, our school organizes an English overseas study tour during the summer holiday. Last year, we went to Liverpool and I was one of the 31 participants. This program lasted for about 3 weeks. Since it is an English study tour, studying English is the main part of the tour. However, exposing ourselves to different cultures is also important and meaningful.

We had English classes in the morning during weekdays. Each class was composed of students from all around the world, including France, Spain and Brazil. We often learned about the cultures of other countries while we were learning English and interacting or discussing in class. In the afternoon, we visited different places in Liverpool, for example, some museums, the dock and the Liverpool Football Club!

Each Saturday, we took a one-day trip to a place which was a bit farther away from Liverpool. We went to London, the Lake District and Wales. The views there are spectacular, the castles in Wales are big and the lakeside is full of trees and flowers.

Sunday was a family day. We spent the time with our host families.

The overseas study tour is an excellent activity to learn English and experience different cultures. I benefited a lot from it!

Ernie Yu Ming Hin 3C

A Haiku

Where is my teacher?
Room A, Room B or Room C?
May I go to see?
Brian Law Chun Sum 1C

A Haiku

My CL teacher,
Miss Sylvia, loves Kitty.
But where is Hello?
Happy Yip Hei Yuet 1D

Joy

Joy is green.

It smells like fresh grass,

It tastes like seaweed,

It sounds like songs,

It feels like lying on the ground,

It looks like trees blowing in the wind.

Joy is Disneyland.

Adam Yim Tsz Lok 1B

Learning English Through Short Stories

We studied short stories for a few months in our English lessons in the first term. I found it was really interesting. I've always wanted to learn about story writing and how to enjoy reading. This module helped me learn more about the different elements of a short story. I like reading detective fiction, and I was very happy to see that in the selection of stories, there was one written by Sir Arthur Conan Doyle. I hope to improve my logical and critical thinking skills by being exposed to more detective stories. I believe one day I will be another "Sherlock Holmes" who is able to write fascinating detective stories!

Yau Lok Yi 5D

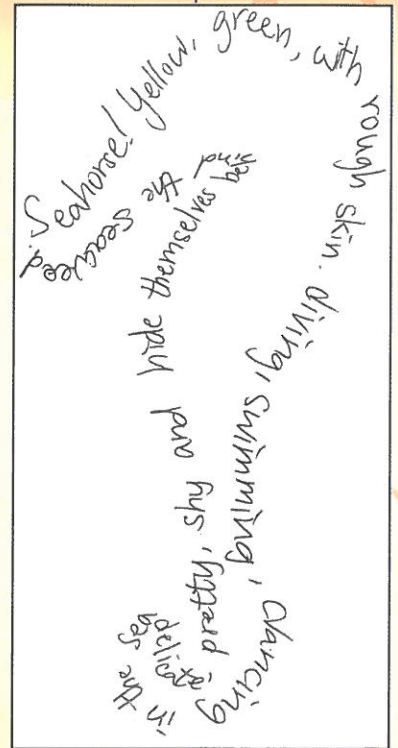


Learning English Through Popular Culture

The module Popular Culture includes photo captions, movie reviews, comics, advertisements and commercials which are popular in our daily life. This module can help us learn knowledge that is very useful. For example, we can upload a photo to Facebook with a photo caption. Moreover, what interests me the most is to know how advertisements or commercials attract people to buy their products or use their service. We've learnt many language features for advertisements like triplet, pun, rhyme, alliteration, simile and metaphor etc., which we seldom learn from the textbook. As a whole, I love learning Popular Culture because it makes my English lessons more interesting!

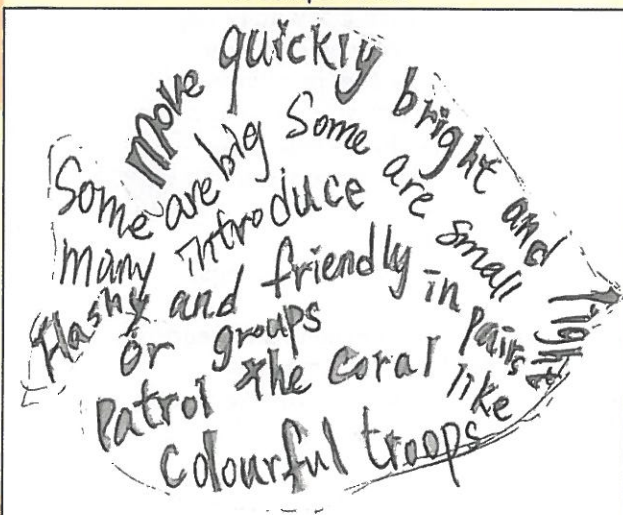
Cheung Hiu Yu 4E

A Shape Poem



Ramona Shiu Sheung Ting 1A

A Shape Poem



Chloe Shum Pak Yin 1D

Learning English Through Social Issues

Learning English through Social Issues is much more comprehensive and practical than traditional English lessons. The high order thinking skills learnt from this module can be used in other subjects as well, or even in daily life. As we discussed in English, we tried to examine social issues from various perspectives; this helps us think comprehensively and critically. By discussing, we could strike a balance between different interest groups and make a common consensus. Summarising and paraphrasing are two other useful skills which I've learnt. I can use them in other subjects such as history and liberal studies, because we have to show our understanding of the given sources in our own words. I enjoy acquiring English language skills by discussing social issues in English, as it takes away the monotony of textbook learning.

Lam Shuen 5E

My Family

My brother is like a monkey,
Naughty and playful.

He always draws on my homework and wants to play.

A Haiku

I just want to sleep
Because lessons are so boring.
End the lesson please!

Elsa Chung Tsz Ching 1B

My grandmother is like a pig,
Lazy and fat.

She always sleeps and eats.

My father is like an elephant,
Large and heavy.

He always drinks a lot and sits.

My mother is like a bird,
Energetic and noisy.

She always says the same thing again and again.

Ivan Chan Hon Man 1A



A Haiku

My mum is a bomb
She explodes when she is mad

No-one puts her out

Chloe Tang Wai Lun 1C

Nowhere to Stay

Wandering in the streets
It is getting dark
Wondering where to spend the night
There is nowhere suitable in sight

How about the park?
No, I will be driven away by security
How about under the bridge?
I will not get wet if it rains

I spread some newspaper and lie down
I cover myself with a plastic bag
It is freezing under the bridge
As cold as in a fridge

Overwhelmed by fear
What if robbers come?
I have no protection at all
I will lose everything

I cannot fall asleep
I begin to weep
No-one will ever understand
Unless they are homeless

Winter ends and spring comes
But it is even worse
It is humid and rainy
There are lots of mosquitoes

Back to reality
Lying in my cosy bed
I keep wondering
What it would be like

Rebecca Fung Hiu Yan 3A

Imagine

I cast down my eyes and stare at my feet
My head switches off and I start to imagine
What would happen and how would I feel
If I couldn't use my legs?

I can still lie on the sofa
And draw or play music or sew.
But the sofa grips me and holds me in,
I can't move or walk,
Can't do dance or sports.
Like a mermaid.
This makes me feel anxious.

But it's okay,
I can still do many things with my hands.

Wait! But ... if I couldn't use my arms
What would happen and how would I feel?
I lift up my arms and stare at them
My head switches off and I start to imagine.

I can still walk and move around
But I need help with many daily tasks
Like a baby, I rely on everyone.
This makes me feel humiliated
And everything in front of me is like a dream
As I cannot touch and feel.
This frightens me and makes me want to scream.

Then I come to
And stare at my arms and legs.

I feel relieved that I'm sane and healthy.
It's difficult to imagine
Because I don't want to be like this.

Abbey Chan Wai Ting 3A



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