



# LKT English Buzz



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## You can be a good writer too! *Dave Baldoo*

To the question, 'What is the main reason for failure?', a student once gave the response, 'Exams!' There is a charming irony to this response since there is without doubt a very valid sincerity and a rather keen insight to it. The response may be easily dismissed as simply funny or surprising. It ought, however, to be no surprise that both the words *failure* and *success* are so naturally associated with the ever dreaded exams.

In this issue, we celebrate the writing success of our students in the First Term Exams. These students have distinguished themselves in the quality of their ideas, the fluency of language and their

confidence and creativity.

One wonders how these skills have been mastered in the pieces of writing that follow. Being a successful writer requires a considerable amount of dedication and determination. Never has success at writing 'simply happened'. Having a flair for English may account for a very small portion of success. Whilst talent gives one a head start, the route to success is chartered with an immense desire to excel together with a strong sense of discipline.

How disciplined and organized are you in your learning of English? Are you a pro-active or a reactive

learner? Do you initiate learning or do you respond to demands from your teacher? Do you give up easily? Do you try your best at all times? Or do you simply go through the motions?

Speaking and writing are active interactions generated by you. You need to have something to share before you are able to speak it or write it down. You need an awareness of what to say and how to say it.

As you aspire to achieve, help yourself by empowering yourself with knowledge and skills. This is best done through reading as widely and as often as possible as well as through making a concerted and focused effort. I wish you well with writing in English. May you be published someday too!

## You can make a difference!

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## Pandemonium in the classroom



Oh no! When the dog jumped out of the school bag, I knew trouble was coming.

First, the dog crashed into a pile of chairs. The chairs tumbled down and hit Hugo! I tried to apologize but the dog ran away! It bit Alan, who was trying to catch it. Jane came to help. While Alan was crying, the dog jumped onto

the teacher's table, messing up our test papers. It ran out of the classroom and I couldn't catch him.

The teacher came in and asked, "Who made this mess?"

Everyone pointed at me and said, "His dog did it!"

The teacher said, "Well, Well, Well! Young man, you broke School Rule 74,

Paragraph 14, Section B. *Do not bring pets or animals without the teacher's permission.* Did you know that?"

"Yes, Sir."

"You will have detention and 15 conduct marks deducted. I will see your parents this Saturday. Do I make myself clear?"

"Yes, Sir."

"Very well! Now we should find the dog."

We all searched the whole school campus. We eventually

found the dog.

He was sleeping in the greenhouse. We used a bag to catch him. After that, we sent the dog to the dog pound. When we got back to school, we were all very tired.

Alan was fine, since the bite did not break the skin. Hugo had a bump on this head, but he said that he was OK.

I learnt a very important lesson that day: Never take a dog from the street because you never know what can happen!

## So Nok Yin, Linus (1A)

# Child Poverty – How Can Hong Kong Tackle It? Tsang Lok Pan, Ben (5D)

In 2013, the Government's Poverty Commission set the city's first poverty line at half of household income. Thousands of children in Hong Kong immediately fell under this poverty line revealing how serious the issue of child poverty is.

Since child poverty can lead to bigger problems for society in the long term, the government and citizens of Hong Kong are duty-bound in dealing with the problem of child poverty, in a spirit of prevention being better than cure.

The government, in order to help alleviate the issue, should not only provide financial relief to impoverished families, but it should also

provide material assistance for basic needs for life and study, such as food and computers, so as to relieve the hardship of poverty-stricken children in the short term.

The administration can also cooperate with social enterprises and non-governmental organisations to provide free training and tutorial classes for children from impoverished families, such that they can improve their skills and knowledge and have their competitiveness raised, in the hope of getting rid of poverty and standing on their own feet.



Giving a helping hand

As responsible citizens of Hong Kong, we should also be aware of the issue of child poverty and show our concern to the people in need.

Also, children suffering from poverty, despite their lack of material well-being, ought to work hard at school and show the positive side of their morality, since one can be successful only through possessing good attitudes towards life.

All the citizens of Hong Kong should join hands to solve the serious social issue of child poverty in our society.

## Strange but true!



Many people dream of having toys that can speak or play with them. You too probably dream of falling into an intricately imagined world to play and enjoy yourself immensely. Anyhow, if your dreams came true, would you be so overjoyed, or perhaps frightened, that you'd scream and tremble?

Last weekend, we were in this wonderful world. Ken, Sandy and I stayed overnight in a large department store. Ken persuaded me that it would be fun.

... We came out from the toilet of

the department store. It was a good place to hide in, but a horrible place to wait in for all the people to leave! It was so smelly that I nearly fainted ...

... All of a sudden, all the toys in the store came out from their boxes. The toy tank that was Ken's favourite began to chase him! 'No! Help! Help!' We screamed but no-one was listening as there were no other people except us in the store. We escaped from the toy shop quickly, like a criminal trying to escape from prison.



## Wong Yee Lam, Sarah (3B)

... It was just like *Alice in Wonderland*; things that we didn't expect to move were talking and trying to harm us! ...

... While we were enjoying reading, the books in our hands and those from the bookshelves started to fly off! They flew all around us purposely! We quickly ran away! But where was Sandy? ... We rushed back to the bookshop at once. We saw Sandy ... on the ground ... fainted ... and holding a book, while the book was smiling at us!

## The restaurant of the future

My dream eatery is *The Robot Restaurant*. Of course it won't provide fuel or batteries to eat - that's food for robots. The whole body of the restaurant is a giant robot and its toes are the doors. Everyone will love this design as we will utilise each part of the giant very well.

Since it is 2030, it is possible for robots to run *The Robot Restaurant* on their own. The smart robots will lead you to your seats and you can talk with them and order your food. You don't have to worry about service

because when you step into the restaurant, robots will serve you until you settle your bill and leave.

The type of food in this restaurant is *fast food* and it is different from the McDonald's fast food. *Fast food* means the robots will prepare any food you want, very fast. The robots will be able to read recipes online and cook delicious meals accurately and fast. By 2030, it will be revolutionary and it will save time for customers in a rush.

And don't worry about the price!

## Lee Chun Ting, Bruce (4E)

The robots won't get "paid" and the cost of running this restaurant will be low. Therefore, the price will be even lower than that of ordinary fast food restaurants.

Having food at *The Robot Restaurant* will be faster, cheaper and more interesting. And don't try to leave your bill unpaid and run because, to catch you, the robots will be able to run faster than you!



## Popular trends among young people in Hong Kong *Leung Tsz Yan, Crystal (5F)*

It's pure ecstasy living in Hong Kong. People living in this fast-paced city are energetic and youthful. Adolescents like me love hanging out with friends on weekends. Yet popular trends in Hong Kong are utterly different from those in America and Canada!

Hong Kong teenagers love taking selfies! A selfie is a photo taken by you of yourself. People love taking selfies as they can be done without asking for assistance from others. Teenagers have jumped on the bandwagon since the advent of smart phones. Hong Kongers take selfies no matter where they are. I've even seen girls taking selfies in toilets! Isn't it insane? With the rising tide, not only do teenagers love taking selfies, but people in my grandma's age group also go with the flow!

The latest hot topic among Hong Kong students is the Umbrella Revolution! I'm not encouraging joining the movement, of-course. But upon visiting Admiralty and Central, one catches a glimpse of Hong Kong's aspiration for democracy! The view of Admiralty is absolutely impressive. One will be touched by the heartwarming and passionate messages written on the walls of every building by protesters for true universal suffrage, though most of the messages have already been removed by the government. I deem those words to be art pieces!

Hong Kong is well-known for its authentic street food. As a food

enthusiast, I personally love eating food sold on carts on the busy and hectic Hong Kong streets. Hong Kong is renowned as a food paradise. There is a wide variety of choices such as fish balls, chicken wings, fried eggplants and sausages for one to choose from. You name it, they've got it!



Self-snapping!

That being my two cents worth on life in Hong Kong, my city is a trendy place worth checking out for anybody from any part of the world. So, do visit!

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## To live healthily

David was an unhealthy person. He ate many snacks and always lazed around. In addition, he didn't do any exercise. This led to him becoming overweight.

One day, he saw an advertisement about healthy lifestyles. It said that if we walk ten thousand steps per day, we will be fit. He decided to try.

David usually went to school by public transport. He walked to school that morning. He was very tired because he wasn't used to walking. On



the way, there was a lot of exhaust fumes from vehicles. Moreover, there were many people smoking on the pavements. The air quality was extremely bad. David inhaled a lot of air pollutants and felt unwell. He wanted to take the MTR to school but he thought he should achieve his goal.

Suddenly, David felt very hungry as he hadn't eaten anything that morning. He noticed that there was a bakery nearby. He was tempted by the bread in the bakery. They looked very tasty

## *Chu Ping Sze, Cupi (2B)*

so he bought cheese bread and a carton of orange juice from the shop for breakfast. He thought the bread would be yummy but he felt very queasy after eating it. It contained too much oil and the cheese was too smelly. He drank some orange juice. It was too sweet because it contained too much sugar. He threw away his breakfast and rushed to school since he was late.

David learnt that becoming healthy isn't easy. But he'll keep trying.

## Strange but true!



One evening, Ken and Sandy, and I decided to hide in a large department store in Mong Kok and stay there overnight. We waited until the doors were locked and came out when nobody was around. For me, it was an exciting but also the most horrible experience I have ever had. How excited but nervous we were! ...

... Ken stood in front of the dummies and took a photo. However,

strange things started to happen. One of the dummies patted Ken's shoulder. Ken was frightened and ran as fast as lightning. He hid in a toy store. The dummies followed him and wanted to find him but in vain. Ken cried, 'I don't wanna stay here! It's too horrible!' ...

... There were lots of toys such as toy tanks moving towards us. I felt excited and picked up the tank but it shot at me. I was hurt and ran away

## *Tam Chak Wai, Raymond (3A)*

with Sandy. It was too horrible ...

... The police laughed at us, 'Impossible! Are you dreaming, kids? Don't kid us!' 'They are real, sir!' ...

... The police were shocked after watching the news. They investigated but couldn't explain why the goods in the store moved suddenly ... After watching the news, I wondered, 'Was there any magic?' I will never go there again!



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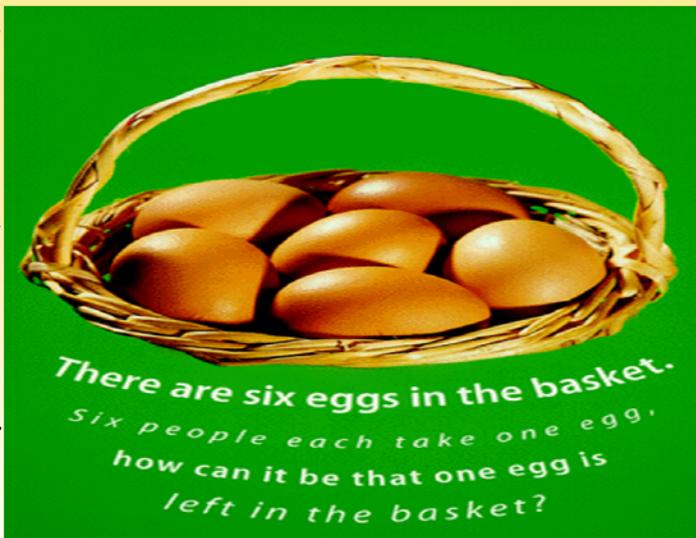
## Hey diddle diddle, time for a riddle!

There are six eggs  
in the basket.

Six people each  
take one egg.

How can it be that  
one egg is left in  
the basket?

**Solution in next  
issue!**



**Solution to riddle in last issue:** Acting on an anonymous phone call, the police raid a house to arrest a suspected **murderer**. They don't know what he looks like, but they know his name is John. Inside, they find a carpenter, a lorry driver, a car mechanic and a fireman playing cards. Without even asking his name, they immediately arrest the fireman. How do they know they've got their man? **All the other card players were women.**

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## Child Poverty Looms Large

Have you ever experienced not eating for an entire day? How did it feel? Now, imagine you are an impoverished child lacking basic resources, even food. Sounds unfortunate, right? Well, this is what is actually happening in this city every single day. While some children are fortunate enough to be living in clover, the underprivileged are desperately concerned about their meals every day.

Hong Kong has long been branded the Pearl of the Orient, thanks to its rapid economic growth. Many people have become affluent and are enjoying the sweet fruits of their success. On the flip side, many are leading an utterly different lifestyle. The worsening problem of child poverty deserves our immediate attention.

In Hong Kong, some kids are experiencing the misery of being deprived of resources and living in atrocious surroundings. Some of them are not guaranteed three regular meals each day. Hence, they have no

alternative but to suffer the distress of hunger.

How can a poverty-stricken child have a well-rounded childhood? Children as the future pillars of society must enjoy equal access to education. Regrettably, the children living below the poverty line are deprived of precious resources necessary to acquire knowledge. Despite having day school education, the crucially important elements leading to the comprehensive development of children through extra-curricular activities and learning resources appear to be something the underprivileged can never even dream of. In a bustling city such as ours, money is an indispensable aspect of life. Without money, one loses out. This is totally true for impoverished children. Because of a lack of money, indigent children can barely access health care protection. Some children cannot go to clinics even though they are ill, simply because their family cannot afford to pay the fee!

## Cheng Chun Chung, Herman (5F)

Why does such a calamitous situation exist in an affluent metropolis? The most notable reason is the wealth gap. The rich are getting richer and, rich as some of the people in this society are, there exists a gigantic proportion of the population who are earning peanuts and living from hand to mouth. The consequence of the disparity between rich and poor results in child poverty. Child poverty is also a direct result of the failure of bureaucracy.

It is futile to look only at the causes of and problems associated with child poverty. More important is to work out solutions to give a helping hand to those children. Government should play the biggest role in eradicating child poverty.

