

P.5A Leung Wun Yu, Winnie

Kelvin caught a magic fish

One day, the sun shone brightly. Kelvin thought it was a nice day for fishing. Therefore, he went to the riverside near his house. He was confident to catch fish. He sat on a rock and started fishing. Although he waited for a long time, he could not catch any. When he decided to give up, the fish rod moved. He pulled it up immediately. It was a big, pretty fish. Kelvin put the fish into the bucket and returned home.

Then, Kelvin put the fish into the fish tank. The other fish swam with this pretty fish and they played happily. They were thrilled. Kelvin was exhausted so he took a rest on the sofa. His mum reminded him to feed the fish, but he forgot it.

After taking a rest, he walked to the fish tank and looked at the fish. Suddenly, the fish turned into a scary snake. There were some black dots on its body. Since Kelvin was frightened, he shouted for help. Nevertheless, no one responded to him. 'Quick! Give me food as fast as you can,' said the snake. Kelvin fed it a few minutes later.

After that, he called the police. The police rushed to the scene as soon as possible. When they arrived, they couldn't see any snakes, only some fish swimming in the fish tank. In the end, Kelvin gave the big, pretty fish to them. From then on, Kelvin didn't see the snake or go fishing at the riverside again. The policemen were happy as they could play with the fish.

Teacher's comment: Great story Winnie. You presented your ideas well. You have a wide vocabulary and you have applied it well in this story. Your story has a great resolution too!

P.5A Law Chin Pang, James

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Last Sunday, Kelvin went fishing with his fishing rod and a bucket. He went to the riverside near his house. It was sunny and warm. The view was beautiful.

Kelvin sat on an old tree stump and started fishing. At first, he didn't catch any fish, but he didn't give up. He tried harder and harder. After a while, he saw the fishing line move. Then he pulled up the line and caught a big blue fish. Its scales glistened. Kelvin thought 'How lucky I am! I've caught a fish!' He ran to his home as fast as a rabbit.

After getting home, he told his bother the good news. Since Kelvin thought the fish was beautiful, he put it into the fish tank. After fishing for a long time, he felt tired. Therefore, he went back to his bedroom to take a nap.

Suddenly, he heard a loud noise. He woke up immediately and went to find out to

see what was happening. He saw the fish turn into a snake with black dots. It was hitting the glass of the fish tank. Kelvin was frightened and didn't know what to do. 'Don't worry! I won't hurt you. I was one of the fairies before. I made a mistake, so I became a snake. Can you help me return to heaven?' Asked the snake. He pinched himself to see whether it was real or not. After that, he realized that it was real. Since Kelvin was kind, he agreed to help the snake. It told him how he could help him back to heaven. After helping it, the snake disappeared.

Kelvin was so scared that he never went fishing again. It was an unforgettable experience for him.

Teacher's comment: Very imaginative James! Creative take on the story and you use connective words and adjectives really well to help the story come alive e.g. 'suddenly', 'immediately' and 'pinched himself'. Great work!

P.5B Ng Wai Tai, Stephen

Chinese New Year

Chinese New Year is the most important festival in China. It is on the first day of the first month in the traditional Chinese calendar. The celebration would start from the Chinese Year's Eve and would last for around fifteen days. It is from China.

People always clean their home before the Chinese New Year. Some people would not clean their home at the Chinese New Year. That is because they think that their lucky would be "swept away". Before the Chinese New Year, they also put red paper on doors or on the windows. It is because there was a legend about a troubled monster that was scared of red. So people used red things to scare those bad things away.

Besides, people usually place flowers in their house such as lotuses. Each designated flower symbolizes a good message. People also set a tray of candies at home to serve visitors or friends.

At Chinese New Year, people would wear new clothes. To put on new clothes is associated with happiness, good luck and wealth. But they would not wear black clothes. It is because black symbolizes bad luck.

Besides, people usually visit a Chinese temple such as Wong Tai Sin Temple. They can ask questions and shake the tube until a stick falls out. This stick tells them about the answer.

Moreover, people can light firecrackers. It is noisy to light them but this noise can scare the bad luck away in Chinese culture. Also, adults often give red packets to children. There is some money in the packets.

For eating, people would eat rice cakes, sweet rice balls, turnip puddings, fish,

candies, sugared white gourd and sesame balls. When relatives come to visit, people usually serve them the candies from the trays. In the evening, people also gather to have supper with their families.

Besides, people can watch dragon dances and lion dances in the streets. The dragon dancers hold poles supporting a vibrant dragon and two lion dancers depict a large lion. Both dances are accompanied by drumming.

There are a lot of things to do, eat and watch at Chinese New Year. All of them are interesting.

Teacher's comment: You really did a fantastic job when including all the details about Chinese New Year and it is great to see you apply new words so creatively and freely into your writing e.g. 'designated flower symbolizes', 'hold poles supporting a vibrant dragon' and 'Both dances are accompanied'. This really demonstrates you have a good grasp of the functions of these words and how you can utilize them in a very informative piece of writing. Well done to you!

P.5C Yeung Po Yee, Polly

The Twelve Animals of the Year

Once upon a time, the weather was sunny and hot. Cat was sleeping. Rat got up at six o'clock. Rat got up early because he wanted to wake Cat up. They wanted to win the race. Rat used five minutes to have breakfast. Cat got up at five past six. He ate the breakfast and Rat wore a set of sportswear.

Rat and Cat went through the forest. On the way, the hunter was looking for Cat. He took a gun shot at Cat. Luckily, Cat ran too fast. Although Cat ran too fast, Rat ran faster than Cat. No animals running after them. Rat was the first at that moment. They took thirty minutes to go through the forest. The Rat felt happy. They crossed the river by ship.

The animals were besides the sea. Dragon, Dog, Ox, Rat and snake could swim so they swam across the sea. The other animals could get on the boat to cross the sea. The condition of the sea was very rough. There were a lot of big waves in the sea. Suddenly, a huge shark was coming to the animals because he wanted to eat them. Snake was too scared so he swam back to the forest. As a result of that, snake was the last.

At that time, a huge whale appeared. He scared away the huge shark and sent all the animals to the opposite side. The Horse won the race because he was strong and could run fast. Ram came second. Ox came third. Tiger came fourth and Rabbit was fifth. Dragon was sixth and Rat was seventh... Pig came last because his foot got twisted

and he was too fat too. Buddha saw the animals were very happy so he made some food for them. Horse felt excited, Pig was disappointed.

Teacher's comment: Wow what a great story. You told it very well and you even showed that some of the animals have a personality by explaining how they felt at different stages in the story. There is a beginning, middle and an end to your story and it is very clear and easy to follow. Well done!

P.5C Kwok Siu Chueng, Calvin

Kelvin caught a magic fish

One day, Kelvin went fishing with his family. The weather that day was sunny and hot. He went to the riverside and sat on a small chair because he wanted to catch fish there. It was his first time to catch fish. He did not know how to do it but he felt excited too. Suddenly, he caught a big and colourful fish.

Kelvin put the colourful fish into the fish tank. It swam happily and freely. There were five fish in the tank. They became good friends.

One day, the colourful fish turned into a big and thick snake. Kelvin was scared and frightened. He screamed and shouted loudly.

All fish were dead. Kelvin tried to call the police. Suddenly, the snake escaped from the tank and left home. Kelvin didn't know where it was. After that day, it didn't come back anymore but Kelvin was still worried and he couldn't sleep well at night.

Teacher's comment: I like how you adapted the story and you used good adjectives to support your ideas e.g. 'thick snake'. Very well done.

P.5D Lee Tung Tat, Alvin

A letter to Mr. Daniel

9th October, 2015

Dear Mr. Daniel,

I am happy to receive your letter. I think The Hong Kong Science Museum is the most interesting place in Hong Kong. It is in Tsim Sha Tsui. You can get there by MTR train. It takes about forty minutes to get there from Tau Tong.

You can see a 22-metre-high Energy Machine, which is the tallest and biggest exhibit in the world. It occupies four storeys of space and shows energy conversion through the movement of falls clown the tower. Besides, you can participate in

different kinds of scientific experiments and see some specific exhibitions about energy conservation and environmental protection. They are very interesting and amazing. You can also take photos and buy some souvenirs there. You can go there on Wednesdays as it is free of charge.

Hope you can enjoy your Christmas holiday there!

Love,
Alvin

Teacher's comment: Well done Alvin! You give some great information about the Science Museum and you are able to make it sound very interesting and appealing. Fantastic!