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Chinese Fruits – Jason Durkee

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Pitaya aka Dragon Fruit

Similar aesthetic to a dragon scale. It has a red body with green spikes jutting around its shape. Its inside is white and dotted with small black seeds. Dragon Fruit has the texture and taste of a kiwi but without its sourness.



Carambola aka Star Fruit

A five sided fruit, each side like a toucan's bill - albeit a good five shades more yellow. The skin is slightly waxy and the flesh is crunchy and juicy. It tastes similar to pears/apples/grapes but is much less sweet.

Lychee

A fruit surrounded by a red, scaly semi-hard shell with a white, goopy inside.

The core contains a black pit.

Lychee typically tastes sweet but the taste differs based on ripeness.

The texture of the flesh is like a rough jello, and it indeed can be made into jello cubes.



Loquat

The color ranges from yellow to reddish orange.

Its younger leaves are slightly poisonous.

The taste is like a combination of apricot, plum, and cherry.

The riper the loquat, the sweeter it tastes.

It is not related to Kumquat (quat is a fun word).



Kumquat

Kumquats come from South Central China.

Orange in color like oranges but smaller in shape like olives.

The taste is a citrusy sour, but more sour than an orange.

The peel is edible and surprisingly sweet (many people really like it!)

Durian

Durians don't smell nice, that's what most have to say.

It looks like a spiky grenade, with yellow creamy goo inside.

Those who like it really like it - those who don't really don't.

They've also been banned on public transport.

Did I say they don't smell nice already?



2A 班作文：我的夢想



歐美麗

我的夢想是和我的媽媽去亞洲玩。我想去亞洲因為我想看美國沒有的東西。第一站我想去中國。我想爬長城。我也想去成都大熊貓繁育基地和蘆荻岩。第二站我想去日本。我想去看富士山和上東京晴空塔。下一個地方我想去韓國。我想去泰迪熊博物館和樂天世界。最後的地方我想去泰國。我想去叢林的繩索和黃金神殿。這是我的夢想。

余奕賢

我的夢想是成為一個漫畫家。我想要創造自己的漫畫人物。



高億豪

我的夢想是成為一名職業網球選手。我已經打網球一年了。我很會打希望我長大以後可以像費德勒。我有上私人授課。並且正在進步。我希望有一天能實現我的夢想。

王麗莎

我的夢想是做一個中美文化使者。我要讓美國和中國的小朋友們知道彼此的語言和文化。互相了解，互相喜愛，多多交流。所以我現在每星期都會去中文學校學習中文。我會不斷努力，長大後實現我的夢想！

Lexi 李

我的夢想是住在夏威夷。我要住在夏威夷，因為我可以每天去海邊玩。還可以吃午餐肉飯糰。我愛夏威夷因為天氣很好很舒服。夏威夷的海水很大。浪大的時候很難但是我很喜歡。夏威夷讓我很快樂，和平也讓我探索。

許鳳兮

我的夢想是去迪士尼樂園，因為迪士尼樂園很好玩。我喜歡雲霄飛車，還喜歡花車遊行。我也喜歡迪士尼的食物。我最喜歡迪士尼的煙火。我生日的時候爸爸媽媽會帶我去迪士尼樂園玩。我希望我的生日趕快來！

When we last saw our heroes, they were falling. THUMP! The girls each fell on different platforms and their clothing were changed into simple dresses. Rosie fell on a highly vegetated flower-shaped platform. Her dress had all sorts of plant designs. Luna fell on an ocean wave-shaped platform with water pouring off the sides. Her dress was covered with ocean wave designs. Hanna fell on a flame-shaped red and orange platform, covered in lava and fire designs. Anyway, let's start the story.

They all heard a calm female voice coming from everywhere but nowhere in particular who said this:

"Hello, Rosie, Luna and, Hanna. Welcome to Sabara."

"What? Who are you? How do you know our names? Show yourself!!!" said Hanna.

"Please calm down Hanna. All you three need to know is that each of you now have unique powers and are being tested on how you use your powers to survive. If you survive, you will be worthy of the thrones of your kingdoms. Rosie your powers are healing and nature. Luna yours is moving water. Hanna yours is controlling fire. You will also be joined by another girl named Airon, her power is manipulating air. If you pass the test, I can tell you more details. If you fail...well you don't want to know what will happen, so don't blow this! Time is running out so, good luck."

Suddenly, they all were teleported to the middle of a meadow where they could see Airon. She had straight black hair and was wearing a lavender dress. They stood up. "H...hello," said Airon.

"Hi," said Rosie.

"Sup," said Hanna.

"Hola. You must be Airon," said Luna.

"I am Airon. I have two questions for you. One, how do you know my name? And two, what are your names?"

"Didn't you hear a voice? Cause we did and the voice told us about you. I'm Rosie and this is Luna and Hanna--" said Rosie.

"Hello again," said the voice. "I have been informed that I must watch over you and help you with some challenging decisions. First, you must decide if you want to go to the forest to collect supplies in order to survive and come right back or leave here now and explore."

"Hmmm. I think we should do the first option. What do you guys think?" said Rosie.

"Same," said Luna.

"I strongly agree with you two," said Airon

"NO! I WANNA GO EXPLORE!" screamed Hanna. If you are confused and didn't read part one, which you should, you need to know that Hanna... well, she pouts...a lot. So, this was the beginning of a full-blown TANTRUM. Hanna fell onto her belly and started waving her arms and legs in the air like a toddler. Finally, she stood up, brushed herself off, and said "Fine. We can do what you guys want to do." Little did she know, by the time she had finished her tantrum, they had already gotten supplies and built a shelter big enough for everyone.

"What? You already built a shelter?" said Hanna.

"Yes," said Airon. "While you were acting like a two-year-old, we collected food and firewood and built a shelter."

"So maybe just MAY-be you should start to control your feelings," said Luna.

"Yeah like start doing breathing exercises," said Rosie.

"Ok now that things have settled down, onto your next decision," said the voice. "Would you like to learn how to use your powers or learn about all of the creatures that live on this planet?"

"Powers!" said everyone.

"Ok, powers it is!" said the voice. "Oh, one more thing, you can all call me Elementa. Before we begin, does anyone have any questions?"

Everyone raised their hand. "Rosie?" said Elementa.

"What will happen to our parents?" said Rosie.

"Well... your parents... I guess they'll sort of forget about you... I mean they'll remember you exist but not as their child so... yeah. Anyway. Oh no more questions? Hmmm."

"Actually, I have one more question. What is this notebook for?" said Rosie. She pulled out a little blue notebook from one of her pockets.

"Oh no!" gasped Elementa. "Its... oh no! I-- It's coming! The ogre! No! Not again! NOOOOOOOOO!!!!!"

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Advanced Group: 李邵汝孝 James Ru-Shiao Lee-South (8/9A) 題目：學校裡可以用手機嗎？

在我們的學校，很多學生都會在教室裡看手機。有時候是老師叫他們用手機，但是通常是學生們自己把手機拿出來玩遊戲或是上網站。雖然手機有時候在教室很好用，但是太多人會得寸進尺。這就是為什麼我覺得教室裡不可以用手機。

我的第一個想法是手機太吵了。雖然大部分的人會把手機的聲音關掉或調小，但是他們有時候會大笑，也會跟著別人一起玩遊戲和看各種影片。對真的想唸書的學生來講，這會影響他們學習，因為這樣子他們不能專心。其次，玩手機的學生們自己上課也會容易分心。只把手機放在旁邊就會一直想要傳簡訊，上臉書，或是寫電郵。所以，在我們的學校，老師是不准我們用手機的，每天一來到學校得把手機鎖在一個小袋子裡，要等到放學時才能把它打開。我覺得這樣很好，能幫助大家專心上課。

另外，我認為在上課時用手機是一種不尊重老師和同學的行為。老師每天花很多時間準備教課，但是如果學生只想玩手機，那老師的時間和力氣都被浪費了。同學們在互相討論課題時也會受到很多影響。

最後，如果有緊急的事情發生，學生可以用老師或辦公室的電話。而且如果你在教室拿著手機，萬一手機突然響了，壞人就很容易找到你。

總而言之，我認為教室裡不能用手機。這不但會讓你安全和專心，而且你還會尊重老師和同學。

High School Group: 李明德 Thatcher Lee (12A) 題目：上大学重不重要？

我觉得上大学很重要。在大学除了要学习更多的知识更要建立良好的人际关系。在美国，大学里要学习的不只是本科的专业知识，也要学习将来如何在社会里生存。有些人在上大学的同时会找一份工作来学习如何理财和独立的生活。这就提早让学生们有了在社会里生存并且立足的经验。

在大学里，广泛的知识会让人思想丰富而成为智慧；智慧使我们的判断力加强，少走一些弯路。我想这是在大学里学习的最重要的目的。大学生活像一场马拉松。学习使得这个漫长的赛跑成为一个多姿多彩的过程。

如果不上大学，人们还是可以在社会上取得很好的成绩。但是他们无法拥有大学的资源和人脉，所以就要用更多的努力和付出来取得。不上大学使人们太早把青春的岁月投入到社会的现实拼搏中，我替他们觉得很惋惜。

所以，我认为上大学对一个孩子很重要。在开放的校园中学习知识的同时也会学习到如何处理各种不同的人际关系。我相信大学里充满挑战，而我已准备好来迎接挑战。

Intermediate Group: 周欣美 Angelina Chow (7A) 題目：中學的一天

這個暑假結束之後，我就進入了全新的環境。

我是既興奮又不安，帶著這樣的心情，我步入了一個全新的環境，我懷疑自己會適應嗎？

開學的第一天，近千人湧入校園，我在混亂的人羣中好不容易找到了教室，我的班導師很親切，這讓我放心不少。我也很幸運認識了幾個新同學。

中學和小學最大的不同就是每堂課要換教室，才認得的同學又暫別了。舉例來說，星期二早上八時是選修的音樂課，我參加的是合唱班，在悠揚美妙的歌聲中展開了我的學習。十時二十分是我的數學課，那是我最喜歡的學科，現在學的是比率。中午吃飯時有我的好朋友相伴，我們每天約在固定的座位見面，彼此說著各人上課的情形。

下午是游泳課，我原本是很擔心的，因為我的泳技並不好，但是老師看了我游泳後認為是可以的，分我在中級隊。有了老師的肯定，我的信心大增，游泳課突然變得可愛多了。

總而言之，中學並沒有我想的嚴格可怕，我也越來越喜歡它了，只要我夠努力，我相信一切都會很順利，這就是我中學的一天。

Junior Group: 段媛媛 Felicia Duan (6A) 題目：我的小學一天

我的小學是 UCLA Lab School。八點十五分開始。也是離我的家特別近。但是姐姐的學校是八點開始的，所以我們要七點起床來準備上學。我們先送姐姐然後我的爸爸媽媽把車開到我學校的 carpool 隊，我就下車了。我下車時間是七點五十分，我還有幾分鐘才要報到上課。我去班裡把東西放下來然後去找我的朋友 Emme, Sheila 和 Ly la h。我看見了 Emme 和 Sheila 在 Black Top 玩兒四方形球。我跑過去跟她們說個早。我走到隊後面排隊，過了幾分鐘，玩兒了幾次四方形球，老師教大家去教室。我們到了教室門前見到了 Ly la h。再等了幾分鐘老師把門開了。

我第一節課是數學。我的數學做得特別好。我易如反掌地做好功課。我今天的題目是：要花一個東西來代表著一道題。 $(5 \times 6) + (4 \times 12) + (8 \times 3)$ 。我畫了三種東西。第一個三個長方形一個是 8×3 的（面積），一個是 4×12 的，一個是 5×6 的。我再畫了兩樣東西就做完了。然後我跟 Emme 玩兒了一個數學遊戲。十五分鐘後就要去上寫作課了。我們在練寫我們講的故事。

下一節課是體育課。我們在玩 Color Flags。Color Flags 是一個很好玩的遊戲，那次體育課我特別興奮。後來我們去音樂課。我在音樂課要玩 Garage Band。我們分成小組一起要寫一首曲子。下課時很多人還沒做完。所以音樂老師說要下次再做。我們下一節課老師給我們時間來讀書。

三十分鐘後要下課了！人們都跑出去玩和吃午飯。課間休息時我和我的朋友們在玩 Tag。我們完了 tag 很長時間，坐下來的時候特別累。開始吃午飯，吃完午飯我就回到教室了。我們最後一節是科學課。我們在學土地生物。我的小組選了學苔原的動物和植物。我們花了一個小時學苔原的東西，又花了一個小時開始做一個項目。最後我們把項目做得半完，明天我們就會做完。我們把東西清潔好就可以下學了。

今天真是一個完美無缺的一天！

GAME PAGE

Word Search:

School (學校)

Translate the Chinese words into English and find in the Word Search.

學校/学校

Xuéxiào

朋友

Péngyǒu

書/书

Shū

老師/老师

Lǎoshī

鉛筆/铅笔

Qiānbǐ

學生/学生

Xuéshēng

背包

Bèibāo

橡皮

Xiàngpí

剪刀

Jiǎndāo

蠟筆

Làbǐ

聽

Tīng

安靜

Ānjìng

X K O M G L N B T T R S C K R
W G S I Q S A D V N E V Z O O
P T R E H C A E T L E I S O S
J E F W K F C L O P R D U B S
K A N P B R S O Z O A B U Q I
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K I O U S L N G C L R V Q C B
H N F R I E N D W X J P N J A
W F D G N K N S S I E O Z L N
Y X S A Q G O C X J U W O S W
L O R L M K R D Q G K O V V O

Tongue Twisters:

Chinese: 四是四，十是十，十四是十四，四十是四十

Pin Yin: sì shì sì, shí shì shí, shí sì shì shì sì, sì shí shì sì shí

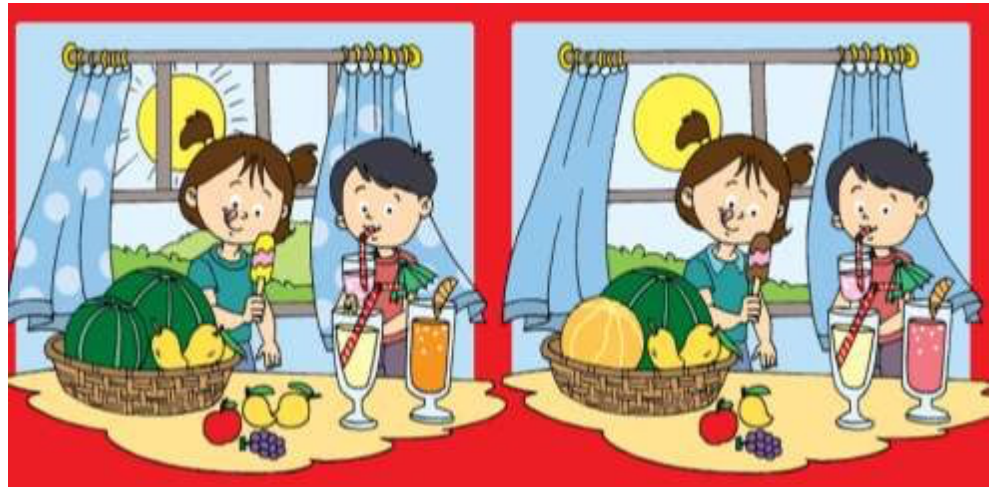
Meaning: Four is four, ten is ten, fourteen is fourteen, forty is forty.

Chinese: 吃葡萄不吐葡萄皮，不吃葡萄倒吐葡萄皮。

Pin Yin: Chī pú táo bù tǔ pú táo pí, bù chī pú táo dào tǔ pú táo pí

Meaning: Eat grape but do not spit out grape skin, do not eat grape but spit out grape skin.

Can you spot the 10 differences between the pictures?



Riddles:

1. What's full of holes but still holds water?
2. What building has the most stories?
3. Which is faster, hot or cold?
4. What is it that everybody does at the same time?
5. What gets wetter the more it dries?
6. What word begins and ends with "e" but only has one letter in it?

1. Sponge
2. Library
3. Hot, you can catch a cold.
4. Grow older
5. A towel
6. Envelope



Find Waldo in this issue!