



Writing Scripters

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Hello everybody! In this issue, we will introduce three interesting topics that you will love! Do you want to know more about famous people? Are you worried about global warming? Are you interested in ghost stories? If yes, you shouldn't miss this issue! Enjoy!

A gem in teens' eyes!

Of course, you would know G.E.M., the favorite of many Hong Kong teenagers. The name "G.E.M." (Gloria Tang) of this 20-year-old idol does not suggest something related to jewels. What does it mean? It simply means 'Get Everybody Moving'!

1. Do you know her?

She was born in Shanghai. When she was 4 years old, her family moved to Hong Kong. When she was only 13 years old, her talent for music has earned her Grade 8 in the piano. This shows she has great talent in music.

2. Have you seen it?

She became a singer when she was 16 years old. She has held an event called Tour, which is about her doing a part-time job every month. On 22nd March 2012, she reported the weather on ATV. The video was immediately posted on YouTube and grabbed 240,000 views within 24 hours. In two days, the views further increased to 330,000! It reflects the allure of GEM!



The main reason of Gem's success is not only luck; she has made a lot of effort. Therefore we should learn her good personality if we want to be successful in any area.

So, who is Taylor Swift?

Taylor Swift was born on December 13, 1989. When she was 12 years old, she learnt how to play the guitar from a computer technician, and this has paved the way for her fame as a superstar.

Her songs

Taylor's songs are very often about the portrayal of her life. "Some of the things I wrote about are things everyone saw me go through. Some of the things I wrote about are things nobody ever knew about." Taylor said. The song "Fifteen" was about her feeling of the freshman year in high school.



Her kindness

We should learn her kindness. She has held a concert, Speak Now Tour. Her final dress rehearsal was open to the public to aid recent victims of tornados in the southeast area of the United States. She spends time giving support to the victims. The concert is called 'Speak now, help now'. The concert has raised over \$750,000 going to the charity for tornado victims.

Learn from her!

Although we cannot have a concert like Taylor Swift, we can volunteer for charities and we can also donate money to those who are in need. We should be determined in the face of any mishap and Taylor Swift serves as a good role model for us.

Game Zone

Play the crossword puzzle to look for Gem and Taylor Swift's songs!

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 G L B N L D L I N X Q Q E H N
 B U E Z J B R E A T H Y K F G

1. AINY
2. BREATH
3. CHEER UP
4. FIFTEEN
5. GAME OVER
6. UNTOUCHABLE

Danger! Global Warming!

Sometimes when you hear the news, you will hear that some organizations like Greenpeace said we are destroying our earth. Most of the time, you only think that they're just making a molehill out of nothing, but actually it is more serious than what they say.

A girl called Dian, after taking Professor Jiang's lessons, asked about global warming because she wants to know more about it! Let's see what they are talking about.

You are causing global warming! Most of our activities are causing pollution. Pollution will produce greenhouse gases and it will soon make the temperature of our Earth rise. This phenomenon is called **global warming!**



What are we doing which causes pollution and finally cause global warming? Can you tell me?



Of course! Every day when you go to school, you may turn on the fans and air-conditioners; they waste energy and cause air pollution. I know that some of our students go to school by private cars or taxis frequently.



What?! All these activities which destroy our nature is also making global warming more serious?? Like... cutting down trees, wasting our limited natural resources?



Yes. For example, using coal to produce energy for electricity will increase the temperature of Earth. When ice at the South Pole and North Pole melts, the sea level will rise also!

I think that we have created great trouble for ourselves. Will it damage our life?



Now it is not that serious and damaging to our life. But if we still continue doing these things which affect our planets' health, the temperature will rise very fast. At that time it will really affect our life!!

Is there any way we can do better to alleviate global warming?



You need to have this concept: 'green life'. Green life is good for our planet. It will make our environment and nature better. Want to know more? Read the next page!



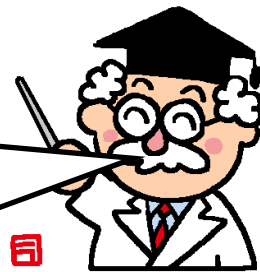
Let's live a green life



After learning the effect of global warming, how can we save the Earth? How can we live a greener life? We have invited Dr. Green to teach us the know-hows. Take a look and try your best to save the Earth!

Q: What is green life?

A: Green life is the life style where we use less energy to save the Earth .Also, it can save our money. We can live a green life in various ways. You can apply it anywhere, such as at home, in the office and when commuting!



Q: How can we apply green life in our home?

A: First, you need to recycle everything you can. For example, you can recycle paper, tin, cans and plastic. If you get newspapers every day, you probably have a ton of paper. Next, you need to save water; you can take showers instead of baths to save water. Finally, you better pay your bills electronically. It's more convenient than the paper bill, isn't it? It also can save paper!



Q: How can we live a green life in our office?

A: First, use both sides of the paper. Although it is not very convenient to us, it can really cut down the amount of paper that we use. Additionally, you should turn off any electronics not in use. Don't laugh! There are many people who forget to turn off their computer after they work! Finally, you need to use e-mail instead of letters to communicate with partners.





Q: How can we have green shopping?

A: First, you should bring your own reusable bag. It can help you save money and the Earth. Moreover, you should avoid buying products that are over-packed. Last but not least, you should not buy anything unnecessary to avoid waste.

Q: Finally, can you recommend some websites to us if we want to know more about green life?

A: I recommend the website of Friends of the Earth (<http://www.foe.org.hk/>) and the website of Greenpeace (<http://www.greenpeace.org/hk/>). I hope you will manage to live green. Goodbye!



Ghost Jokes

1. Q: What do you call a ghost who's always sleeping?

A: Lazy bones.

2. Q: What kind of street does a ghost like best?

A: dead end.

3. Q: When do ghosts usually appear?

A: Just before someone screams

4. A butler came running into his important master's office. "Sir, sir, there's a ghost in the corridor. What shall I do with him?" Without looking up from his work the master said, "Tell him I can't see him."

Do ghosts really exist?

Have you been to the Chinese University of Hong Kong? Do you know the classic ghost stories in this university? Here they are...

Oxtail Soup

A male and female student lived in Bethlehem Hall in the United College. By coincidence, she lived in the room one floor above the boy's.

The girl often cooked soup for the boy and lowered it by a string outside his window. One day they agreed that they would not see each other during the exam period, but the girl continued to cook soup. Later, the boy found out that the girl had died, but every evening the soup was still lowered to him...



Single Braid

Single Braid Road is located behind the Chung Chi Canteen. Some male students when walking by there at night have seen a girl with beautiful braided hair; when they approached her to get a good look at her they were shocked to discover that she did not have a face, that in front there was another single braid. It is said that this girl was an illegal immigrant from China, and that she came with her boyfriend surnamed Lau from the mainland on a train. Because she was afraid that if she went to Kowloon she would be checked, she jumped from the train near where the university is today. She jumped first but her hair got stuck in the train door so that her hair and face were ripped off and she died. Her boyfriend saw this and did not dare to jump. He went all the way to Kowloon before getting off the train, entered the city and after getting work, went to find the girl but could not find her. Later people often saw her near there walking to and fro. There are two versions of this story; in one the girl has no face, while in the other she has another braid in front of her face.



Tsung Tsai Yuen

An innocent school picnic near Tsung Tsai Yuen turned deadly when all 28 kids and teachers were buried alive in a landslide five decades ago. Since then, ashen-faced children are said to wave to passing cars and hikers at night, and drivers claim to see white shapes flitting across the road nearby.

A stone plaque now covered in moss was erected in memory of the dead at this quiet site. Feng shui master Ng Pui-fu said it will placate the restless spirits at this haunted place.



Ghost Idioms

A ghost town

Meaning: a place that has been abandoned and is no longer inhabited.

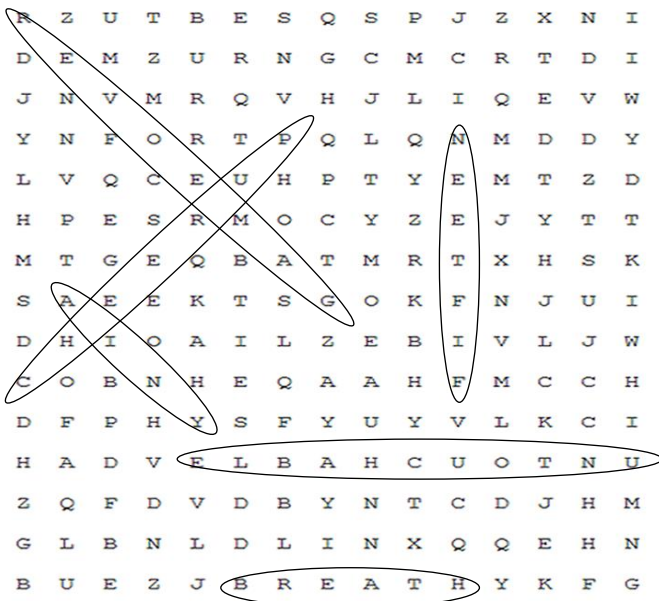
Example: This place is like a ghost town now that the tourists have gone home.

A ghost of a chance

Meaning: a very small possibility

Example: There's not a ghost of a chance that he'll be promoted.

Answers



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