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Olympic Games

Our Teachers' Favourite Athletes

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Who do you like best among so many professional athletes all over the world? We've interviewed two teachers, Mr. Li Chiu-chee and Ms. Chan Wing-shan. We've asked them about their favourite athletes in the Olympics. Let's see what they say.

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R: Who is your favourite athlete in the Olympics?

L: The athlete I like most is Liu Xiang, because he is the first Chinese world champion in track and field events. He is confident yet humble. This is something I appreciate most. He broke the westerners' monopoly in track and field events. He reminds me that nothing is impossible.

C: The athlete I appreciate most is Diving Queen Fu Ming Xia. She is the most hardworking athlete I have ever seen. She had to undergo tough training and she strived for excellence at the climax of her sports life. Therefore, she had taken part in the Olympics four times, and each time she was the champion. It is not simple for any professional athletes to achieve these outstanding accomplishments. I fully understand her persistence and determination.



Fu Ming Xia, known as Diving Queen

R: Which sporting event in the Olympics is your favourite?

L: I think we must watch track and field events. The reason is that I am a track athlete too. I think track and field is the foundation of all sports. The objective is the Olympics spirit "Higher, Quicker, and Stronger". An improvement of a split second, like 1/1000, requires a lot of effort and involves many people. I think this sport has united human beings for the same ultimate goal: breaking through the human limit.

C: I always watch diving. The athletes need to finish a series of complicated, thrilling actions within a few seconds before diving. The actions are skilful. This exciting competition is marvellous.

R: What do you think about the Olympics in 2008?

L: China, as one of the most important countries in the 20th century, regardless of cultural or economic achievement, has gained the world's recognition. Hosting the Olympics carries a special meaning. I thought the Olympics was none of my business in the past. Now, I can even be a part of it as it is so close to me. I am so proud to witness it and take part in this historical moment.

C: As the host country, China has done a lot of promotions on the Olympics 2008. There are many advertisements and activities everywhere in China. I am incredibly longing for it.

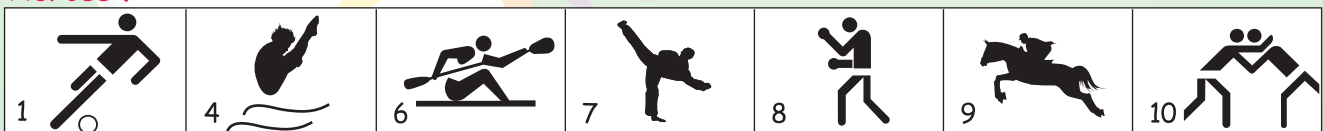
The Olympics in 2008, which will be held by China for the first time, belongs to every Chinese. I have already bought the ticket for the diving events of the Olympics 2008.



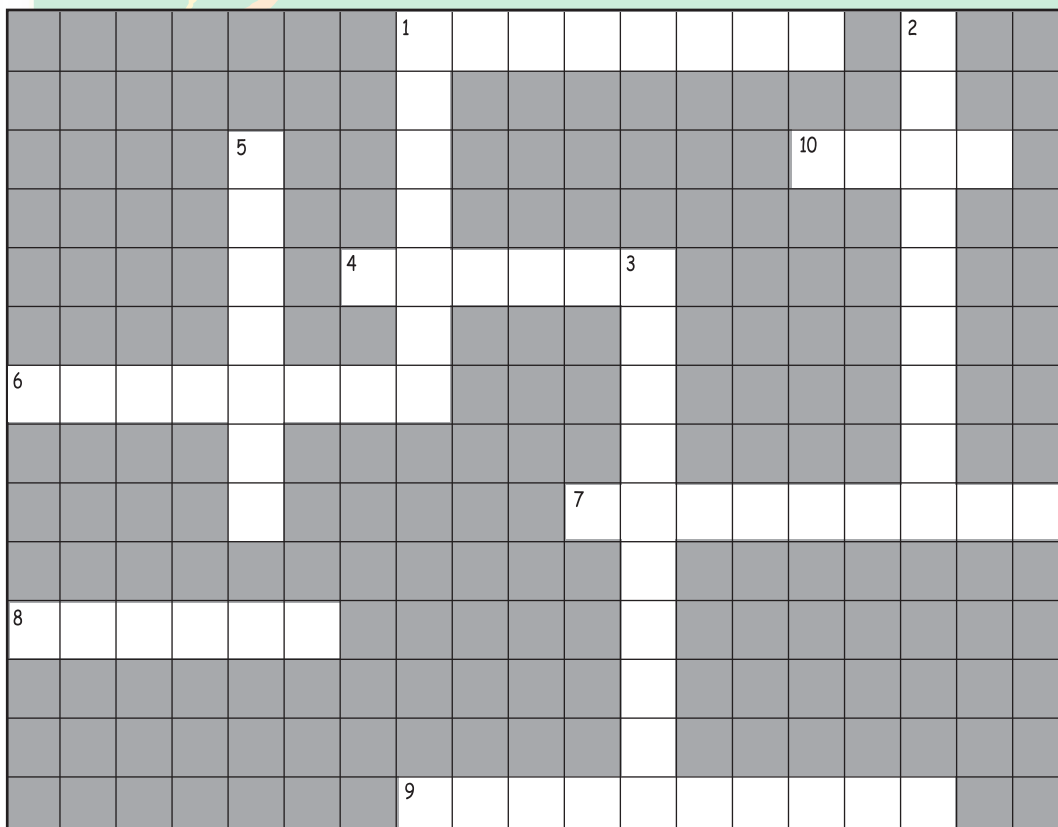
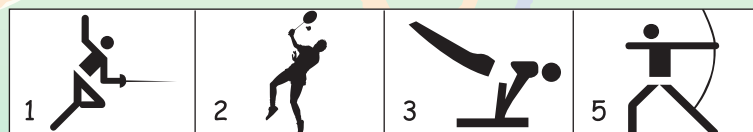
Liu Xiang, first Chinese track and field event champion

Game Time!!! Let's play crossword puzzles!!

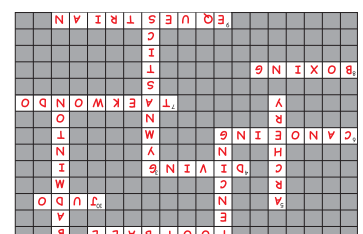
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Down:



Answer:



HELP!! THE ENVIRONMENT IS IN DANGER!!!

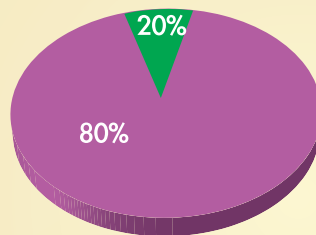
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Yeah, great scenery! Will it last long? **NO.**
Could we make it last longer? **YES.**

The latest news reported a new measure taken by one of the major supermarkets in Hong Kong--Parknshop, which started a campaign promoting the reduced use of plastic bags and started providing biodegradable plastic bags instead. As a result, the shop could lower its expenses, gain more profit and also help raise money for environmental protection. It surely is a great step towards the implementation of Hong Kong plastic bag tax.

Do you support plastic bag tax?



 **Yes**
 **No**



From this graph, we can see that more than 80% of the students support plastic bag tax. According to the survey, the main reason why they support the tax is that they don't want the earth to be any further damaged or polluted. They think plastic bag tax may help prevent the misuse of plastic bags.

Meanwhile, the minority opposing the tax don't want to make plastic bags become one of their expenses as they disagree that plastic bags should be priced. Some of them explain they don't have any spare cash to pay for it.

After this survey, we realized that most of our schoolmates protect the environment. But it is clear that some of them, about 20%, have to be more aware of the importance of environmental protection. More education and advertising is needed to help them change their minds.

The government ought to do something to remedy this situation since there are still some students who obviously need to enhance their environmental awareness. If possible, it could give more support and resources to educate people. Schools can arrange talks about this topic to help students become more aware of environmental protection.

What will be the destiny of our earth if things go on like this? It depends on us, the new generation. Do you want a better world, a better living, a better life? **ACT NOW!!!**

We love Chinese culture!

4D Tweety Cheung, 2D Terri Law

The Chinese Culture Award Scheme Prize-giving Ceremony on 26th October is a recognition to those students who received awards.

We interviewed a group of students who got the gold award. "Oh! We love Chinese Culture," one of them said. "Chinese culture is profound and glamorous. As we are Chinese, I think everyone should have responsibilities to promote our culture and immerse in it. So this scheme greatly enriches my knowledge, for instance, the relationship between traditional Chinese ideas and our lives."



Unfortunately, some students didn't take part in the activities of the scheme. They have lost an opportunity to know more about our wonderful culture. "We hope they will take part in the activities next year since they will gain a lot of experience and discover that Chinese culture is really stunning!" one of them exclaimed. Could you guess how they felt when they got a gold award in the Chinese Culture Promotion Project? They were extremely excited. It wasn't easy to complete the project. Actually, it took them the whole summer holiday! They believed that the traditional Chinese clothes of ethnic minorities were suitable to be the topic of the project and they were attractive.



However, several students who got a silver award in the project reported that they liked Western culture more than Chinese culture. But they thought that participating in Chinese cultural activities could help them learn Chinese culture more. In addition, they said that they would continue doing the project to get a gold award next year as they enjoy exploring more about Chinese culture. After finishing the project, they thought Chinese calligraphy was really interesting. They admired this kind of Chinese culture very much.

As we are Chinese, we are responsible to promote our magnificent culture and we should be proud to scream: **we love Chinese culture!**

Our fond memories - the Star Ferry Pier



3A Emma Chow, Yumiko Ng, 2E William Yan

The Star Ferry Pier is one of the icons of Hong Kong heritage as seen by tourists. It was also one of the most loved landmarks that continuously served Hong Kong people. Because of technological advancement, other kinds of transports, like MTR and buses, have already replaced ferries. The Clock Tower of the old Star Ferry Pier in Central was even demolished because of new urban designs. Nostalgic feeling follows...



An interview with our new teacher

Concerning the Star Ferry Pier, we interviewed our new English teacher, Mr Tse Yu Hin to share with us his feelings about the Star Ferry.

Key: T - Mr. Tse Yu Hin
R - Reporters

R: What can you think of when it comes to Star Ferry Pier?

T: Oh, the lovely green ferries pop up in my mind immediately. The shape of the ferry is very special and the benches are old-fashioned and of traditional style.

R: Have you ever taken a ferry to cross the harbour?

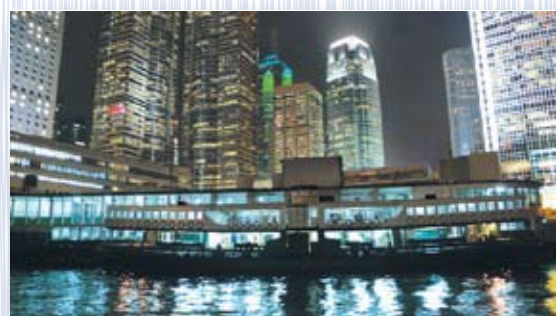
T: Yes, of course. I went there with my wife and my son in October. We took the ferry because we had to go to Cheung Chau to try some delicious seafood. I took the ferry from Tsim Sha Tsui to Central.

R: Do you have any unforgettable memories about the Star Ferry Pier?

T: Sure. I took a ferry with my friends after our public exam in Form Five. We took the ferry from Central to Tsim Sha Tsui. The ferry witnessed our joy and excitement after our exam.

R: Do you think the Star Ferry Pier should be demolished because of new urban designs which help create a better living place for us in Hong Kong?

T: I don't think the Pier should be demolished because of new urban designs. The Pier has provided us with a collective memory. It is also a landmark of Hong Kong. So why don't we keep it and at the same time think of other designs to sustain our urban needs?



Do we see innocence in children only?



1B Billy Chan, 3B Daisy Lam, 3B Shan Li, 3C Shirley Wu

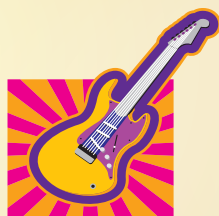
Too busy in our lives? Listen to this song!

Song Title: Innocence

Singer: Avril Lavigne

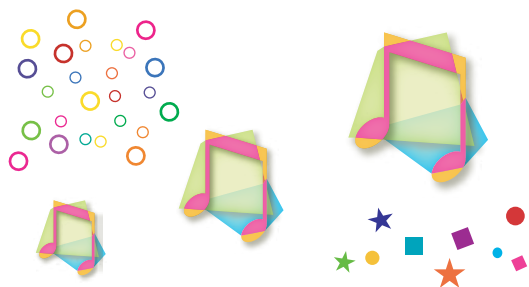
Our favourite lyrics:

Waking up I see that everything is ok
The first time in my life and now it's so great
Slowing down I look around and I am so amazed
I think about the little things that make life great
I wouldn't change a thing about it
This is the best feeling
This innocence is brilliance
I hope that it will stay
This moment is perfect
Please don't go away
I need you now
And I'll hold on to it
Don't you let it pass you by...



Our feelings:

Nowadays, we live in a competitive society. We all live under great pressure. Do you cherish your childhood? When we were young, we were innocent and thought everything was wonderful and perfect. We were free and happy. But when we are getting older, life isn't so easy. We have to shoulder more responsibilities, confront difficulties and solve problems. Where is our innocence?



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