

## Sample of Formative feedback to students

### Recording your Life

People have recorded their lives and stories for thousands of years. Before written words were created, people ~~told~~ **passed down** their stories to their descendents ~~posterity~~—as legends. When the written words were made, the age of history began. Whether **as** a legend or **as** a part of history, ~~the similarity is~~ they are both recording people's lives. **But** why should our lives be recorded? ~~Not only huge events, but also your or anyone's life should be recorded;~~ **History is no longer a domain reserved for huge events.** By sharing your life experience, you can ~~make~~ let people know what kind of person you are **were** and ~~you can make someone feel moved and start to do something more for the world.~~ **your actions today may influence future generations.** Everyone has his or her own way to record their ~~life-lives~~; some ~~of them~~ take photos, some ~~of them~~ write dairies or blogs, and some ~~of them just remember and~~ tell stories to their ~~posterity~~ **children** like people **did** thousands of years ago!

More and more people choose to record their lives by taking photos these days. Because of the popularity of the digital camera, taking good photos is getting easier and easier, and people can also share their photos on networks like Facebook just after they take the photos! In addition, taking a photo can be funny; there are many interesting photos on the Internet. For instance, there is a German boy who joined an online project which is encouraging people to take a photo every day; **he banded himself by adhesive tape with his camera.** By taking a photo every day in your life you will not only share your life, but find out something new in your life, too.

Another traditional way to record your life is to write a dairy. Many people write diaries for a while, but most of them don't keep it as a habit, so they will slowly forget to write in the diary. These days, people start to write what they think or what has happened in their lives on blogs. Actually, the internet services like blogging have just started for a few years, but the popularity of blogging is growing extremely fast. The advantage of blogging and writing dairies is that you can easily find the words you wrote out and reminiscence about the life you have had before.

**Still another more traditional way is to tell it as a legend. Telling your story as a legend is the easiest and most convenient way. When you suddenly think of something, you will tell it to the people near you. Telling your story is convenient and easy, but the biggest disadvantage is that you may forget details and events. And when your story has been told to many different people, the story will become a legend, but remember, if you think the story will be the same one as you said, you will be depressed .**

Recording your life **can make some influence in your life or even in others lives.** If you think recording your life sounds interesting, why not start to do that now!

### Homework 11

Today the circus still finds its way into our communities. They are an opportunity for city people to see animals that they wouldnt normally see every day.....discuss this topic, saying why they are good or why they are bad. Make sure you tell me why. At the end of your paragraph, tell me what you would like me to do or not do in the future.....ie do you want me to go and see a circus or would you like me to tell other people that the circus is not

a good thing.

## Circus

~~In my opinion, the circus is not a terrible thing. Yet most of the~~ Regardless of whether circuses really treat their animals badly, there is no

doubt that most people will still pay for the show.

On one hand, animals in the circus ~~are~~ **can** lead a wretched life. They have to be trained to do some amazing tricks; they sleep in small cages,

and if they don't do the trick well, they will even be hit with a ~~by the~~ whip.

**Looking at the circus from a more positive angle, they also** bring a lot of happiness to kids, teenagers and and even adults. ~~And~~ The work makes money and gives people a job. If protestors push for the closure of all circuses

~~someone makes all the circus closed, how can the workers make money? workers will be unable to make money.~~ many people

will lose their income and suffer.

**Wild zoo animals seem to have a much better than the circus animals do: Bigger living area, no training, and no whipping. If animals ~~can~~ could**

**choose their life, they must choose to be a wild animal immediately.** there is no doubt that most would opt for lives in a modern day zoo

**environment. (this is a different topic)**

Thus, I think circus is not a bad thing. In fact, it won't influence my life.

**The positive aspects of the circus, are far greater than the negative, and therefore they are a good thing. The bad treatment of**

**a few animals won't influence my decision to visit the circus the next time it is in town.**

## Homework 10

(a) Spelling City List 8

(b) Find another picture online and paste it into your wiki. Describe the picture using all the senses, not just with what you see. Try use what people feel, what people hear, what people smell, what people can taste. Please also try to add one metaphore to make your writing stronger.

## A Basketball Game

Many people like to see a basketball game. When you are ~~seeing~~ watching a basketball game, ~~you must be~~ it is exciting, and an ~~undesirable~~ competitive feeling rises up from deep in your soul ~~is flowing. in your~~ blood rushes through your veins as the competition builds. ~~My latest experience of seeing a basketball game is when I'm 13 years old.~~

When **you** walk into the center, ~~I saw~~ you can see thousands of people walking and finding their seats. Kids, teenagers, parents, men, old people, males, and females, every kind of people **love**

this game because it is a game like no other. After a while, the emcee referee announces the game was going to start. The screaming and yelling of the spectators made my ears makes your ears be antgle when the throb when the players ran into the court.

During the game, spectators were get very excited. Every shot, every block shot, layup, rebound, scoring, and even a turnover could make the spectators get go crazy about it. They yelled, sweard, waved their hands, and moved their arms. Not only the players, but the spectators also sweated a lot. Both the players and the spectators sweat due to the heat rising up from the court. The smell of the sweat lingers deprised in the air, but no ones cares about that--the only thing they care about is the movement of the players and the scoring of points. was the moving of every players and the everying scoring of the players.

The haf time didn't cool Half time doesnt cool down anyone's passion, it only makes everyone's excitment increase. get more and more bigger. When the emcee anppunce referee announces that half-time was is over, everyone's yells.

TING! The whistle blows. The game is over. I cant remember who won that game or even who two teams were. The only memories that still leave in my mind is the excitment of the ballgame. memory that lingers in my mins is the excitment of the ballgame.

## Homework 9

(a) Spelling City list 7

(b) Find a picture of a theme park online and paste it into your wiki. Write a descriptive paragraph using the 5 senses to describe your picture. Make sure you include one metaphore, to make your writing more powerful.

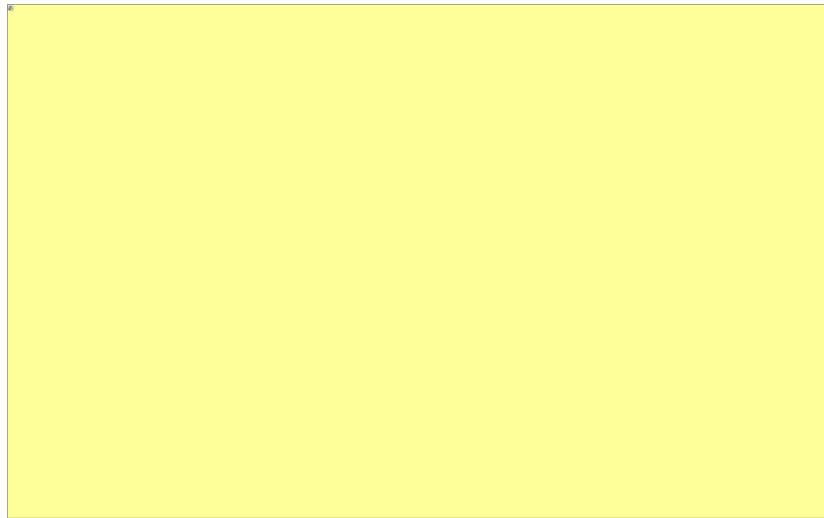
## Theme Park

A theme park is a popular choice if anyone wants to have fun on the weekends. Theme parks have some smiliarities that make them popular :

When you walked in a theme park, the first thing you feel is...a shock to the senses shock you at that moment. You see There are hundreds of people in your sight, kids are running and playing, others are doing something; you hears people laughing, chatting and screaming, voices and sounds run into your ears; you feel the sun burning your skin, but now that is a warm hug from the sky. In the air, you wave your arms and you can almost touch the happiness of people here.

When you are enjoying yourself in the machine, you scream, you laugh , you even throw up when the machine makes you feel ill, but you are happy all day long.

All in all, a theme park is a great place for enjoying your vacation.



### Homework 8

- (a) Spelling City Better writing list 6
- (b) Descriptive paragraph

Here are some ideas for descriptive paragraphs. Choose one of the ideas below to write your own descriptive paragraph.

- (a) Describe a national monument that is important to you. What does it look like? What feelings does the monument inspire in you?
- (b) Describe a family tradition. When do you follow the tradition? Why is the tradition important to you and your family?
- (c) Describe your favourite or least favourite meal. Be sure to tell how the food, smells, tastes and looks.
- (d) Describe something that makes you happy, sad, nervous or afraid.
- (e) Describe a person that you know. What is the person like? What are some characteristics? Make sure that the description would allow the reader to identify the person in a crowd.

### A Symbol of Taiwan

If someone **was to ask** **asks** me about something that **can** perfectly represent Taiwan's spirit, I **will** **would** answer him or her immediately: "a rice paddy"

I think rice **paddies are** a great representation of Taiwan because **a** rice paddy is **a kind of thing that** **accompany** that has accompanied lots of Taiwanese **while** they were growing **ing** up. The groundwork of Taiwan is based on agriculture, and the rice paddy is one of the most important grounds that farmers work on. Yet the rice paddy has such an important influence on our eating habits, most people think that a farmer is old-fashion and tired.

One of the qualities most people **glorify** see is that the rice paddy lets everyone step on it, like it is not important, but it grows the most important food that every Chinese person eats every day. **Without this affordable food stable Taiwan would not be what it is today.**

A Chinese wise man had said that everyone should allow themselves to act like ground, because the ground lets everyone step on it but no one can live without the ground. This kind of spirit is why the rice paddy signifies the heart of Taiwanese culture!