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In the summer holiday, people usually go for a trip but this year, I did not. I experienced a hard time that my grandfather passed away.

In April this year, my grandfather had big a surgery with his main blood vessel in heart. The surgery went smoothly but unfortunately, my grandfather still could not rehabilitate after three months and we were all very worried about him.

One day in the morning, the hospital suddenly called us. We picked up the phone with a heavy heart. "Hello" I said. "Please come to the hospital quickly. Your Grandfather is in danger now." the doctor said. After we heard that, we drove to the hospital straightly and quickly. We prayed for the miracle to be happened again but regrettably it did not. Grandfather's breathe was getting weaken gradually. At last, the red light shown in the machine was on. The doctor announced that grandfather has passed away. We came out from the ward with heavy pace.

In that moment, I had a lot of wonderful memories with my grandfather in my brain and I hoped grandfather could be happy and released in the other side of the world.

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“Ding Dong” the school bell rang which means the school days were over and summer holiday started. I was looking forward to summer because I could finally swim, play video games with friends and travel to Taiwan. Most importantly, my birthday was in the summer holiday.

Before the end of the day, I invited Kelly to my birthday party. However, her answer to my invitation was heartbreaking. She could not join the birthday party. Soon I lost my smiley face and became disappointed. After hanging up the phone. I rushed back to my room and burst into tears. She promised that she would celebrate my birthday no matter what happened.

On my birthday day, I was so frustrated that I did nothing. I just wanted my best friend Kelly to stay with me. My mom tried to convince me to eat the birthday cake and open the present, but I did not listen and locked myself in the room. Suddenly, I heard someone knocked the door. Then, I opened the door. “Surprise” cried Kelly. All I could see was Kelly standing in front of me with a homemade cake. It turned out that she told a lie in order to give me a surprise.

Kelly brought the birthday party back to life. We ate her birthday cake first. The cake was shaped like a cat which is my favourite pet. When I ate the cake, I could taste chocolate whipped cream and biscuits crumbs. We also danced and played hide and seek. She also gave me another surprise. I was allowed to go to sleep over at her home. We played video games and enjoyed some midnight snacks together. It was a fantastic night.

I am cheerful to have such a good friend. This birthday is so unexpected. Next time, I will give a bigger surprise to Kelly in her birthday.

My first trip to Ulaanbaatar Mongolia

We had a six day trip to Mongolia during 19th to 24th July, 2019. Although there was a direct flight to there, we chose a transfer flight via Beijing because we thought it would be more comfortable. But it turned out to be a rushing journey for us. There was a bottleneck at the transfer counter. A lot of people were waiting. Since we were accompanied by two elderly relatives with wheelchairs, we were allowed to have the priority to go first. Luckily we were able to catch the flight. Two hours later, we arrived at Ulaanbaatar, the capital and largest city of Mongolia.

We visited some of the famous sightseeing spots in Ulaanbaatar, such as Gandan Monastery, Museum of National History of Mongolia, Chinggis Khaan Square. We also attended a Mongolia throat singing concert, the Trumun Ekh Ensemble. The show consisted of Mongolian folk dance, musical and music performance with traditional instruments like horsehead fiddle, shants, yoochin and bishhuur.

Mongolian throat singing is a particular variant of overtone singing practice. In the past, Mongolian had no settled home. They had to move from place to place to obtain food and find pasture for livestock. You may think why Mongolian can do throat singing. It is because when they did grazing, they felt lonely. All they could hear was the sound made by horses, cows, sheep, wind and birds. They imitated their sound and was later developed this particular overtone singing. To be honest, this is only my inference by compiling what I have observed and experienced in the vast and boundless Mongolia grassland.

On the last day of our trip, I visited a horse pasture. Can a horse give milk? Yes, they can. Mare milk is secreted by female mares during lactation to feed their foals. The herder let the foal and the mother horse together during the first month. Surprised me that when the mare was milked, they still have the foal because if the foal is taken away. The mare could not produce milk and needed extra-stimulation.

The herders used mare milk and made it become a traditional drink named Kymyz. It tasted slightly sour and lightly alcoholic. To be honest, I would prefer cow milk that I drunk daily. The herder showed us how Kymyz was made. He poured the mare milk into a barrel, using a stick called Bishkek stirring it for a long time. He said such stirring should be repeated for several hours to days, then leaving it to cool.

He also showed us some of the processed cheese that was very different from the ordinary cow cheese or goat cheese sold in the supermarket.

Horse in the pasture are composed of one or more stallions, a number of mature mares and immature mares. I was told that the dominate horse that was with long horse's mane and the strong one may has the right for mate. No wonder the horses were staying together in groups which is so called stallions. It was interesting to note some horses were kept in ring. The herder said they were a bit too aggressive and were asked to cool down.

In Mongolia, I saw a lot of wild animals like cows, goats and horses everywhere in the grassland. But in some other countries, like Australia and USA, these livestock were kept in farm.

I know that the Mongolians are trying to develop their economy by trying either to build skyscrapers in Ulaanbaatar or to build many resorts inside the national park. I do hope that they can strike a balance between conservation and development.

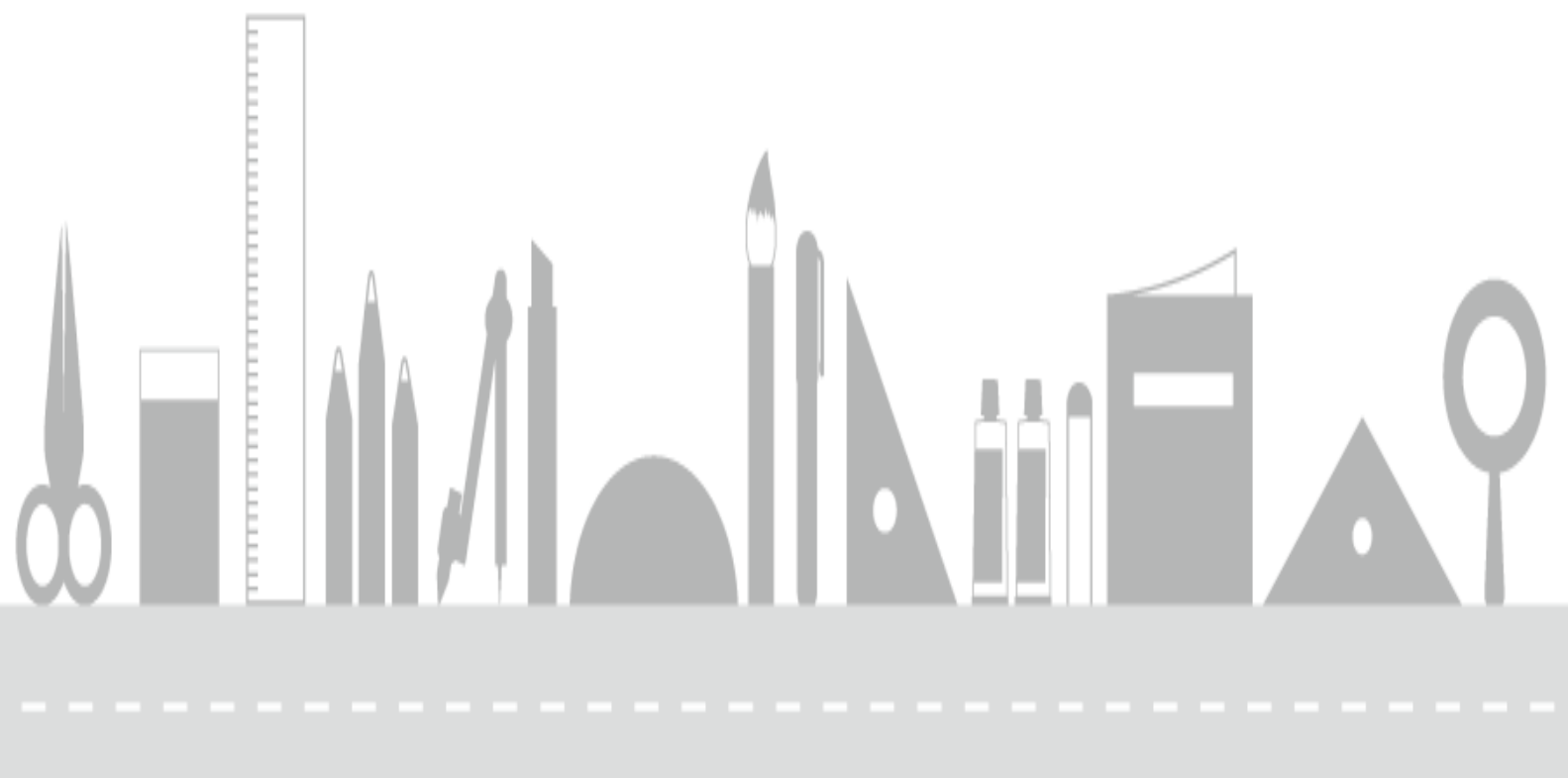
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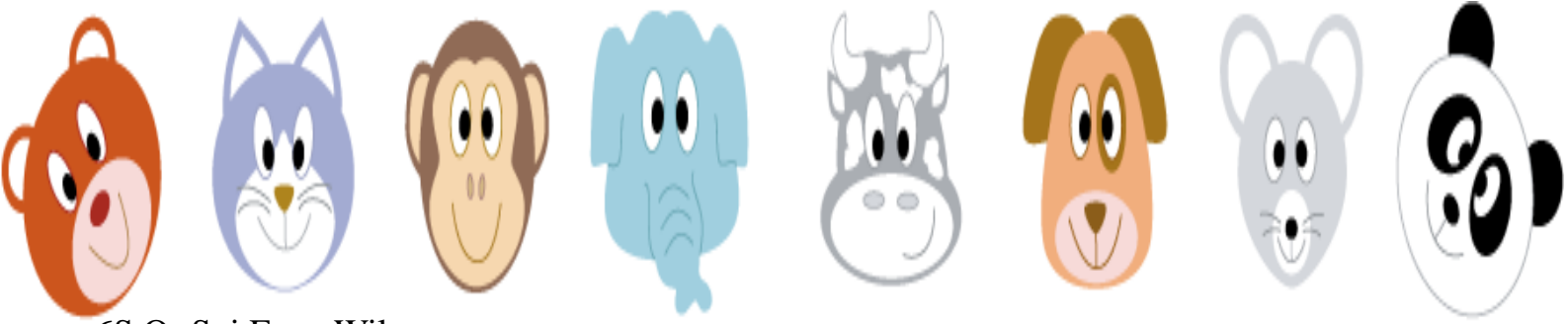
This year, Mr. Lui led my friends and I to participate a STEAM competition which is called “Odyssey of the Mind”. We did a great job in the competition. We got the 2nd runner up. A few months later, our school principal told us to perform the drama in the prize giving ceremony on the tenth of July.

We needed to practice more to recall our script. We practiced on the eighth and ninth of July and the ninth of July was my birthday. At first, I was a little bit upset.

On the ninth of July, after we practiced for two times. Mr. Lui suddenly went out the hall. When Ariel saw Mr. Lui went out the hall, she started searching something in Google. I thought it was a bit weird so I followed her to see what she was searching for. Although she covered it, I have already known it. She was searching for a birthday song. At that moment, Brian pulled me up to the stage. I finally realized that Mr. Lui and my friends wanted to give me a surprise. I did not want to let them down so I pretended to be confused. Mr. Lui came back with a birthday cake.

Although I knew the surprise already, I still felt surprised and warm. This was my unexpected thing in the summer.





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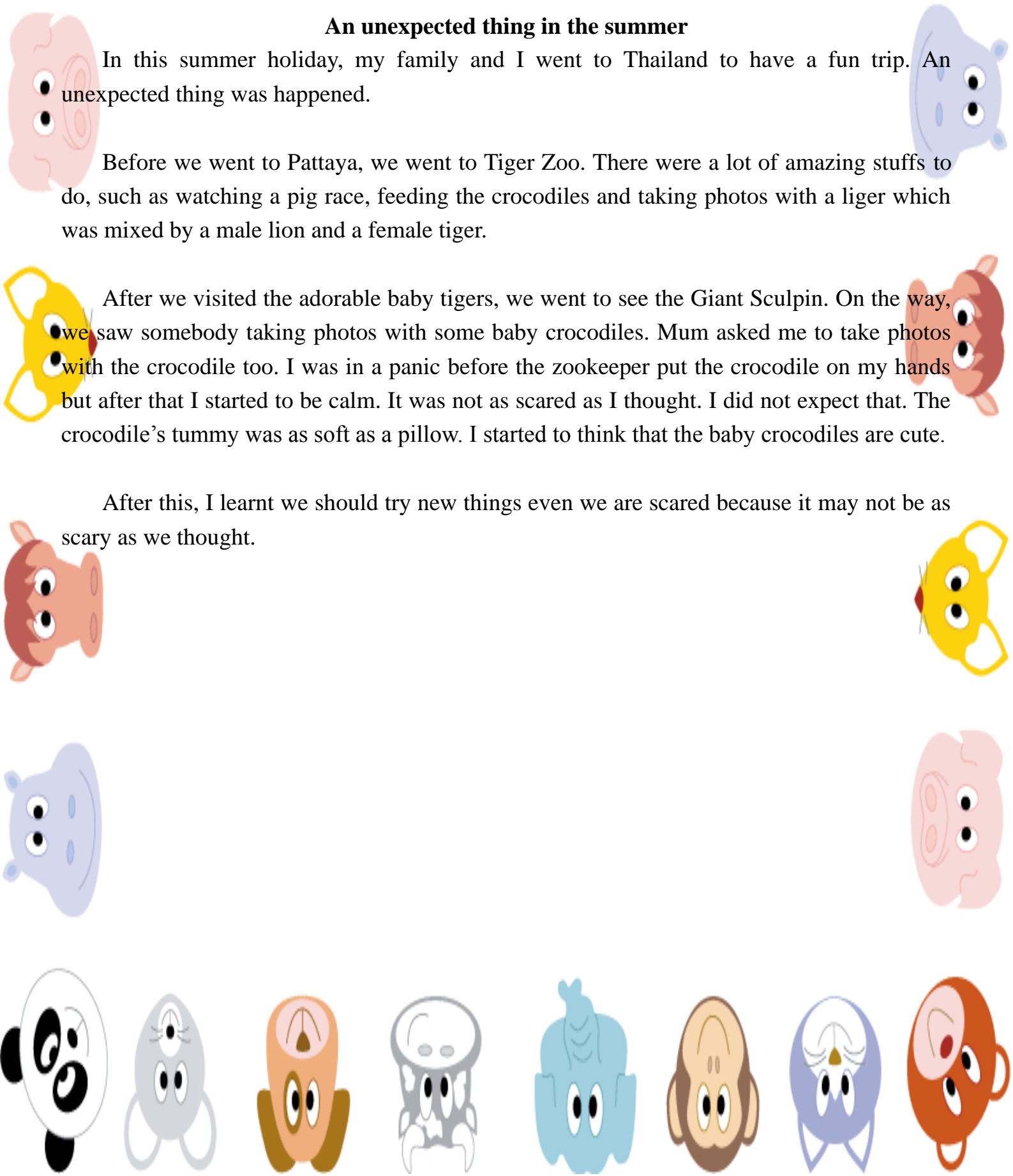
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In this summer holiday, my family and I went to Thailand to have a fun trip. An unexpected thing was happened.

Before we went to Pattaya, we went to Tiger Zoo. There were a lot of amazing stuffs to do, such as watching a pig race, feeding the crocodiles and taking photos with a liger which was mixed by a male lion and a female tiger.

After we visited the adorable baby tigers, we went to see the Giant Sculpin. On the way, we saw somebody taking photos with some baby crocodiles. Mum asked me to take photos with the crocodile too. I was in a panic before the zookeeper put the crocodile on my hands but after that I started to be calm. It was not as scared as I thought. I did not expect that. The crocodile's tummy was as soft as a pillow. I started to think that the baby crocodiles are cute.

After this, I learnt we should try new things even we are scared because it may not be as scary as we thought.



An unexpected event in the summer

I went to Wong Yi Chau Youth Camp this summer. It was an unexpected event because I really did not know that my mother would agree to let me join the camp.

20/7 first day in camp: rainy and cool

At nine in the morning, we arrived at Po Lam Station and took the bus to Sai Kung Pier. We arrived at the campsite at around ten thirty. However, affected by the rain, we had to wait inside the campsite. After lunch, the rain was getting smaller. So we put on equipment and learnt the skill of dragon boating in the shallow water. After listening to the coach's explanation, we divided into two groups and took the boat to the deep water area. Everyone was very happy. At last, we settled down and had dinner. The coach took everyone for a walk in the forest where we saw a few wild boars and fireflies.

21/7 second day in cap: cloudy but hot

After dressing up and eating breakfast, the coach took us to the shallow water to learn snorkeling and kayaking skills. After learning the basic skill, we divided into seven groups, equipped with snorkeling equipment, life jackets and oars and set off for the deep area. Upon arrival, we took turns to jump into the water to observe the ecological environment at the bottom of the water. My teammates Bridget, Julia and I saw a big orange fish and a lot of coral stones. After we got back to the boat, everyone went kayaking back to the port, took a shower and had dinner. Due to a very serious incident in the boy's dormitory, the night activities were cancelled. We stayed in the girl's dormitory to play games. Everyone had a great time.

22/7 third day in camp: breezy and warm

We had a test on kayaking. At first, I thought I would fail the test because I was not good at it but luckily the test was very easy. I passed it. After the test, we were taught how to play vertical pad board. It was easy although some campmates fell down from the board into the sea for a few times. Fortunately, I did not fall down the board and even had a chance to play it one more time. Then, we arrived at a small beach and splashed water. Finally, we rowed the vertical pad board back to the port, and got ourselves cleaned. Due to the same incident that happened again in the boy's dormitory, so the night activities were cancelled again. We played some games and had a good sleep.

23/7 last day of the camp: sunny and hot

We woke up early to pack our luggage. After breakfast, we were brought by the coach to a rope new venue to play high altitude rope net. The rope net was very high and I was a bit fear. When it was my turn, I cried. It was so embarrassing. But it was actually quite fun. After this, we took a boat back to Sai Kung Pier. Everyone was very happy to see their parents but vert unwillingly. Luckily, we had the coach's phone number and added it into our Whatsapp group so we could keep it touch.

What a memorable activity in this summer!