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Hard life of a journalist

I once had a dream to travel around the world and write newspaper articles for a lot of people. Being in a warzone or another special place to inform people how it is to be there, ohh! How exciting it would be if I was a journalist.

When I heard there was newspaper club at ESCA, I thought it would be the perfect start to follow my dream. I wrote my first article which was a movie review of the Martian (page 2) which was fun because it was a good and interesting movie. When I had to write my second article, I was totally blank. I didn't know what to write about and took me about 30 minutes to figure out what I should write about.

I could write about my life like Hemingway or Bukowski… but who cares about a 13 years old boy going to school every day! My friend told me I could write about earthquakes in Kyrgyzstan… I hope I'll never ever have to talk about that because I'm so scared of earthquakes!! Or I could talk about the amazing food in Kyrgyzstan…. but I'm vegetarian…

Or I could just talk about my amazing friends at ESCA: they come from all over the world! Even if we have different background, culture and religion, we manage to live together and have a great time here!

Maybe there is no need to go to a warzone to have something interesting to write about…

(Most elements of this story are made up…)

No matter how much you push the envelope, it will always be stationary.

Simple Pizza Recipe

Ingredients:

-Ready dough (you can buy from supermarket)

-Tomato sauce (any flavor)

-Cheese

-Meat (chicken, sausage or any other topping)

Method:

1. Cover the ready dough with tomato sauce
2. Slice your meat into squares and add to the dough
3. Grate your cheese with cheese grater and it add on top
4. Put it in the oven and wait half an hour

The Martian – Movie Review

During a mission to Mars, astronaut Mark Watney and his crew were in a storm, where Mark Watney got hit by an antenna and disappeared. The whole crew thought he was dead so they left Mars and went back to Earth. But Mark Watney survived the storm and finds himself stranded on Mars. With the supplies he has he must learn how to survive for at least 4 years. He has to grow crops on a planet where nothing grows. Mark Watney must find a solution to signal to Earth he is alive.

This movie was amazing because it was fun to see how a man could survive on a planet where there is no water or anything, and it was fun to see these people that are super nerdy with science. The actors were acting really well and the producer is Ridley Scott which also made the Gladiator, Robin Hood, Exodus: Gods and Kings and a lot more movies and documentaries. On Imdb it got a very high rating, 8,3 out of ten and on Rotten Tomatoes it got 93% so it got vey good ratings. The Martian was based on the #1 New York times bestseller. I recommend watching this movie for anyone that likes space and science
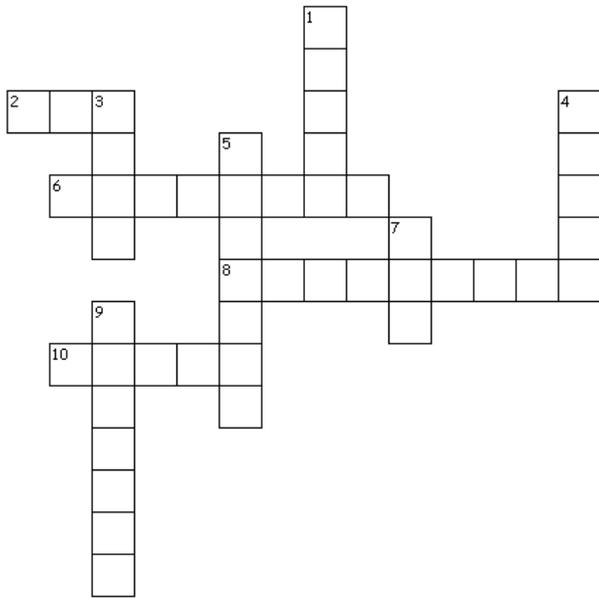
Horoscope

Sagittarius 23 November-21 December

Your next history homework will be so hard you might work on it until 3 in the morning, but don't bother since you'll be sick the next day...

Capricorn 22 December-20 January

Watch out for a red-haired girl asking you to help you with her homework… It will take you so long you'll be late for your next lesson!

Crossword Puzzle

Across

2. Says moo
6. Biggest land animal
8. Lays in the water like a log
10. You can ride it

Down

1. Me and you
3. Wild dog that howls at night
4. Slithers around
5. Lives on a farm and lays eggs
7. Man's best friend
9. Harmless shark

Book Recommendation

Hatchet is about a boy called Brian whose parents divorced and he was flying in a plane sitting in the copilot seat. Then as they are flying the pilot gets a heart attack and dies, so the plane goes down… I enjoyed Hatchet because it always had thing going on. like when something really cool happens and the character is doing really well then something happens that he loses that triumph or that the character lost something that was really good or cool. The part I didn't like was the start; because it happens in most book and sadly Hatchet that the start is pretty boring. But in Hatchet the boring things that are at the start don't take that long. Hatchet is also a chapter book and that is one of the reasons I enjoyed it because I really like to read chapter books because I find shorter book too short. I recommend the book Hatchet to people who are interested in survival because Hatchet is a book about survival. I also recommend it to people who like to read exiting books and I must say Hatchet is a really exiting book. Hatchet is also a book for people who like to read books that have lots of things going on.
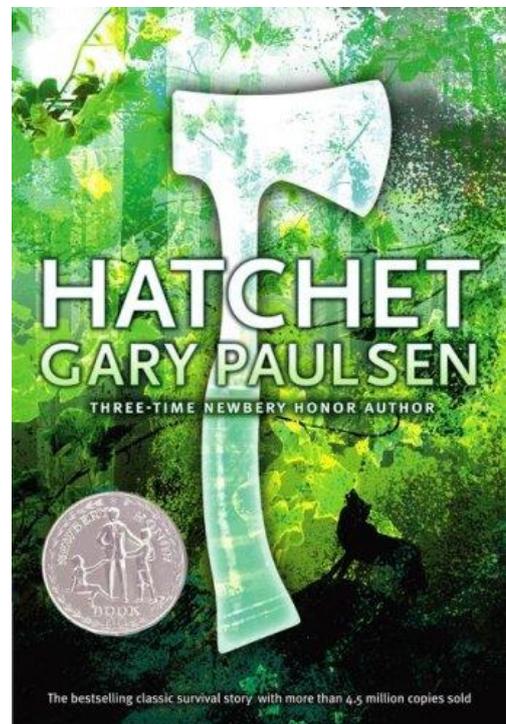
I put my grandma on speed dial. I call it instagran.

Learning Programming

I have been interested in programming for some time now. I really wanted to learn programming as I found it a really interesting topic. I really want to make games and other software that I and other people can use. My school in Thailand didn't offer programming as a class and, although the ICT teachers helped me, they had to do it during their spare time which wasn't a lot.

I had a friend who was really good at programming and I asked him to teach me. He tried to teach me and some of our other friends programming however, it wasn't easy as he didn't know how to explain something properly and, although I learned a lot from him, I didn't learn as much as I wanted to learn.

In programming there are many different languages one can code in and there are some that are easier than others and that can be used for very different things. I decided to learn programming myself through the internet and began researching different languages and which should be learned first and which were more difficult. Many different sites gave me different results which made it a bit harder but, to overcome this challenge I looked at all the different results and looked at the most common one.

After I had found out that python and HTML were the easiest languages for learning programming. I decided to look for a way to learn it online. I found some really good websites for learning programming. Some of the sites I found weren't great as they were paid or had very little information. It was hard finding a site that was good for me as I didn't want to spend too much money and, at the end, I found a couple of good websites that are used a lot by different people.

I found a site called Coursera which offers free courses from different universities around the world about many different subjects. They also offer certificates, but they cost money. On this site I found some really good courses by Rice University about python programming and am currently following the course. I also found another site called Code Academy which does practical lessons though the website for free and really allows me to practice and see things happen.

Sometimes when I couldn't find some information on the internet or was just interested in doing something offline, I would go to my school library and to book stores to try to find books that could teach me about programming. These books I got from the library and stores really helped me learn programming as I was able to do work even when there wasn't any internet or computer around. There is a series of books called for dummies which writes really long books about many topics which are really easy to understand. I used some for dummies books to learn programming and they really helped me understand some topics that I couldn't before reading the book.

As my school was very big there was a giant IT/ICT department and there were many people that were able to help me learn lots about programming as they knew it and there were many people I could talk to. They really helped me do some of the easier parts of programming and explain the theory and ideas of programming which helped me understand how the programming is supposed to work.

On the internet there are many good resources that are free on many different topics that anyone can access. However, it is important to know which sources can

be trusted and which can't be trusted. There are also many offline resources such as books which can be used to become skilled in a subject and they are also really helpful. Sometimes asking people also really helps find out more on a certain topic and if the person is really knowledgeable it can really help teach a certain subject.

I was able to really find lots of really helpful sites and books and people that were able to teach me programming. Doing this is really easy with programming and it is also very easy with other subjects as there is now information available to almost everyone from almost everywhere of the world and this makes it really easy to find the information wanted.

The other day I held the door open for a clown. It was a nice jester.

Interview of Marta

1. Are you enjoying the ECA newspaper design and journalism?
   Yes.

2. Do you think other people will like the first newspaper?
   Yes, because I enjoyed it myself and it's always nice to see something your friends and people you know have made.

3. What do you think about Kyrgyzstan?
   It's a nice country and it's very different from other countries I have lived in.

4. What country were you living in before you moved to Kyrgyzstan?
   I lived in Estonia.

5. What do you like more in Kyrgyzstan than where you came from?
   I like the small classes because then you know everyone and you also meet people of other ages more around the school.

6. What did you like more in the country you were living in before?
   I think the air was a bit cleaner in Estonia, but I live next to a park so it's not so bad. I also liked that I could understand everyone (buy things in shops, watch movies in cinemas etc.) because everyone spoke Estonian and I don't speak Russian or Kyrgyz.

7. What do you enjoy doing when you're not at school or home? Why?
   I love reading, especially fantasy books, because you get to experience things that might never happen to you.

8. At school which subject do you like the most?
   I like all subjects equally.

9. What are you talented at?
   I play the violin and I won an award for it in my school in Belgium.

Hong Kong

I lived in Hong Kong. It is a nice city that I love! In Hong Kong there are many restaurants supermarkets and a lot of other things. Hong Kong is a very busy place, and a there are shiny buildings. Hong Kong is a country with islands; the biggest one is named Hong Kong Island.

There was boring things too, like the horrible traffic jams, the pollution and this hot and humid air. To go to school, we needed to take the bus. It could take one hour or more, even though the school was not far. On top of the cars and buses gas, all the smoke of the fabrics of Guangzhou blows into Hong Kong.

In some very busy places like Central and Kowloon, we can hardly breathe. It's so crowded that when you need or want to go to the supermarket you need to wait in a super long queue, and the interesting places (like Disneyland) become boring places. And still I love Hong Kong. Because there are lots of good things too. The Dimsum restaurants, the shopping malls, the ferry... I like Hong Kong because my school was great. There were beaches, a sort of tropical forest in the middle of the island, a few minutes away from busy Central, little islands like Lama island where there is no cars at all.

My favorite island is Lama Island.

Q: What is it called when you steal someone's coffee?
A: A mugging!

Red Ball 4, Volume 3 – Online Game

Red Ball 4, Volume 3 is a really addictive and fun game in which you play as a small red ball on the earth that has been taken over by some evil squares. You have to get past 15 levels and can gain 16 achievements on the way. There are also 3 more games like this. This game is really simple to play and very enjoyable. It takes about 15 minutes to complete if you are good at this game but, can take much longer on some of the harder levels. I would recommend this game to kids anywhere from 3-9 however, the game is also fun for older people. This game contains no real violence and is really simple which makes it really fun to play form younger children.

How to Survive 2 – Steam Game

"How to survive 2" is a new zombie survival game, available on steam since October 29th. Although the game is still in development and has just been released for a test it is really fun to play. It is a game that has missions which are also called quests given to your character by other characters. These quests allow entry into different parts of the large world or give different supplies and sometimes reward you with some money.

There is also a very interesting multiplayer option where you can invite up to 16 other players from all over the world to help you fight the zombies and win. During the game you set up a camp where you live and can invite the other players into. This camp can be raided by zombies and you can upgrade defenses and things like this.

The game also has crafting in it where you can create weapons, food and other items to help you survive as long as possible. You can level up your character and make it unique from all the others as you change its skills and looks. If you die don't worry about the game getting boring as the new world you create will be randomized and will never be the same.

The game supports English, Russian, French, Spanish, German and Italian so, you can play the game even if you don't understand English (Although I can't understand how you are reading this review if you can't understand it). This game cannot be played without steam but, this makes it easier to get it on any computer and makes it easier to connect with your friends when playing the game. This game also supports steam achievements which makes the game much more interesting to play.

I really hope this helps you make a choice about whether or not to buy this game for yourselves or your children.

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