

#### **The Broken Vase**

One day, a girl named Pam was playing basketball with her little brother, Ioe. They played it in the living room and felt very happy. However, they didn't know that there was a beautiful vase behind them. It was Mum's favourite vase because it was a family heirloom. But they didn't notice it at all. When Pam passed the basketball excitedly to Joe, he couldn't catch the ball carefully. It hit the vase and then the vase was broken into pieces. They were stunned and stood at a loss, not knowing what to do.

At this moment, their mum who was cooking in the kitchen heard the noise and came over. She found that her beloved vase had been broken so she was annoyed and said, 'That's enough! Stop it! How many times have I told you that you can't play any ball games here?' After that, she went off in a rage because she was sad and angry.

After mum left, Pam said to Joe, 'I've come up a good idea. Maybe we can use a plastic bottle to make a new vase for mum. First, we can use a cutter to cut the bottle into half. Then, make some hearts with coloured paper. Next, stick them around the bottle with glue. Finally, we can also put some beautiful flowers in it.' Joe replied excitedly, 'Great! Let's make it now!'

It took them four hours to make the vase. After they had done it, they gave it to their mum and said, 'Mum, we're so sorry. We didn't mean to break your vase. Please forgive is!' Their mum took the pretty vase and was moved to say, 'I will forgive you, my lovely daughter and son!'

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Last Sunday, Pam and Joe played ball game in the living room. They played happily. Suddenly, the ball hit an expensive vase which was their mum's favourite one. The vase was broken into many pieces. The floor was covered with water and flowers and the room was made messy. They were so afraid that they ran away as quickly as they could.

Their mum came back home later and found that her favourite vase was broken. She was sure that either Pam or Joe broke the vase. She was angry so she wanted to punish the one who broke the vase. She shouted at them, 'Who broke my favourite vase?' Pam answered, 'I didn't!' Joe answered, 'I didn't! Maybe it fell down by itself because of the strong wind.' Their mum believed them so she went shopping in a shopping mall nearby.

Suddenly, Pam had a smart idea. She said, 'Maybe we can make a new vase to mum and give her a big surprise!' First, they found a cutter and a plastic bottle. Then they cut the top of the plastic bottle off. Next they decorated the new vase with some heart shape stickers. Finally, they put some water and flowers in the vase. It looked fantastic. After a moment, their mum came back home and felt very surprised when she saw the new vase so she hugged Pam and Joe tightly and she said, 'Thank you very much! This vase is beautiful.'

## **My Amazing Model Car**

It was my birthday yesterday. Dad bought me a limited edition model car and it was cool so I loved it very much. Later that day, I went to a public park and wanted to try it.

Then, Dad and I went to the public park. When we arrived the park, no one was there so I got a perfect place to try the new model car. I turned on the remote control and made the car moving around. Suddenly two strangers came nearby and they thought my car was pretty cool. And I didn't pay attention to them but continued to play my car with the remote control. It went all around very fast. While the model car was moving, the boys suddenly picked it up and stole my car.

After that, Dad saw that they stole my car and called the police immediately. I rushed home and followed the design of my stolen model car to invent a new one. It was a model tank! It could fly, emit bombs and travel in water. I quickly went back to the public park and used the remote control to make the model tank fly up high and emit bombs to attack the boys who stole my car. The police officers were coming too. After they came, they saw my new invention. They loved my new invention very much that they asked me to sell it to the government army. I was so happy and then I agreed. By selling my newly invented model tank, I also earned a hundred million dollars.

Finally, I became very rich and lived in White House since then. No one could steal my model cars anymore!

## **My Little Sister**

Yesterday afternoon, my parents went out to work as usual. My younger sister, Kelly and I were at home. My parents asked me to look after her. I promised them I would take care of her. Kelly is only five years old and she is very adorable. I always want to be a nice brother.

First we did puzzles together. Then I told her an interesting story. We were both very happy. After a while, she felt sleepy so I let her to take a nap in her own bedroom.

I decided to do some housework when she was sleeping. Suddenly, I heard her screaming when I was sweeping the floor. "Get away from me!" She cried. I worried about her so I broke into her bedroom immediately.

Luckily, it was only a horrible dream. She was still safe and sound. I gave her a warm hug and she realized there was nothing to fear. I felt happy because I could calm her like an adult. After mom and dad came back, they said they were proud of me.



# A Trip to Ocean Park

Last Sunday, Tom and his family went to Ocean Park. It was a sunny day. First, they went to see some sharks. Some sharks were big and some were small. But all of them were scary. They felt amazed.

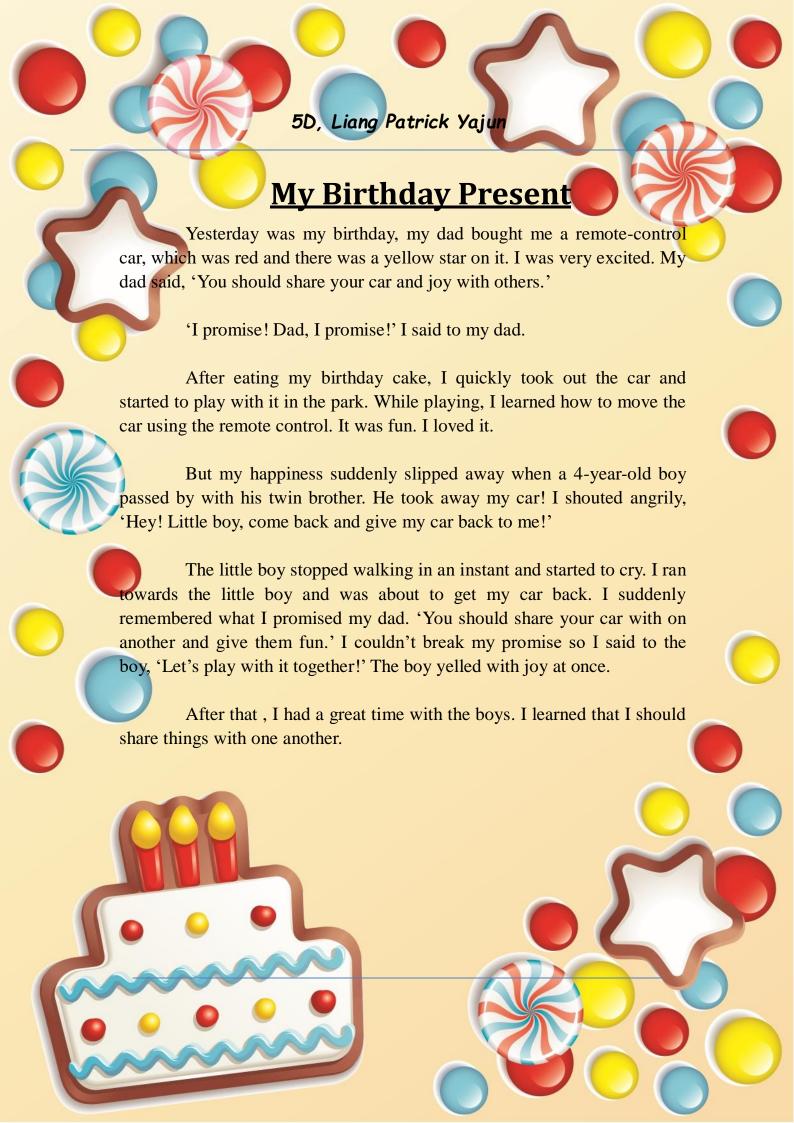
Next, they went to ride on the cable car. When they got on it, they got a little scared. But after a little while, they were filled with excitement.

They also got an amazing view from up there. They could see everything.

After they got off, they headed straight for the pandas. But when they got there, Tom's parents couldn't find him anywhere. He was nowhere to be seen. They got worried.

They looked all around, but they still couldn't find Tom. Suddenly, at the front of a food stall, a black figure was standing there. It was Tom! He went to buy some snacks when his parents went to look at the pandas. Tom's parents both breathed a sigh of relief. They thought they wouldn't be able to find Tom ever again. So, they went home feeling lucky and happy that they could find Tom finally.





## Sang Lan

Sang Lan was a famous gymnast. She is famous because she didn't give even when she faced a lot of difficulties.

Sang Lan was born in Zhejiang in 1981. She became a gymnast in 1993. She won a lot of gymnastics award. She won the National Vaulting Championship in China in 1997.

Unluckily, she was hurt seriously during her practice in the USA. Since then, she could not do any sports. But she had strong will power and did not give up. She spent a lot of time to learn English and Maths during her recovery. Finally she studied in the university. Although she did not accomplish her gymnastic dream but she achieves her learning dream.

I have learnt that I should never give up when I face difficulties. I will try my best to overcome them.

