

From the Headmaster's Desk

Are We Too Greedy?

Clive Chan

"You mustn't be too greedy!" Man Suk (Uncle Man), my 69-year-old hairdresser said to me when I lamented my flimsy and scanty hair when I went for my haircut the other day.

"By looking at your face and observing the way you talk, people would guess that you might be one of those legislators in the Legislative Council."

"Hang on a minute." I responded. "If I were one of them, I would probably be in jail now." We both giggled.

I have been going to this hairdresser near my home for the past years. He was a bit apprehensive at the beginning as I looked a bit different from his other customers in the neighbourhood. Unlike some of my friends, I hate booking a time for my haircut in advance and spending an hour or more at an upmarket hair salon where you pay hundreds of dollars for a simple haircut. Most important, I would rather use my time for something else. For this speedy haircut shop, I simply show up, pay \$50 on my Octopus Card and get my hair nicely trimmed in 20 minutes, and in my experience, this hairdresser is one of the best I have encountered.

"I am willing to pay two hundred dollars or more to have you cut my hair." Upon hearing my remarks, Man Suk grinned and started asking more about my personal stories. He enjoys talking with me so much that he often spends more time trimming my hair than that of other patrons.

From our conversations over the years, I can understand why Man Suk reckons that I mustn't be too greedy. Born of an impoverished fisherman family, he didn't attend any school and started learning the trade of hairdressing at the age of 13. Appreciative of his accomplished skills and excellent work ethic, the shop owner had asked him to manage the shop but he declined as he couldn't read. He would rather take a lower salary and enjoy a pressure-free position. Content and cheerful, he looks 10 years younger and is happy to keep working as long as he can.

Owing to his illiteracy, Man Suk has asked me to read correspondences to him. I have also helped him register for such things as the Government cash payout and various lucky draws for people who have taken the COVID-19 vaccine.

"It may be better that you ask your family members to help you as it involves sensitive personal information. Once hesitant, I asked Man Suk if anyone else could help him, but his answer surprised and saddened me.

"Well, for matters involving money, I'd rather trust you than my sons and daughters."

I didn't ask him any details but I believe he might have some unpleasant experiences, and I am more than happy to help this dear friend.

Man Suk and I have different political views but he does show his wisdom by making this insightful remark.

"Apparently these imprisoned legislators can't be greedy. I can't see why a rich media tycoon, lawyers, doctors and university professors risk losing their freedom by doing something the Government dislike. With money and status, they could simply keep quiet and enjoy life."

Man Suk is right. I may be greedy by wanting more hair, but these legislators and two million Hong Kong people can't be too greedy when they simply try to uphold the rights promised them before the Handover.

Stars of the Month

Au Man Kwan, Kelly

Au Nga Hei, Tracy

Chan Pak To, Jeff

Chau Kai Sun, Michael

Cheng Cheuk Hei, Jay

Cheung Hei Ching, Rosanne

Cheung Ka Lam, Pansy

Cheung Lok Sum, Andrea

Chu Man Yuet, Amanda

Chuang Ping Ki, Pinky

Hsu Si Lam, Venus

Hu Cheong Kai, James

Ip Pak Yu, Cyrus

Ko Sum Yau, Zoe

Ko Tin Hay, Ryana

Kwong Chin Fung, Jims

Lam Chi Wang, Benedict

Lam Hiu Yin, Evana

Lam See Chai, Dusty

Lau Huen Yu, Summy

Lau Yeuk Yin, Agnes

Leung Hing Chi, Merrielle

Leung Man Yin, Kavan

Lo Long Hei, Hayton

Lok Fu Shing, Matthew

Mok Fong Ting, Fanny

Ng Cheuk Fung Kyle

So Pak Lam, Carson

Tam Sum, Caspar

Tang Man Hei, Helen

Tsui Hei Tung, Aiden

Wan Sum Yau, Ankie

Wong Hui Yiu, Ian

Wong Tsz Yu, Moses

Yee Hin Ching, Jasmine

Yeung Angel

WTE2B Tues 4:30-5:30

WTE1 Sat 11:00-12:00

WTE4A Sat 11:00-12:00

PTWP1 Sat 12:00-1:00

WTE4A Wed 4:30-5:30

PTWE3 Sat 10:00-11:00

IEK8A Sat 9:00-10:00

WTE8B Thur 4:30-5:30

WTE6B Thur 6:30-7:30

WTE4B Sat 11:00-12:00

PTW4 Sat 10:00-11:00

IEK6A Sat 10:00-11:00

IEK2A Thur 5:30-6:30

WTE2A Sat 11:00-12:00

IEK6B Sat 9:00-10:00

GWFF6A Fri 3:30-4:30

IEK4B Sat 9:00-10:00

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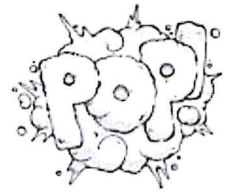
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Students' Page



Clank! Bong! Kapow! These words are called **Onomatopoeia**. It is a word that describes a sound and mimics the sound of the object or action it makes. Using onomatopoeia helps writers to bring a story or poem to life in the reader's head. Can you finish these sentences below with onomatopoeia?

The bird goes _____.

The egg goes _____.

The plane goes _____.

Popcorn goes _____.

He sneezed, "_____."



~Ms. Michelle

Recycle

by Nicole Leung (WTE 6B)



It is as easy as A-B-C.

Saving our Earth starts with you and me.

We must all reduce, recycle, reuse.

Save the Earth or lose it? You can choose.

Don't use so much energy. Turn off that light.

Turn down the air-con. Yes, that is right!

Stop wasting water. Never leave the tap on for an hour.

Instead of having a bath, have a shower.

Stop throwing away things that others can use.

Children in poor places need your old clothes and shoes.

So many new things can be made from paper, bottles and tins.

Remember to put them into blue, brown and yellow bins.

Use plastic bags again. Stop throwing them away.

Bring your own bag when you go shopping another day.

Stop using many disposable chopsticks and straws.

Use the metal chopsticks and straws instead.

There is so much more we can do.

Do that to help your grandchildren.

It is really as easy as a pie.

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COMIC BOOK ONOMATOPOEIAS!

P K K U C J B G Q K F B
I A B C L L N O N I L S
M B B A A I A O O A F B
H O M U O W L S M M W W
T O X B O P H M H O O H
Z M B A N G O T B F N A
H C N U R C V O O M P M
F Y M A W B N K T R G Y
P F O R O K U H N W I C
A W I P P X U P M O O F
H V A B A N Z E K H W Y
W Z R A K E L S L O N Z

BANG	CRUNCH	BOOM
VOOMP	KABOOM	CLASH
BLAMMO	PLONK	WHAM
THUNK	BONK	THWACK
KAPOW	WHAP	BWAM
FOOMP	BOING	ZWONK
BIFF	THMIP	ZAP

Cool!

★ ★ Honourable Mention: ★ ★
★ Ian Wong (8A) A Grim Discovery ★

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Aidan Yip (2A) Letter to a Pen Pal **Kayley Lo (4B)** Princess Tikka **Kirstie Pang (4A)** Korea