

# 2016 English Writing Contest Junior High School Students

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在答案紙上寫：While waiting for her bus to arrive, Yu-mei found that all other people at the bus stop were busy with their communication products.

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1. In order to let you understand the difference between Passive procrastination and Active procrastination, we will explain them in details as below .

Passive procrastination (拖延) is just sitting around, not doing anything. Active procrastination means you realize that you are unduly (過度地) delaying doing trivial things (瑣碎的事情), but you are doing something that is more valuable instead.

2. Since the 21<sup>st</sup> centry, A.I tech, became more and more mature, robot is one of them. robot is a powerful machine <sup>that is</sup> attached to a computer like core .

But a robot is not just any machine. It is a special kind of machine. It is a machine that moves. It follows instructions (服從指令) . The instructions come from a computer. Because it is a machine, it does not make mistakes. And it does not get tired. And it never complains (抱怨) . Unless you tell it to!

3. Since the industrial revaluation in 19<sup>th</sup> centry, metal, glass, wood, cloth and plastic become the most important materials in our everyday life .

Most things are made with these materials. Some things are made of metal. Some things are made of glass. Some things are made of wood. Some things are made of cloth. And some things are made of plastic. There are some other materials. But they are not used as much as these 5 materials.

4. In the animal kingdom, most of the animals are active during the day, but there is a different case that might shock you out of your mind .

Owls live the opposite way. Owls are nocturnal. This means that they sleep all day and stay awake at night. Because owls are nocturnal, this means they must eat at night. But finding food in the dark is difficult. To help them, they have special eyes and ears.



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5. We often wondered why is there so many ways to celebrate special dates in different cultures.

After digging into this issue, experts have discovered several factors. Among these factors, traditions (傳統) as well as geography (地理) are the major ones. For example, in Japan, lobster is considered essential (必不可少的) for a birthday meal because a lobster looks like an aged person with a hunched back (駝背). Another example is that on New Year's Day, Greeks bake a special type of bread containing a coin made of silver or gold. The person who finds the coin in his or her piece of bread will be blessed with good luck for the coming year.

二、引導式段落寫作(guided paragraph writing): 50%

請根據所給情境與資料完成約 120 字的段落寫作。50 分。(Please complete an about-120-word paragraph based on the given situation and information. 50 points.)

Think about a new skill you have acquired (學會的) recently. The new skill you recently acquired can be something you have to learn systematically over a long period of time, such as learning to play a music instrument. Or it can be something very simple, for example, a new way of combing your hair, a new cooking method, a new magic trick, or the use of a new tool. Describe to your readers why you wanted to learn that new skill, how you learned it, and how that skill had changed your life in a certain aspect.

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Recently, Morse code become a fascinating thing to me because you can sent messages just by tapping <sup>the</sup> table to make one "short" and one "long" sound. <sup>And</sup> if you sent your message <sup>by</sup> this way, people couldn't find out instantly what you are talking about, which is very cool. <sup>After I learned about</sup> I search online for informations to make me more advanced on this skill, and I even built my own message sending machine by tying two rulers together with a single rubber band. I practiced it secretly everyday until I can tap all the codes from "A" to "Z". Even though learning the Morse code is a hard work, I still made it in three days by practicing, practicing and

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practicing. I felt satisfied after I finally "conquered" this skill, and then, I started to tell my friends to learn it, too so that we can chat in class without being found out. I knew I shouldn't use my skill in a negative way, because it might create a vicious circle between students and teachers. (When teacher doesn't allow us to talk, we use Morse code.) And that really won't help us at all! But I believe, if one day I can use it in a positive way, I will do it with all my might so that I won't ~~need to apologize~~ <sup>be ashamed</sup> to the great inventor — Morse.



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  3. There are five materials which were commonly used, metal, glass, wood, cloth and plastic.  
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Recently, I've been learning an instrument "erhu". Erhu is a traditional instrument. I remember the first time I saw it, I was shocked by the strings it has. Because it has only two strings! It's quite amazing that it can make many different tones. So after seeing the erhu performance in a concert, I started to dream of becoming a great erhu player. A few month ago, I found out that my mom had a friend who was teaching erhu. I told mom about my dream, and begged her to ask her friend to teach me how to play the instrument. Finally, my mom's friend said that she would be glad to teach me! I was super excited about what would happened next. So recently, the friend of my mom has been teaching me how to play erhu and how to play beautiful musics. However, learning things takes hard works. The fingers on the left hand, was hurt by pushing the strings. It is really hurt that I can't even use my left finger to do anythings. I was about to quit, because everyone around me thought that it's not worth to hurt my fingers like this. When I was struggled with it, my mom came to me and said "Adison has said 'I have not failed, I've just found 10 thousand ways

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that won't work', so don't give up. And I'll be happy when you reach your goal." Because of learning  
erhu, I realized that no matter what happens, don't let anybody effect you to quit. Eventually, my erhu  
skills is not improve so much, but I've learn the most valuable thing in the world.