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課題文



レシテーションコンテスト課題文(中学1年生)No. 1

### My Missing Shoe

I looked for you by the front door,  
Under my bed, on the bathroom floor,  
Near the back stairs, in the drawer with my socks,  
Next to the table, and out in the sandbox.  
My mother is calling me, and I'm calling you,  
Where have you gone, my missing shoe?

レシテーションコンテスト課題文(中学1年生)No. 2

### The Crow and the Pitcher

A thirsty crow found a pitcher. He found water inside it. He was very happy.

But he could not drink the water. His beak did not reach it. The pitcher had very little water. "I can't drink this, but I'm very thirsty."

He tried many ways, but he failed. His beak was too short! He thought and thought, "Okay, I have a good idea!"

He collected a lot of small stones. He dropped those stones into the pitcher one by one. What happened then?

The water level rose because of the stones. Finally he could drink the water.

レシテーションコンテスト課題文(中学1年生)No. 3

### Stars

Star light, star bright  
Clenching my eye closed  
As I wish with all my might  
I release my vision, to the stars above  
Watch them shine, with such passion and love  
I only wish I could shine one day, just like them  
Star light, star bright, wish I may, wish I might

レシテーションコンテスト課題文(中学2年生)No. 1

### Gon, the Little Fox

One day, Hyoju was catching fish and eels in the river. Gon, a little fox, played a trick on him. Gon stole the eel out of Hyoju's basket. Ten days later, Hyoju's mother died. Gon thought, "Hyoju was catching eels for his mother." Gon was sorry for stealing the eel.

Gon put chestnuts at Hyoju's house every day. Hyoju didn't know that it was Gon. One day, Hyoju saw Gon and shot him. Gon fell down, and Hyoju found the chestnuts. Hyoju dropped his rifle.

レシテーションコンテスト課題文(中学2年生)No. 2

### You'll Never Walk Alone

When you walk through a storm  
Hold your head up high  
And don't be afraid of the dark

At the end of the storm  
Is a golden sky  
And the sweet silver song of a lark

Walk on through the wind  
Walk on through the rain  
Though your dreams be tossed and blown

Walk on, walk on with hope in your heart  
And you'll never walk alone  
You'll never walk alone

### The Camel and the Baby

One day, a baby camel was chatting with her mother. She asked, "Mother, why do we have humps, round feet, and long eyelashes?"

Drawing a deep breath, the mother explained, "Our humps store water. This helps us survive long journeys in a desert where water is scarce. Our round feet allow us to walk comfortably on sand. And, our long eyelashes protect our eyes from dust and sand, especially during sandstorms."

The baby camel remained silent for some time and then asked, "Mother, why do we stay in a zoo even when we are blessed with so many qualities?"

### Mother to Son

Well, son, I'll tell you:  
Life for me hasn't been a crystal stair.  
It's had tacks in it,  
And splinters,  
And boards torn up,  
And places with no carpet on the floor—  
Bare.  
But all the time  
I've been climbing on,  
And reaching landings,  
And turning corners,  
And sometimes going in the dark  
Where there hasn't been light.  
So boy, don't turn back.  
Don't sit down on the steps  
Because you'll find it's kind of hard.  
Don't fall now—  
For I'm still going, honey,  
I'm still climbing,  
And life for me hasn't been a crystal stair.

### Malala's Voice for the Future

A girl named Malala Yousafzai was born in 1997 in Pakistan and later received a lot of attention all over the world. People in her town lived a miserable life. Girls were not free to get an education there. But Malala was not afraid of writing about the problems in her society. Because of that, she was nearly killed but she was lucky. Many people worked very hard to save her life. On her 16th birthday, she gave a speech on the importance of education at the U.N.

In her speech, Malala said, "One child, one teacher, one book, and one pen can change the world. Education is the only solution. Education first."

Her dream is to change the future of her country by becoming a politician.

### The Fox and the Grapes

One day, a fox saw a delicious bunch of grapes hanging from the vine of a tree. The grapes looked so delicious that his mouth watered. The grapes were high. He had to jump for them. The first time he jumped, he missed them by a lot. So he stepped back a short distance and took a running jump, only to miss them once more. Again and again he tried, but with no luck.

Now he sat down and looked at the grapes in anger. "What a fool I am," he said. "Here I am getting tired over a bunch of sour grapes. They aren't even worth eating." And off he walked very, very angry and hungry.