Respondent 1

Accident in Medan
(Stephanie Joice)

A 16-year-old Padang Bulan man was killed this morning when his car collided with an empty school bus at Marindal street. The first type of driver that I find annoying are the speeders, that’s why that Padang Bulan man, named Riowanto died at 7 p.m. at Pirngadi Hospital, where he had been taken following the accident. I was shocked by the bad news yesterday because of many people are injured in road accident everyday.

A passenger in Riowanto’s car, Darwin, 16, was injured. He is in satisfactory condition at the hospital. Also injured was Ruth Liana, 42. Thewas hurt after Riowanto’s car skidded into hers. Police has asked many people around to keep the prove about the accident, includeme. I just arrived and I saw bad boys are being questioned by the police officer, while he already finished his runaway like in rush. When I can’t keep my eyes off the accident, my bike was stolen at that accident. I ran to police and I said it was the bad boys who stole mine.

Police ran to find out that bad boys, asked to calm down at a police station, finally after hours, they found them. I was very angry to him, out the wastrebling in rage and said it wasn’t him. He kept this words, but I’m sure he is. The police took out the gun and he was starting freaking and said that my bike was in his friend house. He promised will give my bike at the police station in front of all tomorrow, so I will meet him on 12 p.m. tomorrow. Well the accident seems was on me, not the car accident anymore.
Our Vacation
(Sarah Israilia)

I went to Walt Disney in Orlando, Florida with my family. It was my favorite vacation because I spent time with my family. We reached at the airport on 09.00 pm because we are busy all the time. We planned to go to the airport earlier. After we arrived, we ate dinner and fell asleep. After hours, I realized it was already morning, we missed the plane and one day vacation. "What is the time in your watch?", my dad said. It was 08.00 am, so we decided to travel by train.

Nevermind, because I had to arrive to Walt Disney this vacation. About 09.30 am, we arrived in Florida and we are currently staying at Hotel for couple of days. I realized that I had spent my time in this vacation because this is my first time saw Florida and things.

The day before we went home, we decided to play to Walt Disney. So we spent a lot of time to relax, visited many buildings and bought stuff. I went on attractions in the theme park and I had a lot of fun. There were hundreds of people on the park, while some are reading books, feeding birds, listening music, playing games with pets, and soon. It was sunset and we went back to hotel, went dinner show called Jolly Holiday at hotel.

In the second day at Florida, I and my dad went and spent time to watch a baseball game. We went by rides with a rental motorcycle. We really enjoyed the game until we forgot to eat lunch. We went back to hotel and found my mom and sister were slept almost all day long.

At last day of our vacation, all of us saw different Disney characters at the theme parks. We split by ourselves, where I took a picture with some different Disney characters, like Cinderella, Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles, Iron Man, and many. I forgot my time, so when day went dark, I was panic, I phoned my family but neither my mother and my sister return their phone calls. I was crying and circle back again and again to find one of them. Finally, I met my dad, sister, and my mom were sitting to wait me back. It was tragic but fun.
MySchool
(NoviSinaga)

Each student definitely has a place to learn, anywhere in the world whose name students need a place that was yes, yes! That place is called school.

My school is situated in a super location in the elite area of Medan. My school has a lot of ground that is quite nice and well maintained including a basketball court, futsal field, sport stadium for swimming, and tennis courts badminton and much more.

At my school most students are children of the rich, especially from the class of business and officials. In addition, they are also smart. Sara is the only one of the students who always answer correctly. Many teachers love her. She is the most beautiful girl in my class. She has many friends in the school.

In my school also have twins but each time they have some unusual habits. In July, we have examinations. The teachers as well as her studies that practice makes perfect. As a student we have responsibility for our task. As a task preparing for the report, we revised the task three times to make it better.
MyCat Zedva
(PinceSitanggang)

Zedvaismy beautifulgray Persiancat. Hewalkswithprideandgrace, performingadanceofdissdainashesheslowly liftsandlowerseachpawwiththe delicacyofaballetdancer. His pride, however, doesnotextendtohisappearance, for hеспendsmostof histime indoors watching television and growing fat.

Heenjoysmoviein Television, especially chanelthoseforvichaneland cinemas24. almosteverydayofmycatzedva Alwayswatchtelevision, after the feed and Sometimes heatewhilewatching television.

Zedvaisasfinickyaboutvisitorsasheisaboutwhatheeats, befriending some and repelling others. Hemay snuggleupagainstyourankle, beggingto be petted, or hemay imitateaskunkandstainyourfavoritetrouser. Zedvadoesnot do this to establishhistritoryas many cateexpertsthink, buttohumiliate me because he isjealousof myfriends.

Aftermy guestshavefled, I lookat heoldfleabag snoozing and smiling to himself in frontof the television set, and Ihave to forgivehimfor hisobnoxious, but endearing, habits.
Respondent5

My Best Friend

(HaryadiSyahputra)

My bestfriendisErnestoandheismy classmate.Wegotoschooltogether.Ernestocomes FROM MANE DUCATED FAMILY. His father is a school principal and his mother is also a teacher.

He is punctual, well-educated, and has good manners. He is really hard working. He always does his homework. He is also well-dressed and well-behaved. All teachers have a high opinion of him.

Ernesto has a well-built body. He is gentle but fearless. He takes part in all sports, scout, trekking, and mountaineering activities. He has a good heart. He is truthful, honest, and obedient.

He also plays the guitar, and he makes his parents very proud of him. He secures good marks and is usually top of his class in examinations. He inspires me to work harder. He keeps me away from bad company. I am happy to have such a friend.
Bukit Lawang
(Alvin Ratuliu)

Bukit Lawang is referred to as the gateway to Sumatra Forest. When you explore this jungle, then you will feel a truly amazing experience. It is a hill that has a slippery field and muddy slopes. The journey through the Bukit Lawang will be thrilling and unforgettable.

When you’ve entered Bukit Lawang, then you will get to the forests of Sumatra. This dense forest is the main attraction that is in demand by both domestic and foreign tourists. What is the attraction? Orangutans is a species that is able to be a magnet for tourists. You can easily see orangutans swinging in the forest, and there are at least 5000 species which belong to the biggest orangutan conservation in Indonesia.

The conservation has been operated since 1973 and until now, it has attracted a lot of tourists around the world. Nevertheless, the number of orangutans in the wild continues to decline over time due to the hunting done by people who do not have a responsibility.
Sembilang National Park
(Jemario MestikaG.)

Sembilang national park is a wetland that has a wide range of forest ecosystems. In this national park, there are at least four distinct ecosystems include peatswamps, mangrove forests, freshwater swamps, and mud land. Administratively, this is an area that became part of the district Banyuasin and has been named a national park since 19 March 2003.

This area is called the Sembilang because there are many Sembilang fish or plotosus canius called in Latin. In Banyuasin Peninsula, there is the east coast of South Sumatra and this is the river which is really suitable for waterbirds. Wet soil conditions and bordered by mangrove forests are the perfect location for the worm like molluscs and crustaceans. That is why there are many waterbirds living in there.

Some bird species include the Kuntul Cina (Egretta Eulophotes), Trinil Lumpur-Asia (Limnodromus Semipalmatus), dan Pedendang Topeng (Heliopais Personata). They are some kind of 30 birds migrating from their main habitat. Those birds live in the Banyuasin Peninsula in order to avoid the winter at their main location in Siberia, and the Korean Peninsula.
The beach is probably you don’t know, but the wave on the beach in Tanjung Setia is referred to as one of the best waves in the world by international surfers. You need to know that the wave on this beach is equal with the waves in Hawaii.

If you want to visit, you have to travel in about 273 km or at least 6 hours from the city of Bandar Lampung. This beach is located in the village of Tanjung Setia West Lampung, and directly adjacent to the Indian Ocean so this incredible place has such a great wave. Nevertheless, despite this beach has waves with height up to 7 meters, but it is not popularly known as a beach in Bali and Lombok.

When you arrive at Tanjung Setia, then you will see a very long beach with blue sea and big waves. At the shore, there are many lodgings so you don’t need to be confused to stay if you want to. In fact, there are many foreigners who are surfers from all over the world come to Tanjung Setia beach and take some nightsthere.
Benefits of Dieting

(AyuPandiniL.)

Dieting is something that is feared by all. You can fit into that bathing suit, but sacrifice the last piece of cheesecake. I know exactly how you feel. Dieting not only makes you thin, but it also about healthier. There are several ways that a person can benefit from dieting. Can reduce the risk of disease. A healthy diet can increase endurance. It can also help you over all mental health. For this reason, a healthy diet is very beneficial. If I start a diet, you should keep in mind what you're avoiding. Obesity puts you more at risk for diabetes, heart attack, high cholesterol, and high blood pressure. Diabetes can make you lose your legs, if not prevented. Heart attacks or strokes can be caused by high cholesterol levels and high blood pressure. She would be the prevention of these diseases with a proper diet.

Another advantage of proper nutrition is endurance. A healthy diet can tolerate and increase in strength. You'll see that you can more easily engage with a healthy diet. Fatigue and shortness of breath are less likely during the exercise. Flexibility increases with exercise and proper nutrition. A healthy diet is beneficial for your endurance.

Finally, dieting benefits will help your state of mind. A proper diet is healthier body, causing more confidence. If you are more proud of who you are. You will find, are you happier and much more, then who. A healthier body gives you a healthier attitude.

Healthy eating is not just about weight loss. Therefore, healthier and less likely to receive weight loss similar diseases. A proper diet gives you more physical resistance. So, you can continue with your children. She is also a healthier state of mind. You will be more confident and be happy when you're healthy. So beneficial, see don't why you not also want to eat healthier.
Memories of My Childhood Days

(AyuImelda)

My first recollection of my childhood is the day I toppled down the stairs when I was three years old. I was upset that I cried and cried for nearly an hour in spite of my parents' attempts at comforting me. Finally, I quietened down when I was given ice-cream and chocolates. Luckily, I was not hurt.

My days were happy ones before I started going to school, as I had good neighbours to play with from morning till evening. We played games outdoors, dressed as cowboys and Red Indians and rode about on our tricycles happily. There were also other games to occupy your time.

At the age of five years, I had to attend kindergarten and this turned out to be quite an ordeal for me. To begin with, I felt very sad having to leave my mother and go off each morning to be among strangers. I cried and wanted my mother around, much to my teacher's displeasure. As the days went by, however, I made friends easily in class and found company. I became happy again and actually looked forward to leaving the house each morning.

I still remember those days when I was learning to ride a bicycle. I fell and bruised myself several times but I never gave up. Finally, I was able to join my friends going around the neighbourhood on my bike.

Another fond memory is the end-of-year concert held at the kindergarten. I was chosen to play the role of Jack in the play, 'Jack and the Beanstalk', and I became a celebrity overnight receiving lots of compliments for my performance.

I now realise what a wonderful childhood I have had and at times wish I could relive those days.
Indonesian Food
(Frengky Sinuhaji)

Most Indonesian eat rice as the main dish for breakfast, lunch, and dinner. In fact, some Indonesians feel they don't eat a meal unless it's rice. There is a joke that says, even if you have eaten a loaf of bread, you are still hungry. It's gotta be rice! Other Indonesians are fine with bread or noodles. For those Indonesians who have been abroad, they got used to having breakfast with bread.

Indonesians eat rice a lot. Lunch, for example, you'll see people with a plate full of rice and a piece of chicken, or fish, or eggs and "sambal" (chillies source). Indonesians like to eat hot (as in spicy) food. I mean really really really hot. I would say it is hotter than Mexican food. Even we put chillie in pizza!! (It's weird to me. But then again, I am the weirdest...) If you order food, make sure you say no chilly or no spicy. Otherwise, the default is HOT! There was a friend from the Netherlands who thought he can handle hot food. (The Dutch like spicy food too.) Boy, he was wrong. He spent two days in his hospital recovering from stomach ache.

Each area in Indonesia has its own traditional food and custom. Here is a list of some of them:

- Sundanese ("orang Sunda") in West Java like to eat fresh vegetables and sambal. There is a joke that says you can leave them in the garden, and they will be fine. Sundanese like to drink tea without sugar. So don't be surprised when they offer you teabutnotsweat. Ask for sugar.
- Javanese like to eat sweet. Tea will be sweet.
- Padang (West Sumatra) like to eat hot spicy food. They are famous for their spicy food and fast delivery. The waiter can bring dozens of plates with various dishes with his two hands (like juggling) in one trip. You'll eat whatever you like and at the end of the meal the waiter will calculate the price. You'll find "Rumah Makan Padang" (Padang restaurant) everywhere in Indonesia. We think that there must be a Padang restaurant on the moon.

Most of the above food are available from restaurants. They are cheap compared to Western standards.
What is the Meaning of Love

(PutriPratiwi)

**Love is complete acceptance:** When we allowsomeone to be exactly as they are, without any belief that they aren’t good enough, without any belief that they would be “better” if they were different, this is love.

**Love is completely unconditional:** Love has no conditions. When we truly love someone, we can’t stop loving them, regardless of what they doorsay. If our love is dependent upon the other person acting and speaking how we want, then this love is completely conditional. We often confuse this to believe, but this is just positive thoughts about someone. This is just loving what a person says or does, not loving them. Positive thoughts or the thought “I love you” isn’t necessary to love. Sometimes it even gets in the way.

**Love is selfless:** True love doesn’t want anything in return, because there is nothing it needs. We just love for the sake of love. When we love someone, we don’t look for them to fill our needs, love us back, and all those types of things. If that is what we are looking for, then we are just using the other person. What is the meaning of love? Love is completely selfless.
Respondent 13

**Family**

*(Saut Simorangkir)*

My name is Saut. I was born at Medan. I have a great family. I have two brothers and one sister. One of my brothers were in Atlanta last weekend. Yesterday, a letter was wrote by my sister. She likes writing and reading. She always reads newspaper at the morning. She doesn’t like watching TV so she continues to read, besides being more informed about the world. She also spends her time profitably too.

While I am good in drawing a portrait and I am not interested in gambling. My other hobby by is playing cricket too but I have played cricket since a long time. When I have leisure time I watch TV in my room and sometimes there was an interesting show on TV.

My room is more bright than my sister’s room. I also have refrigerator in my room. Inside my refrigerator is a can of Diet Pepsi and an old English Muffin. In my window’s room I can see there is a lot of trees on our block.

Today either my mother or my father is coming to the meeting, and sometimes I don’t have time to share my problem with them. I feel nobody knows the trouble I’ve seen. But as I grow up I release they release pressure and teach us skills of surviving in history through life. Also, they provide entertainment and pleasure and help socialize our lives too. Then you will find „are you more happy and much more.”
There are many transportation's facilities that available in our environment. One of the facilities is airport. The terminal is the largest building at an airport. All passengers must pass thought it when they start or end their trip.

In airport we find plan that allows many aircraft park next to the building. However, it creates long walking distance for passengers but we can use bus from airport to get in a plan. If buses are use, the passengers must climb a flight of stairs to board the aircraft. If mobile lounges are use, they can link up directly with the aircraft and protect passengers from the weather.

The transporter plan employs some system of transport for move passengers from the terminal building of the aircraft. In the satellite plan, passengers board aircraft small terminal that are separate from the main terminals. In the satellite plan, passengers board aircraft small terminal that are separate from the rail terminals.
Respondent15

Are we too dependent on computers?
(HarlintongSitumorang)

Yes, because we rely on them way too much.

They kind of take over kids' everyday lives. Kids are always playing uneducated games on them. As soon as they get home from school, they head straight to the computer. We save too much important information on them as well. If the computer crashes, we will no longer have a lot of that information. And, we can't learn cursive writing anymore. When kids grow up, they're going to have jobs and will need to sign for things. They aren't going to be able to sign for things because they won't know their signature! Even though computers are very useful for all places around the world, we still shouldn't be so dependent on them.

We are too dependent on computers to do everything for us and soon we won't be doing anything but using our computers or cell phones to do everything instead of just trying it ourselves. So I clearly stated yes, we depend on computers too much and I think we need to take a break from them every once in awhile.

People might think we are not overly dependent on computers but we are. We use computers a lot of the time to download games, downloading apps, and also for lots of other things like using Facebook. When the computer or the internet goes down, people freak out which shows we are entirely too dependent because we can't do anything without computers. For example, if we want to pay, we will pay from the net, if we want to buy, we will buy from the net. Humans are getting lazy because of this computer. Computers are to be used in a good way, but some children are not using them in the wrong way.

Have you ever been in a room with six people and no one was talking? No one was sitting up straight, no one had their heads up, it was kind of sulky, sad, depressing atmosphere right? That would be a typical American household in the future. If it hasn't hit your family by now, it will; because it has hit mine. Everyone is
constantly on their iPhones, iPads, or Galaxies (which are computers) and they never ever plan on getting off of it. The only thing they want to do is upgrade it. When it's at 15% battery life, someone will cry out "OH NOWHERESMY CHARGERIS GOTTACHARGEMYPHONE ITSGOINTODIE" - you see that just hit me right there. The anxiety and fear and panic of a measly little phone is going to "turn off" but we substituted it as "it's dead", which clearly makes people feel like they are dead. They feel like they are nothing, like they are worthless. When someone's phone does die they are instantly sad and bored and angry and they complain about how their phone is dead and they wish they had a battery percentage. Why are they feeling this down over a phone when there are 10 other people in the room they can converse with? These sayings "I CANT LIVE WITHOUT MY PHONE!" just mind boggles me... We ALL LIVED ONCE. We ALL LIVED when there wasn't a cellular phone or computer insight! I am so thankful to have been able to live my 10 years of life knowing exactly what life was like without a computer or cell phone. I remember having real genuine feelings and emotions towards others and for those real and genuine feelings came in return to me. However now it all just feels scripted. The tone and the dialogue between a person and I is always the same. Time has gone passed and it's been years of the same conversations online. Who wants to live like that? What memories can you remember online all day?

There are many reasons why computers are being used way too much, people DRIVE while on their computers/cell phones. They EAT at dinner with their family while on their cell phones. People WATCH TV and are on their cell phones or computer.
My Favorite Place
(Samuel Fladynova)

My favorite place is the beach. I love it more than any place in the world. I never get tired of looking at the beautiful, bright blue sea. Every time I feel sad, I drive to the ocean to enjoy the cool breeze blowing against my scarf, smell the fresh salty air, and hear the sound of waves crashing on the shore. Afterwards, I feel like my troubles have gone away. My friends and I also love to go on picnics on the beach. We bring lots of food such as tuna sandwiches, juice, and pizza. We play volleyball in the sand and when we get tired, we jump in the sea. It is always a lot of fun. Many of my best memories are the times that I had by the beach in my hometown. I will go back again one day.

The place where I feel most comfortable is a place where I am calm. A place that is peaceful in its own ways. It is the place to go to get away from all my troubles. It is the place where I could sit forever, and never get tired of just staring into the deepest blue I have ever seen. It is the place where I can sit and think the best. A place where nothing matters but what is in that little moment. The one place capable of sending my senses into an overload. This place is the ocean.

Just as I sit down on the sand and mind starts to unwind. The many spectacular sights jump at my eyes. As far as I can see, there is turquoise water in front of me. Surfers wearing their bright colored suits grab their boards and head for the unknown. Light colored sailboats disappear in the distance. Looking farther out, I see dolphins speak out of the water. I cannot help but think how it would feel to be so free and careless. Their grayish blue color shimmers in the fiery orange sky. Making me feel happy that I got to see them, even for a split moment. Couples decorated in their beach attire briskly pace in front of me. I cannot help but wonder what their rush could be. Children feverishly dance around mounds of sand that within a short amount of time will yield the most impressive sand castles.

Relaxing a bit more, I become more aware of the sounds around me. The seagulls seem to be talking to each other in their own language, while they skim the shore for fish to eat. The ocean crashes on the shore, making a steady beat that
quickly forms a song-like rhythm. The mass of waves make a very comforting sound, soft to the ear.
Importance and Benefits of Sports

(Daniel R. Siahaan)

Have you ever thought why people do sports? Absolutely, many people seem not to know the reasons. As an anecdote, there is many people who do sports for nothing around us. Everyday we can encounter with these people. They regularly do sports; however, none of them realizes the benefits and importance of sports. In fact, vice versa, some people want to be fit and attractive, look smart. Unfortunately, these people can’t consider other benefits of sports. In my opinion, there are several benefits of sports that people oftendonot consider: sports are required to be healthy people, are needed for enjoyment, and are a great market for countries’ economies.

The first advantage of sports for people is that they help people be healthy, and be fit. Throughout history, people can’t give up their interest at their body. I believe that nowadays, people love themselves no matter how beautiful or ugly they are. Naturally, people’s first aim should be healthy and fit with the benefits of sports. Due to this fact, that sports keep our body healthy. As a possible example, imagine that there is a car which has not worked for years. If you try to run the motor engine, it will not work anymore since it has been rusted and its engine may be broken down. As a result, people are similar to engines and motors. If we don’t do sports, we will be forced to rust, in other words, decomposition of our body. Afterwards, we may have some problems with our body when we even need to walk. In addition, sports balance our body’s blood pressure and circulation. According to many researches which have been done by scientists, we can prove the importance of sports for our health because 70% middle aged people who did not do sports in their youth are now struggling with the problems such as high tension, trouble with blood circulation, easily become tired due to the lack of sports.

The second advantage of sports for people is that they are required for our daily lives and competing at the international area because of enjoyment of sports. For many years, sports have been done by people. For example, have you ever thought why people want to play football or other games? The answer may be easy since sports are entertaining. They are sometimes magics as they catch our attention.
and give us pleasure as much as we need. Sometimes overwhelming life conditions may be unfair and make us unhappy. However, if there is a sport activity when we are unhappy, we will probably be motivated and refreshed again after the sport activity. This should be the most important benefit of sports because many people do sports for this reason. In addition, have you ever thought why millions of people watch World Cup matches without breathing? There might be some reasons behind the action of watching football matches. The most important one might be the excitement and enjoyment of sport. Football match is exhilarating because it gives us pleasure to watch. In the pitch and near the pitch, there are more than 18 men, and they are the representatives of our sport culture. Comfortable shoes and loose-fitting clothing was recommended by the investor. Within the excitement of sports, countries are able to compete in the international area. Due to this fact, people like sport since they and their countries are able to compete and beat opponent countries, and this is themost important reason to take pleasure from sports.

The final, and least advantage of sports is that they are the huge market for countries' economy. First of all, if we look at only the football industry. There are more than thousand professional teams and at least these teams have 25 players. If this is calculated, there are approximately 25,000 players without working staff, scouts, coaches and managers. This should be the largest industry which employs many people in Turkey. The players, as well as the captain, want to win. They also teach you how to accept losing and how to try again and again until achieving your goals. In addition, countries and clubs have to establish new facilities for sports game. Some of them are the largest buildings in the entire country that represent countries, for example, Ataturk Olympic Stadium in Turkey. Supplying funds for these buildings may be the publicity of countries since constructing well-designed stadiums help the country prepare or organize big competitions such as World Cup, Olympics, and Tennis Tournaments. Finally, sports allow advertisement companies to make publicity of strong brands.

All in all, we can conclude that there are several advantages and benefits of sports. First, sports are required by people to be fit, smart, and good looking. Second, sportsare entertaining due to many facts. Third, sports are the huge market for countries' economies. In my opinion, despite sports' advantages, many people can't believe that sports are useful and beneficial. I hope that in the future these people will tend to be more optimistically to sports since they are necessary of our lives.
My Favorite Place in the World

(Mestika Pasaribu)

The sun shines. The water glistens in the bright light. The wind swirls around me, unsettling the hot sand beneath my feet. I run to the ocean, disturbing the calm water as I dive in. The water surrounds me, engulfing me in its warmth. I am now at peace. For right now, at this moment, I am one with the water and the sand, and everything is okay. All my problems are washed away with the tide. It’s just me and the ocean. Just me and the beach. Just me and my favorite place in the world.

I cannot describe how much the ocean means to me. The waves, the sand, the sun, the water, the world deep beneath the surface that no human truly understands, everything about it just connects with me. I grew up with the ocean; it was on the shore that I took my first steps, learned to swim, and grew familiar with all the small creatures that dwell near the shore. No, I didn’t entirely grow up on the beach, though I wish I had. I’ve lived since birth in the Chicagoland area. However, once a year my family has gathered in a beach house in North Carolina, right on the ocean, for a weeklong reunion. I treasured those precious seven days I had with my family on the beach, for that is all I got; seven days of pure happiness, and then I went back to my normal, beach-less life. Don’t get me wrong; I loved growing up in the city, but something about those weeks at the beach captured my heart and made me yearn for more.

So many of my best childhood memories are centered on the shores of North Carolina. Surrounded by all my favorite people and things, there was never a dull moment. Though looking back it seems like we spent every waking moment on the beach and in the water, we also played games inside the beach house, or just hung out and talked while sitting on the porch, looking out at beautiful beach sunset.

When I was younger, no older than maybe six years old, I loved the waves. My cousins would be too scared to go near the big ones, preferring to stay near the shore. But as for me, the daredevil, I looked down upon the wimpy waves, wanting only the big ones that can only be found in deeper water. Once, a big storm hit our beach and...

Thereareothenegativeaspectsbeingatthebeach, butnoneofthembothermeanymore. For example, no matter how much sunscreen you rub into your skin, you always seem to get sunburned somewhere. Or how it doesn’t matter if you are dripping with bug spray at night, the mosquitoes attack you anyway. But even sunburn and mosquito bites can’t ruin my trips to the beach. After all, I am at my favorite place in the world.
My Hobby

(Romina Tinambunan)

My hobby is reading. I read storybooks, magazines, newspapers, and any kind of material that I find interesting. This hobby got started when I was a little boy. I had always wanted my parents to read fairytales and other stories to me. Soon they got fed up and tired of having to read to me continually. So as soon as I could, I learned to read. I started with simple ABC books. Soon I could read simple fairy tales and other stories. Now I read just about anything that is available.

Reading enables me to learn about many things that I would otherwise not know. I learned about how people lived in bygone days of magic and mystery. I learned about the wonders of the world, space travel, human achievements, gigantic whales, tiny viruses, and other fascinating things of our world.

The wonderful thing about reading is that I don’t have to learn things the hard way. For example, I don’t have to catch a disease to know that it can kill me. I know the dangers so I can avoid it. Also, I don’t have to go deep into the jungle to learn about the tiger. I can read all about it in a book.

Books provide the reader with much information and facts. They have certainly helped me in my daily life. I am better equipped to cope with living. Otherwise, I would go about ignorantly learning things the hard way.

So I continue to read. Besides being more informed about the world, I also spend my time profitably. It is indeed a good hobby.
My mother's name is Khodijah. She was born 49 years ago. She is short, but not too short. She is little fat. And she is old. She has got short white straight hair. She has got brown skin. She is beautiful. Her hand is soft, the hand that taught me to be a kind person. She never stopped supporting me. She always tells me not to give up so easily. She always gives me some finesolution when I have some problems. The importance of her is never denied.

She is a very nice, friendly, and patient woman. My mom loves her family so much. She is the best mother in the world. She plays her role as a housewife nicely. She never forgets her responsibilities as a mother. Although she is very busy at work, she never forgets her family. My mom really loves cleanliness. She always keeps her home clean and healthy. Besides being a good mom, she is the greatest chef who ever existed. She is very smart to make a tasty food. I loved food made by her especially her fried chicken.

My mom is also good with others. She is happy to help friends and neighbors who are in trouble. Because she has a very high social soul, my mom always takes pity on people who need help. My mother is so disciplined with religion. She is very diligent in worship and always reminds us to continue praying to God. There are still a lot of things that I could not say about my mother because I think my mother is a perfect mom for myself and my family. I wish I could find another like her for my children in the future.