

TEACHER INTERVIEW

Mr Kwong

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Teaching at Lam Woo

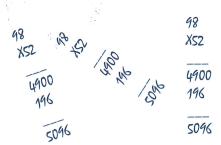
Mr Kwong has been teaching in Lam Woo for about half a year and he previously taught at another Christian school, so he has been teaching for a few years. Mr Kwong really enjoys teaching at Lam Woo. He says that the school's system is excellent for teachers to focus on their teaching and that the environment in Lam Woo is not difficult to adapt to. However, Mr Kwong stated that he needed some time to get used to the acronyms used around the school. He thinks that students in Lam Woo are really nice. He finds it enjoyable when he can teach students to understand some concepts deeply.

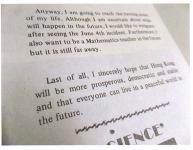
All About Food

Mr Kwong was thinking about it for a while until he could finally decide what his favourite food actually was! He said that he had tried so many tasty snacks and cuisines that he couldn't determine which was best. At last, he came to the conclusion that shrimp omelette was his favourite food. It is a simple dish that most people are familiar with as it is famous in Hong Kong.

As a child

When Mr Kwong was a child, his dream career was also to be a mathematics teacher because it was his favourite subject. He was inspired to become a teacher because his mathematics teacher was really nice and caring, plus he thought mathematics was a simple subject. He even wrote down his dream of being a mathematics teacher in the school magazine at his school! I hope this inspires Lam Woo-ers!







Top Student

Mr Kwong was a really hardworking student. He was the top student from Form 3 to Form 5 and came first in most of his subjects. He also had a lot of nice classmates whom he still keeps in contact with today! It seems that Mr Kwong had a really happy school life when he was a student.





Outside of School

Mr Kwong sings and has recently learned how to play the piano! He enjoys singing hymns a lot, only hymns though as pop songs are not his cup of tea. He now studies music in the evenings. Mr Kwong is always keen on playing sports. He likes hiking and swimming! It seems like Mr Kwong has a really good balance between sports and quiet activities.

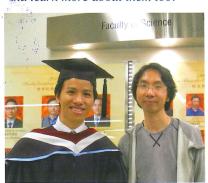
Future

Mr Kwong plans to study further on Hebrew and Greek (the Bible languages) within the next 10 years. He hopes to get some grades in piano, as well.

Near the end of the interview, I asked Mr Kwong what 98 x 52 was. He was surprised by the sudden mathematics question and needed some time to calculate it in his head. After a short while he calculated the correct answer: 5096. We had a good laugh together when competing to calculate the answer first.

Final Thoughts

I got to know a lot more about Mr Kwong through the interview. Who would ever know that Mr Kwong's favourite food was shrimp omlettes? It's not something you learn about a teacher everyday! I hope that students can talk to teachers more and learn more about them too!



Short Story

When Sherry was concentrating on her novel, a hand reaching from behind amd grabbing her Physics homework book on the desk startled her.

She scowled at the boy sitting behind her, who was busily copying her homework. "What on earth are you doing?"

"You know, Mr. So's going to collect the homework soon. You don't want me to go to the detention class, do you?" The boy, Alvin, raised his head and grinned at her. Sherry sighed and turned around, blushing.

Did she hate him?

Of course! She hated his frivolousness. She hated his childishness. She particularly hated him making her pulse race. Why would she feel so awkward? She was begging for an answer.



When Sherry was deeply immersed in despondency, an itch on her back broke her mind. Alvin was poking her back with a pen.

"What are you thinking about?" His eyes narrowed. "Time to go home, idiot! The bell has rung."

Sherry lived in the building beside Alvin's. Thus, they went to school and returned home together every day. When they were walking home, a mischievous twinkle suddenly appeared in Alvin's eyes.

"You know what I've got in Geography lesson? A photo of ..." He smirked

Sherry's body stiffened, she recalled falling asleep in the lesson.

"You are awful! I'm gonna get you!" she screamed.

"A-ha, gotcha!" Alvin burst out in laughter, running away at once.

When Sherry was chasing him, a thought hit her mind: she wanted these happy moments to last longer.

She wanted to be closer to him.

What could she do?

The next day after school, Sherry went home with Alvin as usual. They were rambling about funny things that happened at school, but Sherry was not paying attention at all. A box of chocolates beautifully decorated with a ribbon was quietly lying in her handbag. "I cannot miss this chance anymore", Sherry told herself.

"I wanted him to always stare at me without embarrassment. I wanted him to touch my head gently as if petting a cat. I wanted to stay with him every day, every moment."

Of course, she had imagined what she would do if Alvin turned her down. She would laugh heartily and say, "I'm just kidding, you fool!" Although she knew she may fail, she still wanted to tell him her true feelings. At least, she had TRIED.

The sky was aglow with the setting sun. Sherry walked behind Alvin with heat flashing over her face. Just after Alvin finished his sentence, she blew out a hot whoosh of air, trying to cool her flushing face down and plucked up all her courage. "Alvin, I..."

Suddenly, Alvin stopped walking, turned around and faced her.

"Sherry, I have something to tell you." His eyes radiated seriousness which Sherry had never seen before.

Her mind raced in dumbfounded circles and her breath caught in her throat. "What is he going to say? Is he...".

"I'm going to France to study next month," he whispered. Glittering light from the sun suffused his face.



After that, Sherry and Alvin were still good friends. They would still chat with each other in lessons. Yet, Alvin had received so many invitations after school as all his friends wanted to spend more time with him before he went overseas. Thus, Sherry had to walk to school or home alone.

"Great!" She thought. "I don't have to talk to a fool anymore. I can have a quieter way of life."

Time flew – the day Alvin would leave for France had arrived. Sherry's classmates invited her to see him off at the airport, but she declined politely. Yet, she secretly followed Alvin and her classmates to the airport. Why would she do this on the sly? She blamed herself for her clumsiness.

When they arrived at the departure hall, she saw Alvin hugging each classmate and saying goodbye. Abruptly, Sherry felt a twinge inside her, making her stomach churn. Afterwards, Alvin tapped his mobile phone and Sherry immediately received a message in her instant messaging app. 'Bonjour France, Au revoir dumb Sher.' She bit her lips and her knees could not stop wobbling. She finally sent a laughcry emoticon to him without a single word. She closed her eyes and the scene of an unforgettable dusk started to appear in her mind.

After Alvin told her that he would study abroad, hurt skittered across her face and then, just as quickly, she hid it by pasting a flimsy smile on her face for show. "Wow it's funny! Your acting skills are FABULOUS!" She laughed, but her cracked voice revealed her astonishment.

He shook his head. "I'm deadly serious. Remember what I had said before?"

Sherry gasped, "Yes."

When they were making desserts in Home Economics lesson, he told her, "I'm going to be a great pâtissier in the future! I'm going to make desserts which'll make everyone's eyes pop out of their heads." Determination shone through his eyes.

Sherry awoke to reality and her mouth curled into a reluctant smile. "I... I don't understand. You had never told anyone about this before."

"I'll inform the class tomorrow. I've arranged the accommodation, the school and whatnot.' He beamed.

"You'll miss me to death, won't you? You've lost a person to argue with. How right I am!"

Sherry hoped to catch a hint of sadness on his face, but what she could see was only expectancy and delight.

She swallowed hard and yelled, "Definitely not! Don't ever come back again!"

"Don't ever come back again!" All of a sudden, Sherry shouted at the top of her lungs at the airport. She surprised herself – the words left her mouth involuntarily. Yet, Alvin was nowhere to be found, nor were her classmates. The bystanders all stared at Sherry with confusion.

She was overcome with emotion. She stood there and laughed and laughed, untill tears silently rolled down her cheeks.

The rest of the year passed in a blur of projects and assignments. Sherry's academic results had somehow improved a lot.

Her class teacher praised her and gently said, "You shouldn't have befriended Alvin before; you would have even better results now. See, since he left, you've been making progress in your studies!"

Sherry just smiled and said nothing.

Alvin had been a lot busier since he lived in France. He had been learning French and catching up on his studies. Every now and then, he would post photos of the new environment and his new friends on Facebook. Sherry simply 'liked' them, without leaving a comment.

Often, Sherry wished she could turn back the clock. What if she had caught Alvin's hand when he was grabbing her homework book and said "don't let go"?

Will the story continue?

His unwavering stare when he told her the truth was the answer.

Not until he left did she realize she could not keep pace with him no matter how hard she tried. He was going to an unknown world to pursue his dream; she was stubbornly staying in a familiar place, finding someone to depend on.

Perhaps, starting from some point, they had parted ways.

Sometimes, when Sherry was making notes in lessons, she could feel someone poking her. However, every time she turned around, what came into her sight was merely an empty desk and chair.

"Time to go home, idiot!"

"A-ha, gotcha!"

"You'll miss me to death, won't you?"

Sherry smiled. A person cannot stay with you forever, but memories can.

5 Facts about lat a ly

#1 School

In Italy, we start school at the age of 6 and we have to study at least until we are 16. We attend five years of primary school, three years of middle school and five years of secondary school. Some schools allow students to find a job rather than attend university. Usually, our school day starts at 8 am and ends at 1 or 2 pm, and we go to school from Monday to Saturday. We don't have to wear uniforms, and we take only 2 exams: one at the end of middle school, and one at the end of secondary school.



My classmates and in our school garden.

#4 Soccer

The bond between Italians and soccer is actually a great love story, and the sport and its traditions carry immense importance for Italians all up and down the peninsula. Soccer (or football) is not only one of the Italians' greatest passions, but it also has an enormous following internationally. Indeed, for lovers of the game, vacation and travel packages were created so that fans from around the world can visit Italy at the same time that they root for their favorite teams. Also, there is only one team in Milan, and it's surely not Inter Milan.

#5 Gestures

It is said that Italians always talk with their hands. It is unbelievably true! Italians use body language and hand gestures to punctuate an expression

#2 Food

It's well known that we Italians are very proud of our delicious and unique cuisine.

Pizza and pasta are typical Italian foods, famous all over the globe. But it's not true that we eat pizza every day (even though that would not be a bad idea...), but just once a week. Almost every day, we have pasta for lunch, because it's very easy to cook and incredibly tasty. However, we never get bored of this habit, because there are more than 100 kinds of pasta, and even more sauces to season it. My favourite lunch is tagliatelle al ragù made by my grandmother.



A photo of the Eternal City (Rome).



San Siro Stadium with Milan fans.

and give it a shading that the word or phrase itself lacks. But some foreigners cannot understand this, and they find us very funny when we do that. So if you want to learn the Italian language, you've got to learn how to move!



Tagliatelle al ragù with some Parmesan.

#3 Pieces of Art

Italy has been, since antiquity, the centre of history, culture and art. Artistic wonders can be found everywhere. Our artistic and cultural heritage is one of the most valuable in the world. Italy has more cultural UNESCO World Heritage Sites than any other country. Rome, Florence, Assisi, Venice, Siena, Pisa, and Naples are its most renowned cities of art, but the whole country can boast towns of breathtaking beauty.



One of the many Italian gestures. You do this gesture when you don't know what the other person is doing or their reason.

Continuous Story

Part II

It's already a week after the new school year. James and Clara spent hours with each other every day, but still both of them didn't have the courage to talk to each other. James told his best friend about his crush on Clara, but what could his friends have done to help him?

One day, during one of the most boring lessons after lunch, Clara had nothing to do. She whispered to James, who was drawing in his drawer, asking for some books or magazines. James was shocked when he heard Clara talking to him, but James wasn't a boy who likes reading. Instead, they started talking about themselves and everything. They both found each other very reliable and they didn't have any secrets between each other. Since then, both of them became good friends. They ate lunch together every day. When it came to a boring lesson they shared their snacks. They texted each other every night and it seemed the two of them were inseparable. They started dating each other as friends, but not as lovers or as a couple, though after a while they had fallen in love with each other. Sadly, while the couple were blissfully enjoying their time together, God did something grievous to separate the two.

A couple of days later, when James arrived home after athletics, he was so tired and exhausted that he didn't want to do anything. However, after hearing the shocking news, he almost cried.

"James, you'll leave Hong Kong. Your application to study in England has been approved," James' mom said to him sternly.

"What? When did I apply to study overseas?" James asked in doubt.

"I applied on your behalf last year. Didn't you know about it?" James' mom replied.

"You should have consulted me before making this decision!" James shouted at his mom furiously. Then he ran back to his room and started crying.

James had no idea how to tell Clara about his departure to England. He didn't want to hurt her, but he had to tell her. He was confused about what to do next...

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SocialTopics



Cosmetic Surgery: To be or not to be?

by Larry

Cosmetic surgery is an optional procedure that is performed on normal parts of the body with the only purpose of improving a person's appearance or removing signs of ageing. (This is not to be confused with another kind of plastic surgery, reconstructive surgery, which corrects functional impairments caused by injuries, body abnormalities and diseases)

My opinion: I am neutral about cosmetic surgery.

I am quite neutral about cosmetic surgery. I don't recommend that people undergo cosmetic surgery but I won't stop them doing so.

Cosmetic surgery can beautify a person's appearance. It can help an individual gain confidence and self-esteem, making it easier for some people to socialise. However, the person loses their unique physical features. This may be a sign that the person is becoming more and more indecisive.

People with better appearance are more likely to be invited to activities or opportunities because they create a better first impression. However, they may care too much about their appearance and neglect their personality. In most cases, such as working in professional jobs,, a good character rather than appearance is required.

Besides changing appearance, cosmetic surgery can also bring additional health benefits. For example, nose surgeries that are done to improve appearance can also improve peoples breathing. This brings convenience to people's lives.

In contrast, the health risks of these operations are also high. People may suffer from blood loss, nerve damage, blindness or even death.

Everyone owns their body. A person has the right to undergo cosmetic surgery and nobody can stop them. The most important thing is that we need to consider both benefits and costs before making a decision.

Word attack!

Indecisive - (adj.) not able to make choices quickly and confidently.

Convenience - (n.) something made easier by reducing the amount of time or effort required to do something.

Cosmetic Surgery or Plastic Surgery?:

The two terms are not completely interchangeable.

Cosmetic surgery involves improving a patients appearance. Whereas, plastic Surgery mostly involves repairing defects, such as birth defects, burns and traumas.

By the numbers...

According to an association of plastic surgeons, the U.S. is the largest market for cosmetic surgery. Contrary to students' expectations, Korea was barely mentioned in the report. However, this could be due to the fact that cosmetic surgery in Korea might not be done by a cosmetic surgeon, but rather some other professionals.

Rank	Country	Total Procedures	Worldwide Percentage		
1	U.S.	3,996,631	17%		
2	Brazil	2,141,257	9%		
	Mexico	884,353	4%		
4	Germany	654,115	3%		
	Spain	447,177	2%		
	Colombia	420,955	2%		
	Italy	375,256	2%		
8	Venezuela	291,388	1%		
	Argentina	287,823	1%		
10	Iran	174,778	1%		

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Plastic Surgery Hall of Fame

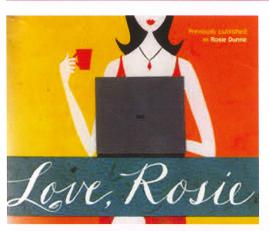


BookReviews



Love Rosie

Written by May



Summary:

Love, Rosie is a romance story with a little humour which also brings the reader to tears – not just because it's touching, but also because it's so funny that the reader will experience tears of joy. It is about a beautiful lady, Rosie and her best friend Alex. They have been best friends since pre-school and they have never left each other's side. However, during the last year of high school, they face difficulties that causes them to separate. Alex moves to Boston and Rosie accidentally falls pregnant. They soon go down different paths and experience vastly different lives. They were in love with one another at some point but then they simply let the chances slip.

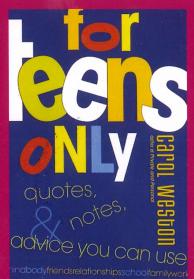
After marriages and divorces, job interviews and promotions, babies and growing up – they finally come to a point and realise that they need and have love each other so much that it makes them inseparable.

Reflection:

Love is simply a fascinating thing. Once you fall in love, your world turns upside down and there's nothing better than being in love. The same case with Rosie and Alex, they've loved each other since the day they met, but they never knew such love could turn into romance. They have both gone through failed marriages and heart breaking times but what cheered them up was the support of their best friend.

People usually think that best friends like Rosie and Alex would end up being a couple and I truly agree. They know everything about each other by heart and they are literally inseparable. I think best friends like them falling in love and getting married is just like a perfect fairytale.

Life is filled with mistakes, but what really matters is how we learn from the mistakes. Rosie accidentally falls pregnant and gives birth to her daughter, Katie. Throughout Katie's upbringing, Rosie learns and experiences a lot. Both Alex and Rosie have missed their chance and married someone they didn't truly love. However they finally realise their mistake and decide to start their lives together all over again.



For Teens Only by Carol Weston

Some people see the world through rose-coloured glasses.

Some see it through ugly-coloured alasses.

When you look in the mirror, do you ever see a pimple instead of a person? A cow instead of a human? Do you keep hoping for a different reflection?

If so, give yourself a break! If you were your best friend, you'd think you looked perfectly fine, right? So befriend yourself!



Musician Alicia Keys said, "You have to accept who you are - and that is beautiful." Or handsome!

When you look around, you don't zero in on other people's blemishes, facial hair, or whether their weight fluctuates slightly in either direction, do you? (Please tell

me you're not that shallow!) Even when you do halfway notice that someone has a pimple, you don't fixate on it, right? You don't think less of the person.

You see your classmates and neighbours as whole people, not as collections of flaws and failings. And that's how they see you. They aren't judging your skin or silhouette. They're appreciating you as you are.

Treat yourself with the same respect.

By Larry NEWS FROM AROUND THE

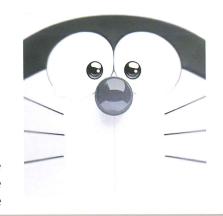
ATV was unable to pay wages to their employees on time. Staff still haven't been paid their salary from January and half of December. Sixty-three staff members have left as a result.

Kenji Goto was beheaded on 31 January after being kidnapped by ISIS in Syria last October and the are still advised to be vaccinated to failure of collecting JP\$100,000,000 prevent complications. as ransom.

Lam Pou-chuen died on January money to buy F-35 fighter jets and 2nd. He was famous for voicing the surveillance aircraft to improve Cantonese version of the cartoon defences of disputed islands. character Doraemon.

Influenza caused 37 deaths in January. The Centre for Health Protection (CHP) explained that antigenic drift occured in the virus making the prediction of World Organisation (WHO) inaccurate. The vaccine in Hong Kong mostly targets the predicted Texas form of H3N2 but not the actual Switzerland form. Despite the low people risk,

Japan approved a record military Hong Kong voice actor, Francis budget of 5 trillion yen. It includes



Slang words are incredibly popular in conversational and informal English. So if you want to sound like a true native speaker, here are some words to try and remember!



BLINGY (Bre)	Expression of shock e.g. "Blimey! I can't believe how expensive those shoes are".
BLOKE (BrE)	A man e.g. "He is a good bloke".
CHECRS (BrE)	Thank you e.g. "Can you do me a favour? Cheers ".
@ R%\) &@ (Ame)	Embarrassing e.g. "I can't believe he fell over, he's so cringe".
kWACKCROD (Bre)	Exhausted/tired e.g. "I didn't sleep well last night, I'm absolutely knackered".
LAMO (Ame)	Not cool/popular e.g. "I didn't like that movie, I thought it was lame".
SUCKCR (Ame)	To be deceived/gullible e.g. "My friend can be such a sucker, they'll believe anything".

PANTS (BrE)	Bad e.g. "That film was pants ".
(Ame)	Good e.g. "tomorrow is going to be a sweet day".
STOKED (BrE)	Excited e.g. "I'm so stoked that my team is winning".
GROSS (Ame)	Disgusting e.g. "I saw that person pick their nose, gross!"
LATO BACK (AME)	Calm/relaxed person e.g. You'll like my friend they're very laid back".
Sj@j\$ (Ame)	Really good e.g. "The concert last night was sick".
LOO (BrE)	Toilet e.g. "I'm just going to the loo, I'll be back in a minute".

GameReview



five nights at freddy's

5 Nights At Freddy's is a horror game presented by Scott Cawthon, an individual game developer. Due to its easy but scary gameplay it has been praised by many game websites, along with millions of downloads on iOS, Android and Stream.

The game is about a restaurant called Freddy Fazbear's Pizza in which the attractions for the children are four moving robots. They have a 'lovely' suit and can interact with the children. The robots are Freddy Fazbear (of course), Bonnie the Bunny, Chika the Chick and Foxy the Fox. Unfortunately, they roam at night and may even wonder out (and murder someone), so it is your job as a night guard to bait them. But you have to be careful, if they catch you they will know you're a robot without a suit and forcefully stuff you into a suit —



killing you by suffocation!

You stay at the office, which you can look at the security cameras through the monitor, in case the robots 'accidentally leave their original place'. You need to check the lights outside the office and close doors when necessary. Unfortunately, all of these activities use up the limited power you have, so you must restrict the time doing these activities. If you let one of the robots in, they may not kill you, but will certainly scare you into a coma by the jump scares!

The game also contains extras and 'Easter eggs' (features which

need to be closely observed, for example, completing the fifth night can unlock the (harder) night six and the custom night. The Custom night involves attempting to beat the 4 robots on level 20, which is the hardest!

As a conclusion, I recommend this game to all of you unless (1) You are afraid of ultimate jump scares, or (2) you love stuffed Disney characters!

DE(CODING)

From ancient civilizations, to knights and kings or even modern countries, coding is certainly the easiest way to safely transmit information.

So what are the common types of coding? Take this sentence for example!

Alexander is the CNET at our school.

The most common coding is to change the position of the alphabet or even reshuffle the alphabet entirely.

A B C D E F G H I J K L M 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26

As an example, we can move the alphabet position forward by 5, which makes A = F, B = G, C = H etc.

It may look unusual and hard to decode, but as long as we know the rules of the code it can be easily solved.

A second coding technique rather than using the alphabet is by using the keyboard.

QWERTTYUIOPASDFGHJKLZXCVBNM

By transferring one letter to the right we can create a much more difficult to read sentence.

Yozpyju od yjr VMRY sy pit dvjppa.

There are many more kinds of coding ways, such as using the 3x3 typing keyboard or a table from another language. You can even create your own code (with someone) through your own methods!

Can you decode these?

- 1. Ud tiy sib'r ewls rgw Wbfkuag nlflmubw, tiy qukk vw suaubdienws; ud tiy si ewls rgw Wbfkuag nl flmubw, tiy qukk vw nuaubdienws.
- 2. (a) 23/8/1/20 9/19 20/8/5 20/8/9/14/14/5/19/20 2/15/15/11 9/14 20/8/5 23/15/18/12/4?
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Credits: Front Cover Design by Sam

What gets without being held?

He has married many women, but has never married. Who is he?

Imagine you are in a dark room. How would you escape?

What is always coming but never arrives?

If you have been eager for the answers to last editions riddles and were too lazy to use the internet for help, here they are...

Which is correct to say?

- i. The yolk of the egg is white
- ii. The yolk of the egg are white

A: Neither, egg yolk is yellow

Before Mt. Everest was discovered what was the highest mountain in the world?

A: Mt. Everest has always been the highest

What word in the English language is always spelt INCORRECTLY?

A: Incorrectly, isn't it obvious?

If you were running a race and passed the person in second place, what place would you be in now? SCHEENS RELICENCE OF REPORTED STATES

A: You would now be second.

Message from Tim (former CNET):

I'd just like to thank the English Magazine team for their hard work and dedication over the school year to date. It's been a pleasure working with a diverse range of talented individuals! The magazine began as an interest that I thought I could help develop. I'm quite proud of the achievements the student team has done, so I look forward to seeing future publications continue well after my departure. Please be nice to Mr Alexander, he is a great teacher and I look forward to getting reports from him on your progress! Add Oil!!!

