

桃園市 112 年度英語比賽題目

國小朗讀組

1. The Lazy Donkey

Once upon a time, there was a businessman named Tom. Tom traded salt, and he had a donkey. The donkey liked to play and did not like to work. One morning, Tom put four bags of salt onto the donkey's back before they went to a market. When they walked on a bridge, the donkey suddenly slipped and began to sink into the water. He shouted, "Help, master! Please help me!"

After Tom pulled the donkey out of the water, the donkey felt the sacks lighter than before, because some salt got dissolved. When Tom weighed the four sacks in the market, they weighed less. Tom was upset. For three days, the donkey did the same trick. Tom realized the donkey's plan to get into the water on purpose and was angry. He said, "You lazy donkey! You are going to pay for this." Tom decided to give the donkey a lesson.

The next day, Tom put four sacks of cotton on the donkey's back instead of salt. When they reached the bridge, the donkey fell as those three days before, but the cotton bags absorbed the water from the river and became heavier. The donkey was sinking and shouted, "Help me! Please help me! I'm dying!" Hearing that, Tom brought out his rope and threw it into the water. Tom said, "Hey little donkey, hold the rope quickly and climb up!" Tom saved the donkey successfully.

From then on, when Tom packed sacks of salt on the donkey's back every day, the donkey was happy to carry them because he knew he had a wise and kind master.

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2. The Angry Bee

A group of bees lived together in a tall tree. All the bees were friends. They went on flower hunts together. They had bee races together. They also worked together. Sometimes two bees ran into each other. One bee would say, "I'm sorry," and the other would say, "That's okay. I forgive you." However, one strange thing happened.

Two bees crashed into each other. "I'm sorry," said the first bee, but the other bee said, "I'm angry. I'm not flying with you anymore." The angry bee flew away. He landed on a leaf and waited for the other bee to feel bad.

It was time to go on a flower hunt; all the bees looked for flowers together, but not the angry bee. Now it was time for a bee race. All the bees flew as fast as they could. They had fun racing, but not the angry bee. When it was time for the bees to make honey, all the bees worked very hard. They made lots of honey together, but not the angry bee.

The angry bee was still sitting on a leaf. The other bees asked the angry bee to fly with them.

"No, I'm still mad at him," said the angry bee.

"Okay," said the other bees. "We'll see you later."

The angry bee started to feel lonely. He missed flying with the other bees. He wanted to go on flower hunts and help make honey.

"The bees said I could be happy again; all I have to do is stop being angry." The angry bee decided to smile and started playing with the other bees.

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3. The Clever Monkey

Once upon a time, a monkey lived on a tree along a river. In the middle of the river was a small island full of trees with juicy fruits. The monkey was happy all the time because by just hopping on a stone, he could reach the small island.

A crocodile lived nearby, and every day he looked at the monkey hopping in and out of the island. He always believed that the monkey was a perfect lunch, but the monkey was so clever that the crocodile could not catch the monkey.

Finally, the crocodile came up with a trick, and he was very excited about the plan!

The next day when the monkey was busy enjoying the fruits on the island, the crocodile silently sat on the stone. When the monkey was done eating, he wiped his mouth and looked at his way back. Suddenly, he realized that the stone was bigger than usual. He understood that it was the crocodile waiting for him, so he talked to that stone.

“Is that you, Mr. Crocodile?”

“No, no, it’s not me.”

The monkey knew that the crocodile was dumb, so he called out to the crocodile again, “Oh, you surely caught me this time! I can make your job easier. Just open your mouth, and I’ll jump into it on my own.”

The foolish crocodile opened his mouth with his eyes closed and waited for the monkey to jump. The clever monkey hopped on the head of the crocodile and crossed the river.

“You couldn’t fool me this time, either!”

With clear and clever thinking, the monkey tricked the foolish crocodile.