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Colorado Skiing Is Awesome

Skiing is my favorite activity because it is fun and new for me. Skiing is awesome, but it is very dangerous. I like going to ski with my friends, but the weather up in the mountains is very cold. Next, when I go to the mountains I see a lot of trees. They are very big and beautiful. When I ski I feel good and excited. Finally, I like trying to ski, but I am afraid it is dangerous. *by Abdul AIQahtani, level 1, S.A.*

Reading is Key to Knowledge

by Hanadi AlJohani

It is obvious to everyone that reading is very important. Reading is the key of knowledge. Today, in technical times, the internet appears equivalent to the book. There are advantages and disadvantages for both reading from books and reading on the internet.

Reading from books has more popularity. Reading from the book takes more time. For instance when you are looking for specific information, it takes long time to get it. We must go to the library to find the information that we need. However the information from books is still more true and correct. The book has old information, but remains constant and doesn't change.

Books have accurate and comprehensive information. Usually we can trust the information from the book, because it has more credibility. There are no risks for reading from books. On the contrary, it is more comfortable. We can read books consisting of 500 pages without

damage to eyes and back. Reading from books or the internet is very essential in our life. We can't exchange the reading with any technology. Reading from any source whether books or the internet grows and develops the brain. In conclusion, reading from books is preferable for many people.

Reading from the internet is more interesting. First, getting information from the internet takes a short time. Second, reading from the internet saves the time and effort. We can access the information any time. The internet has new information. Every day we can find many new subjects about our lives and the world. Some time the information from the internet could be wrong. Also some websites have information expressing opinions, so the writer doesn't tell the fact. When we read from the internet we didn't know who wrote this information. On other hand, there are many disadvantages for reading from internet. Reading from the internet causes many problems for eyes and back. Also, sitting along time at the screen causes addiction. Both reading from book and internet give us knowledge. Finally, reading from the internet is enjoyable.

To sum up reading from both books and the internet is very important, and each has many advantages and disadvantages. I suggest reading from all sources to get a variety of backgrounds.

Water or Death...by Meshari AlHarbi

People cannot survive without clear, drinkable water, and they need water for cleanliness. First, it may be shocking, but only 83 per cent of the earth's water is available for drinking. It is also a fact that 97 per cent of water is salt water, and we cannot drink salt water. On average, people need a gallon of water each day to be healthy and survive. Also, without water for sanitation, lack of clean water will cause diseases and will kill many people. For example, cholera becomes an epidemic when there is not enough water. Many people die every year from cholera due to there not being available clean water. Not only do we need water for drinking and cleanliness, all forms of food production need water. of food will lead to death just lack of drinking water. Water plays a complex role in human; health. In conclusion, we have enough water. Without enough water, people will die from thirst, starvation, or diseases.



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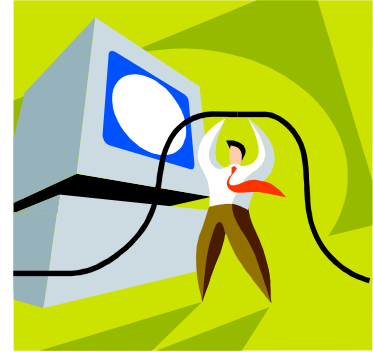
Second, there are a limited number of ways to solve this problem. Desalination could make 97 per cent of the Earth's unavailable water available for us. This would only be a partial solution because we cannot use all oceans and survive. However, desalination is one step to solving our water needs. We can make fresh water by desalination to help more people stop wasting water. Also, there are many way to conserve water. New low-flow fixture e for shower heads, toilets, and washing machine can save many gallons of water. Something as simple as taking a shorter shower will help greatly in conserving water, especially if we all shorter showers.

Third, educating people about limited water supplies and how to conserve water is important to our health and survival. Conservation education must start at an early age and immediately to make a difference in water availability. In conclusion, our health and survival depends on desalination, conservation, and education.

Human Beings and Computers...by Houssen Nafed

There are a lot of similar characteristics between the human and computer, and there is a great development for the computer. The computer began to replace the human in all fields of life, so the computer has become simulates human behavior. The Human and computer in general have differences, because human has its natural characteristics, and the computer has its industry characteristics.

The Computer is very important in our daily lives. **First**, invention of the computer is always important in our daily lives. The human invented the computer in the past for a long time. The computer consists of pieces of electronic. Spirit in computer is software. **Second**, brain and speed in the computer can process a large amount of information in a short time. The computer works to program for the human. The computer can be works logical thinking and mathematical calculations. **Third**, the computer does not have feeling. Computer does not have a heart to express his emotions. The computer does not have responsibility to give results. When we learn the computer by training as programming especially the sense of touch, the computer can be learn, because by training computer has the sense of touch. The human can trains the Computer, and the computer recognizes on the faces and things, and the computer has the sense of look, but the computer cannot learn any sense from the human.



In contrast, the human is better than the computer. **First**, Allah is creator of the human. Whatever human reach to the latest technology, Allah created the human, and the human invented the computer. The human consists of members working together without instructions. The spirit in the human is invisible, and the spirit has relationship with the Creator. **Second**, brain and speed in the computer is faster than the human, but the human remains is the best. Human invented the computer, and by the human, the computer can process a lot of instructions in short time. Human brain works physiologically and psychologically. The human is responsible for his result by logical thinking. **Finally**, the human's Feeling is integrated and linked. The human have a heart, and the heart is the control for a group of emotions and sensations. The human can feel and sense with the five senses without training. The human is responsible for his actions if it was wrong or right.

In conclusion, there are many differences and similarities between human and computer. Whatever was there difference, a computer remains assistant and complementary to serve the human, because both have brain, multiple languages and interaction. We learned there is high technology and development in world of computers but we cannot replace the human.

Technology's differences and similarities...by Turki AlAjmi

Technology now is different from one company to another company, so they make their own inventions. In these days we have many inventions for cell phones. These two devices are the smartest phones you would see which are iphone5 and Galaxy s3. Both iphone5 and Galaxy s3 have different technologies and prices, but there are some similar technologies.

The Iphone5 is an intuitive device and is easy to carry. First of all, there are some similarities between both devices for prices, because most of all carriers in the world want to sell those devices with great offers, and they put the same prices for both cell phones. In America, for example there are such great offers for strata of society living, because not all of people can offer \$700 for cell phone. Through an internet research I found three ways to buy an iphone5 through companies. For example, there is a contract deal which is everybody can buy that cell phone with a great price. Second, Apple's company has invented one of the best cameras in iphone5, and they enhanced it with 8 megapixels which is very good to take a nice picture for a nice view. Also, one of the best things that enhance that camera is now you can take a picture for a long and wide view through panorama shot. Finally, video recorders are the greatest thing in the world. As we know every cell phone has a videos recorder, but apple has made a high-definition video recorder with 1080 pixels which means full clear and perspicuous. Lastly, to get involved with other inventions of cell phones it should have a great and strong specification. For example, retina display is one the best invention for a higher-resolution screen, and that what apple made for iphone5. In my opinion it is not good to have a heavy cell phone in my pocket, so apple reduced the weight for iphone5 to 112 g from 140 before. In addition, the last thing that attracted me is a passbook application, and then passbook can save your reservations, rewards and movie's tickets. In concluding, most of all costumers want to buy an easy phone to use like Iphone5, because it is an intuitive and is easy to carry.

In contrast, there is another invention from different side of the earth, so Samsung's company has invented one of the best devices in the world which is galaxy s 3. As we mentioned before that companies put great offers for cell phones, but Samsung has different offers for selling their products. There are two kinds of offers to buy a Samsung galaxy s3 which are monthly installment and the original price. Next, Samsung has enhanced their camera in their galaxy s3 to reach the peak as iphone5 did, and they made their camera with 8 megapixels. Also, they invented a high-definition video recorder with 1080 pixels, and they increased the front camera to 720 pixels to make a difference from Apple. Third, to make a good competition between two cell phones it should have good specification. For example, Samsung has enhanced galaxy's screen with super HD for people who cannot read very well. Also, there is another great invention, and they called it near field communication. That invention is a set of standards for smart phones and similar devices to establish radio communication with each other by touching them together or bringing them into close proximity, usually no more than a few centimeters. The Galaxy s3 employs an intelligent personal assistant (S Voice), eye-tracking ability, increased storage, and a wireless charging option. In concluding, Samsung's company has invented one of the best devices in the world from another side of the earth.

In conclusion, there are some similar technologies and different prices, but both devices have different technologies in camera and other specifications. In my opinion I would rather buy an iphone5 instead of Galaxy s3, because Iphone5 is an intuitive device and is easy to carry.

The Dangers of Smoking...by Nasser AlFadhala



Smoking is very dangerous because it causes a lot of problems and bad effects for the body. The reason people get cancer is smoking because it has a lot of carbon monoxide and many bad things that make the smoker not breathe very well. Smoking causes a lot of diseases like hard breathing and emphysema. We need to avoid smoking because this habit is killing people. There are some ideas to make people think about this problem in their lives and quit smoking.

There are many reasons why smoking causes problems for people. First of all, it causes hard breathing. If someone smoke a lot and runs, it will be difficult for him to breathe. Consequently, people get coughs because of the smoke. When smoke goes inside the chest, it closes the lungs. That's the reason why people cough. In addition, smoking causes wrinkles in the face, so smokers look old quickly. Second, smoking is a major cause of heart disease and cancer. Smokers get heart disease in a short time because smoking increases the heart rate. In addition, smoking too much is not good because it may bring you lung cancer.

Finally, we all know that smoking increases blood pressure and heart rate. It makes the smoker always feel tired. Consequently, when the smoker gets angry, he cannot control his nerves. In conclusion, we must quit smoking because it causes a lot of problems and bad effects for the body.

Quitting smoking is very hard. There are many ways that will help you to stop smoking. First of all, try to avoid other smokers. If you have a smoker friend, try to stay away from him. In addition, chewing nicotine gum will help you stop smoking. Second of all, exercising is a good way to forget about cigarettes. In addition, get rid of all cigarettes and matches. Remember that smoking is bad for your health. Finally, look for something new to do every day instead of smoking. Staying with a non-smoker will help you a lot to quit smoking. In addition, go to a doctor and listen to his advice because it will help you.

In conclusion, smoking is very dangerous. It causes a lot of serious problems and diseases. We must find an easy way to quit smoking because it has bad effects on our bodies. People need to realize that smoking will affect their future. Try to stay away from smoking and live in peace.

Challenges of Living in a New Country...by Abdulrahman AlJhmi

There are many challenges in my life. My childhood has prepared me for many things. One situation proved to require more strength than I could find within myself. My mother and father raised me with pride for my destiny. Eight months ago, their son would travel to a new place, far away. It was a big challenge for me to travel far from my parents.



First, when my family and I made the decision to start my life, I could actually feel my heart beat. I do not know if it was fear or excitement. I just remember looking in my mother's eyes knowing I would be far away from her beautiful smile. I took a deep breath and decided, in that moment, that I would become a man and make my mother proud of her son. Second, I was not good in English, so I traveled to the U.S. to study the language. In fact, it is a very difficult situation to change my life. However, when I arrived in the U.S., I was filled with anxiety, and I felt fear, fear of what I did not know, maybe just leaving my family or facing a new culture.

Next, everything was new and different. Also, the weather was colder than in my country. How can I live without my parents, and how can I depend on myself. I asked all these questions, but all I could think of was my mother's smile. So I decided to accept my new life to make the best of my experience in a new world. Then, I became excited and forgot about my anxieties. However, I knew that I would use all the lessons my mother and father taught me to make the best out of my new life.

I learned how to solve my problems in the U.S. with my ability to adapt to all situations. After that, I overcame my sadness when leaving my mother, but I know now how much happiness she will feel when I return home. Because I made my mother proud of her son, I am very happy. Also, I was determined to succeed in my new life.

Finally, now I have the strength to do anything. This experience has provided me a new life and a new vision of the future. I think this was the most important and most difficult challenge in my life.

Dangers in the Red Sea...by Khalid AlHarbi

Three years ago when I was visiting the Red Sea, it was a wonderful day, and a day when I was careful. First, I wanted to become licensed in scuba diving. I searched for a coach and found the coach about scuba diving, and the coach told me to buy the scuba diving tools. I bought because I was a student, they were very expensive. Second, I went to the coach's house practicing in a swimming pool.

Three days I practiced in the pool. After that, I went to the Red Sea with my coach. I was my first diver to thirty meters depth; however, I felt dizziness because I had drunk some soda quickly, but my coach held my fin. The coach said to ascend slowly, so I did as I filled my vest with air. I threw up, and I could not feel my legs. My friend held my tank and moved to the beach. Finally, I rested a few minutes and I drank some water. I wanted to go on the second dive with my group. I stretched and I exercised. I went to my coach because I wanted to go on the second dive.

The coach said, "Are you ready?"
I said, "Yes, I am ready."



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We went on the second dive. The second dive went wonderfully. Finally, I got my scuba diving license, and I learned to be careful in the water and also have a wonderful day.



Challenge the Pain . . .by Hanen Nofal

Fishing is a difficult hobby to practice. To go fishing you must go with a group. You should take with you some food and drinks. Before you go to fish, do not eat a lot of food. I like to try new things, but I faced a difficult challenge three years ago in the summer on my uncle's boat.

I challenged the pain in a wonderful fishing trip. I went fishing with my cousins and my uncle because my uncle's hobby is fishing. When we were on the boat, it was a lot of fun and exciting. The sea was very blue and the sun was shining. It was a wonderful day because it was the first time I had gone fishing.

Next, when we stopped the boat to start fishing, I felt tired. After a few minutes, I had a turnover and nausea. I tried to challenge the pain, so it would go away. But the pain increased. All my cousins were fishing and laughing, but I cannot do anything. I wished to be at home and not go out. My uncle saw me and knew I had seasickness because it was the first I went fishing. The best thing was that he always has medicine seasickness in his boat. I took the medicine, and I relaxed. After that, I felt better. Then, I enjoyed the trip, and cooked and ate the fish.

I learned that I can challenge the pain to have a wonderful trip.

In conclusion, I tried to be OK and I pushed the pain away. When I think about the pain, I want to be stronger than the pain. I learned whatever the pain was, I must challenge it.

Two Holidays: Eid AlFitre and Christmas...by Eman AlGhamdi

Holidays are special events. All people around the world wait for them. They wait for holidays longingly and with joy. Around the world, we have many holidays, but there are two special holidays: Eid AlFitre and Christmas. We will compare them and we will know the differences and similarities between them.

Eid AlFitre is an amazing holiday. First, it comes after Ramadan, the month of fasting. It happens in countries that have Muslim people. They start the celebration in the morning. Second, all people go to pray at the mosque, and they listen to a sermon. After that, some of the families like to go to the home of a family member to eat breakfast and celebrate together. Another group of people like to go to their homes and eat breakfast with their small family. Then they go to visit their parents and friends.

It is similar with the Christmas holiday. However, the men must give something special to poor people. This is called Zakat AlFitre. So in these days all people have fun. Third, all people wear new clothes, and they still wear them for five days. We have something special besides Zakat AlFitre. It is Eid gifts. For example, some people like to give poor people new clothes and food. Finally, Eid AlFitre is the best festival for Muslim people.



Christmas is a wonderful holiday in the United States. First, it comes on December 25 in winter. All people around the Christian world celebrate this holiday, but Muslim people do not celebrate it. Second, they have a special tree and put it inside their homes. Outside their homes, they put many colors of lights and statues. They like to put some gifts for their parents under the tree, so it is similar with Eid AlFitre. Third, they wear special clothes and special colors. They are green and red. They like to wear these clothes for ten or fifteen days. In fact, the Christmas holiday is really the happiest festival in the world.

In conclusion, we know all the differences and similarities between Eid AlFitre and Christmas. I think these holidays are the biggest in the world for Muslim and Christian people because they are religious holidays for them, and they are very important because they celebrate together and do many things to make them happy.

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