

A LION ATE MY HOMEWORK

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Hooray! I can just imagine spending the remaining weekend playing computer games after I finished my homework about our family outing. My family has decided to go to the Singapore Zoo this Saturday to help me complete my assignment.

At the Singapore Zoo, I took notes about our outing as I took pictures of some of the animals like the elephant, tiger, giraffe and the panda. I went to the water park too and wrote about it.

When we reached the lion enclosure, I took pictures of the lion. Suddenly, the lion roared! I was so terrified that I dropped my whole bag into the moat surrounding the lion's enclosure! My father joked that the lion was going to eat my homework but I did not think it was funny at all because that meant that I had to do it without my notes!

I told my parents that I needed to buy a new notebook. I searched every souvenir store in the zoo but I could not find a notebook to buy. At the last store, we finally found a notebook. Unfortunately, it was already dark and we had to go home. On the long way home, I wondered how I was going to tell my teacher about my notebook in the lion enclosure. Every reason I thought about made me think that my teacher would send me straight to the Principal's office for lying.

When I arrived home, I tried to remember what I wrote in my notebook but I had a problem recalling as I wrote too many things in that notebook. I asked my parents to write a letter to help me explain what had happened but they refused. They replied that I had to face the music myself. I could not think of a better solution so I went into my room and continued to crack my head.

Ring! Ring! Ring! Suddenly, I woke up. It was time to go to school and I remembered about the homework that I did not finish. I asked my father what to do but he insisted that I had to resolve it myself. I looked at

my school timetable. Whew! I heaved a sigh of relief. My English lesson was after recess so I had plenty of time to cook up a story for my teacher.

At school, I asked my best friend, John, for some suggestions. He told me to copy what he wrote but I knew that it would be cheating and I might get reprimanded instead.

At recess, I stayed in the classroom with John and we tried to think of some of the activities a family might do in an outing but there were far too few words so I decided that I would just tell my teacher the truth.

When it was English lesson, my teacher asked us to hand in the homework for the weekend. I approached her with trembling knees. She asked me to go and stand at my seat and tell the whole class why I did not complete my homework. I bravely told the whole story and everyone burst out in laughter. The teacher sent me to the Principal's office, thinking that I had cooked up this incredulous story.

The Principal, Mr Tan, was very fierce. He asked me many questions but I could answer them all. Then, he asked me to call my parents to come to school. Shortly after, my father arrived and Mr Tan asked him what had happened. My father told Mr Tan that what I said was true. Mr Tan decided to let me off and praised me for telling the truth. He gave me another week to complete my written task.

I was relieved and walked back to the classroom, beaming from ear to ear. I hope that when my family goes to the zoo this weekend, this incident will not happen again.

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