

Israr 2C (17)

Part A

You want to enter a creative writing competition. Read the poster below about the competition and write a story.

You may use some ideas from the poster and/or your own ideas in your writing. Write the story in about 80-100 words.

The Kindness of Strangers

Kindness is a virtue that shines through those who do good deeds without expecting rewards. They help from the heart rather than for wealth or glory. During my primary years, I struggled with Chinese, which I considered the most difficult language.

At one point, I was severely punished by my Chinese teacher for failing most of my dictations, and she increased my revision tasks significantly! When I got home, I did what every other primary student would do: I cried in fear. I felt completely overwhelmed.

Then I remembered our unusual neighbor, who was not only a friend but also Chinese. Around 8 p.m., I snuck out and rang her bell. She opened the door, delighted to see me. I explained my problem, and without hesitation, she agreed to help. That night, she not only assisted me with my Chinese revisions and homework but also taught me about the language, traditions, and culture. To my surprise, she even gave me \$30 and a plush toy when we finished!

That moment warmed my heart. Despite being a stranger, she felt more like family than my father, who I found very difficult to deal with. Honestly, seeing her move away left me heartbroken. I'm going to miss you forever, Aunty Helen.