

## My trip to Singapore

I was always longing to go abroad. My dream finally came true. One fine morning my mother told me that we were going on a trip to Singapore. I was so happy and I started to count the days. Finally the day had arrived. I had already packed two days ago because I was so excited.

On that day we went to the airport at seven o'clock. At the airport, there was a big checking process to be done. Finally, we got our baggage loaded on board and we departed for Singapore at 12.35 in the night. The airline was Cathay Pacific. After we were seated, an air hostess gave me a gift for travelling in the airline. After the plane took off we could not see anything since it was dark. So we had our meal and slept.

We landed at Singapore Changi Airport early in

the morning and went by taxi to one of my aunt's houses. The first day we went to an island called 'Senthosa.' We had a tour around the island. The aquarium called Underwater World, the dolphin show, the theatre called Cinemania and the magical fountain show were some of the places we visited during this tour.

The next day we visited a famous bird park called the Jurong Bird Park. There I enjoyed myself as I am a bird lover. We saw a few bird shows there as well. It was a very nice and clean park. The next morning we visited a theme park. The water roller coaster, the water booster and other rides gave us so much of fun. Some of us managed to win soft toys as we participated in some games at the games centre.

The last day we went

shopping at Musthafa Market. We bought clothes and other items for our friends and relatives. My trip to Singapore had been really an enjoyable one. But I felt really sad on the last day when we departed for the airport to come back to Sri Lanka.

At the airport we did some shopping at the Duty Free Shop. After the plane took off I could see the beautiful scenery of Singapore from the plane. I really would like to thank my parents for granting me this wonderful opportunity. I would also like to say that Singapore is indeed a beautiful and clean country and I wish that my country would also be a clean country as Singapore one day.

**Rukshini Wijesuriya**  
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## My best friend

My best friend is Omesh. He goes to Ceylinco Sussex College. He likes to drink Pepsi. He likes to eat oranges. He has an elder brother and a younger sister. I love my friend very much.



**Dineth Ratnayake**  
(7 years)  
Ceylinco Sussex  
College

## Fruits



Fruits give us vitamins. We must eat more fruits everyday. We must eat clean and good fruits. Fruits are sweet to taste.

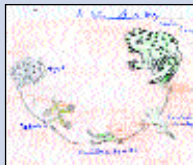
**Akashsheshan**  
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Kingston College  
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## A frog

A frog lays eggs in water. After some time, a young tadpole will emerge from the egg. The tadpole has a small head and a long tail. Soon the young tadpole grows in to an old tadpole. By this time its tail grows shorter. The older tadpole soon loses its long tail and becomes an adult frog.

A frog catches insects with its long sticky tongue. The tadpole scrapes algae from rocks under water, for food.

**Ayesha Azad**  
(9 years)  
Buddhist Ladies College,  
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## Flower garden



**Uvini Jayasinghe** (Grade 3)  
Musaeus College

## My school



**Imesha Dissanayake** (10 years)  
St. Bridget's Convent

## Balloon man



**Aishan Jayalath**  
Sunflower International  
Montessori, Katubedda

A poem for the week

Nature

I woke up early in the dawn.  
Through my window I saw my lawn.  
In blew a chilly and strong breeze.  
Swaying all the majestic trees.

The flower bushes were all in bloom.  
I forgot my sorrow and all my gloom.  
The sun wasn't out, I felt no heat.  
The scent in the air was very sweet.

All the trees so handsome and tall.  
Men come and fell and make them fall.  
Why can't our people understand.  
That they fell the beauty of our land.

Protect nature I tell you all.  
If not then later earth will fall.

**Bilal Saheed**  
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The Amazon Rainforest

The Amazon Rainforest in South America is the world's largest tropical rain forest. It is several millions of square kilometres in extent. It covers some parts of Brazil, Bolivia, Peru, Ecuador, Columbia, Venezuela, Guyana, Surinam and French Guyana.

This rainforest gets 27mm of annual rainfall. There are lots of trees in the Amazon Rainforest and some trees reach a height of 40 metres. We can see smaller trees and shrubs grow under them.

The Amazon Rainforest covers a wide variety of plants and animal life including ferns and exotic wild orchids. There are over 250 species of trees, among them Brazil nuts, cocoa, pineapples and rubber are economically important plants we can find. This rainforest has become very special for the world because it owns over 1500 species of birds, 3000 known species of fishes and over 30 million different species of insects.

At present, the Amazon Rainforest is struggling

with some threats caused by the rapid population growth, expansion of agricultural lands, hunting and the cutting down of trees. Because of these harmful effects 10% of the Amazon Rainforest has been destroyed. According to scientists' the Amazon Rainforest will soon be extinct, unless humans stop these evil activities, against nature.

**Indumini Randeny**  
(14 years)  
**Sirimavo Bandaranaike**  
Vidyalaya

My home



Himani Molligoda (5 years)

My house



Nethmi Wickramaarachchi (Grade 4)  
Buddhist Ladies College, Mt. Lavinia



Singapore during X'mas

Tharidhi Rajapakse (Grade 2)  
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Bambalapitiya

Myself

I am a girl. My name is Agalya. I am six years old. My hobbies are reading and playing with my little brother.



**Agalya Ganesh**  
(Grade 2)  
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Poems... Poems...

Create your own little poem and send it in to us. This competition is open to age groups from 4 - 14 years.

There will be one winner each week. The poems will be judged according to the age of the competitor. The winner will receive a book voucher for Rs. 500.

Please remember that the poems you send should be your own original composition and not copied from anyone or anywhere. Entries should be in your own handwriting and should be certified as your own by a teacher or parent.

**Word limit: 100 words.**  
**Please write 'A POEM FOR THE WEEK' at the top of your entry.**

