

### My favourite country

Out of all the countries in the world my favourite is the United States of America. There are 52 states in this huge country and there are 52 stars on their flag representing them. The capital city of the USA is Washington D.C. Mr. George W. Bush (Jr) is the president of this country and he lives in the 'White House.' He is the most powerful leader in the world.

The Harvard University which is situated in the USA, is one of the best higher education centres in the world. The world famous Statue of Liberty stands at the entrance to the New York Harbour. The spectacular Niagara Falls is also near Buffalo, New York. There are many beautiful actors and actresses in Hollywood.

Mr. Bill Gates, the richest man in the world, lives in this country. The United States of America is a huge country with lots of interesting things and world famous people.

**Shamindri Jayawarna (10 years)**  
Colombo International School, Kandy

### Animals



M. Nushfa (6 years)  
Baduriya Central College, Mawanella

### New class



Chathuri Wickramanayaka (13 years)  
Ku/Parakramabahu N. S., Polgahawela

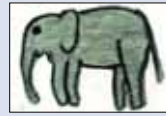
### Sunset at the beach



Pravin Lye (10 years)  
Lyceum International School, Wattala

### Elephant

The elephant eats leaves and kitul trees. Elephant has two small eyes and two big ears and four legs. He has a long trunk. He can carry big logs. He is going in a Perahera. Some elephants are dangerous and some are not dangerous. He lives in the jungle. Elephant is a very big animal. He can carry many heavy things. He puts mud on, when it is hot.



**Dewmini Lokuge (Grade 3)**  
Oxford International College, Warakapola

### My kite

I made a kite  
It's blue and white  
so bright and light  
goes like a  
flight



It flies so high  
to touch the sky  
I don't know why  
I can't fly

**Sumira Rathnasiri (8 years)**  
Dharmaraja College, Kandy

### Myself

I am Minidu. I am in Grade Three. I'm eight years old. I am a boy. I am studying in IDM Nations College, Ampara. I have only one brother. His name is Sasindu. My father's name is Nimal and my mother's name is Nandani. My favourite fruit is papaw and my favourite milk is 'Viva.'



**Minidu (Grade 4)**  
IDM Nations College, Ampara

### My mother

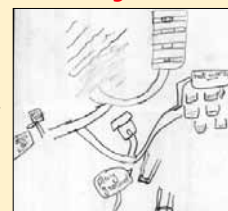
My mother's name is Nayana. She is thirty-five years old. She is a teacher. She can cook and play the organ. She washes our clothes. She gives me toys. She helps me to do my home work. I love my mother.



**Chathil Kumara Republican**  
International School, Nuwara Eliya

### My town

I live in Trincomalee with my parents. It is not a very big town. It is situated in the Eastern Province. The second biggest natural harbour is in Trincomalee. The famous Seven Hot Springs are also here. There are temples but the most famous temple is the Koneswaran Temple. Many foreign and local tourists come to see it. There are also big buildings and schools. There is a big Base Hospital.



ing here in harmony, such as Sinhalese, Tamils, Burghers, Muslims and foreigners too. The main religions are Islam, Buddhism, Christianity and Hinduism. Now due to the war, the situation is not normal like before.

I love my town very much, in spite of great difficulties and dangers we face. I hope peace will return soon, to our land.

**Chenelle De Niese (Grade 7)**  
St. Mary's College, Trincomalee



## 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**  
(14 years)  
Royal College

## My country

My country is Sri Lanka. It is in the Indian Ocean. It is a very beautiful country.

The British captured it on March 2, 1815. We regained independence on February 4, 1948. The last king was Sri Wickrama Rajasinghe. The first Prime Minister was D. S. Senanayake. The first President was Sir William Gopallawa. The first Executive President was J. R. Jayawardana. The world's first lady Prime Minister was Sirimavo Bandaranaike. She was from Sri Lanka. Our National Anthem was composed by Mr. Ananda

Samarakoon.

The capital is Sri Jayewardenepura Kotte. The cultural capital is Kandy. The commercial capital is Colombo.

There are so many ethnic groups in Sri Lanka. They are, the Sinhalese, Tamils, Muslims, Burghers and Malays.

There are so many ancient cities in Sri Lanka. They are, Sri Jayewardenepura, Polonnaruwa, Dambadeniya and Yapahuwa.

There are so many beautiful rivers, mountains and waterfalls. The highest

mountain is Pidurutalagala. The longest river is the Mahaweli Ganga. The highest waterfall is Bambarakanda.

The National Tree is the 'Na,' the national flower is the Water Lily, the national bird is the Jungle Fowl and the national game is Volleyball. I love my country very much and I am proud to be a Sri Lankan.

**Bilal Marikar**  
(7 years),  
Matale International School

## Illustration art



Michelle Benjamin  
(Grade 5)  
Lyceum International School



## Cat

Rumal Rathnasiri  
(4 years)  
Isumi Koyo  
Pre - School, Kandy



## Bathing at the river



Uthpalawanna Dassanayake  
(13 years)  
Mahamaya Girls' College  
Kandy

## 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.**