

My first teacher

My teacher's name is Safiya. She was my first teacher. She teaches English to us. My teacher has been to Singapore twice. She is very good. She wears sarees. When there is a function at our school she is the one who announces. She teaches at Matale International School. She wears fancy rings on her fingers. She has a red purse. Sometimes she'll go to Singapore again. May God bless her! I love my teacher very much.



Hala Marikar (6 years)
Matale International

A rainy day

One day when we were getting ready to go to the park, suddenly it rained. Anyway, my mother gave me permission to go and play in the rain. When I went out I heard splashing sounds. I danced and sang a tune. Then I called my sister to come with two buckets. She asked "Why?" I said, "To splash water." She brought two buckets, I filled the bucket with rain water and threw it on my sister. She did the same thing to me. My mother asked, "Shall I make



boats and come?" We said, "Ok!" She made so many boats and my sister and I let them go. My mother said, "Dada will come soon, go and change your dress." So I went and changed my dress. I said, "Thank you Mama for letting me play outside." I will never forget that rainy day.

Lakshikaa Srithar (7 years)
Colombo International School, Kandy

My garden



I have a nice garden. Our garden has beautiful flowers. It is in Kurunegala. We water our plants everyday. My garden has many trees. Our garden has a gate. There are many animals coming to eat fruits. They are birds and butterflies. Our garden has a mango tree, coconut tree and a papaw tree. We clean our garden everyday. We made Vesak lanterns in our garden, last Vesak.

Savindu Herat (Grade 1)
Royal International School, Kurunegala

The temple of the Tooth Relic

The Temple of the Tooth Relic or Dalada Maligawa is a place of worship. Buddhists go there to worship the sacred tooth relic of the Lord Buddha, which is kept there.

It is situated in the city of Kandy, near the Kandy Lake and opposite the Queens Hotel. It is in the centre of the city. The Udawatte Forest Reserve is behind it.

You can see the Golden Casket, which contains the sacred Tooth Relic of Lord Buddha. You can also see very old wall paintings, carvings and very old books. There are also many beautiful statues. You will also able to visit the museum of the tusker Raja and the palace of King Sri Wickrama Rajasinghe, which is next to the temple.

Every year a beautiful procession called the Esala Perahera is held to honour the sacred Tooth Relic of the Lord Buddha. You will be able to visit and see many elephants at this procession, which is held in honour of the sacred Tooth Relic. This procession is held in August every year.

Many local and foreign tourists visit the Temple of the Tooth Relic every year. Some visit it to worship, while others visit it to observe and admire its art and architecture. I think that the people of Kandy are very lucky to have this beautiful temple in their city.

Wenuri Ratnayaka (11 years)
Mahamaya Girls College, Kandy

My house



Gazan Aashith (4 years)
International Child Care Centre, Puttalam

Beauty of the jungle



Duvindu Lyanage (Grade 2)
Rahula College, Matara

Racing car



Dannon Gomez (8 years)
OKI International



Cats



Cats are playful and nice,
My cat is black and white
Sometimes it scratches me,
But I like my cat 'Suddie'
Everytime!

She likes to drink milk
She likes to eat fish and chicken
Sometimes 'Suddie' runs when
She sees me.
But I like my cat
So much!

My grandmother scolds me
When I touch the cat.
But my mother tells me
to touch a little
Then I pet her,
A lot, a lot, a lot!

Udani Navaratne (7 years)
Hillwood College,
Kandy

My visit to the zoo

Today is the day we
are going to the zoo. I
just can't wait.

"Vroom," daddy is
starting the car.

"Are we going?"
"Yes!" says
mommy.

I get in the car. The
car stopped.

"Are we there?"
"Yes!" says daddy.

What a short time.
Come on. We get our
tickets. What should
we see first? Let's go
this way. The lions.

There are three males
and one female. See
the leopard. It's bal-
ancing on a log. Oh!
The tiger, it's opening
the door for the other.
Look at the bear, he's
taking a bath in the

water.
Is that
all? No
look, a board.

Sea Lion show at
4.00. Uh! No! It's four!
Fantastic, the sea
lion's name is
'Chakku.' He said,
"Hello, and Good
Morning." He jumped
through the hoop and
went down a slide.
He's five years old.
Time to leave! "Well,
bye animals," I had a
great time.

**Dulani
Kankanamge
(8 years)**
Chittick
Elementary,
New Jersey,
U. S. A.



A Poem for the Week

Create your own little poem and send it in to us. This competition is open to age groups from 4 - 14 years. The poems will be judged according to the age of the competitor.

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 clearly certified as your own creation by a teacher or parent.

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

The winner will receive a book voucher for Rs.500.

A visit to a circus

With a blast of music, and a fan of balloons,
All the performers enter the sawdust ring.
As people cheer and jump in the aisles,
And the songs and chants they sing!

The trapeze artistes swoop and dive,
As the open-mouthed audience gape,
At the lions and tigers with their ferocious snarls,
And their trainer, with his glittering cape.

Then the clowns come followed by the acrobats,
And the ringmaster himself, in all his glory,
But then, finally, the circus ends,
And everyone leaves; but that's another story!

**Dilshan Senaratne
(12 years)**
Ecole International,
Digana

My teacher



R. Nishadi (6 years)
Atamie International
School, Ragama

Waterfall



**Umama Muzammil
(Grade 3)**
Royal International School,
Kegalle

A butterfly



**Ashwin Fernando
(4 years)**
Lyceum International School,
Kandana