

My Teddy Buddy

I have a teddy
Who is Buddy
Always muddy
And plays funny.

But my
sister
hates
Buddy
Because
she has a
Tommy
The Tommy and Buddy
Play with me.

I am happy because
Of Buddy and Tommy
They go to hilly
Sitting on my tummy.

**Thabitha Vijitsingh
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I am a butterfly

I am a butterfly. I have two wings. I have six legs. I don't have a backbone. I have an antenna. My wings are very beautiful. I have a honey sucking tube. My abdomen is in my back. I am a very innocent insect. I have red and blue colour wings. I like to drink nectar. Children like me very much.

**Shehan Horadagoda
(9 years)
Ceylinco Sussex
College, Badulla**



The country I would like to visit

If I got an opportunity to visit a country, I would like to visit Japan. It is one of the most beautiful, richest, powerful, cleanest countries in the world. The secret behind it is, Japanese are hard-working, patriotic and persevering.

It is also called, 'The land of the rising sun.' The country is mostly mountainous without any natural resources. Their staple food is rice and next noodles. We know much about the Japanese way of life, customs, traditions and the challenges they face from the tele-drama 'Oshin.'

Japan is a highly industrial country and very advanced in technology. Japan is very vulnerable to earthquakes and volcanic eruptions, yet they rise up again.

During the Second

World War, America bombed Japan and millions died. The country was devastated. Within 55 years, it is one of the richest developed countries.

The Japanese are very artistic in flower arrangements, *Ikebana*, *Origami*, and *Bonsai* miniature plants. Even their architecture is unique.

The Japanese are proud of their culture, customs and traditions. The *Kimono* is their traditional dress.

Sri Lanka and Japan have been good friends as way back as 50 years. We get the most aid for our development projects from Japan. So if I get a chance to visit Japan I could see the interesting and beautiful places there.

**Nimra Jiffery (14 years)
St. Joseph's B.M.V.,
Gampola**

Paddy field



**Keyshalee Tillekaratne
(Grade 2)
Buddhist Ladies
College,
Matara**

Madduma Bandara



**Chamya Herath (10 years)
Royal International School, Kegalle**

My house

**Sasmitha Silva
(5 years)
Atamie
International
School,
Ragama**



My pet

My pet is a dog. Its name is Rubi. Rubi is black. Rubi is small. It can run fast. Rubi likes to play. Rubi has four legs. My pet likes milk. Rubi is a good dog. I like my Rubi.

**Chaveen Dias
(Grade 2)
Richmond College,
Galle**

My parents

From the day I was born my parents looked after me. When I fall sick they do not sleep the whole night and stay by my bedside.

When I reached my school-going age of five years they admitted me to Bandarawela Vishaka Girls' College and now I am in Grade Six.

My father who works in the Education Department takes me on his push cycle to school on his way to work every morning. My mother is a housewife. After school she waits at the school gate and brings me home.

This is why I love my parents so much. When they grow old I will look after them and keep them happy.

**Mithuni Amarasena
(10 years)
Vishaka B.M.M.V.,
Bandarawela**

Note

Please remember that articles, poems and paintings sent, will not be published unless they are certified as your own work by a parent or teacher. Articles should not exceed 200 words.

Trip to Canneliya Rain Forest

We made a wonderful trip to Canneliya rain forest with our friends in the Girl Guide Association of



our school. We went there by bus. Then we made a hike through the rain forest to see its beauty.

We saw a rock cave. It was like a tunnel and was too dark. Then we went through it. We could see a beautiful waterfall called 'Anagimal Ella.' I took a

nice photograph of it. We saw endemic plants, flowers and birds. We had an unforgettable experience.

We spent a whole day in Canneliya rain forest. We came to school late evening with lots of sweet memories.

Supuni Nayanaharie
(Grade 8)
Sangamitta College,
Galle

Fish Tank

Sanduni Dias
(7 years)
Suwarnamalee
B. M. V.,
Kandy



My house

Asel
Weerabahu
(Grade 1)
Trinity College,
Kandy

Friendship

Friendship is important for each and everybody. But unluckily

some don't have any friends to share



their happiness or sadness.

A friend should be a good friend and make their best friends happy forever. If any of the friends have problems they mustn't leave their friend alone.

They must try to help the friend and give good advice.

There is a saying, 'Friendship lasts forever.'

Farlah Faiz (14 years)
Al-Imran
International School,
Kandy

Vase of flowers



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.

I am a pencil

I am a pencil
A black and red one,
I like to be sharpened,
Listen, everyone.

Once I was lost,
In a very dark drawer,
My mistress was looking,
In each and every corner.

I was feeling nervous,
If things worsened,
I would not be found,
On any matter of ground.

Suddenly, I heard a sound,
and I saw the drawer open,
My mistress quickly
grabbed me,
For she thought I was lost
forever.

Anam Ashfaq (8 years)
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Kaveesha Ganguli
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