

My cat

I have a cat. It is white. It is small. It can run. I like it.



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My Achchi

My Achchi is the mother of my mother. Her name is Leelawathy and she is about 65 years but she looks smart and healthy. She lives near our house in her own house.

Whenever I am free I go to see her. She keeps me happy telling me interesting stories about her childhood days. On Poya days she observes *sil* at the village temple. On that day she tells me Jathaka stories about the life of Lord Buddha, which are very interesting to listen to.

She always gives me good advice to study well and become a useful person to society. I really love my Achchi.

**Mithuni Amarasena
(10 years)
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Easter



**Hiruni Samuel (Grade 4)
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My trip to Kithulgala

Last December my father and mother took me and my sister on a trip to Kithulgala. We started from Kandy at about seven in the morning. First we went to our cousin's house and asked our cousins Varuni and Pududini to go in our car. Our aunt, uncle, and baby Sanduni followed in their car.

On our way we stopped at Belilena to see where the 'Cave Man' once lived. The cave man had lived in this famous cave many years ago. There was another cave near this main cave with a small waterfall flowing down from the top.

As we proceeded we saw a large rubber plantation. We saw how the labourers collected the latex. We passed a lot of tea estates.

We had our lunch at Kithulgala Rest House. Then we bathed in the Kelani River which was very close to the rest-house. The river was full of stones and there was not much water. When baby Sanduni was dipped in the water she laughed loudly and waved her arms and tried to come towards us. But our aunt held her tightly. We went back to the rest-house where we had some snacks and tea.

Then we started our return journey. It was night when we reached our homes. It was an enjoyable and memorable day's trip.

**Asitha Navaratne
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A flower vase



**Sanuda Vidyaratne (Grade 4)
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My grandmother's house



**Uvindi Attanayake (Grade 1)
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Peacock



The peacock is a beautiful bird. It is a proud bird. The female peacock is called a peahen. The peacock has colourful and beautiful feathers. It likes to eat worms. Peacocks live in jungles. In the mornings they raise their feathers and dance. My favourite bird is the peacock.

**Ravinau Parinda
(Grade 3)
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Kandana**

Butterfly

An innocent
Little butterfly,
Is going up
To see the sky.

I never thought a
Butterfly can fly very
high
If I too can fly
Like a butterfly.

**Pranidhi Gajaba
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Kandy**



The sea

**Chaveen Dlas
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Galle**

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.

Super computers

Super Computers are the largest, fastest and the most expensive computer systems in the world. Many users can access Super Computers at the same time.

These computers are used mainly for scientific work. The speed of a modern Super Computer is

measured in nanoseconds and in giga flops. A gigaflop is one billion floating point arithmetic operation per second.

Cray 1, Cray 2, Cray T90 and Cray J90 are the models of the Super Computer. They are used mainly in aerospace, automotive, electronics, petro-

leum industries and weather forecasting and seismic analysis.

Super Computers may be helpful in new inventions in the future.

**Kusal Weraniyagoda
(13 years)
Leeds International
School, Galle.**

Water is precious

Water is a natural resource. It is precious because of its importance to life and its many uses.

The water that we use in day to day life very often gets polluted mainly by human activities. As a result of that, the water becomes dirty and smelly. The polluted water contains harmful germs and

spreads diseases. It also damages the living things that live in water.

Farmers bathe their animals near rivers which cause water pollution. Lots of factory waste is directed to waterways and people also throw litter into rivers, which is very harmful. Marine animals

are injured or killed because of this.

Let's all get together and stop polluting water, the most important natural resource in the world.

**Shamindri Jayawarna
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Colombo International
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My house



Dewmini Jayawardena (5 years)
Swan Pre-School, Ampitiya

My fish tank



Senya Tennakoon (Grade 1)
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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.

My vandalized bedroom

"Oh, my God!" I gasped.
I couldn't believe my eyes!
I was completely thunder-struck;
I didn't have any choice!

My room had been ransacked!
The tidy shelves were empty.
'Cos the books were swept away, to the floor.
What a pity!

My clothes had been crumpled,
And so was the bed sheet.
Someone has ruined my room,
Which I always kept neat.

Then I spotted my naughty brother,
Biting his lips guiltily;
"What have you done?"
I screamed.
He looked away from me.

"I didn't do anything naughty,
I only looked for my ball!"
He lied rather mischievously;
Then I chased him down the hall!

**Aranya Dewanarayana
(12 years)
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