

The lion

The lion is very dangerous. Lion has babies called cubs. It eats flesh. It lives in caves in the jungle. It has fur around his neck. Lion is a wild animal. It is brown in colour. It hunts small and big animals. It lives in groups. Lion is the king of the jungle.



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My teacher

My teacher's name is Miss Prasadini. My teacher is twenty years old. She wears beautiful sarees. She teaches us Science, Health and Maths. She is tall and thin. My teacher comes to school early in the morning. She is very good and kind. I love my teacher very much. God bless my teacher!



Savindu Herat
(6 years)
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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Please remember that articles, poems and paintings sent, will not be published unless they are certified as your own work by a parent or teacher.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 the zoo

One evening my father told me that tomorrow we will go to the zoo. My heart was full of joy.

Next morning we went to the zoo. I took my hat and water bottle. My mother took breakfast too.

It was Saturday. So, lots of people were in front of the gate. There were balloon sellers too.

We entered the zoo. That was my first visit to the zoo. So I was really happy. I looked here and there.

I saw lots of animals. Dangerous animals such as lions and tigers were in cages. When I heard those animals roar I was scared. My mother held my hand tightly.

There was a very beautiful place called *Minmedura*. Colourful fish were there. That place was dark and cool.

While walking, I tasted an ice-cream too. I saw baboons and monkeys. They were always busy, chattering, jumping and scratching. I like to see the hippos.

My father took lots of photos. In the evening I was very tired but my mind was filled with good memories.

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New Year Games

Anupama Samaranayake
(11 years)
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'Avurudu mesa'

Chethana Abayasekera
(13 years)



Avurudu customs

Chlraith Nissanka
(9 years)
Gateway College,
Kandy



My pet

My pet is a cat. It is black and white. It has four legs. I love my pet.



Kavinda Kushan
(8 years)
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My country

My country is Sri Lanka. It is a beautiful country. Sinhalese, Tamils, Muslims and Burghers live in our country.

There are many rivers, mountains and forests in my country. Pidurutalagala is the highest mountain and the longest river is Mahaweli.

The national tree is the Na tree. The national flower is the Blue Water Lily. My country is well known for its tea, coconut and rubber. The capital of my country is Sri Jayawardenapura.

I love my country very much.

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On the swing



Gayesha Nanayakkara
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Importance of the English Language

As you all know English is an important language. We learn English as a subject in our schools. We have to study English as well, because one day it'll be of immense help for us. If we know English well, we can easily find a job.

Those who have learnt English better can go through the internet also. People who have learnt English well have succeeded in their lives. If we are unable to speak in English we can't do anything. So the best thing is to study this language from childhood.

Most of us say this is a difficult language to study. But if we read English books, it will not be a difficult language. However, according to my views, English is very important for us.

Champika Herath
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The golden casket of the Sacred Tooth Relic

The casket is called the *Dalada Karanduwa* in Sinhala. It is shrine shaped and is covered with golden jewellery. There are six smaller caskets under this, and the smallest casket has the Relic.

The *Diyawadana Nilame* is responsible for the casket. This casket is guarded very well. It is kept in a chamber in the *Dalada Maligawa*. Many people come to worship it and they put money. Foreigners from other countries come to see it. This Sacred Tooth

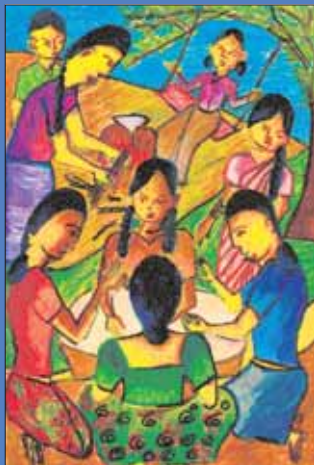
Relic is carried by an elephant in the perahera. This elephant is a tusker. The Sacred Tooth Relic is kept on its back at the auspicious time.

In the absence of the king, three important men are guarding the Relic. Two chief monks and a layman are doing the duty.

We should respect the Golden Casket of the Sacred Tooth Relic.

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Avurudu customs



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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.

Life

Life is like a flowing river,
Or so I've heard...
Songs have it...
People say it...
So I believe it's true!

The water is our life,
Moving steadily onwards.
The rocks that the water crashes against,
Are the obstacles we meet in life,
The river bank on either side,
Are our parents,
guiding us, in the right path,
The streams that join the river,
Are the blessings we receive,
Which make us stronger people.

And finally, when the river joins the sea,
Symbolizes where our life ends,
When we re-unite,
With all the people we had to say good-bye to,
Because all rivers eventually join the sea...

Shenali Amaratunga
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