

彰化縣立鹿港國中 115 學年度校內英語朗讀比賽選文

Hello, everyone. I'm number _____. Today, I'm going to read Article 1.

Laifu Saves His Owner

Today's story is about a fire. A scary midnight fire in Hualien City. But today's story is also about a dog. A very special, very brave dog named Laifu. It was midnight. Everyone in the neighborhood was asleep. Ms. Lin lives here too, with her two dogs Laifu and A-Bao. She went to bed at around 9 p.m. Everything was quiet. But at midnight...Ms. Lin heard sounds. Laifu was barking, scratching, even using his body to bang on the door. Again and again. Ms. Lin was annoyed. She got up to scold Laifu. But when she opened the door... She saw thick black smoke, and flames. Her home was on fire! Ms. Lin called 119. She switched off the main power supply and grabbed important things. She called her dogs, "Laifu! A-Bao"! Both dogs came and ran with her. But when Ms. Lin got out, Laifu was not with her anymore. Ms. Lin wanted to go back for him. But the fire was spreading too fast. She had to leave. All her clothes, all her things... Everything left inside was destroyed. But Ms. Lin was alive. Because Laifu woke her up.

Now a word about safety... Fire can spread very, very fast. Even while you are asleep. Here are some things to remember: Make sure your home has a smoke alarm. It can wake you up just like Laifu did for Ms. Lin! Know your escape route, as in how to get out of your home quickly. Never go back into a burning building for your things. Call 119 immediately.

Back in Hualien, firefighters worked hard to put out the fire. And everyone was finally safe. But where was Laifu? Ms. Lin waited, and worried. Then, someone spotted a dog nearby. It was Laifu! Safe and unharmed. Just walking around the neighborhood. Ms. Lin cried when she saw him. She says he saved her life!

Thank you.

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From Stray Kitten to Famous Station Cat

Imagine arriving at a bus station and being greeted by a cat behind the counter. That might sound unusual. But that's what can happen at Hualien Bus Station. Meet Egg Tart, an orange tabby that has become the station's special cat. But Egg Tart wasn't always a worker! His story began one night in June 2025. Station workers kept hearing quiet sounds but couldn't figure out where they were coming from. The next morning, they discovered something strange. Four packets of fish snacks at the station counter had been ripped open. One packet was completely empty! After searching the station, they found a tiny stray kitten hiding behind some lockers. Egg Tart was only about six weeks old and had lost his mother. Instead of chasing him away, the workers decided to adopt him. And that's how Egg Tart went from stealing snacks to becoming part of the team. Now, Egg Tart spends four half-days each week at the station. He has his own spot, where he welcomes visitors. The station even posts his work schedule online. Egg Tart became famous after the station shared a video of him meowing behind the counter as if he were helping customers. But Egg Tart's job isn't only to look cute. Station workers hope his story can encourage more care for stray animals and make the bus station more pet-friendly. Visitors are welcome to see Egg Tart, but there are some rules. People should not feed him or use flash photography. And they should leave him alone when he's resting. Egg Tart isn't Taiwan's only famous station cat. Other former strays have also found homes at train and metro stations.

Thank you.

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Hello, everyone. I'm number _____. Today, I'm going to read Article 3.

Pens that Smell Like Taiwan

We're starting out with something simple. Something you use every day. A pen. But not just any pen. Pens that smell like Taiwan! A company made these special pens. And they showed these pens at a special event. Everyone stopped to check out these pens. They stood in a long line. They opened the pen caps. And they took a big sniff. Some people said "Oooh, yes!" And some people said "Ewww, no!" What's going on here? Well, the company said most pens are all about writing well. But they wanted to try something different. They wanted pens that could make you feel something. Bring back a memory. Make you smile. They thought...Taiwan has amazing food. Night markets are full of incredible things to eat and drink. Smells that every Taiwanese person knows and loves. So what if you could put those smells in a pen? And that is exactly what they did. It's all in these seasonings markers. These pens smell like the cooking smells of Taiwan! Love it or hate it, there's coriander! There's also basil, the green herb that goes on top of fried chicken at the night market! Or how about sesame oil, like the smell of sesame oil chicken on a cold winter day. And there's also garlic, black pepper, and ginger! But wait, what if your favorite thing about Taiwan is its drink shops? Well, there's another set of pens for Taiwan's most loved drinks. There's passion fruit iced tea, like summer in a pen. There's jasmine green tea, light and refreshing. And of course there's milk tea, a Taiwanese classic. These pens sound like a lot of fun! If you could choose for yourself... What smell would you put in a pen?

Thank you.