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We share our opinions!

Why we shouldn't have tutorial classes By 5A Sophie Lam



Nowadays, it is common to see students rushing for tutorial classes in order to get good grades. These lessons are mostly arranged by parents after school hours. However, tutorial classes are affecting students' homework time and their free time for drawing and sporting. Some mention that it is a waste of money too. Personally, I agree with this. Let me give you some reasons why we should not have tutorial classes.

To begin with, attending tutorial classes limits students' free time and rest time. Teachers at school already assigned a lot of homework, and tutors at tutorial centres give out even more assignments.

After tutorial classes, students arrive home late, and need to spend much time to complete all work and assignments. They have no choice but to sleep late.

Parents always think that tutorials are good and can teach students extra knowledge. They help students apply for multiple tutorial centres, hoping that they achieve better grades on tests and examinations.

At the same time, tutors at tutorial centres give much pressure on students and force them to do a lot of assignments and quizzes. They believe that the more they practice, the better their academic performance is. Yet, both parents and tutors forget that students are tired after school and should have more free time to do activities they like.

My suggestion is that, instead of tutorial classes, we as students should pay more attention in class, listen carefully to what the teacher says in class, and jotting down important notes for self-revision at home. In order to better prepare ourselves for tests and examinations, we should not rely solely on tutorial classes. Instead, we should do revisions by ourselves.

In conclusion, we should not have tutorial classes because we can do revisions by ourselves and pay attention to teachers and get better grades.



Why I Think We Shouldn't Have Exams By 6A Damon Yip



At school, exams are a compulsory part of our education. Typically, exams take place at the end of each term. Schools like to use exams to evaluate our learning progress. I personally disagree with the fact that exams are a necessary part of our education. 'Why', you ask? Here are some key reasons.

First, exams can create stress for students. Over 75% of students get anxiety from exams, because of the pressure to achieve good grades in exams. This is bad for students' mental health. Is it worth it to destroy students' mental well-being for the sake of an exam?

Second, students often study for exams at the last minute (right before the exam period) rather than continuously reviewing learnt material from classes. This means the material students memorise often stays in their short-term memory. After the exams, students often forget everything they learnt. Therefore, it is not the best way to ensure sustainable learning.



Lastly, exams focus on memorisation. The exam questions only have one right answer, which limits students' creativity. Students are not allowed to think outside the box; they will believe that all problems have one right answer. Therefore, exams are limiting to students' intellectual development. Instead of having exams, I believe that we can have small pop quizzes, projects, and presentations. Not only will this encourage students to pay continuous attention in classes, but it also relieves stress because students do not need to memorise large chunks of information at the end of the term. Plus, students' learning progress can be assessed regularly, in small chunks.



Projects and presentations are open-ended and provide students with creative freedom. Students can also learn other important skills, such as logical thinking and teamwork.

In conclusion, the three reasons I gave clearly support the argument that exams are unnecessary in school. Instead, we can turn to alternative ways to assess students' learning progress, including semi-regular quizzes, projects, and presentations.

My extracurricular activities By 5B Julie Tsang Cheuk Yee

Today I will tell you about my extracurricular activities.

Every Monday and Wednesday, I play basketball from 2:00 to 3:30. One and a half hours. The teacher can come up with a variety of activities for training every time, and the content is very interesting.

On Tuesdays, the fifth grade will have a Chinese enrichment class, from 1:00 to 1:30, and I will have English drama training after returning home, from 3:15 to 4:45.

On Wednesdays, before I play basketball, I will take an English elite class from 1:00 to 1:30. Although there are no after-school activities at school on Thursday, I need to go to pipa class when I get home.

On Friday, after school, the fifth grade will have an English enrichment class from 1:10 to 1:30 too, and there will be an English interview class after returning home.

Finally, is Saturday, I will take Sand Painting and Etiquette Dance classes. These classes help me to relax, and I like them very much.



What if we make video games a subject? By 5A Mason O



I believe that video games should become a school subject. Here I present two reasons.

First, preparing for the future. The gaming job is a very important job in the coming future whether people like it or not because you can become a Youtuber. Second, stress relief. Playing relieves the stress of students who are tired of studying. We are always stressed out by too much homework and exams. Adults can travel or relax through their hobbies, but students have no choice. Even exhausted students like us need a hobby.

If we can relieve stress, experience gaming, and learn the rules in it, there seems to be no reason not to add it as a subject. We just need to remember not to play games for so long that it affects our grades in other subjects.

Plus, think about it: wouldn't students play less if the game becomes homework?



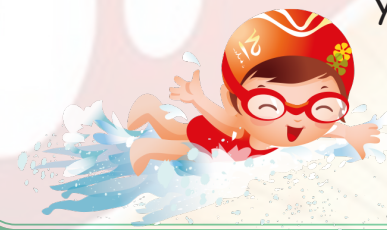
Being a member of the swimming team By 6A Marcus Li



I was five years old when I was watching my old television in my home. I saw that Miss Siobhan Bernadette Haughey won three medals for Hong Kong in the Olympics. I got very excited. At that moment, I wanted to become a member of the school swimming team. Rare opportunity, in primary two, I had a precious chance to be a member of the school swimming team. I immediately joined the team.



Now, every Monday, Thursday, and Friday, I go to the swimming pool to train my swimming skills. I train very hard but it is still very hard to learn. I even want to give up. Luckily, my friend Tommy said to me 'Don't give up, it was just a little challenge. It is easy to do it. Swimming can improve your heart and lung function so that it can change your worse physical fitness. It can also help you to save yourself and another easily.' With encouragement, I hang in there and train more hardly. Besides my best friend Tommy, I still have a mound of partners that train with me. We always cheer up each other when we are tired, and we never give up in any race.



These are a few of our favourite things!

Movie review: *Warriors of Future* By 6A Cedric Tsang

Warriors of Future is the first armor film in China and Hong Kong. It is produced by Louis Koo.

This movie is about humans inventing war robots to help people fight in wars. Different places have wars all the time. Louis Koo in the movie is called Tyler. Tyler thought two years after the war finished, people would learn their lessons. Instead, this is the time for humans to pay back all that they have done in the past.

Also, the air quality in Hong Kong is very bad. For the safety of all the citizens, many places started to build canopies. That will resist toxic air. After the canopy is finished, a giant meteorite struck the city's area B16. This meteorite carried a massive plant. When this plant touches water, it will grow very fast, but this plant could purify the air that is toxic. Scientists called it Pandora.

What ending will Pandora give us? No one knows, but Tyler's pal said the ending is decided by yourself.

Are any of you are interested in the film? If you are interested in the film, you can watch it on Netflix. I hope you like it!



Chess is fun By 5A Brian Sze



When I was 7, I started playing chess. This strategy game has become my biggest hobby.

When you are new to chess, I suggest that you play the London system. I think that castling is a better option than opening the center with your king there. Basically, the pawn moves two spaces from its starting square and then attacks diagonally in one file. The knight moves in an 'L', the bishop moves diagonally, and the rook moves in a straight line and moves sideways. The queen moves like a rook

and bishop, so she is very valuable.

Chess involves skill and there are many different openings for you to choose from. For example Trompowsky Attack, Dutch Defence, and Queen's Gambit. The Queen's pawn opening is my favourite.

There are some special moves in chess. En passant is a move that involves pawns. If the pawn moves two spaces from its starting square, the other enemy pawn can take the pawn when beside your move. There are many strategies like that, and I love to experiment with them.



My favourite computer game: Among Us By 5A Benjamin Chan

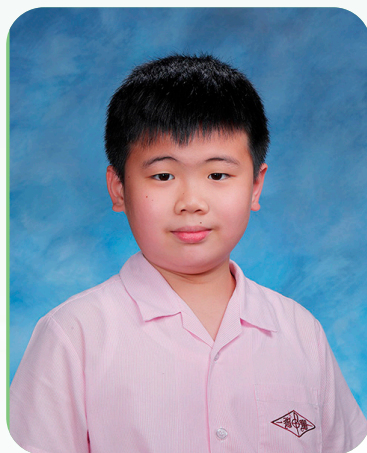


Among us is a very popular game that is played by many famous Youtubers. There are two roles in the game, you either be the crewmate or the impostor. A crewmate's job is to complete all the tasks to win or vote out the impostor to win. The impostor's job is to sabotage, pretend to do tasks, and kill.

You can also customise your avatar. You can have a backpack, a hat, a virtual reality headset, etc. You can also create custom matches to play with your friends.

So overall, I think Among Us is a fun game to play and I recommend everyone to try it out.

All about Minecraft By 5B Sunny Wong and 6A Garrick Chan



My favourite video game is Minecraft, a very popular one among young players and Youtubers. In this article, I am going to teach you the basics about this popular game. Minecraft is a video game in which players create and break apart various kinds of blocks in three-dimensional worlds.

In Minecraft, you can do anything you want. You can either build something, kill mobs, go mining or explore the world. Also, you can play with your friends and have fun together in your Minecraft world. If you have no friends to play with you, you can play online with other players. There is a server called Hypixel which is the most popular server on Minecraft. You can play bedwars, which is the most famous gamemode in the server.

The game's two main modes are Survival and Creative. In Survival, players must find their own building supplies and food. They also interact with blocklike mobs or moving creatures. (Creepers and zombies are some of the dangerous ones.) In Creative, players are given supplies and do not have to eat to survive. They also can break all kinds of blocks immediately. Your goal is to beat the ender dragon.

There are different kinds of strange creatures, such as zombies, creepers spiders, ender man, skeletons, wither skeletons, ender dragons, blazes and more. different kinds of mobs drop different kinds of things, like zombies drop rotten flesh, ender men drop ender pearls and more.

There are different kinds of ores such as diamonds, iron, gold, red stone, and more. You need to get wood to get a pickaxe and axe swords among others. But to get diamonds you need to get an iron pickaxe to mine the diamond. To craft stuff, you need to have a crafting table. To get to the end, you need to have the "eyes of Enders". To craft the "eyes of Enders", you need to have some ender pearls and some blaze rods. You need to go to the nether to find the blazes.

I hope you will like this video game and try to create your own world and beat the Ender dragon. You need to pay \$58HKD to play Minecraft.



The best chocolate chips cookies in the world! By 6A Zita Tsang



Chocolate cookies are one of my favourite snacks to eat, and the best ones are homemade ones. I will tell you the recipe to make my favourite chocolate chip cookies so you can enjoy them too!

Ingredients:

1. $\frac{1}{2}$ cups of all-purpose flour
2. 2 teaspoon of baking powder
3. 1 teaspoon of baking soda
4. 1 teaspoon of salt
5. 2 sticks of butter which is room temperature
6. $\frac{3}{4}$ cup of granulated sugar
7. $\frac{3}{4}$ cup of light brown sugar
8. 1 teaspoon of vanilla extract
9. 2 eggs
10. 12 ounces of chocolate chips

Just follow the following steps:

First, mix the dry ingredients together in a big bowl with flour, baking soda and salt. Be sure to mix it well!

Secondly, mix the butter, both the sugars, and vanilla extract together in another bowl. Then, use an electric mixer or your hands to mix the second bowl of mixture. Also, you should use the medium speed. Keep mixing it until the mixture is light and fluffy.

After that, add in the two eggs and mix. Mix one egg first, then the other. Next, slowly add in the bowl of dry ingredients (The first bowl of mixture.) It needs to be well combined, and you add in all the dry ingredients.

When you finish, fold in the chocolate chip until it is completely in the dough. Do this step gently.

Lastly, separate the dough into pieces and put them onto a greased baking tray so it doesn't stick on the tray and bake them at 375 degrees for 7 to 9 minutes. The last reminder is to put all the cookies a bit apart because they will expand while baking.

Finally, your cookies are done. Before eating them, be sure to let them cool down for about 1 minute. I hope you enjoy these delicious chocolate chip cookies!

We share our own stories!

The case of the missing cake By 6B Ally Cheng



Emily was enjoying her school holiday. Although the weather was good, she just stayed at home and enjoyed her cup of mint tea. 'I have baked you a strawberry cake, Emily,' her mum said happily. Emily was not surprised to hear that. Her mum bakes wonderful things all the time. She thought, 'the cake will go well with the tea.'

Then she started reading a book called 'The mysterious man' in the living room. The book was so exciting and interesting that Emily could not put it down. Her brother was doing homework while her mum was talking on the phone. The sound

of her mother disturbed Emily a lot, so she went back to her bedroom to enjoy her book.

After reading for twenty minutes, she started to feel a bit tired. But she really wanted to know what the ending was about, so she continued reading. Suddenly, Emily whispered 'Where is my strawberry cake?. I should have put it in my room and not the living room.' The case of the missing cake was opened.

Emily thought really hard. 'Did my brother steal it?' No, he doesn't like eating cake. 'Maybe my dog ate it?' No, my helper took my dog for a walk. This case was so hard and complicated that Emily was about to give up. She left the room to find clues with her magnifying glass. She looked at her bookshelf and flipped all the books carefully. But there was not even a tiny hint. She turned



on her torch to find some footprints, but there was no sign of a footprint. She sighed with relief when she found her cake on the table. Click, click. She couldn't believe what her mum was doing now. Her mum was using a camera to take a photo of the cake and the cake turned into a photo. 'No,' Emily cried. 'What are you doing mum?' she yelled. But it was too late, her mum turned into an ugly old witch.

Then she woke up because of this nightmare. She figured out it was just a dream. She saw her strawberry cake on the table in one piece. And

she ate it immediately in case someone steals it. 'It was so delicious, mum' she yelled. But there was no answer. Did my mum turn into a witch? Then she was lucky to find out her mum was still talking on her phone. 'Phew, nothing happened,' Emily smiled from ear to ear.



Through the Doors of Creepiness By 6B Moses Liu

In the 19th century, a boy named Josh lived in Ohio with his mom and dad. They lived in an old house with a door that is always locked. Josh is a curious boy, and he always begged his mom and dad to let him check it out, but they always refused.

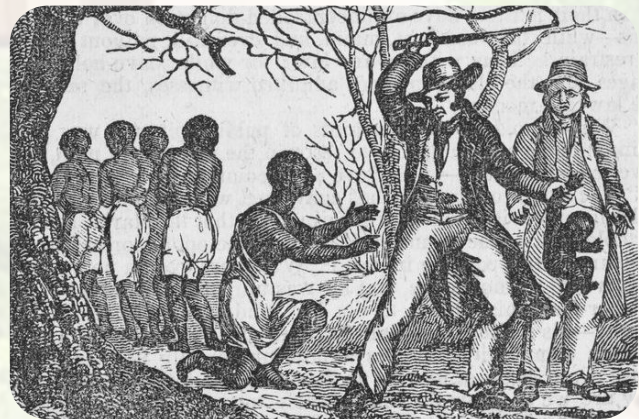
One day, his mom and dad went out to work and left Josh at home by himself. After they left, Josh had a sneaky idea. He went up to their bedroom and took the key that opened the door. He quietly opened it, feeling afraid that someone would spy on him. When he went



through the door, the door closed behind by itself. Josh was shocked, but he didn't think about it for long. He went down the stairs. At first, he thought the stairs would end after a few steps, but he walked for a long time and found that the stairs were never-ending. This made Josh very scared, he cried "help!" many times, but nobody responded. He sat and started to cry. At this moment, he regretted not listening to his parents and going downstairs. Then, out of nowhere, a hand touched Josh on the back and he got so scared that he fainted.

When he woke up, he found his parents and some other people standing around him. When his parents saw that he was awake, they embraced him in a hug. Josh immediately asked, "where are we and who are they?" His parents looked at each other and nodded their heads simultaneously. His mom said, "We are in the underground railroad, these people are African Americans, they are refugees who are trying to escape from their owners who are treating them like slaves. We must keep them secret or other people will know about them and capture them back." At that moment, Josh understood that they needed to help them.

After that day, Josh would go downstairs to give some food and other daily necessities to their friends, and they lived happily together until they were free.



Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Star By 6A Aiden Chiu



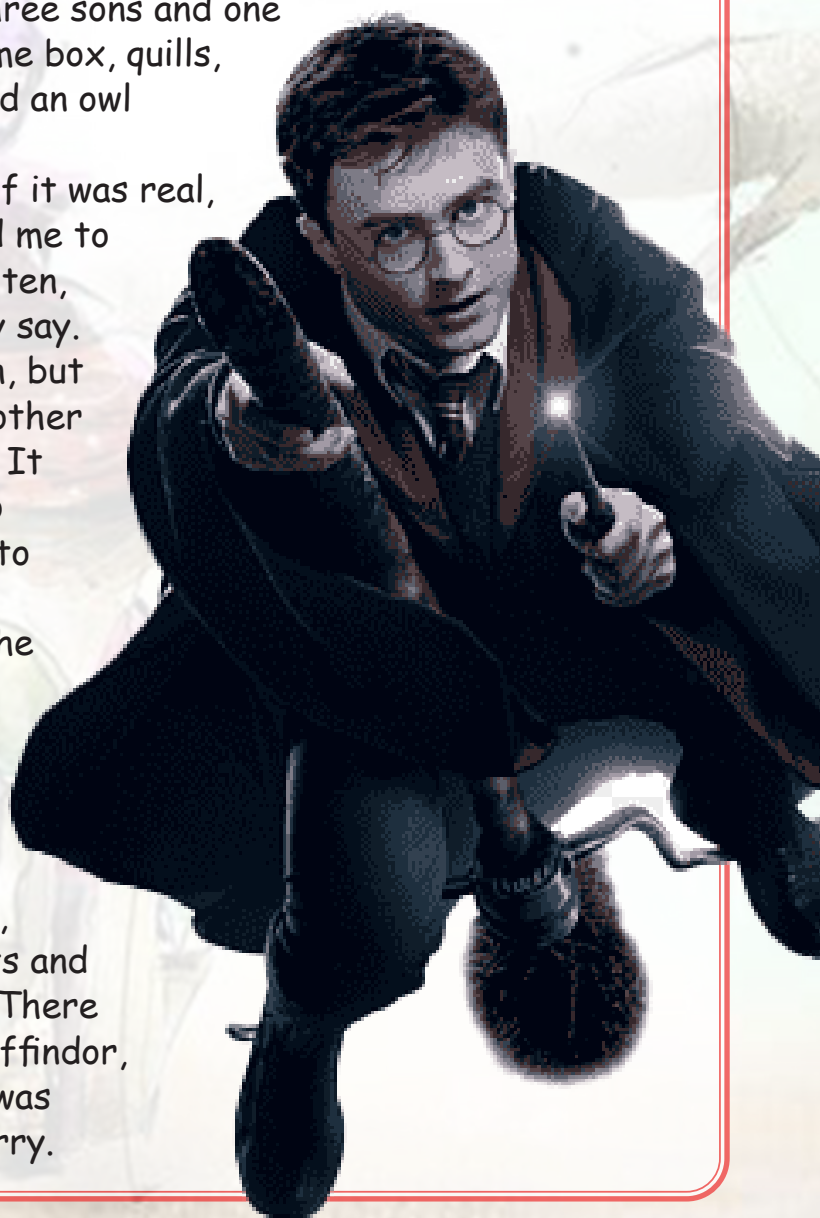
I quickly opened my Harry Potter book which I bought from the new bookshop near my home. The book was mysterious, and it was found behind all the books, it was free too!

There was a magic sound when I opened it. A few seconds later, green lights rushed out from the book and sucked me into the book! The first thing that I knew, was that I was in the train station, holding a trolley and a ticket to platform nine and three-quarters. Inside the trolley, was an owl, some books, quills, a wand, and a set of robes. I didn't know what to do and where do the things come from and where I needed to go. I said to myself, 'Maybe My goal is to go to platform nine and three quarters.'

I stopped in front of a passing guard, and he haven't heard of platform nine and three-quarters and went away complaining about time wasters. Suddenly, I Heard a voice of a woman saying, 'Here to platform nine and three-quarters!' I turned around and saw a fat lady with three sons and one boy. Then I saw the same trolley the same box, quills, and the same set of ropes! They even had an owl like me too!

I stepped forward and asked them if it was real, the lady was friendly and kind. They told me to run between platform nine and platform ten, but I have no choice but to do what they say. I ran and thought it would be a big crash, but something weird happened, I went to another place, platform nine and three-quarters! It was almost time for the train to leave so I quickly hopped on it and found a place to relax.

By the time I was relaxing, one of the two boys from before Came and asked If they could sit with me. I agreed and we started to chat and introduce ourselves. One boy's name is Harry Potter and the other boy's name is Ron Weasley. When we got off the train, we saw an amazing castle called Hogwarts and it was a school for witches and wizards! There were four houses. Their names were Gryffindor, Slytherin, Hufflepuff, and Ravenclaw. I was put in Gryffindor, and so did Ron and Harry.





There's a long time at Hogwarts School and we met a lot of people like bullies called Draco Malfoy, Chaos Crabby and Gloomy Goyal, a bossy girl called Hermione Granger, and a humorous boy called Neville Longbottom who always does things wrong. Professor McDonald, the Gryffindor head. Professor Snake, the Slytherin head. Albus Dumbledore, the headmaster. Professor Murrell, the dark art teacher.

When I was reading a book about stars, I found out about the Philosopher's Star. It is a star that can teleport you to wherever you want to, and it is right in Hogwarts! I suggested going looking for it with Harry and

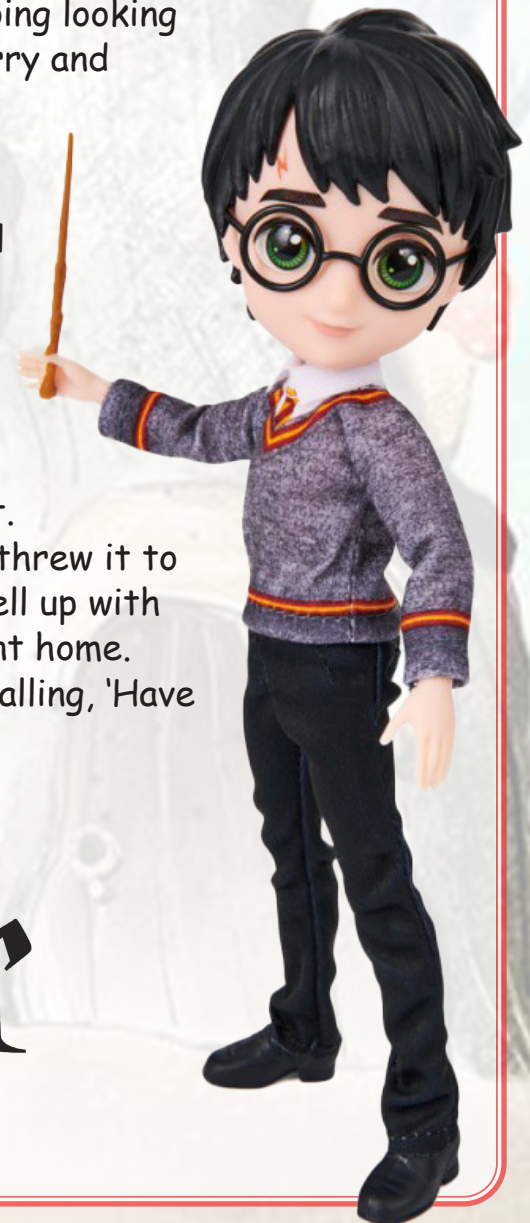
Ron. They agreed. That night, we sneaked past the teachers and went into a secret room, but a four-headed tiger was waiting for us. Ron pulled out his stinky sock and said, 'I'm not afraid of you.' The smell of the sock made the tiger faint, behind the tiger was a man, it was Professor Murrell! He got the Philosopher's Star!

I pulled out my wand and shouted, 'Expelliarmus!' The star immediately flew off from Murrell's hand and I grabbed it.

While Ron pulled out his other sock and threw it to Murrell, he also fainted. Harry tied Murrell up with ropes and sent him to Dumbledore and I went home.

I was back on my bed and heard my mum calling, 'Have you done your homework yet Aiden?'

'Uh oh,' I said.



Harry Potter

New Little Red Riding Hood By 6B Annabelle Chan

Once upon a time, there was a little girl called Little Red Riding Hood. She was cute and outgoing, therefore she was friends with all the kids in the village. Additionally, she was also hard-working as she helps her mom with sewing and cooking every day. However, don't confuse her for the Little Red Riding Hood you think you know! Something far wilder happened to this Little Red Riding Hood.



One day, Little Red Riding Hood's mum told her to bring fresh fruit to her grandpa, a hunter. She told her to be careful and not to dress in pink but Little Red Riding Hood didn't listen. Mum explained that she would be mistaken by her grandpa as an animal, but Little Red Riding Hood was stubborn. She stormed out the door and went merrily on.

On her way to her grandpa's home, she was singing happily and hopping all the way. But all of a sudden, she was hit by a bullet. It was her grandpa! He thought she was a pig because she was dressed in pink. In her head, she regretted not having listened to her mum.

At that moment, her grandpa ran towards her as quickly as the wind. He panicked and called the ambulance. Little Red Riding Hood was huffing and puffing in pain. Will Red Riding Hood die? Or would she survive? No one would ever know.

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