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不用手機的孩子

每天一大早，有許許多多的人，無論是上學還是上班，都會在路途中或港鐵車廂內，習慣性地拿出自己的手機，不停地看呀看，撥呀撥，這已經成爲一種見怪不怪，十分普遍存在的現象。

數十年來，手機就是如此無處不在地佔領了我們的生活空間，既會帶來工作和學習以至生活上的好處，卻也會造成缺失和不足。然而，你有沒有想過，沒有手機的時候，人們是怎樣過日子的？孩子們是怎樣成長的呢？

「媽媽，我想要手機做生日禮物！」八歲的芯芯說。

芯芯覺得手機太好玩了，她從沒想過，媽媽小時候居然沒有手機，媽媽真的太可憐了！當芯芯遇見八歲時的媽媽，便極力地向她展示手機的好處。沒想到，小媽媽反過來與芯芯分享在涼茶舖借電話的人情味、懷抱各種小玩意的滿足感、與朋友一起玩耍的快樂……到底芯芯會有什麼反應呢？

這是最近出版的一本兒童繪畫故事圖書《沒有手機的童年》中所寫的故事。

一部手機，功能包羅萬有，在現今社會必不可少。但故事小主人芯芯的爸爸、媽媽，童年的時候都沒有手機，那時他們要通訊、拍照、聽音樂是怎麼樣做的，你能想像得到沒有手機的童年是怎樣過的嗎？

這本書的故事以手機作爲題材，但卻不是透過故事講述沉迷手機的問題，而是以手機爲媒介，向讀者展現隨着時代進步，科技爲我們帶來什麼方便，但亦令某些東西悄然消失。我們不能否定科技發展帶來的好處，但又必須明白手機不是萬能，手機不是一切，讓讀者通過認識沒有手機的童年，思考手機所帶來的轉變。書中圖文並茂，故事趣味與溫情並重，情節令人意想不到，帶來驚喜，也帶來啓發和反思。



The Oil Man's Trick

Characters

- Yao Zi and the oil man

Setting

- In the park

11th December (Saturday)

Cloudy

Today was a great day!

This morning, I took a walk with my grandma in the park. I was excited because I saw Yao Zi! He had a performance and a lot of people were there. I like him very much because he is a great archer. He has won many competitions with flying colours. 5

Yao Zi held his bow with his left hand and pointed his finger at the target. After that, he placed the arrow and drew the bow with his right hand. He hit the bullseye ten times! Everyone cheered and clapped their hands but the oil man next to me just nodded. 10

Yao Zi saw the oil man and frowned at him. He walked to the oil man and asked, "Don't you think my performance is special?" The oil man replied, "No, I don't. It's just a matter of practice. I have sold oil for over 30 years and have learnt a little trick. Let me show you. Then, you will know what I mean." 15

The oil man put a narrow-mouthed bottle on the ground. Next, he put a coin on top of it. Afterwards, he stood up and used a big spoon to pour some oil into the bottle. It went through the hole of the coin and into the bottle. Finally, the oil filled up the bottle! 20

Yao Zi and the others were amazed! The oil man said, "There is nothing special about what I did. It's just a matter of practice."

I felt happy because I learnt something today!

