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Little did she know, this was the calm before the storm. Shortly after her parents were sent back to the hospital to work, things started to go wrong. She started to have the symptoms of coronavirus, but she brushed it off, as she believed it was just a common cold. Since it was allergy season and she always got sick around that period, she thought nothing of it and decided that she would just stay home until she gets better.



She, in fact, did not. Her condition got worse, so much that she was having trouble breathing. This panicked her, and she called her father. Not long after her call, the paramedics rushed to her home and they took her to the hospital. She was in critical condition, as more of the air sacs become filled with fluid leaking from the tiny blood vessels in the lungs.

The doctors believed she was not going to make it, but they did their best to save her. While this was happening, her parents were alerted of the situation their child was in, and they thought their precious girl might not survive. Her case was one of the worst cases the doctors had seen. With further inspection, the doctors believed that it was one of the mailmen who infected her, due to a report a week prior.

Four torturous weeks later, her condition only worsened. She was unconscious and was put under intense care. There was no hope for her at that point, but her parents held on and hoped. They tried everything they could think of, but it was useless.

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She sadly, flatlined that night. And that night, her parents lost the light that had guided them all this time.

Considering that she was always there for the people she cared about, her friends, family, her teachers, and other people that may have known her, attended her funeral. They never thought the girl with the brightest smile and a heart of gold could be the one to go. They realized that they took her for granted, she was always calling and checking up on them, but no one thought to check up on her.

They felt guilty, not because they took her for granted, but because of how selfish they were. So selfish, that they never even thought of looking back to ask the person who always cared about them so much. She found comfort in seeing her loved ones happy and healthy.

It was too late, they could never go back and ask her, for she laid there, lifeless in the casket for all of them to see. She was not mad nor hurt that no one checked up on her, rather she was happy – happy that she was there for others because she understood how they felt. Happy that she could help someone through a tough time. She had so much potential, and a bright future ahead of her, but unfortunately, she seemed to run out of pages...





she could do was gaze out as the droplets of rain raced down the pane of glass, landing on the soil below. Oh, how she wished to go outside and dance in the rain like she used to, but she could not.

Weeks have passed and there she was at her desk, laptop opened as her hand flew across the pages of her notebook, trying desperately to note all the mathematical theorems her teacher was explaining. Online school had started three weeks ago, but she's just starting to adapt to the sudden change. This change was beginning to put a strain on her mental health, the schoolwork increased, people she knew were tested positive and some even lost their lives.

She cared so much about the other people around her that she neglected herself. Her heart was so big and full of concerns for others, and it started to overwhelm her. She would frequently make calls, or send messages to her closest friends, to ask if they were okay, but she forgot to ask herself the same question. People were just grateful for her goodwill, but they were too consumed by their own fear and sorrow to see that she's in the same boat as them.

That first year, she lost many friends, teachers, and other people, whom she cared about, to the dreadful virus. Nevertheless, she was still grateful that none of her parents got infected and they did not lose their jobs. Her parents worked in the medical field, and because of the pandemic, they rarely had time to be with their daughter, but they tried their best. Being the excellent girl that she was, she accepted their situation and supported them fully.

Loneliness started to consume her, little by little. Waking up to an empty home, with no comforting scent from her mother's perfume or the sound of her father talking on the phone. Every day she cooked her breakfast, ate alone in

the kitchen, and cleaned after herself. She would then go back up to her room, attend her classes, take a break to prepare her lunch, before attending her afternoon classes online. Later in the day, after making herself dinner, she prepares to sleep. She would occasionally get calls from her parents, but such was the never-ending cycle of her mopish day-to-day schedule.

It has been months since the first article about the pandemic came out, and it was getting worse. More and more people died, and her social circle was getting smaller and smaller. Her parents called less often, but she was determined to stay positive. She followed all of the health protocols, she ordered things she needed online to be delivered to her, and she would wear masks when going out.

Approximately one year after the outbreak, things seemed to be looking up for her, less people got infected, the number of people dying decreased, and her parents remained healthy. The girl had grown to become a beautiful young woman, her compassion towards others never wavered. Despite her body growing and maturing, she still held the biggest, warmest heart.

Like her younger self, she called to check up on others around her. This quickly became one of her go-to activities. Whenever she would overthink about the state of the world she was living in, hearing people tell her they were healthy, comforted her.

While the lockdown was going on, she, like most people, picked up many new hobbies to keep herself busy. One of those hobbies was learning about the online system, making her experience on the internet easier. Now that she had fully adapted to online studying, it no longer overwhelmed her. Her never-ending cycle was still going on, but her newfound hope shone a bright light down on her, making things seem more enjoyable.

Finally, the heavy lockdown was lifted, and although rules like wearing masks, social distancing, and staying inside as much as possible were still being carried out, people started to get out of their homes to socialize. Eventually, her parents were able to come home. That day was the best day of her life. Her family was finally reunited with her after months of not being able to see each other.

# KEEPING IN THE LOOP

- Paphangkorn Sirijanya

The world used to feel a lot larger. Gaps and boundaries separated people and countries. Fortunately, people in most countries are now able to communicate in English and it helps in bridging the divide.

Why English out of all languages? In truth, it could have been any language. The reason why English is so important is not because of the language itself, but because it introduced to the world a common language. By having a common language, the world had just become smaller. Humans suddenly are able to understand each another.

As students in an international school, we sometimes take English language for granted due to our exposure to it every day. So what if we don't know English? A person without the knowledge of English today would have a hard time navigating in this world. To be blank about the common language will lead to danger and a feeling of disconnect from the rest of humanity.

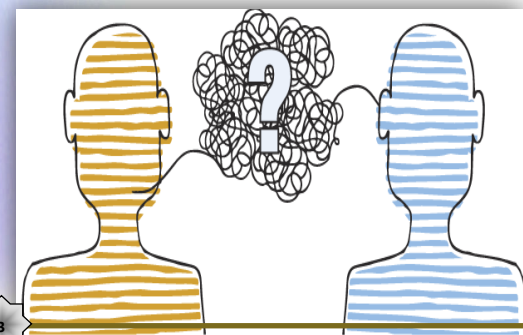
Communications through gestures only will not be enough to help you around, that's why schools today are putting a lot of emphasis on English language learning - it is to prevent students from encountering communication problems in the future.

The activities that come with the school's English Month celebration were planned and designed to cultivate and test the students' abilities and skills in English.

On top of their regular English classes, students from all levels participate in activities for the whole month of February. Complexity of each activity varies depending on the grade level; nursery rhymes for kindergarteners, short story writing for middle schoolers, writing of poems and essays for the high school students. Performance based activities such as impromptu speech and video skit making were done to enhance the students' ability in speaking.

As it is today, communication is advanced enough to let a person speak to another person at the other side of the world. Cultures are being blended together making the bonds between us tighter. People fight for or support the same ideas, making conflict generally less common.

This level of bond and communication, coupled with a common language, enables people to explore their collective ambitions. Simple apps like Google Translate can be a useful tool in achieving this collective ambition that would give rise for projects that would undoubtedly aid in human progression.

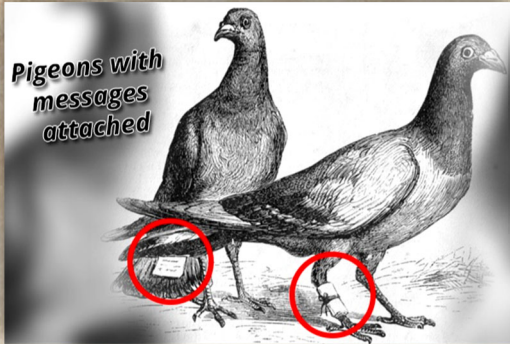




# Transmitting Through Time

- Phurin Siloh

People have been using devices to communicate with one other for a long time. Devices used for communication have been developed throughout the years, from pigeons to social media.



The use of pigeons started around the time of the Persians. It is believed that Julius Caesar used pigeons as messengers in his conquest of Gaul. It might come as a shock, but these messenger pigeons have both compass and map mechanisms that help them navigate. People took advantage of these birds and trained them to be able to fly far distances.



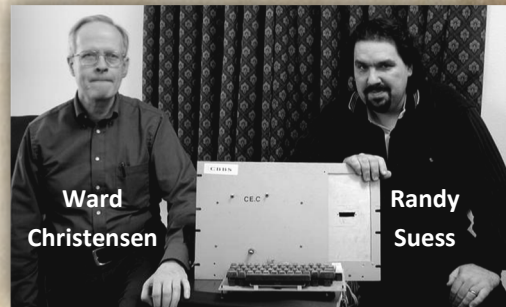
In 1943, a pigeon named G.I. Joe was awarded a medal of gallantry for helping save the lives of a thousand British soldiers, by calling off the American bombing mission.

The people who used this means of communication, often had to exchange their prized pigeons with the people on the other side. When they feel the need to send an important or urgent message, they attached their messages to the pigeon and let it go and fly.



Advancement in technology in the field of electricity resulted in the invention of the electric telegraph. Some time later, Guglielmo Marconi made a wireless version and received the Nobel Prize for Physics, which he shared with a German physicist Ferdinand Braun.

One of the earlier forms of modern texting is the Bulletin Board System - a computer system that was used in exchanging public messages. Ward Christensen and Randy Suess who wanted to keep up with their computer club without being there invented it in 1978.



The system made it possible for them to join their club meetings from their computers. Messages appeared on the site for everyone to read and reply to. It later developed into a platform called "Six Degrees" in 1997. It was one of the first social networking sites.



**Bhasigar Nomwattana** - Grade 9  
English Month - Story Writing 1st Prize

Her story started here. A girl – with sparkling emerald eyes, and hair so dark it could be mistaken for the night sky – walked the halls of the school. She's just a normal student, a simple girl. She had friends and was well-loved by everyone. She would walk down the halls with the biggest smile on her face.

That day was not any different. The green-eyed girl was clutching a stack of books tightly to her chest while walking towards her favorite class, biology. She was, by no means, an expert, but this certain subject calmed her. She could not put a finger on why biology has such an effect on her, but something about studying living organisms piqued her interest.

After conversing with her teacher, the young girl walked to the last rows of desks and placed herself on the seat closest to the window. While waiting for her teacher to start the class, she looked out the window. As she watched the little kids play with their toys, she thought about the time when she was one of those kids and how long it had been. The daydreaming did not last long, for the teacher had started the lesson. The class went by, as usual, some students –including her, were listening, and writing notes, others were sleeping or playing around.

At lunch, she sat with her friends chatting and helping some of her schoolmates finish their homework, nothing out of the ordinary. The day passed by like every other day. She said goodbye to her friends and teachers, then made her way home.

When she set foot in her home, she was greeted by the familiar smell of wood, the sweet scent of her mother's perfume, and the sound of her father talking on the phone. She went to hug both her parents and went up to her room and started her schoolwork. She's the perfect child that any parent



## The girl

could ask for, always following the rules, being nice to others, and being responsible.

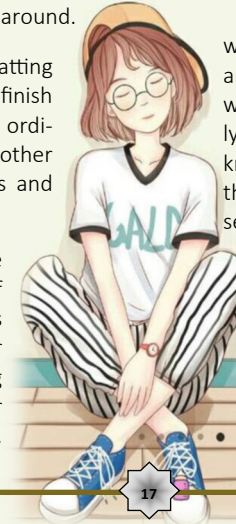
Dinner rolled around, and everyone was gathered at the dining table eating and talking about how their days went. In the middle of their conversation, her father excused himself from the table to take an important business call. When he rushed back to the table, frantically telling his wife and daughter to turn on the television, she immediately knew that something important happened and it was going to change her life forever. What she did not know was that a pandemic was just beginning. As she turned up the volume, and the family heard the news, they were frozen to their spot.

Every news channel was reporting on the outbreak of coronavirus disease or covid-19. The virus that had already killed thousands of people in China, was getting out of control. It was spreading fast, so fast that just after hours of the news, the virus had spread almost globally. The government came forward and advised the people to stay inside, wear their masks, and practice social distancing. Shortly after the news broke out, her school announced that they are going online.

She was shaken to the core, she never expected something this horrible to happen. Even though she had a bad feeling about her dad's phone call, this was something she did not anticipate. Just hours before the news, she was out having fun, enjoying her classes, and walking freely on the streets. She never realized – until now – how many things she took for granted.

She felt awful for the people around the world who lost their jobs, lives, family, friends, and more. That night, she could not sleep, she was thinking about her friends, teachers, family members, and loved ones. She wanted to know if they were safe. Like always, she was thinking about other the people before herself. What a grave mistake that was.

The next morning was gloomy. The school announced a two-week break to survey the student's health before transitioning to online learning. She spent most of her days inside her bedroom, sitting on the seat created by the structure of her bay window. All







# Just the Beginning

- Sherik Kavira Kazimoto – Grade 11  
English Month - Essay Writing 1st Prize Winner

The pandemic situation has had quite an impact on not only my life but other people's lives as well. With the changing Coronavirus SARS-CoV2 variants, it has made humanity lose hope. No one truly knows when this will end. No one knows when the world will be Covid-free. Let's not focus on the negative impacts of the virus, but on its positive effects. I can only speak for myself. With that being said, the pandemic has made a great impact in my life. I knew then that it was just the beginning because it led to many adjustments, challenges, and even life lessons.

First of all, it led to many adjustments. The situation is something new to us. Which means that everything we are experiencing right now, is not something we are used to, for example - online classes. You may say online classes have been around for years, but not many people have actually done it. With the virus spreading, students were forced to stay at home and do distance learning. It was hard at first, since the lessons were not as interactive as face-to-face classes, but through it all, I can say, I survived. Wearing face masks was added up to the list of adjustments I had to make. Before, wearing a mask was considered as a fashion statement and it was cool if you matched your outfit with your mask. But now, if you don't wear a mask, you're avoided as if you're a contamination of some kind. How the tables have turned.

Secondly, Covid-19 led to challenges. Once again, I'm speaking for myself. Yes, online learning was a challenge, but not as much as having your family disturb you in the middle of your classes. When I first got the news that we'll be doing online classes, I was quite excited, because I never really liked going to school and I thought to myself, what would be the difference! At first, it was okay, until it didn't feel like I was in school. It came to a point where I didn't have my own personal space to study and focus on school. Every day, my family would forget that I have classes and would talk to me or ask me to do things for them. And I had to constantly remind them that I'm in class. That was a challenge since my family, obviously, enjoyed my company. Overall, they got used to me being in classes, and started to respect my study times.

Lastly and most importantly, the pandemic taught me life lessons. I never actually thought that I would learn much from an outbreak other than adjusting to the "new normal," but, well, the world surprised me. I learned a lot of things, but to sum it up, the most important thing I learned was that nothing is permanent. This is something that I want everyone to know. This whole time, I never actually thought much about my future. What I wanted to study, which university to attend, what I wanted to do with my life, these questions never really crossed my mind. I did not reach a point where I would stress about them. This plague gave me a chance to sit down and think. With stress from both school and home, I'm surprised that I made up my mind quite quickly, and I actually stuck to it. To relate it to my lessons, I always thought that I will have time to think in the future about what I want to be. I always thought that I will have time to excel in my studies. I always thought that I had all the time in the world to do anything that I wanted. I was wrong.

I would like to end by saying that we've been through challenges, adjustments, and most importantly, we've learned life lessons. Through this whole situation, we have managed to grow both spiritually, mentally, and maybe some of us grew physically as well. We've made it through thick and thin. We've inspired people without knowing it. We've survived. This is a beginning of a new growth, the beginning of new lessons to learn, and the beginning of healing. True success comes through pain and suffering. Be reminded, that this is just the beginning.

During the early 2000's, creators from all over the world started working on their own social network website. Computer technology kept on advancing, and following the success of Six Degrees, a full-fledged social website was released.

Friendster which was founded by Jonathan Abrams, was launched in 2002. It supported multiple languages worldwide.

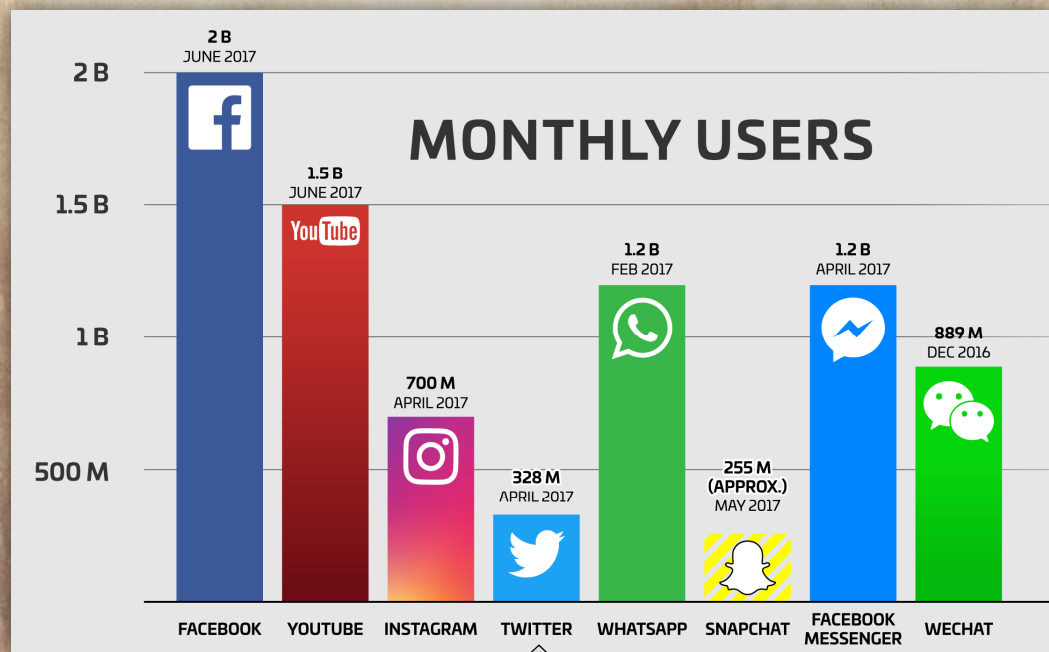


A few years later, Mark Zuckerberg came up with a social media platform to connect Harvard students with one another. What started as a simple university social network site has blown into such a worldwide phenomena. It has outlived Friendster and it continues to grow even bigger. With nearly three billion users worldwide, Facebook is able to influence most people's ideas and ways of life.

YouTube also started around this time, and it allowed users to watch or upload videos for other people to watch. It also provides an income for those who upload their videos online. In 2016, TikTok, which was founded by Zhang Yiming, a Chinese millionaire, became an instant hit.

Some countries like China, Iran, Syria and North Korea blocked Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram. China, blocked Facebook because of the controversy involving the Uyghurs - a Muslim ethnic group in China. This led to the creation of China's own social media networks such as WeChat, Bilibili, and the most popular one of all is Tiktok.

Through the years, people have developed many ways to communicate with each other. Many have become outdated and need to be updated. For sure, in the future there will be new platforms that will be developed for people to use. For now, we can only be grateful to those who made it possible for communication to be much faster and easier for all.





# NON-VERBAL LANGUAGE

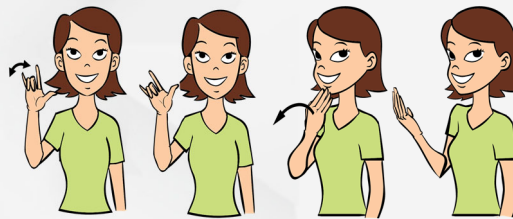
- Leslie Hayden Gara

We cannot go one day without communicating. Communication is so important that the world depends on it. Miscommunication can lead to disastrous outcomes in some cases. Many believe that language must be spoken and enunciated to deliver a clear message. However, unspoken messages can bring the same impact, if not better. You may not realize it, we are all communicating non-verbally. It might be intentional or rather it is integrated into our lives for the same purpose verbal language presents.

Paralinguistics is the use of pitch, volume, gestures, etc. Without realizing it, we use it daily to create a clearer message to the people we communicate to. An example of the use of paralinguistics can be waving to a person. You are simply greeting a person non-verbally. Paralinguistics is part of our speech, while presenting an idea, hand gestures and posture can determine how confident you are, or how you are trying to elaborate a situation.

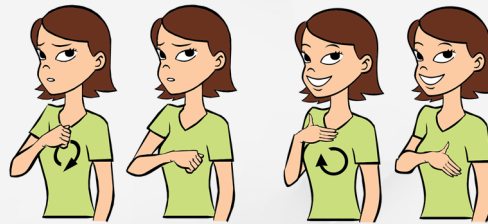
Body language is an important factor in paralinguistics. Body language itself can be broken down into gestures, facial expressions, body movements, touch, and eye contact. Rolling your eyes or sighing can indicate dissatisfaction, disappointment, disagreement, or annoyance.

Sign language is one of the many types of non-verbal communication. Its purpose is to allow deaf and dumb people to communicate naturally. It has given people with disabilities a chance to communicate. In most cases, learning sign language can be used as a tool for simple communication and not only towards a deaf person.



"I love You"

"Thank You"



"Sorry"

"Please"



"Happy"

"Cute"



There are a few variations of sign language, the ASL (USA) and BSL (UK) are the most well-known among other variations. ASL includes the movements of one hand and facial expressions while BSL differs with two hand gestures. The importance of sign language can be seen through the success of deaf people. They have shown that they are just as capable compared to the rest of society.



The English Month's theme was "Living, Loving, and Learning English in the New Normal," and one of the activities was a Spelling Bee contest which was organized for the students to have fun while learning English. It was open for students from levels 2 to 4 to participate in.

The elimination round was done in their English classes. The best two students were selected from each class to participate in the final round, which was held for each level separately. The chosen students within the level were grouped into two groups, with one student from each grade. Each student was given a turn to spell a word. The group with the higher score was declared the winner.

In the competition, it was evident that the students had put in much effort into learning the vocabularies assigned to them. As soon as the words were given to them, they readily spelled most of the words without hesitation. Most of the vocabularies were from their lessons, and some were not; however, the students tried their best to spell all of the words, even though they were for the higher levels.



With Spelling Bee coordinators Shammee and Kate

The outcome was a success. The students enjoyed the activity, while learning new words from it. We really appreciate the efforts that the students put into the activity, and we could see their eyes sparkling as they got each word correct. As coordinators, we enjoyed seeing the classes cheering for the winners as they received their certificates, and it encouraged the other students to take part in next year's activities.



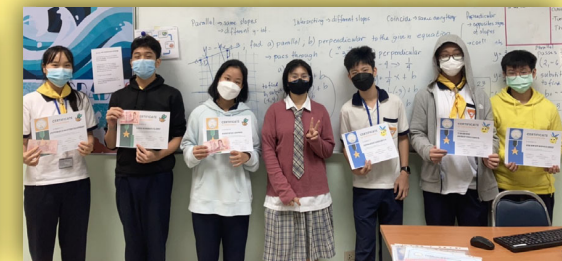
Teacher Jinky supervising with the grades 12 students



Grades 1-3 kids with the English Month coordinators



Level 3 spelling bee finalists



Middle Schoolers receiving certificates and prizes



# NURSERY RHYMES PARADE

- Glyzel Kate Belnas



How to bee cute...

One of the biggest events of the English Month was the Nursery Rhymes Recitation for the Kindergarten Village. It was a huge success!

The kids transformed into their favorite nursery rhymes characters, and they paraded in their costumes excitedly.

From Wee Willie Winkies, to white, wooly girls dressed as sheep, they all looked so adorable in their cute costumes.

As the little presenters were set on stage, they recited their hearts out. Their cute mumbles and slurred words made the students laugh. Kids were running up and down the stage, falling and tumbling on the ground, and acting like they were in a movie – it was kind of chaotic, but was truly filled with so much fun.

The entire program was entertaining, and it impressed the seniors because the little kids showed tremendous progress in their speaking and reciting skills.

The kids' presentation has brought more than just smiles and unforgettable memories to both the students and teachers. It was an achievement for the little kids as they were able to present themselves in front of others. It was a big step in pushing for more exciting events in the future, that could help in boosting the kids' confidence and in improving their Language skills.

As Whitney Houston famously said in her song 'The Greatest Love of All,' "I believe that children are our future. Teach them well... show them all the beauty they possess inside." This activity truly made them shine.



Bumblebees with the other cute critters



Little princesses with their fairy godmother



Two chefs, a doctor, and Spiderman

One of the lesser-known types of non-verbal communication is using codes. Morse code and semaphore are the two main types of codes.

Morse code is the combination of dots and dashes. The use of morse code was crucial during the early 1800s when telegrams were used for long-distance communication. To this day morse code is used for emergencies when verbal communication is limited.

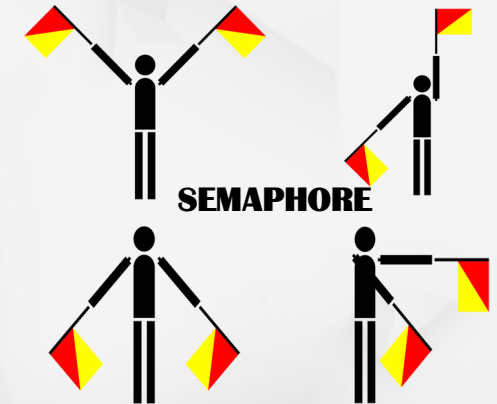
Morse code can come in the form of dots and dashes on paper, short knocks and long interval knocks, short blinks and long blinks of light, short beeps and long beeps of sound, and many more variations.

Semaphore is another type of code. It is the combination of visual fire, flag, light, and arm formations that can send a message. This code is used to transmit information from far proximity. This method is often used by the military.

The most popular and commonly used types of non-verbal communication these days is the use of emojis, gifs, and memes. With a click of our fingers, we can use new creative ways to express our emotions through any types of digital platform.

Emojis are visual representations of specific emotions or feelings. Emojis are often complemented with texts, they can also express certain emotions that cannot be explained in words or texts.

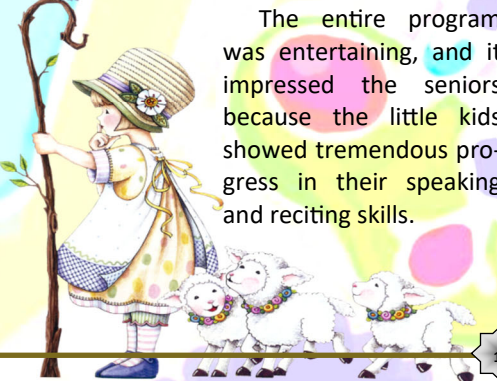
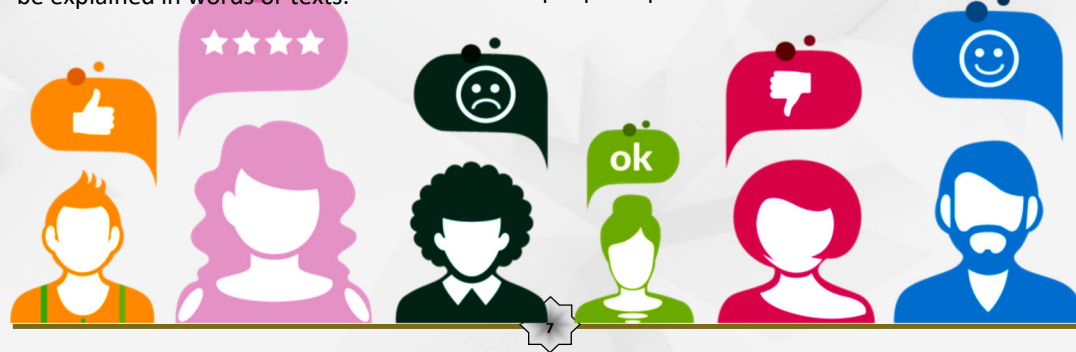
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SEMAPHORE

Gifs are short clips that can be used to describe something that a text cannot explain. Gifs are easily accessible through any social media platform, such as Facebook Messenger, WhatsApp, Instagram, and many others. Memes are usually funny ways to elaborate humor through videos, pictures, or Gifs. Memes can be jokes, so they can depict emotions such as laughter or even sarcasm.

The way people communicate will continue to evolve, and along with it would be how people express themselves without words.





# WHEN DID WE SPEAK?

- Paphangkorn Sirijanya

One of the first skills that a human learns upon entering this world is how to communicate. Infants cry or make gestures to give signals to their parents. Later in life we learn how to communicate through the sounds that we make from our throats in combination with the movements of our mouths. This is called talking. But have you ever wondered how this came to be?

To understand this, we must first know its origin. But there is just one problem: nobody actually knows what the first language was or how it was formed. Language has always existed, even before any recorded history.

Different sources have different interpretations. The Bible tells the story of how all people used to have the same language, but because of the people's disobedience and arrogance, they were divided into different languages and had to move to different loca-



TOWER OF BABEL

In the Hindu legend, the sage Agastya brought language to the people. However, evolutionists believe that languages evolved from the grunts and hooting that were supposed to have been used by some ape-like humans in the past. Whichever it is that you may want to believe, talking and writing are some of the features of humans that separate us from animals.

One of the first civilizations that prospered in Mesopotamia was Sumerian. The oldest dead language is Sumerian, and their influence spread across the region and to their neighbors. The Akkadians outlived the Sumerians but the language they spoke was shared – but not the same.



Spain and Portugal are bordering countries, which explains why they have identical languages.

This relationship is comparable to Spanish and Portuguese, where the language is almost identical allowing people to understand each other. This is known as a sister language, a language that branched off into another language entirely due to centuries of living apart from the main bunch.

# Video Production Essentials

- Phurin Siloh

People may think that making videos is an easy job. Just go then and take a video and do then do the hardest part which is the editing. It's not as easy as most people think. Creating videos require precision. All the ideas, location, sounds, lightings, time, and many more will have to be considered. Identifying the people who will take part in the film is essential. Roles will have to be studied to give the best possible portrayal.

There are three main elements in making videos; the Pre-Production, Production, and Post-production. This applies in all categories of filming such as full-length feature films, shorts, animation, and others.

Starting with the pre-production. This is where all the things will be planned on the drawing board. Part of this process is the breaking down of the script and casting of roles. It is advised to prepare a plan B if something does not go according to plan.

Next is the production stage. This is where you capture all of the footages needed in a video. The cast and crew will have to go to different locations that they agreed on during the pre-production stage.

Each of the scenes will be shot until the director is satisfied with the results.

After all the fun of taking videos is done, comes the difficult job of post-production - the editing. All footages are organized and arranged in order. Doing so will make the job of the film editor easier. Imagine finding one video from a load of footages. It is like finding an earphone from a bag full of tangled earphones.

All of the necessary editing is done at this stage, including: trimming, cutting, replacing, adding sounds, effects, etc. These days there are many programs that can be used to edit videos, such as Adobe Premiere, Vimeo, DaVinci Resolve, and many more.

The goal of most filmmakers and content creators is to present their ideas through motion pictures. It is important to know who the target viewers are and what kind of storyline is appropriate for them.

Video making takes time and it needs a lot of planning and preparation, and it all begins with brainstorming of ideas, with a spark of joy and inspiration.





## SPEAKING

There were a variety of activities that were done during the English Month celebration. One, in particular was the impromptu speech. Each speaker was given a minute to prepare, then a minimum of two minutes, to a maximum of two and a half minutes to present their opinion and ideas based on a given topic.

Representatives from each class were selected to advance to the final round. There was a sense of competition in each class. All of the finalists gave their best effort, and that in itself is quite commendable.

Students were able to learn from their experience, and the teachers were able to see the potential of their students. Activities like this can help in honing students' speaking skills and sharpen their persuasive ability. It can also improve their confidence, in expressing their ideas openly and clearly.



**Edgar Walemba - G12**  
Impromptu Speech Winner



**Wachirasak Chumphonanan** - Poster Making Winner

## WRITING

The essay writing contest gave the students a chance to narrate their pandemic experiences. They were tasked to write a minimum of 500 words, and they had to follow the required font and size. A rubric was used to judge the students' writing. They were made to share their experiences through a narrative essay. Many expressed their emotions through their engaging narrations.

Essay writing is also a way of improving students' vocabulary and word usage skills. Participants had to use specific words to elaborate their thoughts. They're encouraged to use the right vocabs to describe or tell their pandemic experiences.



### Winners of the Bookmark Making Contest:

- 1st Prize - Samantha Harell Heary Healdy - G2 Beryl
- 2nd Prize - Pakin Maneerattanakul - G1 Diamond
- 3rd Prize - Nicha Jiwawattanawanit - G1 Diamond

## REPRESENTING VISUALLY

Visual representation is another way for students to learn language and express their ideas. What they may not be able to convey verbally, they can show through their artistic creativity.

It is necessary for everyone to learn and master the basic skills of writing, speaking, listening, and reading, but for those who may need to learn differently, music and arts can be a way for them to also learn language arts. What is important is that, students can sharpen these tools that they will need to succeed later in life.

The oldest language still spoken today is Tamil. Tamil is believed to have originated from the Indian region of Tamil Nadu. It spread worldwide due the migration of the people somewhere in the 300 BC.

Tamil vocabularies can be seen influencing words in other languages. In English, "pandal" (from pandhal) or pariah (from paraiyar). There are many known Tamil loanwords in English, Malay, Ancient Greek, Russian, Tagalog, and Sinhala.

The oldest variation of Sumerian was mainly pictographic and symbolic. The first ever Sumerian "words" were pictures describing cattle and trade. Sumerian was adapted several times by later civilizations such as the Akkadians and Babylonians.

It supports the assumption that language is heavily influenced by the people's surroundings which can also be seen in Japanese texts. The word "Tree" in Japanese (木) seems to depict a tree, and "Forest" in Japanese (森林) is written with a few more trees.



Linguists have used the sister language connection to find out the general timeline and paths a language took for it to become what it is today. All these branching must at least trace back to the main trunk right? Unfortunately, it is uncertain if whether there was a universal language that all humans spoke before the records of history. It is extremely difficult to make connections and assume the origin of a language without proper records.

Wherever it came from, language is the first skill that a person learns because of how elementary it is. Language has allowed much of human's greatest ideas to be expressed through brilliant inventions and the way we live our lives. Especially with a common language between all borders, our world became connected. With humans being so closely bonded in this age, we will surely see more potential from the human mind.

Ancient Sumerian	Ancient Egyptian	Chinese
Eye	See (verb)	Eye
Forest	Water	Water
Mountains	Cities	Mountain
Torch	Fire	Fire
Person	Men	Person
	Women	Woman



The 2022 English Month was filled with excitement and surprises. This year's celebration added cosplaying to the list of activities. It's the first time for AIMS students to dress up and parade in their chosen character in literature. As the students were marching and showing off their attires, the rush of flurry filled the halls.

The first character parade was done by the grades 1 to 3 students. The grade 1 came as Biblical characters. The grade 2 students came as their favorite cartoon characters, like Batman, Cinderella, Woody, and many others.

Grade 3 students presented as a group. They made their costumes from scratch, using recycled materials like paper, boxes, and others. They proudly wore their costumes while patiently waiting for their turn to explain what their costume was all about. Most of the kids were excited, but there were those that were shy and nervous. Despite the anxiety building up inside the kids, they were still able to parade and showcase what they all have worked hard for.



A Pharaoh and a King from Grade 1



Grade 2s in their Cartoon Parade

The following day, the 4<sup>th</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> graders focused on the "Heroes in Literature." They dressed up as Literature heroes like Mother Theresa, Florence Nightingale, Muhammad Ali, and the most common one was Abraham Lincoln. They wore their outfits to a tee. Although the parade did not last as long as everyone would have wanted it, the spectators had a great time watching them as they passed by.

On the third day, the grades 7 - 8 looked professionals in their outfits. They

came as lawyers, doctors, including authors like Sherlock Holmes. With every step that they took, they got more confident especially when they were cheered on by their teachers and friends. They did enjoy the admiration and attention they got from others.



Transformers of Grade 3-A



Tinker Fairies of Grade 3-B

# Character Parade

- Sherik Kavira Kazimoto



High School Students with the School Band



K1-3 Teachers in their Nursery Rhymes Costumes

As expected, the highlight of all the parades was that of the kindergarteners. They dressed up as nursery rhymes characters. Their costumes were creative, making other levels' costumes look boring. Most of the kids were excited, and they loved their costumes. Others were a bit scared of their pictures being taken. The kindergarten teachers dressed up as well. It was their way of providing support for their students.

The last character parade was done by the high school students. Their parade was all about characters in classic literary stories, manga, anime, or movies. They eagerly showcased their costumes and it ranged from simple, funny, to creative outfit selections. Some of the memorable ones were of Michael Jackson, Stitch, and some famous Japanese anime characters.

At the first beat of the band, the parade began. With two leaders at the front leading the group, the parade went by quite fast. Students from grades nine to twelve kept their heads up, while their pictures, videos and even selfies were taken during the parade.

At the end of the Literature Character Parade, many students have already started their plans for next year's cosplaying. The first character parade was truly a memorable event. I'm sure everyone will be looking forward to it next year. Even with the anxiety and stress of thinking about what to wear, it's still a day worth looking back at. All the students and teachers had a blast.

All these were made possible through the efforts of the two coordinators – Pakhin Thamwiwat and Nithan Panyos, with the help of their advisor – Teacher Marvin. All the level leaders: Level 1 - Teacher Marizel; Level 2 - Teacher Mallen; Level 3 - Teacher Nerlie; Level 4 - Teacher Ida; Level 5 - Teacher Ajay, threw in their support as well. The parade was made more remarkable, through the help of Teacher Mella Mae and her students in the band. They provided that much-needed kick-start for all the parades.



Three Musketeers of Grade 7



Grade 12 - English Month Coordinators



The Drumline



Grade 10 students in Character



Glockenspiel Section