

## 111 學年度第 1 學期高中部英文作文比賽

1. 以前，家家戶戶在放學、下班後，都會回家吃晚飯，晚餐時間是家裡人分享、溝通的重要時刻，也是營造“家的味道”的時間。現在，因為時代的變遷、網路的興起，人們的生活已有很大的改變，家人能聚在一起吃晚餐的機會也相對減少，每家也發展出不同樣貌的家庭時間。請寫一篇約 500 字的英文作文 “My family Time”，敘述你的家庭時間，在家庭時間內做的活動，與家庭時間對你而言的意義為何。

2. 比賽時間：13:10~14:50，共 100 分鐘。

3. 不得使用任何形式的字典與電子載具，其餘依本校考試規定辦理。

"Family time" is one of the most important period of time for individuals every day or every week, and each family have its own unique way of spending that time with its members. Some families enjoy a more formal meal at a sophisticated restaurant now and then, while others are fond of movie nights, allowing the night to slowly pass by as they cry and laugh with their love ones. However, in my family of two, there are two ways to spend our family time depending on the free time we own and the weather outdoors.

When it is sunny outside and both my mom and I have more than an afternoon to spend, we have to take a 30-minute drive to Ba Li and ride bikes along the riverside. With each of us on a different bicycle, we chase each other down the road, screaming and laughing as the salty wind brushes our hair back. After riding for about half an hour, we usually stop at a restaurant called "The Bunny's Café". As its name suggests, there are about 20 rabbits roaming between the seats, and anyone who ordered at the café is allowed to touch and feed the rabbits. The rabbits' warmth on my lap, the smoothness of their fur, and the bright sweetness of my mango ice cream waffle are memories of sheer pleasure that are impossible to forget. If we still have time after cuddling with the rabbits, my mom and I <sup>would</sup> ride our bikes a bit farther to a huge park where we can fly kites. Holding a transparent string in my hand, I run as fast as I can across the park, dragging my Hello Kitty kite behind me until a gust of wind picks it up from the ground and let it soars into the sky. This is the moment when my mom would yell in delight, "Honey! You did it! Look at it go!!" and I would reply in a voice with nothing but joy, "Yeah! Do you wanna try?" She would smile while shaking her head, and I can fly kites as long as I wish.

If the weather is not as pleasant and we only have a few hours with one another before something else comes up, we enjoy baking together. Even though neither of us are professional bakers, we are able to create numerous desserts due to my mom's unwavering

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pektion and unstoppable personality. Together, we gave birth to banana muffins, chocolate chip cookies, blueberry pies, apple tarts, and so much more. In addition, one of the biggest traditions in my family is to make ginger bread house during Christmas. And unlike most families that buy machine-made square cookies, stick them together, and call it a house, my family actually designs separate ginger bread houses from scratch every year. From the house's roof to windows to doors and to interiors, I discuss every single detail with my mom and we decorate all the houses with special candies or chocolates. Because of this meaningful activity, Christmas is always the most awaited holiday for me.

These "Family Time" with my mother contains many of the most beautiful moments in my life. Only when riding bikes with her along the river do I feel free from the pressure of schoolwork and from my overly idealistic emotions and expectations of myself. By sharing my thoughts and feelings with her during family time, I was able to learn from her past experiences and know that I was never alone. I am really lucky to have a mother who treats me as a friend, and from all the family time we spent together and the precious memories we share, I realized I had been and will always be loved and supported. There are many ways to spend <sup>one's</sup> family time, but all these activities share one ultimate goal — to connect. My family time has been magnificent, and I hope everyone can find his or her own way of connecting with their family in the limited time we have in our lives.