

105 學年度第 1 學期高中部英文作文比賽

1. Life is full of challenges. You may have to make decisions in the face of the difficulties. Sometimes you make a right decision; sometimes, wrong. Write a composition of at least 500 words to tell a right (or wrong) decision you have made before, which has an impact on your life.
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。

"Life is like a box of chocolate." That's what Forrest Gump commented about his view for life. Surely, you never know what the next piece looks like, tastes like, and, whether it pleases you or not until you reached out and tried it yourself. I personally agree with Gump's view for life. Because I've been there, being uncertain of the next step I was going to take.

My family and I moved to the Philippines when I was in fifth grade. It wasn't a pleasant trip at the start, not at all. Moving to the Philippines was like pushing myself into a dark room without the aid of a flashlight. I was scared, totally lost due to not knowing what lies ahead, especially when this journey might even cost the already little success I had in Taiwan, and takes away the friends, the school, everything I was familiar with and fond of from me.

There I stood, not knowing which direction to go. I knew very little English, and English was the only survival kit I got in that lone island I was on, and I knew it very well. But then, I decided. I am not giving up. Yes, maybe I could hardly read any texts or communicate with anyone, but I picked up a piece of chocolate and took a bite. I am not going to just let go without even trying.

Bitter it was, but that decision changed my life. I struggled in almost everything, but with determination, I started to climb. Step by step, page after page, I gradually improved in English, and began breaking down the barriers I had with others. I was no longer afraid. My grades soared and I built many international friendships, they helped me keep going and just simply opened my eyes by introducing a place far beyond my knowledge - the world.

Time flew, and now I'm here. Few could have the same experience I had, very few, and in every way I'm thankful, for English wasn't the only prize I took home. The time in the Philippines, that particular night I was sobbing on my bed, taught me one thing. There really isn't a reason for anyone to not give up, but once you did, there would not be anything left for you to expect, to contend for.

I might have a much "normal" life now if it wasn't for that decision I made; I might just be another student hating on vocabularies and grammar, still in fear of speaking English, or I might just give up, like what others would have done. But I stayed, I refused to back down, I wanted to know what was I going to get from the box. And it turned out to be the sweetest of all.

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Life is like sailing on the sea. You don't know where you would land, and what would be waiting for you, but the steerwheel is in your hands. Many places I could've rather been, but that right move nailed it all, and am I not thankful. We might be ever-worried about which way to go, but that's just how life should be, the road is paved from your own feet. So take a chance, reach for it, what's inside the box may just simply amaze you — and change your life forever.