

Elementary 1-1b

Family Time

All my family members are getting together in our house today.

My very tall Grandpa Jimmy is doing dishes.

My very short Grandma Lily is making the bed.

My very slim Mom is cooking, Sister Meg, doing laundry, Brother Ken, mopping the floor.

My very tall and big Uncle Klay, my very thin Aunt Fay, and my very young Cousin May are doing yardwork.

Everyone is getting ready to welcome the puppy.

I name her Mimi.

Mimi is standing at the door.

She is looking scared.

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Happy Halloween

It's Halloween! People dress up and get excited.

Are you surprised by the costumes? Are you scared?

We are ready to go onto the streets, and wish all a wonderful and happy Halloween!

I'm in a green shirt and brown pants, I am Jack in the Beanstalk this year!

Uncle Klay is in a vest and shorts. He is the bored Boy Who Cried Wolf.

Aunt Fay is in a black robe, with a jealous look on the face.

She is the Evil Queen in Snow White.

Cousin May is in a red gown. Mom is in a night dress. They are Little Red Riding Hood and the ill Grandma.

Meg is the Little Match Girl with no shoes on. She is lonely and sad.

Ken is in a coat and hat as Sherlock Holmes. He is never tired or sleepy. Never Sherlock Holmes.

Grandpa Jimmy and Grandma Lily are the ashamed Adam and Eve with no clothes on! They are the first man and woman in Bible Book.

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Play at School

Playground and Gym Rules

For your safety, checking of body temperature before entering is a must.

For your health, taking a rest after lunch for one hour is a must.

No playing or climbing on or around gate.

No dog walking on the playing fields.

No running or pushing. No eating.

Thank you for taking care of all equipment.

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Mimi

Mimi is not looking scared now.

Not anymore!

She is sitting on my lap now.

Mimi is always standing up on her toes.

We are always hugging and kissing.

We enjoy running, jumping rope and swimming in the daytime.

At night, we feel like turning off the light and sleeping under the moonlight.

Together with Mimi, we spend time reading a book, writing letters and typing messages.

I'm always talking to Mimi, and she is always listening to me.

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Happy Chinese New Year

Chinese New Year is my favorite holiday. No one is reviewing school subjects.

No English, Math, History, Art nor Social Studies. No one is learning a new instrument or language.

People are meeting family and friends and celebrating the season. Children are getting lucky fruits and red envelopes with money! Chinese New Year is coming and I'm getting ready. I'm planning a tour and inviting everyone to come!

Happy Chinese New Year!

We're having a fun tour next weekend.

We are wearing new clothes and going to food places in Chinatown.

We're playing with fireworks during the festival!

Friday, February 14th. - Sunday, February 16th.

7p.m. - 9p.m.

Speed Sports Park

888 Spring Street

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Something to Say

I'm making a family schedule for next week, for everyone:

Taking Meg to the doctor on Monday— Meg is always using the bathroom for so long. Even today!

Tuesday — Inviting Cousin May to my secret place — Aunt Fay is often comparing my scores with Cousin May, almost every day.

Wednesday — Taking the laptop to school and using it after class — Ken is leaving me with housework again. No time for computer games.

Thursday — Buying myself a cake — They're never celebrating my birthday. I want my cake.

Friday — Making my name plate for teacher Gray — Teacher Gray is usually forgetting my name.

Saturday and Sunday — Visiting my grandparents for two days — We are seldom visiting Grandpa Jimmy and Grandma Lily over the weekend. I miss them.

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My Treehouse

I have no room as bedroom. That's ok! I have a treehouse in the backyard.

A treehouse with wood boards as the floor. No doors or windows, just the cool breeze.

Fun things to do in the treehouse area:

- Sleep in the treehouse in summer.
- Wake up without an alarm clock.
- Have an apple, an egg and juice for a breakfast picnic.
- Play the violin.
- Exercise in the sun.
- Read under a lamp at night. (I usually put a novel under the pillow.)
- Make paper toys with scissors and glue.
- Write things in my diary. (I never keep a diary on a computer.)
- Write letters to Grandma Lily.
- Fly kites or catch insects in the sun.
- Play in the rain.(I use a leaf as an umbrella.)

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Meg and Ken

My Sister Meg and my Brother Ken are always busy, even before they go to sleep.

They have no time for their little brother.

Meg is always thinking about something.

Her dirty dishes are still in the sink, and her uniform is still in the washing machine.

She is always thinking about school: her bad test score, her angry math teacher, and that bad-to-the-bone classmate.

Ken is always worrying about school: his undone homework, his English class and test tomorrow, and the school lunch tomorrow.

I just brush my teeth- Stand on one leg, and dance.

Wash my face- Hold my breath and make a face.

Comb my hair- Close my eyes, and smile.

Open the room door and say goodnight to Mimi.

Lie on my back- Stretch my legs and go to sleep.

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Ming

Ming is new in our class.

We're from different countries, but we share things and become friends.

Ming and his uncle and aunt sell tea eggs on the street in front of our school.

I would like to sell tea eggs with them three times a week.

Just want to spend time with my friend after school.

Care to join us?

You can also invite your friends to come and try the tea eggs!

Hope to see you soon!

“I know Ming! He is all alone. With no Mom and Dad around. No shoulder to cry on.”

“He cost an arm and a leg. He should work your fingers to the bone!”

“I want to go! When and where? Can I have your phone number?”

“Go away! There isn't enough elbow room for his business!”

“The tea eggs look delicious! Uh-oh...I feel hungry now.”

“They probably smell awful. Don’t touch me.”

“Tea eggs sound good!”

“How old is he? Oh poor him!”

“Sorry, I can’t give him a hand.”

“Don’t be rude, teenagers!”

“He is a pain in the neck.”

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School Clubs

Computer games are popular, but I get bored with them now.

I want to play something else after school.

I want to touch balls or play instruments with my hands!

I probably smell bad after workout, but I cannot wait to play!

Before that, I need to join a school club first.

So, which one do I really want to go?

- Piano

I feel happy and relaxed around the piano.

I get nervous in front of people. Sometimes I can hear my heartbeat with my ears.

- Guitar

I look so cool with a guitar in my hands.

My fingers may turn black after guitar practice.

- Chess

I can see a chess game live with my eyes and learn more.

I may look too young for chess.

- Dodgeball

It's a full body workout.

I may become angry during a dodgeball game.

- Soccer

My muscles will grow big and strong, and my feet will go fast.

I may get punches in the mouth or face.

- Cooking

I can taste all the food after cooking.

Eggs and milk give me swollen lips and tingly tongue.

- Baseball

I should get enough natural vitamin D in the sunshine.

I may get a black eye in a baseball game.

- Flute

It's so much fun!

I must sound terrible.

I need more time to think!

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Big Heart Bakery

I go to Big Heart Bakery every Friday.

Grandma Lily will keep some bread crust for me and put them in a brown paper bag.

She can make the best bread and desserts in town, but not many people know about it.

I should think of a way to let more people know about Big Heart Bakery.

Do you feel blue all day? You should try a piece of black forest cake!

NT 65 dollars each

Does anyone feel not well? An apple pie should make you feel better.

NT 55 dollars each

Some people can't have sugar. Buy our sugar-free bread and you won't regret it!

NT 80 dollars each

We might eat too much red meat. A bottle of green juice will do us good.

NT 90 dollars per bottle

A cup of milk tea will pair well with both fruit candies and dark chocolate.

NT 30 dollars per piece

Don't miss our ice cream! All natural fruit flavors. Buy one, get one free!

NT 90 dollars per scoop

Help yourself to some cookies! Fresh from the oven!

NT 20 dollars per piece

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Be Busy and Happy

Mom is a police officer. Grandma Lily is the baker in Big Heart Bakery.

Grandpa Jimmy is a shopkeeper. Uncle Klay is a teacher. Aunt Fay is a housewife.

They are very busy and happy with their work.

They said a to-do list is a good way to take care of things.

Be friendly to everyone.

Check out the parking lot cameras.

Catch bad people.

Make good bread and pastries.

Deliver fresh bread to restaurants.

Create new cookies and cakes.

Help people buy things.

Be kind and polite to everyone.

Give toys to hospitals.

Answer questions from curious students.

Make sure all students understand.

Yell “Be quiet!” at students?

Tidy the house.

Cook every night.

Check the family bank account every day.

Do housework and homework with my kid?

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Happy Birthday to Mom

Yesterday everyone was busy preparing gift for Mom. It was her birthday!

Grandpa Jimmy and Grandma Lily were at a beauty shop for a shampoo.

Ken was at a bookstore for a novel.

Meg was at a train station for a train ticket.

I was at the kitchen making a special sandwich meal—an omelet, a sandwich and a pumpkin dessert.

Egg and cheese were from a supermarket. All organic.

The pumpkin was from a farm. It was free!

Lettuce and tomatoes were from a vegetable garden. Sweet and fresh!

The toast was from Big Heart Bakery. It was just out of the oven!

Since Mom is a vegetarian, I put banana, not bacon, in her BLT sandwich!

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Where to Go at Midnight

Oops! I spent more than five hundred dollars at the night market.

That's too much money, and I forgot to ask for the receipts.

Well, I couldn't help it. All the food at the night market smelt wonderful. I felt so hungry.

I ate a ten-dollar egg roll with shrimp.

I paid twenty NT dollars for black tea.

I got a bag of sweet potato balls for thirty.

I bought a bowl of hot and sour soup for forty.

I had a plate of oyster pancake for fifty. Yummy!

Sixty, salad with thousand island dressing.

A bag of iron eggs is seventy.

Less than eighty, two scoops of ice cream from Turkey!

Hot pot for ninety! Can you believe it?

After eating, I made a dough doll for one hundred NT dollars only!

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Lulu

My neighbor and also my friend Lulu is from Malaysia, a country near China.

She is super nice to people and animals.

Lulu taught zoology in Taiwan University for a few years. Now, she is a youtuber.

Let's go check out her posts!

“The sea turtles just laid eggs on Shell Beach! Woohoo! I took a plane to South America for this!”

“I gave a truck tour at Hong Kong Wetland Park years ago, and I am here again!”

“Guess who wore an animal costume and drove a train at the amusement park today?”

“I caught a bus across London Bridge to the theater for the Cats show!”

“On a cruise ship on the Amazon River, guess what animals I spotted in the Amazon forest?”

“Some people invited me to work with whales at the ocean park. I said NO. We should not keep whales in the swimming pools.”

“Animals cannot speak for themselves, so we spoke for them at the science museum this afternoon.”

“What was everyone doing today? I just rowed a boat on the pond, rode a bicycle around the lake, and went up to the mountain to volunteer at the zoo for a day!”

Elementary 4-1b

Mimi at Peace

Mimi died last week. At peace.

I miss her. I miss our old times together.

Now she's not here with me. I cannot believe it.

I want to send her dog food package, write her a postcard, and put the word "Mimi" into my dictionary.

Mimi was a sweet home helper.

She fetched mom the newspaper, I mopped the kitchen floor.

I tidied the house, she carried the dirty clothes to the laundry room.

She was everywhere in the house.

We watched TV together in the living room.

We watered the plant in the balcony.

I bathed her in the tub with towels, and she dragged a blanket over me at night.

We played baseball with my bat and glove in the backyard.

She was a master at hide-and-seek.

She hid behind the curtain, under the chair, in the tool closet, between the pillows and blankets, next to my doll, beside the desk, on the rug...

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The Cat Living with Ming

Remember the black cat? Living with Ming?

The cat is a silly one!

One day, the cat could not find its glasses inside the house...

“Are they in my dragon jewel box?” Nope.

“Are they in the table drawer?” No, they’re not there. There’s only a postcard inside.

Let me think...I was in back of the pig farm last night. I cooked fish in the pan, grabbed milk out of refrigerator and filled my cup, then I had my candle light dinner.

“Are the glasses on the stove?” Nope, and they are not on the cup mat either.

“Strange...Then I checked my weight on the scale...They were on my nose when I was checking my weight on the scale. Then I wanted to burn some weight...and they were with me when I was playing with the robot dog! Let me go checking the sink pipe...

A bird flew in front of the cat and made sounds: Hi silly cat, your glasses are- on your head!

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Job Riddles

Who teaches at school? A teacher.

Who bakes bread at a bakery? A baker.

Those job riddles from Teacher Gray are too easy for us.

She probably needs some new ones:

This person

- sells umbrellas on the cold and rainy days.
- sells sunglasses on the hot and sunny days.
- displays coats on the cool and windy days.

This person

- uses power from the sun, water from the soil, carbon from the air and minerals from the rocks to grow food.
- works in all weather, even when summer storms bring strong lightning and heavy thunder.
- prepares his/her land early for typhoon seasons.

This person

- waits for rainbows after the rain.
- watches stars at night.
- notices clouds in the sky.
- studies the nature of the universe.

This person

- plants trees in spring.
- builds sand castles in summer.
- goes camping and has a campfire in fall.
- makes snowmen in winter.

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My Travel Journal

I have been to America.

I have tried fortune cookies in Chinatown.

I have seen a Broadway show in New York City's Theater District.

I have taken a picture with the bull on Wall Street.

Mom and I have window-shopped on Fifth Avenue.

We've had a good time in New York City!

I've been to China.

All the classmates and I have travelled along the Silk Road, just like Tang Seng.

I've been to West Europe.

I've known Shakespeare before I went to England.

I've visited world's largest museum in France. Monna Lisa has lived there.

I've been to Africa.

I've flown on a plane to see South Africa's first black president Nelson Mandela several times already.

I've been out of the planet Earth.

I've seen aliens in the outer space.

They've taught me their superpowers!

I've been in this dream and don't want to wake up!

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Get Ready for School

This is the list to prepare for my new school year:

- a pencil box
- two NO. 2 pencils
- a ruler
- an eraser
- three notebooks
- a lunch box and bag

*no pens or markers

Everything on the list is ready to go, and I want to pack my own lunch to school starting tomorrow!

These are my lunch ideas:

- Peanut butter and jelly sandwich (It's probably the most popular kid's favorite food!)

- Chicken noodle soup (Ming's chicken noodle soup is hotter and thicker than mine. I can have his for breakfast, lunch and dinner all day!)
- Spaghetti and pizza (Spaghetti and pizza are too yummy to say no to! I want mine creamier and cheesier!)
- Hamburger and French fries (Fast food is not only tasty but also quicker and easier.)
- Wonton dumplings (Classmate Molly's and Tommy's dumplings smell so good that I want to eat theirs every time. I can add soy sauce to make them taste stronger and more flavorful!)
- Sushi and salad (Teacher Gray usually chooses colorful fruits and vegetables to pack into her lunch box with rice. Those are fresh and healthy enough to eat every day! I want one like hers! Kids need to eat fresher and healthier food.)

Weekly meal planning is the easiest.

Cooking can be the most difficult part.

Anyway, I'm totally ready to make the most beautiful school lunch!