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## "IF I WERE A LIONESS" BY: EVELYN DAVALOS

If I were an animal I would be a lioness. I know I would be powerful and respected, as I am now. I think I resemble a lioness very much because we both are tender, loving and kind, but very aggressive when we need to be. As a lioness, I have no need to walk or run fast since I don't have an urge to. I am usually very possessive with my belongings the same as lions.

The way I spend a typical day, as a parent, is usually the same, as a typical mother should do: play, clean, discipline, and feed. Playing with my daughter is a good way to develop a strong bond with each other. Discipline is good too, so when my daughter is older, she will know right from wrong. A lioness' as well as myself, are carnivorous, I like my food freshly done, so what I would do is go and buy my meat as if a lion would go and hunt for it's meals.

The lion prefers to surround itself with animals beneath it in the food chain, offering leadership, strength, and protection in exchange for loyalty and hard work. I think that lions are an important species in society: they are fascinating animals who are misunderstood by us people, which is why they are becoming extinct. Now I know that if I were an animal, a lion would very much resemble me.

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## "MY ROOM" BY: MIAO XIAN (SHARON) ZHOU

In my life, I don't need my room, so luxurious and I don't need it too big, but it must be clean. In fact, my room is different for what I want. I live with my sisters. Sometimes, I want to get more space for myself. I want my to reflect my world. I like my room's color in beige; it's to be comfortable. When I come in my room, on the right side, it has my bed. Near the bed, it has a dresser and a chair. On the left side it has a wardrobe. On the wardrobe's left side, there is a computer on the table. That's my room!



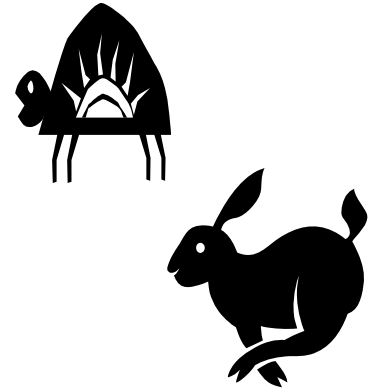
## “THE TORTOISE AND THE HARE” BY: KIM WU

I believe everyone has heard of the tortoise and the hare story. I heard that when I was a child. The hare mocks the tortoise for his slow manner. The tortoise challenges the hare to a race.

At first, the hare is ahead of the tortoise so much, then the hare thinks to himself, “That tortoise is very slow, I can take a rest and wait for him.” The hare sits under a tree and sleeps. The tortoise never gave up; he tries to run and run. Later, when the hare wakes up, he sees the tortoise almost finishing, and he tries to catch him, but he cannot. Finally, the tortoise wins.

This story is telling us: “Don’t judge people solely by their appearance.” I think this is a very good story, even though it’s very short and very simple. It has a very profound meaning. We need to learn from that, and we can’t be like the hare. We need to learn to be the tortoise that never gives up its power. If you have stability, preserve will prevail. We don’t mock anyone. Everyone has a strong point, something they can do so much better than you, or they can do what you cannot do. We can’t look down on everyone also.

“The Tortoise and the Hare” is just a very short and simple story. It is a very good story and we can easily understand it.



“Slow and Steady wins the Race”:  
The Moral of “The Tortoise and the Hare”

## “I’M A LIONESS” BY: ANONYMOUS

If I could be any animal, I would be a lioness. The reason I would be a lioness is they’re strong and they love the warm sun.

I am always sleeping when it’s daylight with the hot sun on them. As a lion, I love to catch their prey. Lions are so fast and hard to catch and they’re really smart too. They can also see from far away as well as hear good too. Lions are fighters, and if I was a lion I would be a strong and very smart animal. I would live in Africa. I would eat impala and other different animals. I hunt down my own food. I hear with my ears and see with my eyes. My values I hold are freedom and family. What I do for fun is roll around on the ground and play with my lion family. I spend my typical day by laying on the ground and rolling around. I love to go hunting for me and my family and sometimes even put my life on the line.

One day I want to be the queen of the jungle.



I’m a Lioness

## “MY TRANSITION TO LIFE AT JOB CORPS” BY: MIAO XIAN (SHARON) ZHOU

I like Job Corps! I like it because Job Corps gives me many opportunities that I want! For example: I can get a high school diploma in Job Corps; I can live in the dorms, and I can get a driver’s license...etc. These are free for the students that come here. This is very important. Before I was in Job Corps I was in China! I think China is a beautiful country, but it has a lot of people. So, many Chinese are going to migrate to another country make more money for their lives! My name is Miao Xian Zhou, but in Job Corps they call me Sharon. That was right! Sharon is my other name, my American name. I have been in Job Corps for eight months, and I feel it is good. I like Job Corps and the SIATech teachers. They are very nice, and they are quite patient for every student. They help me learn more and more English in America. In ordinary high school, many students are together to listen to what was the teacher says; it is different for SIATech. I didn’t have a HSD; I want to get it in Job Corp. Getting this opportunity was not easy, and I will treasure this time, and I will work hard. I know I have many classmates who want to get this HSD in America, but they got it in China before, so they can’t get it now. If I could be the Center Director for a day, I would change the policy for everyone so she or he can take the HSD in Job Corps if they want. I am happy in Job Corps, because I have made many good friends in Job Corps, they are: Ivy, Emily, and Wendy.... After school we sometimes go shopping, or barbecue together. We were playing together, and studying together. Since I came to Job Corps, I have never felt lonely. Since I came to United States, I didn’t have friends. I made many good friends at Job Corps, so I was happy. I like my friends in Job Corps, and I like the teachers. I like Job Corps!

## “CELL PHONES” BY: SABRINA SANDERS

Some states are banning the use of cell phones while driving due to the hazard in general. Cell phones should have an earpiece attached to them while driving. Cell phones have a higher rate of causing accidents than drinking and driving. Cell phones have many different hazards that lead up to one big problem, which are accidents. For one, cell phones can be hazardous if you get a call while driving saying that someone has been seriously injured, or a death in the family has taken place. Next thing you know, you're an emotional wreck and you crash or just breakdown. A simple earpiece is more likely to decrease this problem because when you get a call, at least you have two hands on the wheel so you will have more control.

Another problem with holding on the cell phone to your ear is that some people concentrate more on their conversations than their driving. For instance, when a teenager is on the phone and driving, they might be hearing the latest gossip and get distracted, get into deep conversations or they might be laughing, put their head down for a second, look up, and crash. A simple earpiece could prevent these problems because: one, if the earpiece is in their ear then when they're gossiping and get frustrated, both hands are on the wheel. Two, if they're laughing and put their head down then the phone will not drop because it won't be in their hands. In conclusion, the key to driving is to keep both hands on the wheel at all times. So pay attention, keep your eyes open at all times and concentrate while driving. Wear your seatbelts and be safe!



**Wear your seatbelts and be safe!**

## “MY ROOM” BY: MARRISSA GLOVER

My room is like a wonderful island. My floor feels like a soft rug like the same sand at the ocean. I lay in my bed and it feel's like I'm lying on top of the clouds. I have covers that are so comfortable like a mink cover. My pillow is wonderful like a nice chunky baby. When I lay down on it I feel like I am in heaven. I don't think about nothing just lying down and let my mind rest. My dresser is like a wooden, golden palace that holds all my accessories, my things that are most important to me. I love going to my room and opening my dresser because it's like I'm entering a little accessories store as if I was in West Field Mall. I walk over to my computer and it's beautiful baby blue color like the big blue sky. It has a wonderful picture of my momma on the screensaver; she's so beautiful like the angels in heaven. I turn to the other side of my room to look outside, but before I could look outside I look at the amazing binds. They make me feel like I'm on a tropical beach in beautiful islands. They brush back and forth as if the wind from the ocean was blowing. Then I walk over to my closet and it reminds me of the mall; all the stories at once. It was like I was in the coolest room with the best view. It has lovely stars that glow in the dark, but in the daytime it looks like I'm at peace. I could go and lie on my comfortable bed and everything is good, and nothing could hurt me, or bring me down. I'm in my own heaven; living and loving life at that one wonderful moment in my room.

**“It's a beautiful baby blue color like the big blue sky.”**

## “CURRENT EVENTS TO TIJC” BY: EYOBE MENGISTU

I have finished my trade at TIJC. I am certified and I am getting high school diploma. I live in the dorms and don't have a roommate I like TIJC because it changed my life positively, A have two very good friends. They are American. Their names are Mike and Ricky. Mike is going to college. They help me with My English at Job Corps. I like to live to talk to people and to go to gym. Job Corps is a good place for me.



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### "AM I THE WIND?" BY: KEVIN WU

I will always remember that when I was in the middle school. My name is Kevin Wu. That year I was in seventh grade. The school Sports Day took place in our school. Every team brandished its banners, and the atmosphere was very warm. I prepared for this sports day for eight months, and I hoped my team and I will do the best we can. Before the competition, I trained very hard every-day. My running events were the 110 meters hurdles race, the triple jump, and the 4\*100 meters relay race. I spent four hours a day to train for my individual sports: half an hour for warm up, two hour for triple jump, and one hour thirty minutes for the hurdles race. Every two days I practiced teamwork with my teammates for the relay race, and we all worked very hard; everyday we trained after school, so we all very tired. But we didn't care, because we had goals! Finally, the Sports Day came. I was very excited and I was a little nervous to wait for today's matches. My first game was the triple. In this game, I was a seeded player, so I was under a lot of pressure. I fouled in the first jump. Another seeded player, the last champion of the triple jump in our city, did an excellent jump, and he beat the new record. At that time, my confidence took a hard hit. Although I had a successful jump in the second try, at last I lost the game, and I was just the bronze medal winner. I came back to my seat with a dejected mood. Tim came and tapped on my shoulder, "Don't give up, you're the soul of our team, the games are not finish, we trust you can do well in the following matches." I was very heartened by his words. Time flew; it was the turn of the 110 meters hurdles race. This game commanded the attention of everybody. The game pulled the largest crowd. In this game, I was an obscure player, because it was just the first time I joined this game; but I was the first player to get into the final from the heat games. In the final game, the best players all enjoyed a happy time to get together. Each athlete wore a neat blue sport suit, and they were in high spirits. We were eager for a fight. "Ready..." "Bang!" A loud shot rang out. I ran forward like a wind. My mind had nothing but win. At this moment, the sound from the people cheered. As one fell, another rose, again and again; it sounded like the waves. I finished  $\frac{3}{4}$  distance with wonderful movement, but I found my best opponent Feng nipped on ahead; I feared him to surpass me. At this time, the cheering squad was cheering outside the playground, the voices were stunning. In my mind, I talked to myself, "I will never fail to live up to what my teammates and my fans expect of me, and I must win this game!" I gritted my teeth, and my full power of speed burst, and I was flying to the end of the race. The only one player who could beat me was Feng, and he was the last champion in this game. He kept after me, and the other players were a long way behind us. Finally, we were nip and tuck right to the finishing line. When I crossed the finishing line, my teammates and female cheering team all piled to me to celebrate my victory, and said, "We are proud of you! You are the wind!" Although I lost to Feng by 0.08second in the game result, in our team's mind, I was the winner. I was also satisfied with what I did. In the 4\*100 meters relay race, our team was a well-known weak team, but we got the 3<sup>rd</sup> place by our excellent teamwork. After that, the Sports Day had a good completion. That day was a such a memorable experience what I had, and I learned a lesson from it: Teamwork is very important. I won't forget that day in my whole life. Since that time, I have a new nickname: "Wind Son."