第23回 小·中学生 尚絅英語暗唱大会 暗唱原稿

★ 指定課題文 I 小学4~6年生(個人の部)

Once there was a happy train filled with toys for boys and girls. There were toy animals, teddy bears, dolls, and every kind of thing boys or girls could want. The happy train was carrying all these toys to the good little boys and girls on the other side of the mountain. Suddenly, the train broke down and stopped. It was stuck. Many big trains passed by, but none of them wanted to help. Then, a little blue train came. She asked, "What's the matter?" The toys said, "Can you take us over the mountain? Our train has broken down and the good little boys and girls on the other side won't have any toys to play with, unless you help us." "I'm not very big," said the blue train. "But I can try." The blue train hitched herself to the other train and said, "I think I can. I think I can. I think I can." She pulled and pulled, and slowly they started off. The toys were happy. "I think I can. I think I can. I think I can." Up, up, up. Faster and faster the blue train climbed and climbed, until finally they reached the top of the mountain. The toys cheered and said, "The good little boys and girls will be happy because you helped us!" The little blue train smiled. As she went down the mountain, she said, "I thought I could. I thought I could. I thought I could."

Adapted from "The Little Engine That Could" by Watty Piper

★ 指定課題文Ⅱ 小学4~6年生(ペアの部)

- A: Hi 名前! I went to your home during Golden Week, but you were not there. Did you take a trip somewhere?
- B: Oh, yes. I spent Golden Week with my grandparents in the countryside.
- A: The countryside sounds nice. What did you do there?
- **B:** Well, my grandparents are strawberry farmers. They have a large greenhouse. I helped them pick and package strawberries. I enjoyed helping out.
- **A:** Oh really? I love to go strawberry picking with my grandmother. She tells interesting stories while I eat. Did you eat many strawberries?
- **B:** Of course! Fresh strawberries are so good! My grandmother also showed me how to make jam. It was a lot of fun and the jam was delicious! I love spending time with my grandparents.
- **A:** Me, too! My father told me that all of his grandparents had passed away when he was very young. He doesn't remember them.
- B: Oh, that's sad.
- A: Yeah. Maybe that's why he is quick to let my grandmother take me places. He wants me to enjoy my time with her.
- **B:** That's great! Your grandmother sounds fun. I would like to hear some of her interesting stories.
- A: Well, she wants to go strawberry picking this weekend. Do you want to join us?
- **B:** Yes, I do! Maybe after that, we can make some strawberry jam. I'll bring my grandmother's recipe.
- A: Sounds fun!



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★ 指定課題文Ⅲ 中学生(個人の部)

Once there was a tree and she loved a boy. And the boy loved the tree very much. They always played together and the tree was happy. As time went by, the tree gave the boy all of her apples and branches. But the boy grew up and moved away.

Many years later when he came back, the tree was so happy she could hardly speak. "Come, Boy," she whispered, "come and play." "I am too old and sad to play," said the boy. "I want a boat that will take me far away from here. Can you give me a boat?"

"Cut down my trunk and make a boat," said the tree. "Then you can sail away and be happy." So the boy cut down her trunk, made a boat, and sailed away. And the tree was happy, but not really.

After a long time, the boy came back again. "I am sorry, Boy," said the tree, "but I have nothing left to give you. My apples are gone."

"My teeth are too weak for apples," said the boy.

"My branches are gone," said the tree. "You cannot swing on them."

"I am too old to swing on branches," said the boy.

"My trunk is gone," said the tree. "You cannot climb."

"I am too tired to climb," said the boy.

"I am sorry," said the tree. "I wish that I could give you something, but I have nothing left. I am just an old stump."

"I don't need much now," said the boy, "just a quiet place to sit and rest."

"Well," said the tree, straightening herself up as much as she could, "an old stump is good for sitting and resting. Come, Boy, sit down. Sit down and rest." The boy did and the tree was happy.

Adapted from "The Giving Tree" by Shel Silverstein

★ 指定課題文IV 中学生(ペアの部)

- A: Hi 名前! Oh, what a cute puppy!! What's his name?
- B: Actually, it's a girl. Her name is 名前.
- **A:** Oh, she's sweet and so friendly! Look how excited she is! I absolutely love dogs and have always wanted one. When did you get her?
- **B:** My family adopted her from an animal shelter last week. If you are serious about wanting a dog, I recommend a shelter.
- A: Oh, really? What about a pet shop? They always have cute dogs there.
- **B:** Yes, but by adopting from a shelter, you are giving an animal a second chance. Many shelter animals have been rescued from terrible circumstances, or maybe their owners were no longer able to take care of them.
- A: That's right. I saw a TV show about how shelter staff work hard to nurse animals back to health. They do everything they can to make sure the animals are prepared to go to a new home.
- **B:** Yes. Sadly, not all animals are lucky enough to find a new home. Shelters in some countries have to end their lives because of a lack of space.
- **A:** Wow! It's terrible that many healthy animals lose their lives. I'm happy that Kumamoto City doesn't do that.
- **B:** Yes. By adopting a pet, you can give an animal that doesn't have a home a loving and stable place to live.
- A: That sounds great! I agree that adopting from a shelter is the best way to get a pet.
- **B:** Are you free tomorrow? I can take you to the shelter that my family went to. They have many dogs there.
- A: Sounds great! I'm looking forward to seeing them! Thank you!

