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## KEYS TO SUCCESS

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Today we live in a commercial society; the business world is like a battlefield. Are you ready? Opportunities only present themselves to people who are ready because hardly anyone will give you a second chance to make up your mistakes in the future. College is the last chance for students to get ready because after you graduate, you will have to compete with others in the real world. Imagine your college professor as your boss at work. Would he or she forgive you if you were late or didn't do your job well? Establishing the right attitude toward your work and being liked by your professor or later by your boss are important steps for being successful.

If your professor were your boss, then you would certainly want him to like you, so it is best to learn to develop the right relationship with your professor at school. Showing respect and dedication to your education help achieve that. Five minutes before class, it is best to wait outside of the classroom, which shows respect for your professor. If you cannot come to class, send a message or an e-mail or make a phone call to your professor before the class starts. However, making false excuses never helps because such excuses are always the same, and your professor, just like your boss later at work, would certainly not be fooled.

Doing all your homework and being well prepared makes a big impression. If you came unprepared to work, your boss would certainly not want to hear any excuses and might even fire you. It is important to stay focused in class too. Playing with your cell-phone, chatting with other students, or dozing off in class is very impolite. Imagine how you would feel if some day you were addressing a meeting at work, and others did those same things without paying attention to you. It is also important to answer a couple of questions and participate during class because such participation would be important later at your work too. It would let your boss know what he was paying you for. However, it is not polite to rush to answer all the questions because other students need a chance to participate too. At the end of the class, it is nice to say goodbye to your professor. A simple "have a nice evening" shows politeness and respect. The same holds true in the workplace with your boss too.

Everyone wants to become a successful person, and this has nothing to do with who your parents are, how rich your family is, how many luxury items you have, or how beautiful you are. One day, you may put everything else aside and ask yourself who you are, what you have accomplished. And if all the achievements are your own that you can be proud of. Working on your own achievements starts with developing the right attitude toward your work and your superiors. This is the case now at college and also later in your career, and it is a key to being successful.

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## EARTHQUAKE

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A big and tragic earthquake hit in Japan two years ago. I experienced it in Tokyo. The seismic center was in the north of Japan, Tohoku district, but the magnitude was 4 around the place I was living, and I had never felt such a strong shake. My husband was working in the Tokyo metropolitan area at that time, so I was worried about him. I was afraid that tall buildings would fall down. I could not use a cell phone because the lines were cut, so we could not contact each other.

I was staying with my son who had just come back from school and we were hiding under the dining table. The strong shake lasted for a long time and the aftershock occurred many times, so my son got scared and cried. When I knew my husband was safe, I was relieved, but I was so surprised and shocked to see a horrible sight of Tohoku district. I could not say anything when I could see that on TV, and its sight moved us to tears.

I saw many houses being destroyed by the massive Tsunami on TV. As matter of course, a lot of people were also drowned. I can't forget the scene which parents were struggling to find their own child who had been drowned by the Tsunami. The Tsunami that followed the earthquake was much more enormous than we had expected.

Almost two years have passed since the powerful earthquake had hit Japan. Even now, many people are in trouble living normally. There are many children who lost their parents. I hope the victims of the earthquake will recover from their trauma and live energetically as soon as possible.

## DON'T BE HESITANT TO TRY CANTONESE FOOD

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Canton is a province which is located in southern China. The Cantonese cuisine is also one of the most famous Chinese foods in some foreign countries. For instance, there are lots of Chinese restaurants in Los Angeles, and they will usually serve mostly Cantonese food. Since Cantonese people rarely eat spicy food, they prefer the taste of light and fresh.

There is an old saying in China: "the Cantonese will eat anything that swims, except the submarine. Everything that flies, except the plane, and everything that has legs, except the table." In other words, Cantonese people always try to find the tasty food as much as possible. They think eating well is important. There are more than twenty cooking methods with Cantonese cuisine, such as frying, stewing, and braising. And the main ingredients include salt, sugar, oil, soy sauce, oyster sauce, rice wine, vinegar, garlic, ginger, and green onion.



One of my favorite Cantonese dishes is Dim Sum. In a Chinese restaurant, waitresses or waiters are selling Dim Sum in the wheeled cart. It is usually served as breakfast and brunch. Chinese people enjoy eating together with their families and friends. Therefore, having Dim Sum is the best choice for improving family relationships. There are several popular Dim Sums like, chicken feet, Siu mai, chow mein, egg tarts, spring rolls and shrimp dumplings.

If you have a chance to visit Canton, in addition to sightseeing, don't forget to try some authentic Cantonese food, especially the Dim Sum! I hope you are enjoying reading this article.

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# Lack of Luck Brings Luck

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Here I was in the car, driving, smoking, and breathing the smell of tobacco. I was tired and had a headache; things were flowing in my mind like faded blossoms in the wind, confused by the climate. I was tired of a long day and looking for a smoke shop because I just sucked up the last cigarette I had and would miss the opportunity of tasting one before bedtime. I was irritated by looking around to find a smoke shop. At that time, bad luck opened its arms warmly to let me in.

The billboard at the entrance of a shopping center caught my eyes with a blinking light shaped like a cigarette. I turned the steering wheel instantly and felt like a miner who found a pot of gold. I entered the parking lot, parked my car and, stepped out. I was so confident and felt the earth was shaking under my steps.

Out of the blue, I recognized that I had entered the wrong parking lot next to the one I had found interesting. I decided to cross the whole block while thoughts of bad luck were nagging in my mind. The parking was for Armstrong Garden Center on San Fernando Road where people buy gardening tools and plants. I noticed that there was a shortcut to the next parking lot. The shortcut crossed the middle of the garden center. I sped up my steps to pass the garden and reach the smell of tobacco. I found myself shocked by the stunning odor of plants and small trees in that garden. I felt the fresh air dancing in my lungs and making my mind work differently. I slowed down my steps and tried to fill my lungs with the fresh air. Couple of hard breaths made my head dizzy and I really liked the feelings. I closed my eyes for a minute and tried to think about nothing. Ding dong, my mind appreciated me with a given effort of quitting smoking. I was confused with my feelings; I didn't know whether I should keep going to the smoke shop or getting back into my car. The turnaround exploded within my body and bones. I found myself stepping back toward the car; it was all an unwanted action. It was a gift from my mind to me because I had filled it with the freshness of nature.

Here I was again in the car, thanking my bad luck which brought a great fortune for me. When I was looking for a smoke shop, the sight in front of my eyes was full of tension and anger but the smell and the freshness of the garden recycled my anger and converted it to calmness and joy. I could feel the smell of a blossom which was not faded but was sharp and fresh in my car. The smell of the blossom was the explosion in my mind and wanted me to live by the appreciation, wanted me to be positive instead of complaining and gain treasures that might be behind the bad luck.

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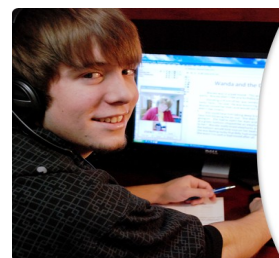
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## Less Spending

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Saving money is a good way to maintain your family spending. For some reasons, people usually do not use discount from markets or department stores because sometimes the discount is a trick. Most of the sale products are not that popular due to the lack of choice. Therefore, a discount is one of the most popular marketing strategies for sale products.

It is not easy to find a discount for some new or popular products because companies want profits. However, people now know how to shop online from the websites such as Amazon or E-bay. That is why online shopping has become more popular than ever before.

There are some people who always find discounts. In fact, they usually find a coupon first before they purchase something. It is not that

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difficult to find coupons in newspapers or magazines. First of all, people should check their mailboxes carefully. KFC and Burger King send coupons frequently, but people mostly throw them out. Second of all, finding discounts online is another way. Most big companies often put their coupons online which people do not often see. For instance, a website called "Retail Me Not" offers some discounts or discount codes daily.

Customers who order pizza is a good example of using coupons. An order from Domino Pizza with five sides cost around \$17. However, if using the code "9990", the price will change to only \$9.99.

To sum up, coupons and discounts could help us save a lot so we can purchase products for a good price.



## My Favorite TV Series

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One of the favorite activities that I enjoy doing in my leisure time is watching American TV series. You cannot believe how many TV series I have watched. I have watched Friends, Sex and the City, Project Runway, the Vampire Diary, Face Off, Nikita, Desperate Housewives, the Secret Circle, Revenge, Modern Family, 2 Broken Girls, and Prison Break.

The first time I watched an American TV series was when I was in 7<sup>th</sup> grade. At that time, Prison Break was the most fashionable TV show in China, and the leading actor was Michael Scofield. Every teenager watched it and talked about it all the time. Prison Break definitely inspired my passion for American TV shows which I found much more exciting than traditional Chinese drama. I fell in love with them at once.

My favorite TV series are Friends, Sex and the City and Desperate Housewives. When watching Friends, you just can't help but laugh. When I am frustrated, I can always find courage and a positive attitude in it. The six friends could always cheer me up. But I think the friendship in Friends is too flawless to be true. It just cannot happen in real life.

I fell in love with New York and want to be a New Yorker because of Sex and the City. I just can't help but love the fashion and fantastic night life that Sex and the City described. I have to study and work very hard to live in this dream city.

I also enjoy another entirely different life that the four housewives had in Desperate Housewives. I want to be the kind of woman like Gaby who always tries to be beautiful, strong and brave.

Watching those TV shows definitely widens my vision. I got to know about life in America when I was not here. It has made my life more colorful. I will keep this habit.

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# Lake Tahoe

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If you are looking for a place to escape for a while and to refresh your mind from the noises of the big crowded city, Lake Tahoe could be an exact destination for you during vacations. Lake Tahoe is located in a beautiful high mountain in North America, which is one of the most amazing natural places in the world. Lake Tahoe would be the best choice for you because it has the beauty of the mountain roads, the lakes, and the forest.



First of all, a long, narrow mountain road that leads to Lake Tahoe is very peaceful and silent. There is only one small lane on each side. On the two sides of the road, there are countless tall green trees. The vertical end of the trees seem about to reach the sky in just a few centimeters. In addition, there are many small, plain countryside houses along this road. Sometimes, you can also see the lovely deer crossing very fast.

After passing this wonderful mountain road, you will be amazed by seeing a lake in an infinite size which also looks like an ocean. When the sun shines its golden light on the surface of this clear, blue water, it reflects the sparkling light into millions of diamonds onto the surface of the water. As the shadow of the trees and magnificent mountains reflecting in the mirror of the water, it becomes a huge, enchanting picture of nature.

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Finally, by walking into the forest, closing your eyes and listening carefully to the breath of nature, you can hear the whispering sound from the leaves in the trees above your head whenever the wind blows and swings. You can also smell the fragrances of flowers and trees all around. When you take a deep breath, the fresh air is

able to reduce stresses that accumulate inside your brain and body. These feelings can always help you to stay away from the moments of the busy life of big cities.

Whenever you travel to Lake Tahoe, you will be definitely attracted by these peaceful mountain roads, clear lakes and its intimate forest. In addition, these natural places that surround Lake Tahoe create a fresh and calm environment which could be a perfect place for whoever wants to release their stresses from the city of life.

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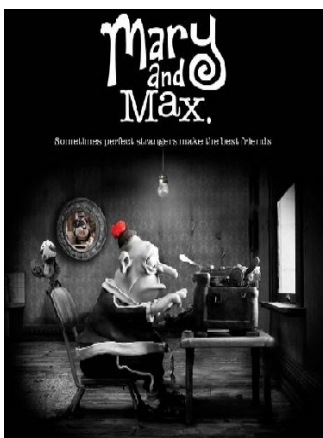
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# Mary and Max

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My favorite movie is *Mary and Max* because the characters in the movie teach me how to be happy in an adverse situation, and I am moved a lot by the plot of the movie.

*Mary and Max* is a cartoon movie. It is about the friendship between Max and Mary. Max is a forty-four-year-old man who lives in New York, and he is a single man. He does not have any friends because he has a kind of mental illness which gives him trouble communicating with people, so people think he is weird. Mary is an eight-year-old girl who lives in a small town in Australia. She does not have a happy family, and her mother is an alcoholic. In addition, she does not have friends because she is not a beautiful girl. One day, the lonely girl writes to a stranger who lives in New York to ask some questions. Then, Max receives and replies to the letter, so they become pen pals. Max enjoys answering her questions and solving her puzzles about the world. In turn, Mary likes to hear about Max's fascinating life. They nourish each other, and while Mary grows up, Max grows older; their friendship is stronger. They kept their friendship for seventeen years until Max died. Their friendship brought them happiness, and changed their lives.



The first reason I like this movie is the ways characters live. The main characters are underdogs like me, and I appreciate their courage of changing their lives. Max is disabled, and he always misunderstands other people, so people are repelled and avoid talking to him. He eats chocolate sandwiches after he finishes his work every day, and he never hangs out with friends because he does not have any friends. However, he never gives up. For example, he always writes letters to the mayor of the New York City, and he gives some ideas about how to make the city better. Because he loves life, he comes up with some ideas to make life better. In addition, he tries his best to make friends with Mary. He replies to her letter patiently and keeps the letters carefully in a special place. If he did not answer Mary's letter at the first time, he would not have the pen pal. He makes friends with Mary because he wants to change his life, and he does not want to be alone anymore. Everyone has difficulties in life, and I like the people who are brave enough to change their lives and try their best to make a better life such as Max.

It is my favorite movie because it moves me a lot. I am touched by Mary's strength and the friendship between Mary and Max. For example, when she was a little girl, she found a job to send advertisements. She did the job no matter it is raining or sunny. By working hard, she saved five cents every day for the tickets to New York to see Max. When I was a little girl, I just stayed at home and played with my dolls, so I can image how hard it is for a little girl to work, and I value her courage for realizing her dream. Second, the friendship between Max and Mary is so pure and strong that many people dream to have one. For example, there is a sentence in a letter that Max wrote to Mary, "you are my best friend, and you are my only friend". When I saw this sentence, my tear rolled out of my eyes. Max, a disabled person, made friends with a self-abused ugly girl, Mary. Their encounters are touching, but they are fortunate because they support each other as friends. Mary put some color to Max's toneless life, and Max teaches Mary to be confident in herself. In other words, I am moved by tough Mary and the pure friendship between the girl and Max.

In conclusion, the way that characters undergo their hard lives teaches me how to be a strong person, and the story between the old Max and little Mary is impressive. This is the first movie that I have watched more than three times, and I will keep it in order to play for my children in the future. I hope I can have a real friend someday, and hopefully our friendship will be strong like the one between Mary and Max.





## Amazing Place to Enjoy

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Have you ever been to the Huntington Library in San Marino? It is the most magical place, that you have ever been. In fact, I've been there for more than one time. This place is beautiful and wonderful. There are many different gardens in the park, but my favorite gardens are the Japanese, the Chinese and Australian. All three are very beautiful and different.

The Japanese garden is lovely and very elaborate. When you walk in, you can see many flowers and trees around. If you close your eyes you can breathe the fresh trees and flowers. This makes you relax. You can continue walking and stop to stand on a wooden bridge with a river running under it. Three red fish seem to play with each other, catching each other and enjoying themselves. You can pass the bridge and enter an elaborate pavilion. You could tell it had a long history. When I am here, I am with my husband and we both enjoy seeing the birds flying around all over the yard. Some of the birds are singing and others just rest on the trees. I can ensure that they enjoy this wonderful garden as much as us.

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about the time.*

If the Japanese garden is elaborate, the Chinese garden is very graceful. There are some willows along the lake bank which look very equable. Once in a while, wind softly passes the leaves of willows hung on the quiet surface of lake, and look like a beautiful girl's long skirt floating in the wind. The bridge is made of white jade with an ancient Chinese design. It is not like the usual straight flat bridge that we see. It is a vaulted shape. This is very representative of Chinese style. If you go to China, you will see lots of bridges like this in Chinese gardens.

When you leave the Chinese garden and walk down the road, you can see the Australian garden. This garden is very different from the other two. This is full of variety of cactus everywhere. This place is so amazing. You may never see so many different colorful cactus like in this place. Some are huge and some are small. One cactus has all pink flowers. For me it was the first time I had seen cactus that could be all flowers. Some others are huge and really attractive. They are so big that if you try to stand by you can be half of its height. It is hard to describe every cactus, because every one is different.



When you visit Huntington Library you forget about the time. Yes time flies in this place. Huntington Library is the most beautiful place in the area where I live. I highly recommend it to everyone. You would enjoy being in this wonderful place.

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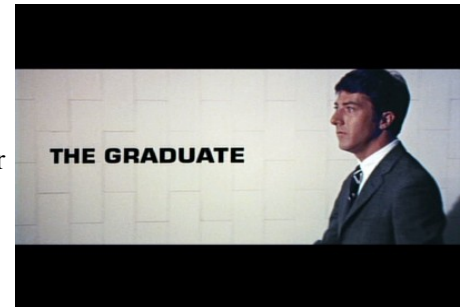


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My Favorite Film, *The Graduate*

Kewei Hu

The film *Graduate* is about the university graduate acted by Dustin Hoffman, seduced by an older woman called Mrs. Robinson acted by Anne Bancroft, and eventually he falls in love with her daughter, Elaine. Struggling in their relationship, Elaine leaves Braddock a note saying that “although she loves him, her father's anger would never lead to Braddock's acceptance as Elaine's husband.” When he discovers that Elaine is getting married at her own wedding, he tries every means to stop that. At the end of this movie, with no well-defined aim in life, Benjamin Braddock decides to leave the chapel and town.



There are several articles that praise the success of this movie. In the article written by A.D. Murphy, he notes that it is a wonderful screenplay for the Calder Willingham and Buck Henry because it is a successful adaption of Charles Webb novel. He points out that the ending of this movie is outstanding. “Vet cameraman Robert Surtees used Panavision and Technicolor to desired advantage (Murphy 2).” The uses of “new techniques” were made to instantiate the modern look in the movie, and the production designs such as music, the editing, and other technical credits, perfect. The article in New York Times by Bosley Crowther rather focuses on how the story and the performance are highly related. The image of Braddock is successful because it creates a silver-spooned youth graduates from the college and misses the direction in his life (Crowther 2). The latter plot of this movie has extensively shown that Braddock is innocent and confused. He has done so many wrong doings that he suffers from those later. Crowther further points out that the director and the actors surprisingly use cameras to express such a simple story line. “The overall picture has the quality of a very extensive and revealing social scan.” In other words, the great qualities of pictures contribute much to the success of the movie. Both articles have highly rated this movie and owe the success to the simple storyline as well as the great production of the movie. I also agree with the articles that the music, the picture, and other technical contributes are just excellent.

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