



# Act of Compassion

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In Hong Kong, there is a well-known high school for students who are underprivileged. The tuition fee is relatively cheaper than the other high schools. The principal of the school is a very generous person. Apart from scholarships that all high schools have, the principal offers an alternative scholarship to his students. Students who work hard and have good grades will have free groceries. The better you perform, the more groceries you can have. However, this is the idea of the principal but not from the government. As a result, the principal paid for all the grocery fees using his own money. Owing to the fact that most of the students' families often struggle to make ends meet, not mentioning most of the families live on social welfare, the grocery scholarship is a gift from the heaven to them. Ever since this scholarship was published, students' average academic performance had made giant strides. According to the principal "Education is always the easiest way to escape from poverty that change the trajectory of your life." The principal is such an amazing person full of compassion. He understands what his students really need and does not mind to help though he doesn't derive anything from that. I think this is what compassion is, helping without looking for payback.

# WHAT DOES SUCCESS MEAN TO YOU?

Madeline Prayogo

My definition of success would be having a happy life in a sense of a healthy relationship with my family and friends, but it is also important to have a steady education and career. As for right now, I wouldn't say that I have reached to that point of success besides having a supportive family and friends. I need to focus on my education as a foundation for my future. I believe that I still have a long way to go and I'm excited to see what the future holds.

Verna Sanchez

For me, the feeling of being successful is being able to accomplish all of those listed above with a sense of balance. I think they go all together in the sense that when we LOVE what we are doing, we'll be successful in pursuing our DREAMS. The MONEY will work for us. We'll be able to HELP others and then we will feel genuine HAPPINESS by doing so. I believe that successful people are genuinely happy because they know how to balance everything and that is indeed a true meaning of experiencing success.



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## DENTAL CARE ANNOUNCEMENT:

For more information go to R-511 or call 626-585-7241. Teeth Cleaning for PCC students is \$10. General public is \$20.

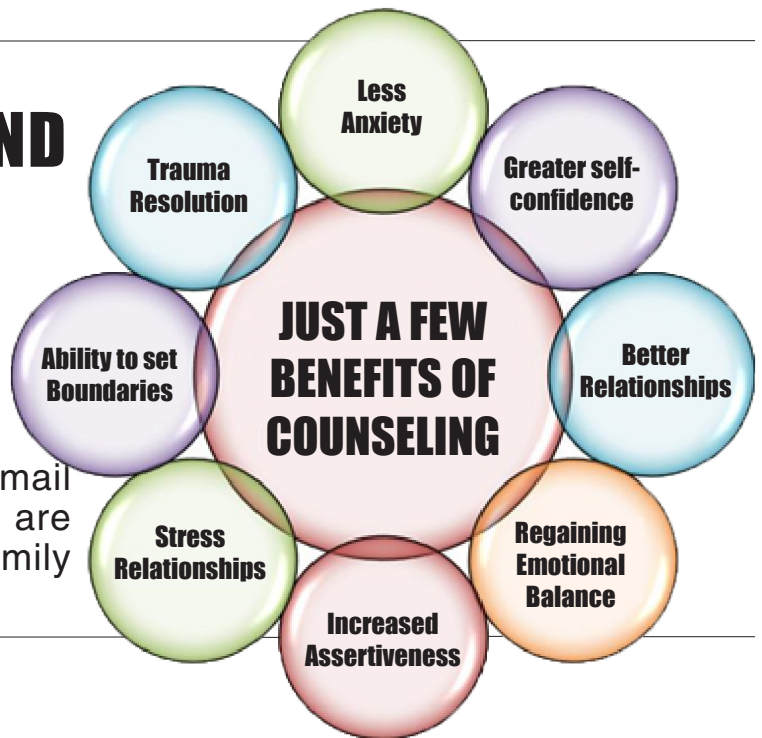


## STUDENT HEALTH CENTER

There is a nurse on campus. You can also get TB tests and other immunizations. Go to the Student Health Center in the D Building for more information.

## PCC ALSO HAS PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL COUNSELING IN L108, PSYCHOLOGICAL SERVICES.

You may also call 626-585-7273 or email [rabeyer@pasadena.edu](mailto:rabeyer@pasadena.edu). Family members are also covered to get counseling if it is a family issue.



## CAMPUS POLICE

For campus police, call 626-585-7484 or if it is an emergency call 911 from a campus phone to call campus police immediately. Please avoid using your cellphone to call 911 from campus because that will delay the response. Those calls are directed to the California Highway Patrol.

For all these services, bring your PCC identification card.

Prepared by Juana Ortiz



# Tomasita is a Special Pet

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Tomasita is a cat that lives at my house in San Jose, California. My niece Aracely was living at my house with her husband and her son. One day, she brought a cat home. Her son Yahir gave her the name Tomasita because he liked Thomas the Train. After Aracely and her family moved out, Tomasita stayed at my house. She became part of the family. At the time that Tomasita came, we already had two dogs, Coco and Cinnamon. Coco and Cinnamon accepted Tomasita without any problems. Tomasita used to cuddle with Coco, but not with Cinnamon. Tomasita didn't like to stay at home at night. She went out at night and came back in the morning. When I was in San Jose, Tomasita knew at what time I arrived home from work. She was waiting for me at the front of the house. I opened the door for her to go in, but she waited a few minutes. Sometimes I had to go inside and ignore her. Once she walked in to the house, she walked around like she owned the house. Then, she would go to the garage. Tomasita is 5 years old, she is healthy, and she likes to play with the dogs when they play outside. Tomasita and the dogs get along very well. They sleep together in the garage. Most of the time Cinnamon eats Tomasita's food. So I had to put Tomasita's food in a place where Cinnamon could not reach it.

## MY DOG

Siyang Liu (Laura)

My dog and I have been together for 3 years. She is very good and clever. She has dark brown hair and round eyes. When she came to my home, we liked her.

She likes to eat bones, chicken, and dog food. When we eat dinner, she wags her tail sitting quietly on the ground waiting for us to give her food. After dinner, we are ready to go out for a walk. She begins running around which means she should go out for walk too. The funniest thing is she is afraid of the shower. When I say, "Come on. We go to the shower," she will immediately hide. When I am not at home, she will often bite my shoes and when I ask for my shoe, she will slowly bow and I can feel she's very afraid I would blame her. But I never blame my dog. I just patiently teach it next time don't do that. I am pleased that every morning she will go to my bed. I think she tells me get up and go to school or work.

My dog brought joy to our family and happiness. We often take her to travel.

# MY BEST PARTNER

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Cats have a bad reputation regarding their behavior but they're actually excellent partners. When my mom died, it was my worst moment, and Simon, my cat, came into my life. At that moment I didn't want to get up from bed and my cat was constantly by my side. In my opinion, cats are the best partners because they don't need a lot of attention like dogs. They're independent but friendly. I love when a cat purrs. They purr when they're happy. If you want a cat to purr, you need to pet it and it instantly begins. They love when someone pets them. They like to play but some cats are "a little" lazy. If a cat is looking directly at your eyes, and it slowly opens and closes its eyes, it is kissing you without touching. It's telling you that it loves you.



I bought many, many beds for my cat, but he always prefers a box. He is very happy when we receive a package because he gets a new box for his collection. My cat is from Argentina and he came with us on the plane. That experience and a new house were very stressful for him, and I had to improvise something to relax him. Finally, I found on the Internet a list of videos, called "Relax my cat". He loves that music! Every time when I see that he is sad or something like that, I play the list of videos and he instantly sits on the sofa and enjoys the music with his legs crossed.

Simon is a Chocolate Siamese with beautiful blue eyes. He's not a normal cat, he has a strong personality. He's very smart, but sometimes he behaves like a spoiled little brat. He always wants to see the house organized. If something isn't in the right place he just throws it away. He is a very organized cat. But the same happens with his water. We have to put his plate of water inside the sink because if his plate has anything but water, he always spills his water. He hates a dirty plate. In the morning when the alarm-clock sounds, if you don't get up from bed after five minutes, he jumps into bed and uncovers you with his paws.

Since I started studying, I started to use the desk very often, and he always walks over my notebooks demanding to be petted. I love him, and I love his company and his loyalty. When I had free time on my last vacation I created an account on Instagram for Simon, called "Simon\_the.cat" and I discovered that people love him. He now has around 8500 followers. Every day when I return home after college, my cat runs to the door and meows at me like it is saying... Hello, I missed you!

# Cockatiels

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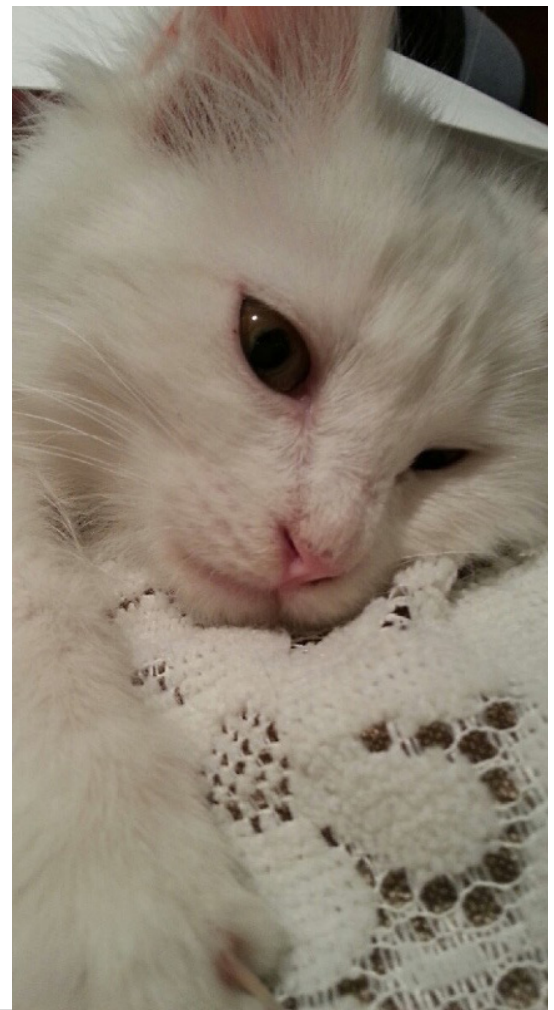
Cockatiels are awesome animals for your company. They are so smart and friendly. Also if you have a small place like an apartment or flat they will stay okay, because they don't need to run as much as dogs and cats. Another thing is they sing every day, ask for your company and believe me, you will love them like they are your children. Something very interesting about the Cockatiels is that they love human company and playing with us. If you are a singer, you can train them to sing your favorite song.



# Lovely Cat

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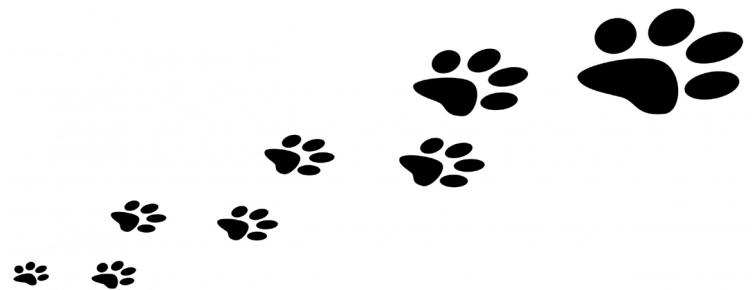
When I was a child, I raised a pet, named Lucky. Actually he is a cat. His fur is soft with yellow and white color. Lucky is a good boy. He always behaves well. I remember when my uncle took him back to my home. At first, I was afraid of him. But soon I found he is very interesting. I started to play with him. As time goes by, we began to like each other very much. And then my uncle gave him to me. I was so happy. Now he always lies beside me quietly when I'm doing my homework. When winter comes, he will sleep with me. Sometimes he will dance for me, which is very funny and sometimes his paws are wet and would leave many "plum flowers" on the ground. He is so lovely.



# Dogs

Shasha Cheng  
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I like dogs. Many people like dogs. Dogs and people are friends. Some dogs are used for different kinds of hunting and some dogs help the police. I'm a dog lover, because dogs are tame, friendly, and easy to communicate with. They can help people to catch bad people and look after people's children or house. Another intelligent dog is a guide dog. A guide dog is a dog especially trained to guide a blind person. The dog learns to watch the traffic and to cross the street safely. It also learns to obey such commands as forward, left, right, sit, and will not disobey any command that might lead the owner into danger. If you see guide dogs, don't play with them because they have important work.



# My Cousin's Pet

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The animal that I'm describing is my cousin's pet. His name is Prince. He is five years old. He is very cute and he is an alpha male. He chooses who he likes. He can be aggressive. Sometimes he bites people he doesn't like. When he is happy, he is so hyper and when he wants to go to sleep, he goes to his bed and lays on his back. Every time the mailman comes, he starts barking. Overall, he is very lovely and caring dog.



# People Like Pets

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A lot of people love pets, so they like to feed pets, like cats, dogs, fish, and birds. Those are all common pets, but some people like to feed some different animals, like crocodiles, lions, tigers (dangerous animals).

I don't have a pet, but I like pets, cats, dogs. Dogs are very faithful. They can help people to take care of children. If they trust you, they must be faithful to you forever. I watched a movie named "Hachi". It is about a very faithful dogs story. Cats are very gentle, and they are always very quiet.

But some people like dangerous animals. They feed lions and tigers. They can make those animals very gentle. The pets are wild, but people are training them to be nice.

Some parents don't like kids to feed a pet, because they think maybe the pets hurt their kids, but pets are good friends. They can play with kids, grow up with their kids together. The kids don't feel lonely.



**Doris (YingYi) Huang**  
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I have a family member named Film and he is a little different from us! Why? Because he doesn't eat rice, drink soup or speak English--yeah I think you already know something about it. He is a cute dog! When I first saw him, I knew he is a different dog. He is a very stubborn dog. He hates stranger and when he meets people that he never met he will bark at them and if the people try to get closer, he will attack them so a lot of people have been deceived by his appearance. That is kind of interesting. After I said that, you must think Film is a dog that is hard to get close to, but that is not really true. Actually he is very lovely and pretty most of the time because my sister, brother and I are going to school or working everyday and my older brother even studies in the UC Berkley so most of time he stays at home by himself so when somebody would spend some time with him or play with him they can earn the trust from him in a short time. He gave me so many funny memories and he got a place in my heart since I met him the first time. I love him! My Film!

## My Pet Dog Lucky

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Lucky is a fierce dog. She is 9 years old. She is my family dog. She is a Maltese breed. She always hears the doorbell and barks when we open door. She tell us guests come over. She likes to eat chicken flavored dog food. Sometime she likes a change and just eats cheese. Our guests who are children like Lucky. She is a small pet. The child likes to play with her, likes to run with her. Sometime she is mad. She will bite them. I'm very angry about this behavior, because this is dangerous. Sometime she urinates in the house, then she hides. We know she does something bad. Although she does this bad behavior, we still love her. She is a cute pet. She is our family pet dog and so we give her the name Lucky.



## NATIONAL TREASURE

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Most people of the world know and love Pandas, because they look so cute. My parents took me to the zoo of my hometown almost every week when I was a child. My father told me a lot about pandas.

The Giant Panda was named "National treasure" of all the animals in China. Giant Pandas live in a few mountain ranges in central China, Sichuan, Shanxi and Gansu provinces. The Panda has black fur on the ears, eye patches, legs and shoulders. The rest of the body is white. A wild panda's favorite diet is bamboo. In addition to this food, it also eats sugar cane, rice gruel, carrots, apples, and sweet potatoes in the zoo.

The Giant Panda is listed as endangered in the World Conservation Union's Red List of Threatened Species. There are just about 1,600 left in the wild. More than 300 pandas live in zoos.

The logo for the World Wide Fund for Nature (WWF) is a Giant Panda. The logo originated from a panda named Chichi that had been transferred from Beijing to the London Zoo in 1958.



## A LETTER TO A FRIEND

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Dear Ann,  
Long time no see! How are you?

We have been good friends since we met in the class on the first day of Grade one in the middle school. I still remember that both of us were in uniforms with short black hair at that time. How time flies! We are both twenty-one years old now. You have an important impact on forming my personality especially in empathizing with others.

When we were fourteen years old, we both worked hard for an important final exam. Betty, one of our classmates, was badly ill at that time. She could not come to school and had difficulties studying. Many students were afraid of being infected except you. You not only helped her finish homework carefully, but also took good care of her. You said she was poor because both of her parents had passed away when she was six, and you tried to give her a hand as you felt sad. It was the first time that I knew about empathy. If you had not helped her sincerely, I would not have been considerate and have shown empathy to others when they were in emergency situations.

Moreover, you always did warm-hearted things, even for animals. One day, you came to my house to study. It was raining cats and dogs outside. We were discussing the essay topic and the mid-term presentation. Suddenly, we heard a scream outside which seemed like a trapped cat. We looked for the cat through the window but saw nothing. After a few minutes, I gave up searching for the source of that scream and turned back to my busy work. However, you ran out of my house without any hesitation to find the injured cat even though it was raining heavily outside. Luckily and surprisingly, you found the cat, which was almost drowned, and you were entirely wet. We trapped it carefully with clothes and sent it to the animals' emergency room. I was so shocked and ashamed that I could not say a word because I did nothing to help. I could not imagine whether the cat would have survived if you had not insisted to look for it. If you had not saved the little cat in heavy rain, I would not have had a feeling of empathy to animals and happiness to help animals.

I am glad to have met you and become close friends with you. You have extremely positive effects on my personality. Without you, I believe that I would have still been the careless girl who I used to be. If you had not cared about other people and animals so much, I would not have formed the characteristic of empathizing with others.

Thank you so much!  
Best Wishes,  
Bell

## MY DOG

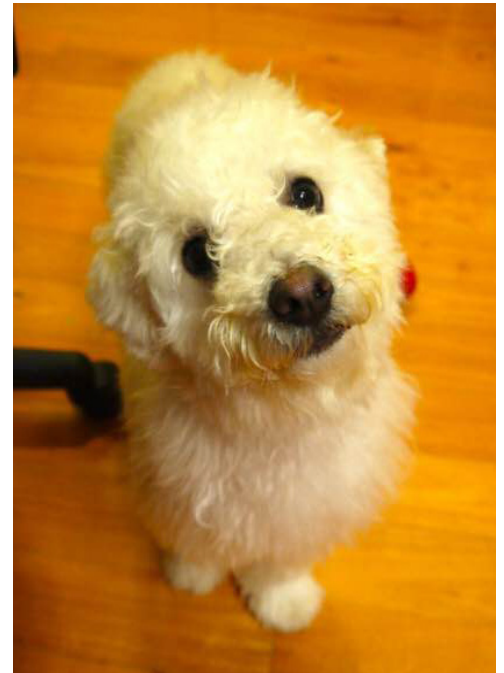
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I got a dog when I was in Las Vegas. His name is Hugo. Hugo came to our family when he was 2 months old. He usually sleeps all day. When he wakes up, sometimes he drinks water, and sometimes he is just curious about everything. He felt afraid when he came to our family the first week. I always sit behind Hugo at night. I put the clock in front of Hugo because the clock makes "didi" sound, and Hugo didn't like quiet when he was a baby.

Hugo doesn't like to stay alone. When he is at home by himself, he sometimes barks a lot, and sometimes makes my house really messy. I asked the animal doctor, and he told me dogs feel afraid and lonely when we are not at home. Every day I go home, Hugo always wags his tail, which means he is really happy and excited. When he made a mistake, he usually presses his tail, which means he is afraid.

We are really happy he can be one of our family members. I enjoy every moment with him.





# Don't Let Technology Devices Occupy Tradition

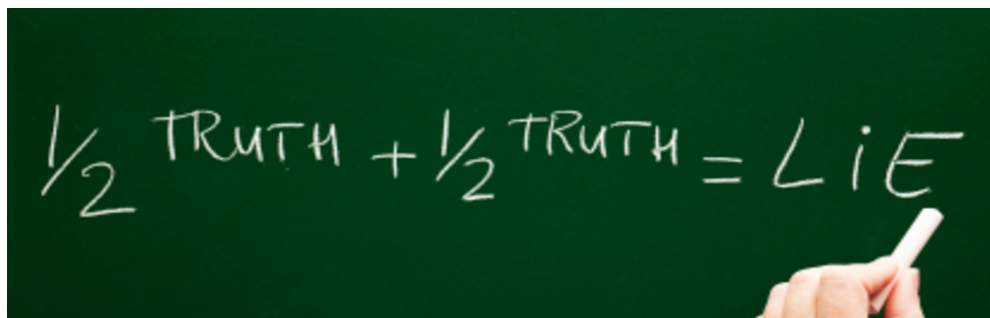
Mengqiao Sun

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In our generation, we are usually called Digital Natives, and the older generation that was born without all the technologies are Digital Immigrants. I am a pure Digital Native. And I love devices and products. The new technology changed our life and makes it easier. Apple and Samsung lead the technology to new heights. And most of their products like iPhones and apple watches are popular in our age. Even though I have all these new devices, I don't like to do everything on my phone.

People's traditional hobbies are not easy to keep, like books and beautiful handwriting. That is how people grow up. The new products are invented because

people use their brain to think about how life can be easier and what we can do next after the people who invented the compass, gunpowder, paper-making and movable-type printing. Maybe the people who invented these technologies did not expect that the new technology would make people lazy and fatheaded. People might not be able to live without iPhones, but they should try to put phones down for an hour or more to do something else, like reading or having a real conversation with their friends. I am practicing so that digital devices do not affect my life. A new product for me is just fun and researchable. I will know how new technology devices develop.



## Truth or Lies

Viet Nguyen  
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This was my experience about the truth. Every time I was some place, not only in my homeland, but also in the US, I realized that people always said good things to each other, even though their praise was lies. It was like they were trying to encourage each other, and maybe because this was essential politeness in communication of people every day. However, praise sometimes created bad delusions for people so that they would think incorrectly about themselves. Therefore, I thought that it would be better if I said the truth. I had a friend in my art class when I studied in high school. He was a good artist. However, sometimes he was stuck and wondered about his project. He asked many people, but they did not care so much about this. I did not think that maybe because they were jealous or other reasons. Then he asked me. I looked at that project, and it was beautiful to me, but the color of the background was so dark. So I advised him to try another lighter one. He felt a little annoyed because this was the color that he liked most, and reluctantly changed it. Finally, his project looked perfect with the new one. He thanked me for that. Then we became good friends with each other. I realized that if I cared about other people even though what I said sometimes could hurt, it would be good if they knew the truth because it helped people understand, and improve themselves. And I also needed this. I recognized that I could not do anything well without the help from other people. And saying the truth to help other people was also a good way to better myself.

Another experience that I had was about lies or deception. I went to a cancer hospital many times to visit my friend. He had lung cancer, and his hair was gone outright because of the chemotherapy treatment. He looked at me so sorrowfully. This made me want to cry, and I had to avert his gaze. The chemotherapy treatment was so strong, and made him feel so tired. He told me that he had many goals to achieve, and did not want to leave his family and friends. Then he asked me that if he could be well again, and do anything he wanted. Although knowing already about his terminal cancer, I still said that the chemotherapy treatment would work well, and he surely would be healthy again. Everyone was waiting for him to be better. However, every time I left the hospital, I always wondered that if what I said to him were serious lies. But then, I asked myself that whether the truth would save his life. I shook my head because I knew the honesty did not make him get better. So, I thought he didn't need to hear that because he had to suffer too much, and this truth would kill him more quickly.

Moreover, his parents were wretched enough. They cried every day when they heard about the cancer of their son. I could not make everything become more terrible. Finally, he died about six months later. I did not believe that I lost him forever. His parents even could not stand up in his funeral, and I tried to encourage them get over this loss. It is almost five years now, but I still remember his face every time I'm reminded about this kindhearted lie. I do not agree that lies are always skullduggeries, or sometimes cunning and malicious, and can make people feel a sense of betrayal. The meanings of lies depend on the purposes which people them use for.

# Positive Effects of Technology on Intelligence

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Currently, with rapid development of digital devices, technology has vast impacts on every aspect of human society. Although people may overwhelmingly rely on technology, it has positive effects on everything such as business, education and relationships between people. Providing a more convenient way for people to communicate with, technology not only is useful for interaction, but also is beneficial for people to improve their intelligence.

Tracing back to ancient times, people were restricted in some specific areas so that they could not explore much more knowledge. However, technology helps people to acquire knowledge in a short time nowadays. Due to the efficiency of technology, people are capable of figuring out whatever they want to know as soon as possible. For example, everyone can search answers on Google. And they become more and more "brilliant" while they learn something new. Hence, people are getting familiar with fast knowledge expansion in their brain. That's why people have a larger brain volume than before. Consequently, people are still devoting themselves to innovating updated technology to help people achieve more goals. Therefore, technology is being enhanced. In the meanwhile, human intelligence has made great progress.

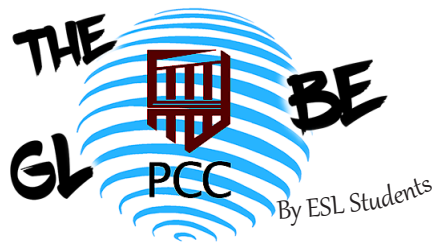
Technology which helps people to learn expands human horizons and makes people smart. The stronger desire people have to explore and enhance technology, the more technology reflects human intelligence. There is no doubt that is why technology is having positive effects on human intelligence.

## PUZZLE - TIME *Get a Message!*

Find the 31 Irregular Verbs in Past Tense. When you finish discover the hidden message using the remaining letters. Bring the completed puzzle to the ESL Center in D306 and get a prize.

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