

1st runner-up

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An Evening in My School

Yesterday was an extremely bad day! In the morning, the alarm broke down. I could not wake up on time. I could not have delicious breakfast. I got dressed immediately and rushed to the school and wished I would not be late. But unfortunately, I was late.

When I arrived at the classroom, I tried to take out my homework. I rummaged my school bag anxiously. Suddenly I remembered I had left it at home! It was all terrible. I apologized to my class teacher Miss Lee. She said furiously, 'Why are you so absent-minded? I'm so disappointed with you. Stay behind after class.' 'God! What's happened with me?' I cried.

After school, Miss Lee sent me to a classroom which was used to detain bad students. I entered and looked around. 'What? There's only me in this dark room!' I was alone. I sat down and counted my fingers. I looked out of the little window because I was bored. Neither my best friend Paul nor Jason came to visit me.

Suddenly I heard a soft voice calling me! I answer, 'Who? Are you helping me?' 'Play with us!' it whispered. I could not believe what was in front of me. A pencil jumped excitedly and smiled and whispered to me! Some pieces of chalk moved, the chairs rocked, the door slapped open...

We played hid-and-seek and tag. The chatty objects told me their secrets too. The pencil said, 'I don't like people. They sharpen me. I always have a stomachache and a headache! The chair said sadly. People always draw on me. I'm dirty and disgusting.' The rubbish bin said, 'People put everything nasty into me and my friends. They even put burning cigarettes into us - we'll burn!' The tissue said, 'People waste us! They use a lot of us just to clean their mouths!' Some of them wept. I promised, 'I'll tell my classmates and teachers your stories! We should protect the environment.'

Our noise alerted Miss Lee. She walked past the room and asked, 'Why're you shouting? Keep quiet! Otherwise, you'll stay longer till...' 'Yes I want to stay behind after school again! I want to get to know my unusual new friends!' I said to myself. Miss Lee said annoyingly, 'Are you crazy? Don't daydream!'

I yelled, 'Dream? I woke up and looked around the quiet empty room. The furniture and stationery were in place. I was shocked. I learned a lesson. I would tell my friends my meaningful dream and remind them to protect the environment. I hope the world will become a better place.'

