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Conversation for Advanced



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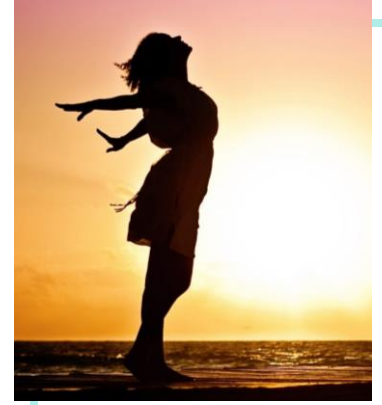
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Read and Learn

Everyone has inborn talents and skills which are further enhanced and developed by everyday circumstances and experiences. Being a better version of ourselves is a struggle especially if we lack the will and determination. One can only develop oneself if he desires it. No one can force you to do it; you and only you can.

There are a lot of facets one must consider in developing himself. The physical, intellectual, emotional, social and spiritual aspects are the main domains that complete one's individuality. A person may engage in several different modes for him to attain personal growth and development.

In addition, one should go through several obstacles or challenges along the way to develop oneself. One should be able to overcome these challenges successfully. This is one of the essential things that need to happen in developing oneself. The more challenges you go through, the more experiences you gain, the better you become.



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New words



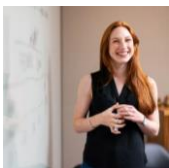
inborn

something that is inborn has existed in you since you were born



facet

an aspect of something such as a situation or someone's character



mode

a particular way of behaving or feeling that is suitable for a particular situation

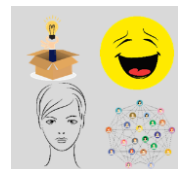
determination

the ability to continue trying to do something, although it is very difficult



domain

a particular area of activity or life



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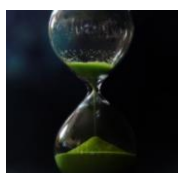
A dream is a series of thoughts, images, or emotions occurring during sleep. The duration of a dream varies from a few seconds to approximately 20 – 30 minutes.

Dreams range from normal and ordinary to surreal and bizarre. Experts presented their idiosyncratic interpretations of a dream or two. A prominent man in this field is Sigmund Freud. He stated that dreams are the manifestations of our deepest desires and emotions which come as nightmares. There has been a notion that a particular person or thing you dreamt about at night is the very last thing or person you thought of before you doze off; or perhaps, the thing or person you have been thinking about all day.

Well, not only that. Have you ever felt like doing the same thing over again, or being in the same place, or in the same situation? As if, you've been there before? This is what people call 'deja vu'. It's the feeling that you have already experienced something that is actually happening for the first time. It does make sense, for the most part. If you think about it, you cannot remember what you dreamt about that night. But, when it happens, you feel it. You feel as if you have been there and done that. Nevertheless, dreams are interpreted in many different ways. Some believe it is true, some do not. No matter, dreams are one of those things that make our lives more interesting and filled with wonder.



2 New words



duration

the length of time that something lasts



bizarre

strange and unusual



nightmare

a very frightening and unpleasant dream

surreal

something surreal is so strange that you cannot believe it is real



idiosyncratic

unusual or strange, and not shared by other people



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Have you ever thought of feeding millions of people around the world? As of 2022, there are about 811 million people globally who suffer from hunger. That is over 10% of the world's population.

A devoted scientist from China transformed his country and many developing countries around the world from "food deficiency to food security" within three decades. Mr. Yuan Longping, who was a Chinese agronomist, is known as "The Father of Hybrid Rice." He was a member of the Chinese Academy of Engineering known for developing the first hybrid rice in the 1970s to alleviate famine in China.

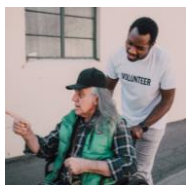


Yuan endured life's hardships yet pursued innovative scientific research to ascend to the top of hybrid rice research and development. Because of his unending dedication to helping the poor, he persevered in accomplishing the growth of hybrid rice – a type of rice that has been bred from two different parents. This innovation, which significantly outyields other varieties of rice up to 15%, helped feed an extra 70 million people worldwide every year.

Owing to this accomplishment, Mr. Yuan received the World Food Prize in 2004. The award recognized him as a contributor to obtaining improved quality and availability of food around the world.

His death on May 22, 2021, triggered messages of grief across the country. Mr. Yuan was considered a national hero and a symbol of dogged scientific pursuit in China. He may have left the world but he and his contribution to developing hybrid rice and fighting world hunger will always be remembered.

2 New words



devoted

extremely loving and loyal



deficiency

a state of not having, or not having enough, of something that is needed

agronomist

a scientist who works in agronomy
(the science of farming)



innovation

a new idea or method, or the use of new ideas and methods



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Language is communication in its broadest sense. Language does not have to conform to English, French, Korean, or any other 7,100 languages spoken globally; rather, it can be everything. It could be words, letters, sentences, or sounds; at the same time, it could take the form of a sign, bodily movements, or Braille. However, the diversity of language is not only its intriguing feature; but also its dynamicity.

Language is evolving; it is not fixed. As new languages emerge, some spoken languages become obsolete. There are, in fact, 241 extinct languages. It has changed dramatically over the

millennium for three reasons. One of them is trade and migration. As different cultures interact, people share and borrow words from other languages. These are called loanwords. Words like kimono, tsunami and Sudoku were originally Japanese but are used in English.

Another factor driving language evolution is the development of new technologies. We create new words and phrases to describe things that did not exist. Some of these are portmanteau words. Finally, some words gain new meaning through time. For example, the mouse that was a rodent is now a part of a computer.

Language is diverse and dynamic, and it is vital. It enables us to express our emotions, art, and selves. Furthermore, language helps us build connections with others and create a sense of community, helping us broaden our perspective, as we traverse life. It allows us to be much smarter, more ingenious, and more loving human beings.



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New words



conform

comply with rules, standards, or laws



Braille

a system of raised dots that can be read with the fingers by people who are blind or who have low vision

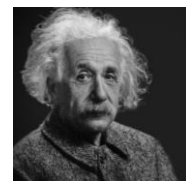
migration

movement of a person or people from one country, locality, place of residence, etc., to settle in another



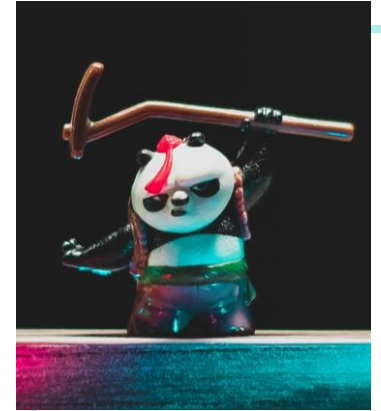
ingenious

clever, original, and inventive



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Animation has been around for longer than we ever knew and has significantly contributed to civilization. Drawings depicting a series of events at a slow frame rate are the earliest kinds of animation. They were not only short but also lifeless. The development of animation kept pace with the development of machines, which led to the revolution in computer-generated imagery. These animations were then broadcast on television, eventually turning into fully computer-animated films with surrealistic looks that have changed significantly over time.



Due to the fact that animation has been around for a while, many people have grown old alongside these visuals. Without the development of animation, life would be totally different. According to an animator, animation is not the art of drawings that move but the art of movements that they draw. This is because it offers a distinctive experience through the details of how it works. It has not only given countless people's lives an enduring impact, but has also provided a variety of unique experiences to their audience through animation production, history and culture, and economic contributions. At the moment, animation is used not only for entertainment but also as a teaching and marketing tool, as well as a source of income for many people.

2 New words



computer-generated

designed or produced
using a computer program



surrealistic

not seeming real; very
unusual or impossible

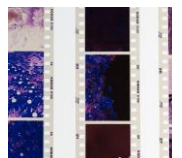


distinctive

used to describe something which
is easy to recognize because it is
different from other things

frame rate

the number of frames that appear
on a screen every second



kept pace with

to go or make progress at
the same speed as
someone or something else



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Everyone is intelligent. It is only a matter of finding your area of expertise. Howard Gardner, a developmental psychologist, has identified eight different types of intelligence that every person possesses. This allows people to evaluate themselves and identify their strengths and weaknesses. Also, educators will have an idea of which area they need to focus on when teaching their students. Gardner's theory of Multiple Intelligence identifies the following: Visual-Spatial, Verbal-Linguistic, Logical-Mathematical, Bodily-Kinesthetic, Musical, Interpersonal, Intrapersonal, and Naturalist.



Visual-Spatial involves perception of the environment. This creates and manipulates mental images. Verbal-Linguistic involves words, reading, writing, speaking, and knowing foreign languages. Logical-Mathematical involves numbers and solving different logical problems. Bodily-Kinesthetic involves physical coordination or expressing oneself and learning through physical activities. Musical involves expressing oneself through music and rhythm. Interpersonal involves knowing how to communicate and understand other people while intrapersonal is understanding one's inner self. Naturalist is understanding the environment and the world. Multiple Intelligence theory gives you an idea of how to develop your strengths and use them to your advantage.

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New words



verbal-linguistic

connected with language or the study of language



interpersonal

involving relationships between people



naturalist

someone who studies living things and their environment

bodily-kinesthetic
relating to the use of sense organs in your muscles and other body parts to feel the position and movements of your body



intrapersonal
relating to or within a person's mind



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Technological development has come a long way. Many devices have emerged and have become every man's necessity. One important invention is the computer. It contains commands and features that help people in various ways. This machine is very convenient for accomplishing people's needs and purposes. Some people use it for innovation at work. The advance features of a computer allow users to write documents and make presentations. Other common uses of a computer include research, making business reports and proposals, photo and video editing, and many more.



Despite the fact that computers are conducive, they also bring harm and negative effects to people. For instance, when a computer is used for entertainment, it will need the internet to search for information, videos, and social networking sites. There is a high risk of getting into forbidden websites. It is also the primary source of bullying nowadays. Thus, it is important to remember that computers and the internet are for helping, not for destroying lives.

2 New words



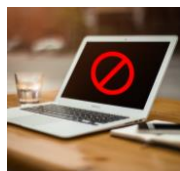
feature

a noticeable or important characteristic or part



conducive

convenient; helpful



forbidden

not allowed

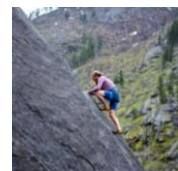
innovation

a new idea or method



high risk

the idea of being involved or exposed to a high level of danger

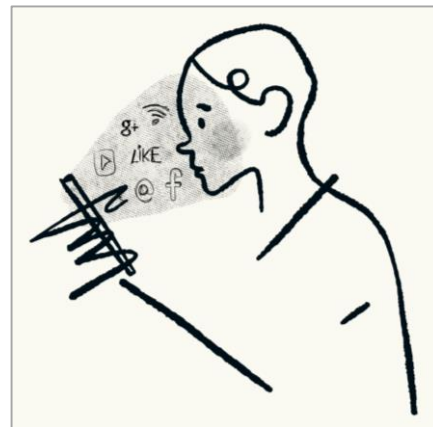


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Advancements in communication technology have had extensive benefits in spreading information to people. For instance, user-generated content in online social media has made it easier for people who share common interests, worldviews, and stories to come together. However, this freedom of information has also paved the way for the spread of misinformation.

As defined, "misinformation" is false information, regardless of whether or not it's intended to mislead or deceive people.

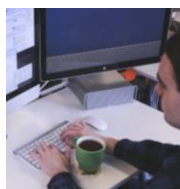
Recent studies show that increased exposure to unverified rumors increases the likelihood of people being credulous. Moreover, people's desire for instant answers may also overpower their desire to be certain of their validity.



To counter digital misinformation, some popular websites have proposed different solutions. Google is developing an algorithm that ranks the result of questions through a trustworthiness score. Facebook has also suggested a community-driven approach, in which users can flag false content to correct the newsfeed algorithm. But do you think these efforts are enough to combat one of the main threats to our digital society?

In an era of misinformation, questioning everything you read must be the standard. Is it the most up-to-date information? Is the author credible? Are there any other sources that confirm the information? Is the information too good to be true? At the end of the day, skepticism goes a long way to combat misinformation.

2 New words



user-generated content

any form of content, such as images, videos, text, and audio, that has been posted by users on online platforms



deceive

to persuade someone that something false is the truth

unverified

not true or accurate



skepticism

distrust or disbelief, or a general tendency to doubt and question



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She bought an iPad on the first day and an iPhone on the second. She purchased Chanel jewelry on the third day, acquired a Lamborghini car on the fourth, and secured a Hermes bag on the fifth. She thought that was enough, but it wasn't. She rushed to the mall, picked up a pair of Louis Vuitton footwear, and was tickled pink wearing them on her way home. What an endless desire for luxury that was!



It is undoubtedly a fact that having unlimited desire is truly an innate human nature. We compare ourselves to others and always wish to have what others have. It is hilarious to note that we get so curious about the possessions our friends, family, and relatives have, the brands they are into, the size of their house, the place where they live, and even their lifestyle. Sad but true, we are so fond of longing for things we don't have instead of counting our blessings.

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New words



purchase

to buy something



rush

to do something or move very quickly; to hurry



desire

a strong feeling of wanting to have or to do something

acquire
to obtain or begin to have something



tickled pink

very pleased



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Mother Earth is dying. Her blue blood teemed with marine animals like fish, seashells and seagrass is now dirty and uninhabitable. Waste full of chemicals and pollutants is dumped into the oceans and seas. Tons of trash are thrown into different bodies of water, making her barely breathe. Mother Earth is dying. Her skin full of green grasses and trees with thick leaves is now a mass of rotten brown flesh because of industrialization and illegal logging. Those grasses where terrestrial animals feed on; those trees of thick leaves where birds lay their eggs are now replaced with skyscrapers and establishments.



Mother Earth is dying. Her body, so cool and relaxing, is now burning like hell because of greenhouse gases. Industrial smoke, bus and car emissions, and combustion rapidly increase her body's temperature causing her to be weak day by day.

Mother Earth is dying, and she is telling us to help one another –
To Reduce, Reuse and Recycle.

2 New words



teem with something

to contain large numbers of something, especially animals or humans



uninhabitable

not suitable for habitation (dwelling place/place to live)



dump

to get rid of someone or something that you no longer want or need

marine
related to the sea



pollutant
a substance that is harmful to the environment

