

九十八學年度英文創意寫作比賽

甲組第二名：四工程一張卜介

Copycat

From the 3-frame cartoons. We can refer the story at this. On a cold winter day, Jim went to the pet store to find himself a pet because of the feeling of lonesome with no intimate friends around him. Unfortunately, the pet store only had one cat left, so he had no choice but to take the cat home and named it Garfield. As time goes on, Jim surprisingly excavated that Garfield had a habit of behaving like humans such as eating chips, drinking coffee, or even stand with two legs. Jim on one hand is a diligent employee, but on the other hand is a lazy couch potato at home. Garfield has kept learning from him and eventually become a lazy couch potato as well. Sadly to Jim, Garfield can only bring him much more work and not to point at someone because it is not polite. When Garfield copied his actions and do the same movements at Jim, Jim discovered that by doing the action of pointing to someone and telling them not to point, you are already pointing rudely at the other people. Jim felt unbelievable how can a cat be so annoying but also felt guilty because he was a bad example to Garfield.

From the story, we can infer two morals. One is that people find it annoying to be a copy cat. During my first month as a grade four, I made a new best friend. Although we had tons of fun playing together, I can't help but to be irritated by his coping, then couldn't take it any more and get terribly mad and furious at my new friend. Consequently, a new bond of friendship was broke. However, from a different point of view, we can also think that acting like someone and being silly can also be hilarious and enjoyable to watch on T.V. An perfect example would be the "Citizens' Stew Pot." The show is about comedians pretending as famous politicians and do lots of funny acts to entertain viewers. Recently, this show just won the "Golden Clock Award" for best entertaining show.

The other moral is that before criticizing someone else you should be a better example to the person first. Not only did it not help the person learn, but also showed how wrong you truly were. An example would be when our class was taking the final exams, my classmates were complaining how the test was and also started to swear. I told them not to swear. On the day of receiving test marks, when I got my

test scores, I started to swear and became angry, but simultaneously my classmates came over and criticize me for having no right to criticize other people. Suddenly, I am speechless.

Through the comic, we learned two morals and the point if being yourself not just an annoying copy cat. It seemed amazing to be able to acquire so many things in just a 3-frame comic. What fun is there to be so serious all the time. Enjoy the rest of the comic and be a couch potato just like Jim would be perfect. But that made me a copycat as well!