

We're just beautiful us



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In our teenhood, it's clear that most of us don't think about anything else but our physical appearance. It's the one and only disruptive thing in this period.

In fact, teenagers absolutely must have the best look, the latest clothes; they should follow fashion and be popular. What mindless reflection!

Do you think that all of these things will be useful in your life? Will they help you to get into the best university or have a perfect future? Well no, probably not.

So why are you wasting time? You need to wake up. Life is too short to spend it thinking about things like that.

Stop wanting to be what you are not, to want to go on a diet to look like a model, to have cosmetic surgery just to become more 'beautiful'.

I am beautiful, I believe it and I'm not going to let you say otherwise!

Know that each one of us is beautiful. Beauty is different of course, but it is in everyone. We need to believe and be ourselves!

I just want everyone on Earth to look in the mirror and accept what they see, no matter how they are because we are all beautiful human beings.

I am sure that you are tired of acting like someone you are not. Don't be ashamed of who you really are. Don't let anyone push you around anymore.

Always remember this sentence: I am beautiful, I believe it and I'm not going to let you say otherwise!

Who can define inspiration?

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Who can define the word inspiration? I bet nobody can. But every one of us longs desperately to find it.

Some people spend their entire lives seeking inspiration. They travel miles, discover the world, try to meet as many new people as they can, and learn new habits...

This is NOT inspiration.

Others prefer to stay awake late at night, staring at the

starless sky, making wishes. They wake up early in the morning to watch the sunrise, waiting in vain.

This is NOT inspiration.

Unfortunately, many people don't understand that we can't find inspiration if we keep looking for it, and become obsessed with it.

Inspiration comes when you least expect it to show up in your life. Unless you forget about it and start enjoying each particular moment, you will

certainly never know what this word means.

It appears in a fraction of a second. It could happen while you are reading an interesting book, listening to music, or even while talking to your friend.

Sometimes, things as simple as the smile of an innocent child, or the tear of a mother, can change your perspective and turn life upside down.

So, instead of losing faith, look around you, there are miracles everywhere...

BOOK REVIEW

The Sun Also Rises

by Ernest Hemmingway

Hemmingway ranks as one of the most famous writers of the twentieth-century

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I enjoyed reading one of the most interesting novels written by the great novelist Ernest Hemmingway.

One of the things I love in this novel is that there is a big relationship between the life of Hemmingway and his book, especially during the First World War.

What I appreciated most in this novel, is the use of symbolism and imagery.

He implicitly presents his own life through the character in the book, such as being an ambulance driver during the war in Italy, and being a journalist in Paris too.

What I appreciated most in this novel, is the use of

symbolism and imagery. For instance, bulls and bull-fighting are the two most critical symbols in *The Sun Also Rises*. The bulls symbolize passion, energy and freedom.

I also noticed that water in this novel appears as a symbol of purification and relief in Jake, Bill and Roberts Cohn's fishing trip in Spain.

As far as I am concerned, this book should be a romance because we have a hero and a heroine who are terribly in love despite the intervention of World War I which spoiled this romance.

I would like to end with the best part of Hemmingway's novel. He delivers a memorable presentation of his lost generation, which expresses the sense of hopelessness that he sees in the world around him.

My favourite...

Pianist and Composer



Salma Bouziane
Advanced 2

Aziza Mustapha Zadeh is my favourite pianist / composer. She grew up in an artistic, two income family in Azarbejan.

She plays jazz compositions and classical music very smoothly.

Her way of playing piano is original and inspired by Bach, as her musical composition, called 'Always', shows.

Furthermore, she travels to many foreign countries such as Germany and France. She attends classical concerts in order to share her musical achievements because as

we know, music is a language in itself.

The other reason why I like her a lot is that when I feel exhausted, I just take off my shoes and listen to her music. It helps me to deal with my stress and refresh my mind.

I will never forget the first time I saw her on a TV programme. She was hauntingly creative playing one of her masterpieces. It was like a river trying to reach the sea. In fact, I don't think that I am good enough to be able to describe her way of playing music in words.

The best art doesn't require a single word of speech.



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The final whistle for Morocco...

Meryem Moutez
Juniors 5 Advanced

Before the African Cup of Nations, everybody believed that the Moroccan team would win the cup.

But people were surprised when the team lost against Tunisia and Gabon.

I hope that Morocco can win the next African Cup

of Nations and will go to the World Cup in 2014.

What did you think of the African Cup of Nations?

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To be a teen

Yassine Sekkat, Kenza Ketani and Tarik Chaoui
Junior 5 Advanced

We think that to be a teen and have a normal life is a little difficult. Yes, it's clear! When we are 12 to 16 years of age we have another way of life.

The first thing, is the physical and mental changes and we swear, it's a big problem for us.

After that comes freedom and self-assurance. They are also two big problems.

Young teens need more liberty to do what they want to do and they need the right to choose what they want to do.

We think parents have to be present in their life and help them when they're in bad situations. Sometimes teens have problems but their parents have to trust them! They don't do bad things all the time!

And now we talk about the self-assurance and self confidence. They are two important things that a teen needs to have to express their important opinions and talk about their dreams.



When I was a child

Hicham Amrani Hanchi
Intermediate I

I was born in Fez, and I grew up here too. During my childhood, I was a little crazy: I used to try to fly, to break things, to climb trees...

I used to have a lot of hobbies, like drawing on the walls, writing on my classmates' faces, and collecting unusual things, but now I don't have any free time!

When I was a child, I had

two tortoises, three snakes, five cats, and four puppies. I know, it's a lot! They had a special room, a very special one!

Every weekend, I used to visit my friends. We played football, organised competitions, card tournaments, and I was always the winner! Now, I think it's difficult to do those things.

When my mother started cooking, I tried to imitate her, or to imitate my father when

he was driving or parking the car. I played the driver many times!

Like the other kids, I used to watch cartoons. My favorite ones were Pokemon, Spiderman, Batman and Tom and Jerry. But now, I prefer horror films, I guess.

I think no one can describe all their childhood memories, because childhood is like a huge ocean, full of secrets and fantastic things!

A poem for teens

It's too difficult to be a teen
'Cause we have a lot of dreams
We have also many problems
And very different systems
Sometimes we cry
And we decide to fly
Teen life is so boring
So sometimes we want to go
travelling
But is anyone listening?

Teenagers

Abla Filali Baba
Juniors 5 Advanced

There are many teens in the world and we all have an obligation. It's an obligation to respect the opinion of others.

We need to make space for teenagers and respect their opinion because otherwise our teenagers won't be able

to realise their dreams. It is very important for them to realise their dreams.

I want to say to teens: It's time to begin the journey of your life. Let your parents help you and you can find your dreams and pursue them on a quest to discover the life you have always dreamed of.

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Why English? Why you?

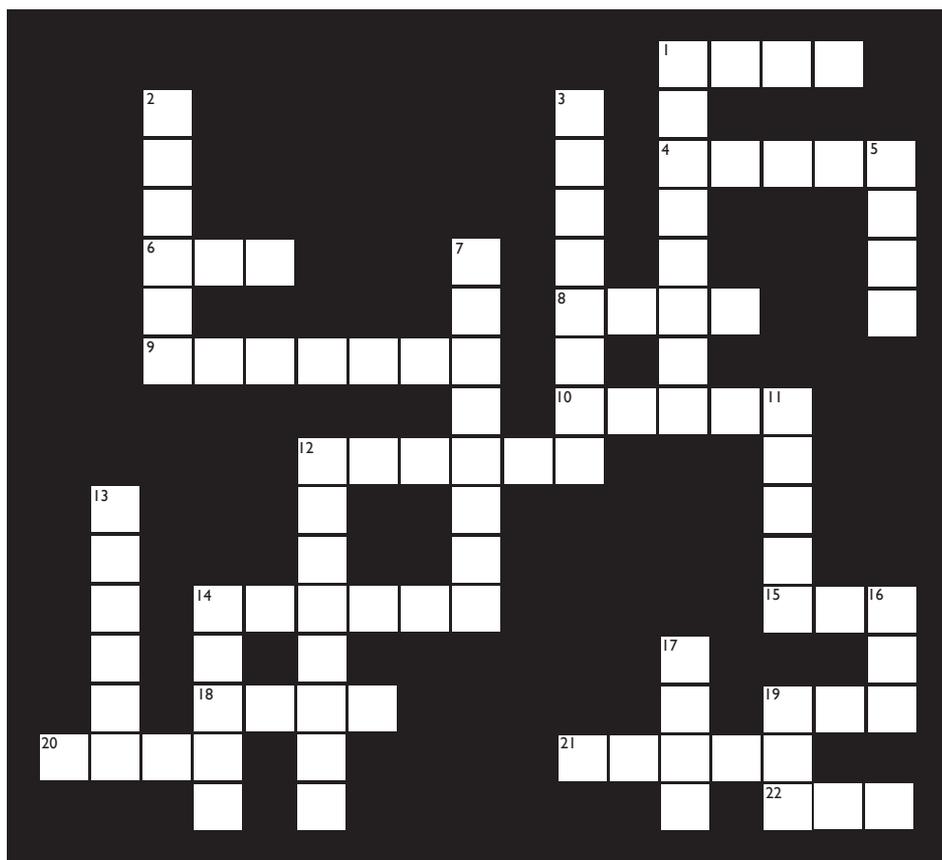
First of all let me say hello
 To you my friend with a few words
 I have just learned
 I m not sure about the meaning yet
 But sure, you are going to understand
 And never forget
 I'm not afraid to make mistakes
 You are the one who taught me that
 My story with English began with you
 When I heard you for the first time
 This beautiful language, and your voice
 In such harmony
 The power of passion didn't leave me a
 choice
 You told me: let's go
 We need no reason to know
 How beautiful our world is
 English will be your guide
 And me by your side
 How exciting!!
 Since that day, I started dreaming
 About the most beautiful places in the
 world
 With you, I would go anywhere
 I don't mind
 With you, I have nothing to fear
 Not even fear itself
 Because you are the source of passion
 That brings everything new to my life

Amina Harchi
 Intermediate 2

Stronger than any feeling!

Since I was child
 I had this feeling deep in my heart
 It called me, it told me to run after you
 It was strong, stronger than anything
 Than any feeling I had ever felt in my life
 Ooh! Don't you remember the time I
 told you about it
 I thought you'd understand me ,you'd feel me.
 But unexpectedly you broke my heart,
 And it went off, then died!
 So now it has disappeared, it doesn't exist
 anymore
 Yes, you did away with it, you killed it
 But despite everything it still loves you and
 holds on to you
 I tried to make this feeling stop, but in vain
 'Cause it was strong, stronger than any thing
 than any feeling I have ever felt in my life!

Asslam Serghini
 Advanced 2



Money, Money, Money!

DOWN

- 1** Trade one country's currency for another
 country's currency.
2 Have the ability to pay for something:
 Can _____.
3 Money you pay to the bank in order to
 borrow money.
5 Keep money in the bank.
7 Take money out of the bank.
11 _____ card. A card that
 withdraws money directly from your
 bank.
12 A country's money.
13 Money you get back when you buy
 something.
14 Paper money.
16 _____ something back; give
 money that you owe someone.
17 Bills and coins.
19 Use money to gamble.

ACROSS

- 1** Get money for doing a job.
4 Metal money.
6 Have to pay back money you borrowed.
8 Pay to use something (like an apartment
 or a DVD).
9 Put money into the bank.
10 Use money to buy something.
12 _____ card. A card that lets
 you borrow money.
14 Ask someone to give you money and
 promise
 to pay them back later.
15 Money left to a waitress for good
 service.
18 Give someone money that they will pay
 you back later.
19 Give money in exchange for goods.
20 Give goods in exchange for money.
21 Spend money on things you don't want
 or need.
22 Money that the Government gets every
 time you make a purchase.

ANSWERS DOWN: 1. Exchange; 2. Afford; 3. Interest; 5. Save; 7. Withdraw; 11. Debit; 12. Currency; 13. Money you
 can get back when you buy something; 14. Bills; 16. Pay; 17. Cash; 19. Bet; ACROSS: 1. Earn; 4. Coins; 6. Owe; 8. Rent;
 9. Deposit; 10. Spend; 12. Credit; 14. Borrow; 15. Tip; 18. Lend; 19. Buy; 20. Sell; 21. Waste; 22. Tax.