



KNIGHTS OF ENGLISH

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WE WROTE ABOUT A VALUABLE PERSON OR THING

I think that a dictionary is a valuable thing. Dictionaries help me understand the meaning of unknown words and help me learn new words which I need when writing great essays. A person that I think is valuable is a teacher. He teaches me different subjects and he tries to teach us how to behave to each other. He is fair, gentle and he helps me when I have a problem. He sets us the example to help disabled people and children without parents. Also, he teaches us the history of our country

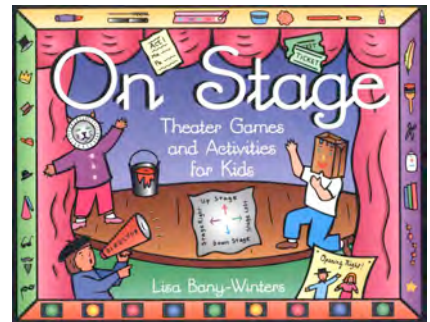
making us feel proud that we are Greeks. It is very important to feel that your teacher is close to you when you need him. The most valuable people in the world are my parents and my best friend Georgina. I love all of them as they are always there when I need their help. They make me feel courageous and they help me solve all my problems. I adore them! All these things and people are valuable for me.

Claire Zavradinou

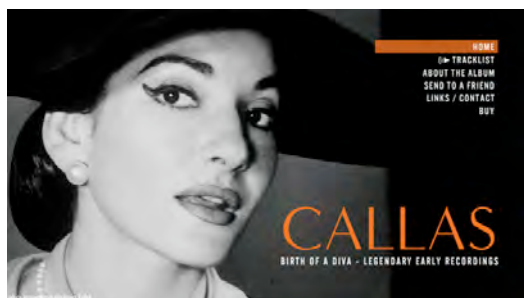
What Happened to My Cousin

Something happened to my cousin when she was in a play at school. She wasn't paying attention to the teacher and she didn't go on stage on time so the teacher told her that she wasn't going to have a part in the play. The incident wasn't her fault. My cousin told me what had happened because she really wanted to perform in the play. One of her classmates had his foot sticking out on purpose so she would trip over it. My cousin was too shy to tell her teacher about it. I told her to write her problem on a piece of paper and give it to her teacher. When her teacher read it, she apologised to my cousin and let her have a part in the play.

Marianna Venetikidi



MARIA CALLAS



Maria Callas (December 2, 1923–September 16, 1977), was an American-born Greek soprano and perhaps the most renowned opera singer of the twentieth century. She combined an impressive voice technique with great dramatic gifts. Maria Callas was an extremely versatile singer. Her repertoire ranged from classical opera to the bel canto operas of Donizetti, Bellini, Rossini, Verdi and Puccini. In her early career, she performed musical dramas of Wagner. Her remarkable voice and dramatic talents led her to being called La Divina.

Panos Gianakas



WE WROTE A DESCRIPTION OF AN ADULT USING METAPHORS AND SIMILES

My uncle is like a giant. He is tall as a tower and strong as a bull. He likes basketball and football. He also likes to play with my cousins. His name is Telemachus. He is the best uncle ever.
Nick Rallakis

My cousin Lia is 30 years old. She is a young woman, fresh as an early morning breeze. She likes rainbows. She is very fit and as tall as a tree. Her voice is as calm as a gentle wave and her teeth sparkle like pearls. She is as wise as an owl and has porcelain skin.
Sotiris Georgakopoulos

I love my mum very much. She is tall like a tower with short brown hair and eyes that twinkle like diamonds. I love her because she gives me things when I help her with something. Her laugh is like the ringing of a Christmas bell. She helps me with my homework. Her hug is as cozy as a soft, warm bed. And lastly, I love her because she loves me, too.
Marianna Venetikidi



Mr. Thanasis was my favourite teacher. He left the school and opened his own restaurant. He was very cute, like a small lion. He sometimes shouted when we did silly things in class or when we talked to each other. But he was very good and kind. When we had problem, he stood by us like a column and he helped us overcome it. He spoke to us with sweetness. One day he came to school. He was like a small kid whose parents had disappointed him. He was a perfect teacher and I hope one day he will come to school to see us and to tell us his news.
Claire Zavradinou

My teacher's name is Mary Fortis and she is very good. Her hair is blond like the sun. She is a woman with eyes like the desert. She is tall and she is beautiful like a rose. When we are good students, she is agreeable with us. Generally speaking, she is a very good teacher and she has a good personality. Last but not least, when Miss Mary is calm, her eyes sparkle. Miss Mary is the best!
Georgina Kyriakou



WE WROTE A CHARACTER SKETCH

Grandpa is coming to Greece. We have to go and pick him up at the airport. I can easily recognize him. He is tall with gray hair and a mustache. He always smiles. He plays basketball, football and he rides my dad's bike alongside me when he visits us. We race down the hill. We play board games. He usually gives us gifts from Australia. I love grandpa very much.
George Efthymiades

I will always remember Jerry all my life, even though he has left the school. He was one of my favourite friends. He was a small Christian Ronaldo. And in basketball, Jerry was like a small James LeBron. He was good at other sports, too. He was like ten athletes in one. He had a loud voice. He was like a brother to me.
Spyros Dritsas



Claire is my best friend. She has brown eyes and fair hair. She is tall and has a good figure. She is a very active and hardworking person. When I have a problem, she stands by me. When I'm sad, she cheers me up. If I don't feel like playing, she joins me and we have fun together. Friends like Claire are difficult to find!
Georgina Kyriakou

My favourite friend is Georgina. When I am sad, she stands by me. We play together and she comes to my home when I am ill. We laugh, we exchange our secrets and sometimes we go to the cinema or to the luna-park. Once we went together on holiday. Georgina tells the funniest jokes in the world. Georgina is tall and thin. She has brown eyes and hair and is very polite. She likes music, sports, and ballet, just like me. I believe we will be friends forever.
Claire Zavradinou

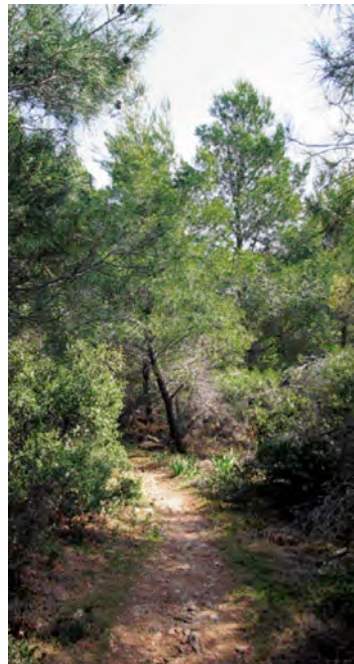
A VALUABLE PERSON AND / OR THING CONTINUED



Paul is someone who is valuable to me. I have known him since the age of two. He's my best friend. He helps me when I have problems. He can make me happy when he tells very funny jokes or when he does silly things. When I go to his house, we play PlayStation 2, PlayStation 3 and basketball. We do not cheat and we both have fun.
George Efthymiades



WE WROTE ABOUT PROBLEM-SOLVING



Three weeks ago, my schoolmates and I went on an excursion to the Rema Halandriou. The weather was sunny and we were very happy. When we got there, Mrs. Fotini talked to us about the area. We learnt a lot of things about the ecosystem there. When we finished our class, we waited for the school bus to come. We were noisy and naughty. Our teacher got upset and he yelled at me. I felt very bad and I started to cry. The following day I talked to him. He realised that I wasn't the only naughty kid and he apologised. The misunderstanding was over and I felt good.

Georgina Kyriakou

A few days ago, three children from our class had a big fight. First, two girls told a boy to stop pushing them. Then Mr. Vangelis told them all to stop. About an hour later, another boy pushed one of the girls. When the bell rang, we ran out very quickly. The children started hitting each other. When we came back to the classroom, the boy and the two girls were waiting for Mr. Vangelis at the door. They told Mr. Vangelis that they had been fighting. The teacher said that they should not fight in school and that our parents send us to school to learn things. In this way, the three children solved their problem.

Nick Rallakis



The handball team were calling Myrsini and they weren't giving me the ball. I told the coach that I want to be called Iris and not Myrsini. The first problem was solved in one day. The other one was more difficult. First, as they were passing the ball, I jumped between the two girls trying to catch the ball. Afterwards, when they had to pass the ball, I started calling their names. So, I got the ball and my problem was solved. The problems I had were similar to Maria Isabel's! But I solved them differently. I didn't write any great wishes. I just solved them by talking to my coach and trying to catch the ball.

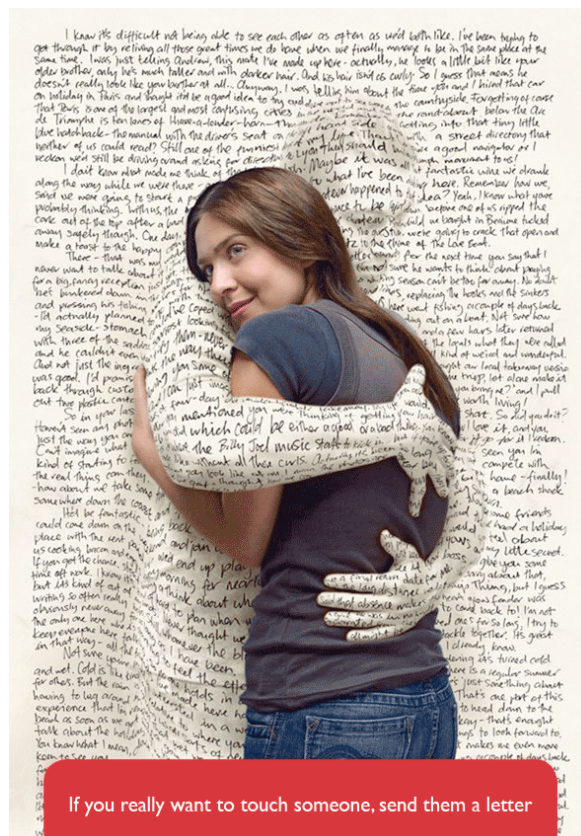


Iris Papacosta

Research says that good writing skills are crucial both to students' scholastic achievements and to their future endeavours in society. Fifth graders recognize that writing is more than putting words on paper and understand that it is a complex process of communication. Ms. Mary Fortis, teacher

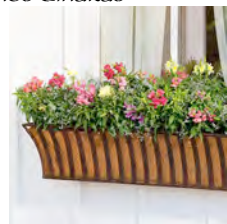
FRIENDLY LETTERS

Dear Lydia Grace,
I am very happy knowing that you are having a great time with Uncle Jim. I am excited about your new friends. Tell me more about Ed and Emma. What are they like and what do they look like? Are they married? Do they have children? When you live in a new city it is very important to have friends who take care of you and teach you new things. What about Otis, your kitten? What does he look like? Please write more. Don't worry about Uncle Jim. Now that you are there with him, he is going to smile soon. All your friends miss you very much. Love and kisses from all, Angelos Spanos



If you really want to touch someone, send them a letter

Dear Lydia,
I'm very happy you are so excited. The window boxes you told me about are like a surprise for you. In spring, you can plant the seeds your grandma sent. Have fun with your work. Love to you, Panos Ginakas



Dear Lydia,
I'm so happy for you and your gardening. I can imagine the secret place and Uncle Jim smiling. I'm also happy about the special friendship you have with the neighbors. Love, Iris Papacosta



A Valuable Person and/or Thing

My parents are very valuable and important to me because they go to work and they earn money. This means that I can go to a good school, play extra sports and have an English teacher at home. They have time to help me with my homework and listen to my problems. They read me stories and buy me a lot of important things. They give me money and play with me. I appreciate them and love them for all they do for me. Nick Rallakis

A valuable thing for me is my PSP. You can listen to music on it, you can take videos and you can even use it to go on the Internet. You can also watch videos. Spyros Dritsas



My friend, Panos, is valuable to me because he plays with me. We do sports together, chat on the Internet, as well as other things. He helps me when I am hurt and he tells jokes. I forgot to say that he also makes me smile when I am disappointed. Alex Hampsas

Claire is very important to me and she is my best friend. If I don't understand something, Claire explains it to me. When I am in a bad mood, Claire stands by me and when I don't want to play something and I'm bored, Claire comes with me. When I have a problem, I talk to Claire and she helps me solve it. Those are the things that make Claire valuable to me. Friends like Claire are difficult to find. Friends like Claire are like diamonds--precious and rare. Georgina Kyriakou



MY FAVOURITE CHARACTER

I believe grandma was interesting because she had a collection of fancy old hats and a collection of postcards from her family and her friends. She had also created a wall covered with photos and she called it "the picture wall". From the beginning, Donovan's grandma wanted Donovan to give some of his words to the people that need them but she didn't want to hurt Donovan's feelings. Angelos Spanos

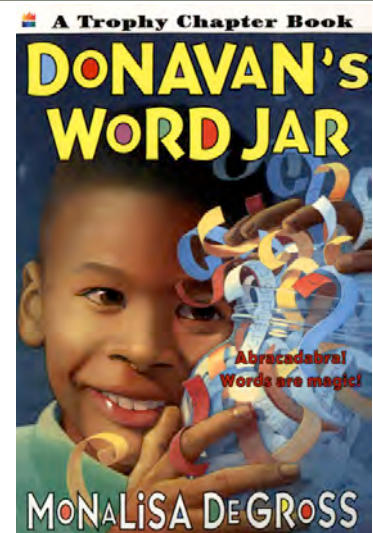
I like Donovan because he has a nice collection of words. He gives away his word jar because he sees other people having fun with his words. If I had a collection like Donovan, I wouldn't give it away. One other reason I like Donovan is that he understands the mistake he made. Spyros Dritsas

I think that Donovan is interesting because he changes opinions throughout the story. He doesn't want to give his words away but later he changes his mind when he sees that his words helped the neighbours in Grandma's building. Nick Rallakis

I think Grandma is interesting. She is wise, always in a good mood and supportive. She is a great collector, a good coach and she helps people with their problems. Sotiris Georgakopoulos

I chose Donovan's grandma as my favourite character. She shows that she is a good person by helping Donovan with his problem. Her apartment is terrific but the building she lives in and her neighbors are gloomy and boring. However, Donovan's grandma doesn't lead a boring life. She changes all the people from being gloomy and boring to being happy and to start talking to each other, just like she does. Panos Ginakas

My favourite character from the story is Donovan. We have many things in common. I'm a collector, too. I collect stamps and I have a very large collection. I like that he's collecting and I think that some of his words describe me and make me feel better. He doesn't want to hurt anyone's feelings. That means that he's a very good boy and he could be a very good friend. I liked his story very much! George Efthymiades





MY FAVOURITE CHARACTER CONTIINUED

I think Donovan is the most interesting character in the story because he seems to be different from other children. First, he is considerate because he takes care of his sick sister. Second, he respects his father's and grandma's opinions. Third, he is very intelligent because he collects words. He loves learning things so that when he grows up, he'll be a very educated person. Although he loves his word jar, he learns to share it with the senior citizens at Mellow. I admire Donovan because he has given me an excellent idea of how I can learn difficult words,



too! Georgina Kyriakou

Donavan's grandma is an interesting character because Donavan thinks she will solve his problem. That means his grandma is very smart. And she makes Donavan's favourite soups. That means she is very smart and she cooks well. I want to cook well and be smart like Donavan's grandma. This is why she is interesting to me.

Iris Papacosta

My favourite character is Donovan because he collects words and his words make people happy. But Donovan has a problem: his word jar is full of words. He decides to go to his grandma so she can find a solution to his problem. I like Donovan because, at the beginning, he doesn't realise that by giving his words to other people he makes them feel better and remember good old times. He doesn't realise that Grandma doesn't want him to give all of his words away just so that she can put other words inside. At the end, he feels

like a magician because he makes the people in grandma's apartment building happy. They are no longer bored or gloomy. That's why I like Donovan more than the other characters in the story. Marianna Venetikidi

FAMOUS PEOPLE WHO HAVE SHOWN COURAGE AND DETERMINATION

Franklin D. Roosevelt was born in 1882 in New York. He attended Harvard University and Columbia Law School. In 1905, he married Eleanor Roosevelt. He was elected President of the United States in 1932. During his presidency, there were 13 million unemployed and almost every bank was closed. He proposed many reform programmes and achieved some recovery in the Great Depression.

During World War II, he kept the United States out of the war in Europe. After the attack on Pearl Harbor in 1941, he gave orders for his country to prepare for global war. President Roosevelt, however, wanted to achieve peace in the world and helped set up the United Nations.



George Efthymiade

On November 4, 2008, Barack Obama defeated John McCain in the US general elections and became the first African American to be elected President of the United States. In his victory speech, Obama said that "change has come to America." Time magazine named Barack Obama as its Person of the Year for his historic candidacy and election.

Alex Hampsas

John Fitzgerald Kennedy was born in Brookline, Massachusetts on May 29, 1917. He had three brothers and five sisters. Jack was not a very healthy baby. When Jack was not yet three years old, he became sick with scarlet fever and his parents were terrified that little Jack would die.

Kennedy's brief time in office stands out in people's memories for his leadership, personality and accomplishments. Many respect his coolness when faced with difficult decisions, like what to do about the missiles in Cuba. Others admire his ability to inspire people with his speeches. Still others think his compassion and his willingness to fight for new government programs and to help the poor, the elderly and the ill were the most important. Like all leaders, Kennedy made mistakes, but he was always optimistic about the future. He believed that people could solve their common problems if they put their countries' interests first and if they worked together.

Angelos Spanos

Chester Bennington was born on March 20, 1976 in Phoenix, Arizona. He is an American musician, singer, songwriter and one of the two lead vocalists in the rock band 'Linkin Park'. He took interest in music at a young age and worked for a fast-food restaurant in America before he became famous. Although he struggled with drugs, he managed to overcome his problems and now leads a healthy life away from drugs.

Sotiris Georgakopoulos





FAMOUS PEOPLE WHO HAVE SHOWN COURAGE AND DETERMINATION CONTD.

Madonna is a famous star, but are you sure you really know her? I don't think so. Madonna looks terrible when she wakes up. When she is off-stage, she looks like a monster. In her daily life, Madonna is an ordinary person. She is a mum of several adopted children and she has two children of her own, too. She writes books, sings and plays with her children. Music and shows are her job. In order to look good and be a great dancer, she exercises quite a lot. She overdoes it. As a result, Madonna looks ugly.

Iris Papacosta

Cristiano Ronaldo dos Santos Aveiro was born on February 5, 1985. He is a Portuguese footballer who plays as a winger for the English Premier League. He plays for Manchester United and for the Portuguese National Team. Ronaldo began his career as a youth player at C.D. Nacional and his success with the team led to a move to Sporting Lisbon. Ronaldo's special talent caught the attention of Manchester United manager, Sir Alex Ferguson, and he signed up the 18 year old for 12.24 million pounds in 2003. He earned his first cup for the Portuguese National Team around the same time. He won his first club honour, the FA cup, the following season and reached the finals of 2004 with his national team, scoring the goal for Portugal. This goal was his first. The next three were his best. He won all the Premier League's

cups, he has the Champions League 2007-2008 title. He won the European Golden Shoe and was named FIF Pro World Player of the Year 2008!

Nick Rallakis



George Bush was the 43rd president of the USA. His term ended on January 20, 2009. Bush attended Yale University, receiving a Bachelor's degree in History. Then he attended Harvard University, where he earned an MBA. In 1987 he married Laura Welch, a school teacher and librarian. In 1991, Laura Bush gave birth to twin daughters, Jenna and Barbara. Bush was elected as President in 2000 and then he was re-elected in 2004 gathering 50.7% of the popular vote. Eight months into his first term as President, terrorist attacks occurred and Bush announced a global War on Terrorism. Bush has attempted to promote policies on the economy, health care, education and social security reform. During his two terms, he has received both the highest and the lowest domestic

approval ratings of American presidents.

Claire Zavradinou

America's famous aviatrix (=a woman aviator), Amelia Mary Earhart, was born on July 24, 1897 at her grandparent's home in Kansas. Amelia and her sister had a lot of money through their grandparents. They attended private schools and enjoyed many of the comforts of life. In 1917, Amelia decided to train as a nurse's aid in Toronto and served as a Voluntary Nurse at a military hospital until the Armistice in November, 1918. In 1920, she boarded the open-cockpit biplane for a 10 minute flight over Los Angeles. Soon after, she began lessons with pioneer aviatrix Anita Snook. By October 1922, Amelia began participating in record-breaking

attempts and set a woman's altitude record of 14,000 feet. On April 27, 1926 her life was to change forever. A phone call from Captain H.H. Railey asked, "How would you like to be the first woman to fly across the Atlantic?"

Georgina Kyriakou

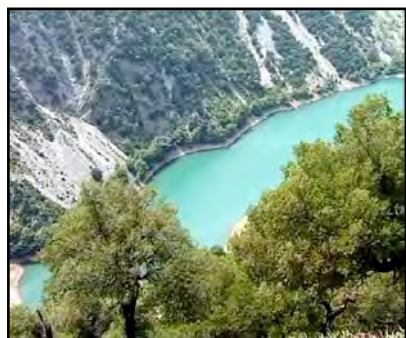
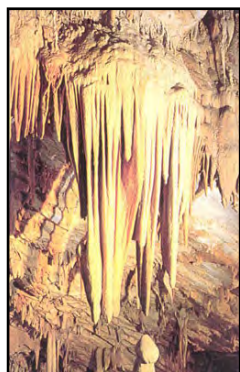


Eleanor Roosevelt was First Lady of the United States from 1933 to 1945. She supported the policies of her husband, President Franklin D. Roosevelt and became a person who spoke out for civil rights. After her husband's death, Roosevelt continued to be an international author, speaker, politician and activist. She worked to improve the status of working women. In the 1940s, Roosevelt was one of the cofounders of Freedom House and supported the formation of the United Nations. She was a delegate of the UN General Assembly from 1945-1952, a job for which she was appointed by President Harry S. Truman and confirmed by the United States Senate.

Marianna Venetikidi



WE MARVELED AT SOMETHING IN NATURE



Top: Peania Cave
Bottom: Lake Plastira

One year ago, when I was in the 4th grade, my classmates and I visited a cave in Peania. As we were entering the cave, the temperature got colder. The view was really amazing! We all stared with enthusiasm. We saw stalagmites rising from the ground. They were like the Eiffel Tower in miniature. Then I looked up and I saw the stalactites falling down like rain. A teacher was standing in front of us, answering our questions. We all wanted to know how a thing like that could happen. She explained to us that the water drips slowly from the top of the cave. Because of the difference in temperature, it freezes and creates the stalagmites and stalactites.

Angelos Spanos

Last year, I went on an excursion with my friend Nefeli to Lake Plastira. The view from the mountain to the lake was really nice. The lake was calm, the trees were full of leaves and the birds were flying in the sky. We rode our bicycle and we rode along the small paths following a stream. We walked in

the forest and we saw animals. A baby goat was crying because it had lost its mother. We took it and tried to find the mother. We were looking for her for about one or two hours. Finally, we found her and we gave her the baby goat. It was an interesting experience looking for a mother goat! Then we visited the horses by the lake and went horseback riding. The following morning when we woke up everything was covered with snow. We threw snowballs and we admired the amazing view. The change in scenery was something that I marveled at.

Claire Zavradinou

In 1925, General N. Plastiras dreamt that this area would become a huge artificial lake.

In 1959, 6 years after his death, his dream came true. The lake provided the villages in the area with water as well as electricity.

I know of a great place to go on holiday: Thimonia. Thimonia is in Thassos. We stay at a hotel where you can't talk on the mobile phone because it's out of range. The beach has some rocks but there is also sand. There is a kiosk with ice-cream, beer and other things. The rooms are big with two beds for children, a double bed for the parents, a little kitchen and a bathroom. Thimonia isn't easy to find. It is before Skidia. Potos is a tourist area with a nice view of the sea. Thassos has many beautiful beaches: Alykes, Makriammos, Potamia, Arhangelos, Limenaria, Sotira. They aren't as nice as Thimonia because they have lots of tourists. I forgot to add that Thassos has a lot of bees and great honey.
Iris Papacosta

USING KEY WORDS IN A PARAGRAPH

THE EMPEROR AND THE KITE

The good man was plotting to go into the castle. His loyal friend was kept prisoner there and he wanted to help him escape. His friend was neglected by his captors because they believed he was insignificant. The guards encircled the castle so no one could get in. Their steely looks were frightening. The man's unyielding desire to help his friend made him think hard. "I will mount

on the twined rope that is hanging from the back window of the castle," he muttered to himself.

Jenny Bousboura



OUR KNIGHT AND MAIDEN AUTHORS

