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STUDENT THOUGHTS

What's the One Thing you couldn't live without?

LEVEL ONE

by Kazumi

One thing I must have for my life is tennis. I play tennis almost every weekend. I have done many things, for example, belly dance, Tahitian dance, fitness club etc. But I couldn't continue anything

However, Tennis is different. I have played it for 2 and a half years. It refreshes me. And after tennis, I go to an izakaya or a restaurant with other members. This time is very important for me too.

by Katsuro

The title is difficult subject matter. It isn't a simple problem. It is a very serious problem for me to choose from a wide field of experience.

But if I have to answer; as the proverb says, "Human life has three slopes. 1) Uphill, 2) Downhill, and 3) the Surprising slope (まさか) ."

by Sachiko

One of the necessary things in my life is learning English. Because I want to understand Michael Jackson interviews without subtitles, on the Internet.

by Mieko

I couldn't live without reading books. When I was a child, I was sickly. So my parents gave me many books of various genre.

Books always teach me that after all, human nature is not so different, whenever or wherever we live. Whenever I find it, I feel impressed.

by Kuri

Maybe Japanese 4 frame comic strips (4コマ マンガ) . I always read it before going to bed everyday. If I don't read it, then I can't go to sleep, and lack sleep. I always take it with me when I travel (or I buy it at the destination).

It is just right for sleep, because I can see the story on only one page, and it's slightly boring.

I have a bookshelf with only four-frame comics in my bedroom.

by Shige

I couldn't live without playing sports. Because when I play sports, I am liberated from stress. I forget about my job, house and various things. I concentrate only on playing.

I like to play tennis, soccer and basketball. Basketball is particularly special. I feel a sense of accomplishment when I sink a three point shot!!

I wanted to become like Michael Jordan.

by Miho

I couldn't live without drinking. I like beer.

I go to Jiro's Bar alone, and talk with other guests. I'm usually shy. But if I drink beer, I become "not shy". I could make a lot of friends there. They are very wonderful friends.

I want to drink beer happily in the future.

LEVEL TWO

by Saori

For me, it's stories. I love to read, to see, or to listen to stories. I can enjoy my favorite stories many times. It is possible to feel real, like I experienced it myself. That time makes me happy.

by Kazuko

There is nothing special which I couldn't live without. But it's also important to always be positive, I think.

by Hiroko I

It has to be comics. Comics are one of my big pleasures. In Western countries, comics are for children, but in Japan, the quality is quite high.

I learned most things which are important for my life, from comics, when I was a school girl. History, politics, school-life, friendship, love, and so on.

So, I can say that if I didn't know comics, I would be living a different life now.

by Akiko

I can't live without friends in my life. Friends make me happy and save me. If I have a problem and stress, I can be relaxed after I meet friends.

Relations with people is everything for me.

by Yuichiro

I couldn't live without my Harley-Davidson. Riding, repairing, and listening to the sounds make me happy. And when I drive along the highway, I am so happy. I could make new friends and come to know other worlds.

by Shin-yung

I couldn't live without TV. I always turn on the TV every morning after waking up. When I return to my house, the first thing I do is turn on the TV and make dinner. I continue watching TV until going to bed.

The Spice of Life

Last month I asked almost all my students to tell me about the one thing they couldn't live without.

Have you ever heard the saying "Variety is the Spice of Life"? After reading all your answers, I appreciate having a wide mix of opinions and personalities in this school.

Answers range from short to long, from beer to books, from friends to cotton-tips.

I hope you enjoy reading about your fellow students as much as I did. This kind of activity allows us to know each other as little better, and grow a little closer.

However, one thing you must try to avoid is starting most of your sentences with "I". Please check the Level 4's for some nice sentence beginnings.

School Party in September!

Next school party has been scheduled at last by your lazy teacher.

- Saturday September 24th
- Doors open at 6:30pm

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What's the One Thing you couldn't live without?

LEVEL THREE

by Yasuyuki

I couldn't live without coffee. I usually drink 3 cups of coffee per day. When I start my job, I drink a cup of coffee. When I have a discussion with engineers outside, we drink a cup of coffee.

A cup of coffee refreshes me and changes my way of thinking. So I need coffee.

by Yuki

At this moment, it has to be my mobile (携帯). 4 months ago, I only used my mobile as a tool to exchange mails, search the train timetable, or check the weather. I didn't talk on the phone so often, I used it only if I really needed to talk to someone.

But when the big earthquake happened on the 11th of March, my mobile was the only way I could contact my family and friends, to know if they were safe or not.

And after that, I now talk on the phone much more than before, and check my mobile, even if it's unnecessary, so I feel easy.

Now, I can say that I can't live without my mobile phone.

by Sakae

I often think if there aren't cotton tips, I would be in trouble. My ears often feel itchy, and I can't concentrate on anything when I feel unpleasant. My health is the most important thing.

I think if I'm healthy, I'm almost always happy. Cotton tips are a small thing, but they are very important to me. They represent Health.

by Satoshi S

I couldn't live without live jazz piano. I often listen to jazz music on my iPod. It makes me feel good but not as much as a live performance. When I go to a performance, I always arrive there earlier than anyone, and take the position beside the piano player. I listen to the piano and look at the fingers.

It takes me to another world.

by Nozomi

For me, its books. When I'm depressed or irritated, I read books to calm down. When I'm bored, books give me courage, wonder and energy. Books taught me that the world (both real and imaginary) is so broad. So I can't stop reading books.

Books are the best nourishment for my soul.

by Hanae

One thing I couldn't live without is perfume, especially natural fragrances. My work is very hasty and stressful. If I got upset with hasty work, my patient will worry about me.

And I don't like the rush of modern life. So I need inner peace. Perfume cuts me off from a confused life.

by Miwa

I think it's persistence in my beliefs. I believe that if I want to do it, I can do it. If I have troubles, I can get over them in the end because I believe tomorrow will come.

This "belief" mind control is the most important in my life.

by Kasumi

I couldn't live without travel. I build up stress easily, and travel helps restore from mental stress. If I couldn't go travelling, I would get facial paralysis or dizziness, from stress. So, I need travel.

by Eriko

I couldn't live without the Internet, because I don't like loneliness. I want my family, friends and pets actually, but they have their own lives (Pets will die earlier than me.)

The Internet can connect a lot of people.

LEVEL FOUR

by Naomi

Tennis is the one thing I couldn't live without. Long ago, the girl who wanted to play tennis with me is now my wife. I strengthen my body and release my stress with Tennis.

To go abroad to watch professional tennis games is my and my wife's future dream.

We can enjoy tennis when we'll get old.

by Hiroko M

It has to be my family. I love my family so much. My Dad has never got angry at me. He has been very supportive to what I want to do. My Mom is very patient and always listens to me.

The hardest time in my life was the first year I lived in the U.S. I missed everything in Japan, and I cried many times and told my Mom on the phone that I wanted to go home. She always had the same answer. That was I could go home any time, and I didn't have to be in the U.S. Everytime I heard this from her, I calmed down and it made me feel I had to hang in there.

And my sister is my best friend.

by Ayaka

I can't live without chopsticks because I'm not good at eating with a fork and a knife. I was surprised how Western people can eat well with forks and knives. I tried to eat better with them. It was very difficult, although I thought that I would eventually use them well.

by Keiko

It is absolutely unbelievable for me, who hated to study English in my school days, that studying foreign languages became quite important for me now.

It has 2 factors. One is the result that I had many interesting opportunities to talk with foreigners in my foreign trips. I realized languages are only tools of communication, and I don't need to think frigidly.

On the other hand, studying foreign languages rests me from anxieties. Spending time on things except working can control the balance of my mind.

I've studied English, Chinese, Korean and French. But I'd like to start a new one. Recently I supposed it would be fun studying German and going to Germany to enjoy beer and local dishes.

by Akie

The thing I couldn't live without is music. I have three reasons.

One reason is that music is something I never lack when I am bored. For example, I have many chances to go on business trips. It means that I've got to ride transportation. During that, music is useful.

Second, I listen to music when I'm very tense. I can remake myself and change my feeling depending on many kinds of music.

Finally, one of my favorite things is "karaoke". It's one way that I hang out with friends. Music makes me happy and relaxed. It is the thing I couldn't live without.

by Moritoshi

To me, living means "to decide what I do and to grow to be better in capability". I want to learn many kinds of things to grow. Not only English related matters, but also I am interested in history, science, art, etc. This is one of the reasons why I visit art museums and exhibitions in Japan and other countries where I visit. Therefore, improvement of capability is what I definitely need to live.

However, "to decide what I do" has more meaning to me. The freedom of making decisions is indispensable for my life. I don't want any other people to decide what I need to do. I want to decide what and how to live, and even how to die.

It follows that my life will not be worth living when I am in a vegetative state and lose the capacity of making decisions.

LEVEL BRYCE

Ever since my first days of Aikido, I have found that a constant physical and mental challenge is essential for me. It must also be a challenge that allows me to understand myself better, to express myself honestly, and improve the kind of person I am.

Now Aikido is gone from my life, I find myself quite "direction-less", often finding myself feeling that I should be doing something, but I don't know what that something is. Like a musician with no instrument I guess.

On the other hand, I suppose that this period of uncertainty and lack of direction could be a large part of that challenge too.