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## **~ Lesson 1 ~**

### **The Child Within**

#### **The Education:**

..... made my day.

The simple pleasures in life

I have a youthful heart and a positive attitude.

No matter how old I get, I am always a child at heart.

Bounce back

See the world through the eyes of a child.

carefree

Don't worry, be happy.

#### **The Entertainment:**

Michelle: Patrick and I are extremely happy today.

Patrick: In fact, our whole family is extremely happy.

Michelle: Because we received an adorable piece of mail...

Patrick: ...from a very young friend, Angela.

Michelle: Yes, though only five years old, Angela is a dedicated PEN listener.

Patrick: A while back, she made a card and sent it to us.

Michelle: And even enclosed a picture of herself.

Patrick: Angela is so adorable!

Michelle: Anyway, she said on her card,

“Dear Uncle Patrick and Aunt Michelle,  
I made this card for you, wishing you a  
happy Chinese New Year. I hope you’ll make  
programs for children and broadcast some fun  
English stories and songs. I love learning  
English.”

Patrick: Her words warm my heart.

Michelle: After our parents read her card, they couldn’t  
stop smiling.

Patrick: Angela’s card *made their day*.

Michelle: Yes, Angela *made my day*.

Patrick: When something or someone *makes your day*, it  
means that this person, object, or event makes  
you very happy and cheerful all day long.

Michelle: Angela’s card *made my day*.

Patrick: Definitely. Our family spent the whole day listening to nursery rhymes and reading children's stories.

Michelle: We felt like kids that day.

Patrick: We have all been children once and have appreciated *the simple pleasures in life*...

Michelle: ...such as catching butterflies, listening to bedtime stories, and going wild on the swings.

Patrick: But once we grow up, we stop doing these things.

Michelle: And that's a real shame.

Patrick: Because no matter how old we get, there is always a child within us.

Michelle: Once I had a talk with a famous writer, Han Suyin.

Patrick: Isn't she eighty years old?

Michelle: Yes, but she told me, "Michelle, I might look old but I'm not."

Patrick: I don't quite follow.

**Michelle:** Grand Auntie Han keeps her heart and mind young and vigorous by staying optimistic and active.

**Patrick:** Today, we want each of our listeners to go inside of themselves and find that happy, innocent child they once were.

**Michelle:** That's right. For the next thirty minutes, we want each of you to become a child again and think back to the things that you once loved and enjoyed.

**Patrick:** Let's appreciate *the simple pleasures in life*.

**Michelle:** The wonderful afternoon spent swimming in the river.

**Patrick:** The candies in our pockets.

**Michelle:** And jumping rope.

**Patrick:** When Michelle, Jeffrey, and I were young, we loved playing marbles and growing vegetables in our mother's garden.

**Michelle:** Those were the good old days.

**Patrick:** But as adults, we have more responsibilities and worries.



Michelle: And that's all part of growing up.

Patrick: We worry about school, about starting a family, about getting a job.

Michelle: Our lives become complicated, and very few things make us happy.

Patrick: That's because we forget the child within us...

Michelle: ...and all those wonderful things that used to make our hearts sing.

Patrick: Angela's mother told us that Angela stays up late every night, waiting for PEN.

Michelle: When our voices come on, she smiles and slowly falls asleep, dreaming happy dreams.

Patrick: Listeners, do you remember some of those little things that used to make you happy?

Michelle: Today, we'll help you find that happy child you once were.

Patrick: Here is our lesson.

Michelle: . . . *makes my day.*  
*The simple pleasures in life.*

*I have a youthful heart and a positive attitude.  
No matter how old I get, I am always a child at heart.*

Patrick: Children are amazing. No matter what happens to them, they always *bounce back* quickly.

Michelle: To *bounce back* means to recover.

Patrick: Nothing gets them down for too long because many things *seen through the eyes of a child* are beautiful and amazing.

Michelle: Children are creative and imaginative.

Patrick: For example, falling petals fascinate our little nephew.

Michelle: Because they remind him of snowflakes.

Patrick: Instead of thinking the flower is dying, he always says, "Look, the flower is snowing." Isn't that cute?

Michelle: Boy, I wish I were a kid again.

Patrick: Listeners, when you feel sad or disappointed, just try to *see the world through the eyes of a child...*

Michelle: ...and everything will seem different. Let the child show you a whole new world.

Patrick: That reminds me. Angela says that she loves all the songs from Disney's animated motion pictures.

Michelle: So now we're going to play a song from the movie, *Aladdin*.

Patrick: "A Whole New World," sung by Ali and Princess Jasmin.

Michelle: Here is "A Whole New World."

Music

Michelle: That was "A Whole New World," from the movie, *Aladdin*.

Patrick: Hey Michelle! If you were a kid again, what would you do?

Michelle: I would eat ice cream and sit on the swings all day. What would you do?

Patrick: Humm. . . . If I were a kid, I would play volleyball on the beach.

Michelle: Sounds wonderful.

Patrick: Michelle, I love children's *carefree* attitudes.

Michelle: Me too. *Don't worry, be happy!*

Patrick: All they have to do is grow, play, and learn.

Michelle: Speaking of learning, let's review.

Patrick: . . . . *made my day.*  
*The simple pleasures in life*  
*I have a youthful heart and a positive attitude.*  
*No matter how old I get, I am always a child at*  
*heart.*  
*Bounce back*  
*See the world through the eyes of a child.*  
*carefree*  
*Don't worry, be happy.*

Michelle: In the eighties, there was a popular song called,  
"Don't Worry, Be Happy."

Patrick: And in the nineties, the movie, *The Lion King*,  
also had a song, expressing this *carefree*  
attitude.

Michelle: Let's listen to it.

**Patrick:** We should all clap our hands and snap our fingers to the rhythm.

**Michelle:** Let's pretend we're kids again.

**Patrick:** Here is "Hakuna Matata."

**Music**

**Patrick:** That was "Hakuna Matata."

**Michelle:** Oh, no! Our time is almost up.

**Patrick:** We hope everyone enjoyed today's PEN.

**Michelle:** Thank you, Angela, for awaking the child within all of us.

**Patrick:** Keep writing us.

**Michelle:** Until next time.

**Patrick:** Hakuna Matata!

**Michelle:** Bye!

## **~ Lesson 2 ~**

### **Visionary**

#### **The Education:**

hero worshipping  
Put someone on a pedestal  
visionary  
inspiration  
Role model  
individuality  
We are only human.  
Be yourself  
Don't blindly follow someone.  
perfectionist

#### **The Entertainment:**

Patrick: Michelle, a few days ago, I was going through my e-mail and discovered that Bill Gates will be guest speaking at Stanford.

Michelle: How wonderful!

Patrick: No, it's not wonderful.

Michelle: What do you mean? I thought you totally respected this man.

**Patrick:** That's why it's not wonderful, because I can't hear his speech.

**Michelle:** Oh, what a shame.

**Patrick:** That's OK. There is always next time.

**Michelle:** Pat, since you admire Mr. Gates, why don't you introduce him to our listeners?

**Patrick:** My pleasure. Bill Gates is the head of Microsoft and one of the richest men in America.

**Michelle:** And he is only in his forties!

**Patrick:** Quite young for so much success.

**Michelle:** Definitely admirable.

**Patrick:** He started his company from scratch with his partner, Paul Allen.

**Michelle:** How did he get started?

**Patrick:** Well, he attended Harvard and worked for a few years. But all the while, he hoped to start a computer software company. Gates believed in his idea whole-heartedly.

Michelle: So Gates was a *visionary*?

Patrick: And that's why I admire him, not because of his wealth or fame, but because he believed in his dreams.

Michelle: Is he your hero?

Patrick: I wouldn't go that far. *Hero worshipping* could be very dangerous.

Michelle: Really?

Patrick: I think everyone needs a *role model* to serve as a guiding light and an *inspiration*. But when you worship a person, you can become blinded to his or her flaws.

Michelle: No one is perfect.

Patrick: Even heroes have flaws. After all, *they are only human*.

Michelle: You are right. *Putting someone on a pedestal* is a dangerous thing to do.

Patrick: *Putting someone on a pedestal* means you think this person is perfect, almost god-like.



Michelle: Since people tend to imitate their heroes, they'll copy the good traits as well as the bad ones, thinking that the flaws are good too.

Patrick: But you can never be exactly like someone else.

Michelle: Everyone is different, so *be yourself*.

Patrick: Keep your *individuality* in mind. *Don't blindly follow someone*.

Michelle: Let's get to today's lesson.

Patrick: *hero worshipping*  
*Put someone on a pedestal*  
*visionary*  
*inspiration*  
*Role model*  
*individuality*  
*Be yourself.*  
*We are only human.*  
*Don't blindly follow someone.*

Michelle: Pat, you are many people's hero and inspiration.

Patrick: So I have to let them know that *I am only human* and have flaws like everyone else.

Michelle: Even though you have admirable qualities.