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29 October 2008
Day F Moral Reading

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The Dog and the Wolf

A thin Wolf almost died because he was hungry. At that time, he met a House-dog who was passing by. "Ah, Cousin," said the Dog. "I knew how it would be; your irregular life will soon be the ruin of you. Why do you not work steadily as I do, and get your food regularly given to you?"

"I would have no objection," said the Wolf, "if I could only get a place."

"I will easily arrange that for you," said the Dog; "come with me to my master and you shall share my work."

So the Wolf and the Dog went towards the town together. On the way there the Wolf noticed that the hair on a certain part of the Dog's neck was very much worn away, so he asked him how that had come about.

"Oh, it is nothing," said the Dog. "It hurts a bit, but one soon gets used to it."

"Is that all?" said the Wolf. "Then good-bye to you, Master Dog."

Better starve free than be a fat slave.
挨餓而擁有自由，勝過飽食終日的奴隸。



Vocabulary

almost	adv.	差點兒
irregular	adj.	無規律的；不穩定的
ruin	n.	毀滅
steadily	adv.	穩固地；平穩地
objection	n.	反對
worn away	v.	磨損

For the following question, write your answer on p.39 of your 'Reading Journal' (悅讀手冊).

Do you think freedom (自由) is important? Why or why not?

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The Fox and the Cat

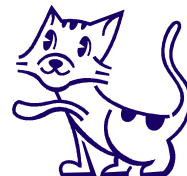
A Fox was boasting to a Cat of its clever ways of escaping its enemies. "I have a hundred ways of escaping my enemies," said the Fox.

"I have only one trick," said the Cat; "but I can be safe all the time." Just at that moment they heard the cry of dogs coming towards them, and the Cat immediately climbed up a tree and hid herself in the branch. "This is my plan," said the Cat. "What are you going to do?" The Fox thought first of one way, then of another, and while he was still thinking, the dogs came nearer and nearer. At last, the Fox was caught up by the dogs and soon killed by the huntsmen.

Better one safe way than a hundred on which you cannot reckon.

Vocabulary

boast	v.	自吹自擂；誇耀
devices	n.	設備；儀器；裝置
tricks	n.	詭計；騙局
Branch	n.	大樹枝
confusion	n.	混亂
huntsmen	n.	獵人
reckon	v	計算



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The Fox and the Goat

By accident, a Fox fell into a deep well from which he could not get out. A Goat passed by soon, and asked the Fox what he was doing down there. "Oh, have you not heard?" said the Fox; "there is going to be a great drought, so I jumped down here in order to be sure to have water. Why don't you come down too?" The Goat took his advice, and jumped down into the well. But the Fox immediately jumped on her back and jumped up to the edge of the well. "Good-bye, friend," said the Fox, "remember next time,

"Never trust the advice of a man in difficulties."

Vocabulary

unlucky	adj.	不幸的
well	n.	井
drought	n.	乾旱
immediately	adv.	立即
edge	n.	邊緣
remember	v.	記得



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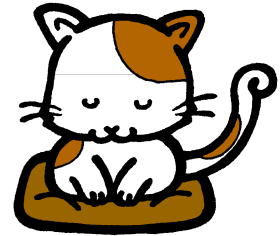
The Fox and the Bird

At one time the Fox and the Bird were on good terms and seemed very good friends. So the Fox invited the Bird to dinner. For a joke, the Fox put nothing before her but some soup in a very shallow dish. The Fox could easily have the soup, but the Bird could not have the soup easily and she left the meal as hungry as when she began. "I am sorry," said the Fox, "the soup is not to your liking."

"You need not apologise," said the Bird. "I hope you will come and have dinner with me soon." So a day was appointed when the Fox should visit the Bird; but when they were seated at table, all that was for their dinner was put in a very long-necked jar with a narrow mouth, in which the Fox could not put his mouth, so all he could manage to do was to lick the outside of the jar.

"I will not apologise for the dinner," said the Bird:

"One bad turn deserves another."
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Vocabulary

terms	n.	關係；友誼
shallow	adj.	淺的
lap up	v.	摺疊
liking	n.	喜歡；愛好
apologise	v.	道歉
insert	v.	插入
lick	v.	舔
deserves	v.	應受

