

Veni's Dialogue Journals

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Thursday

Why not? I like this story very much because the story is about the role of a woman in society. Shouldn't society should not depend on her looks, manners or the class into which she is born. We make the most of what we have. This story also have more moral values which the human can realize it in their life. The issues like a certain amount of ambition is good as this can help us to achieve our goals. However, too much ambition can destroy our lives also makes me like this story.

Why do you say this?

I am confused with the Madam Loisel was a greedy person. "Tambahan pula" she also likes with the material things.

Maybe → The Madam Loisel was a greedy woman. She always like to have the material things like jewellery, a big house and a richest life. But, I'm confused why she didn't have any choice? must she get married with Mr. Loisel although walaupun she know that Mr. Loisel is a simple man, work as a clerk. I don't understand that she married because she like or her parents compel. What is your opinion?

The story makes me angry with Madam Loisel. Because before she loss the necklace she is self-centred, materialistic, too much pride and easily irritated. She must understand her husband and the life she's got and makes him the life happy forever. But she is not do like that. However she had the poor or simple life

Do you actually know of one who is really like this? she always things about the material things. The story remind me about the greedy woman like madam Loisel in this world. More of the workers in this world are greedy, always needs the jewellery things and more. This makes their life poverty in the last day.

The quote "Ingenuity" is an example of good writing. I like that quote because its mean cleverness and skill. If we used this quote to the person who was generous, intelligent their would be happy or proud of their self.

My opinion about Mr. Loisel is, ~~he~~ is very kind person. He gives the four hundred francs which he saved to buy the gun, he gives to his wife to bought a new gown to goes to ball. He also a caring dan loving person. However he live in poverty, he makes his wives happy with buy her everything she want. He also willing to sacrifice. When the necklace is loss he help his wife with working 24 hours a day. He has other part time jobs to get more money. My opinion about Madam Loisel is she is a materialistic person. She know that their life is poor but she need also a jewellery, an expensive thing and more. She also a hard working woman. After she loss the necklace, she tried to return the necklace back to Madam Forestier with working as a maid in the houses.

Yes, I'm feel sympathy with Madam Loisel. Because, she don't know the necklace is paste but she tried to return it with working as a maid about 10 years. How poorer life she had experienced.

Madam Loisel had deserve what she got. Because she likes the material things walaupun her life is a simple life. Disebabkan she more likes with the richested life she get the poor life after the day.

The values in the character is we must not to be so greedy in our life. Madam Loisel is so greedy with material things and its bring her to the poorer life. Another values is must be respect husband. Madam Loisel threw away the invitation which was Mr. Loisel gave, with angry because she don't have any jewells and gown to wear to the ball. We must happy with what we have. However Madam Loisel is lives in a poor life she always thinks about the materialis things.

My father is like Mr. Loisel. My father is a kind, patient, unselfish and a simple man. My father also a loving and caring person. My father like the contented life that is he happy with the simple life.

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Victoria,

I feel that in today's "man eat man" world we have to make the most of everything we possess. If it's beauty we have or if we are born in a rich family, we should use it to the best to help us gain what we want from life. There is nothing wrong in doing this as long as we don't hurt anyone by doing so. Madame Loisel however used her beauty to make herself more miserable. When she made the choice to marry Mr. Loisel, she should have foreseen the life they would have. When we make a decision to do something, we must carry through with no regret especially in an institution such as marriage.

I do not know why she (Mdm Loisel) married Mr. Loisel. It could be because she was desperate. In those days, the class system was quite rigid. A working class woman married a working class man. Even though, Mdm Loisel was beautiful, it would have been difficult for her to marry a man from a rich background.

I agree with you that Mdm Loisel is materialistic. I think almost everyone is materialistic to a certain extent. We all want nice things, in the house, for ourselves - we ~~not~~ keep on buying things to make our houses look nicer, bigger, more expensive cars, beautiful clothes etc. Being materialistic is not a crime but being overly materialistic is unhealthy. There must always be balance in our lives.

What about your own life? What are the important things in your life? Why are they important to you?

For me, the most important ~~thing~~, previous thing in my life is my family. There is nothing else as important.

In my opinion If anyone married a person with the parents couple surely their life is do not be happy forever. All over day their will be in trouble. Their also never respect to each other.

Yes, I have someone who were really like Madame Loisel. She is my old friend Anju.

I say that too much ambition can destroy our lives because ~~we~~ we must happy with what we have, we don't so greedy at the things who never have. For an example we can say about Madame Loisel. That's she asked her husband bought a gown and necklace who never have at all.

In my opinion, If anyone married a person with the parents couple Surely their life is do not to be happy forever. And all over day their will be in trouble. Their also never respect to each other. If our life must be happy forever we must choose our life partner with ourself. We must understand our life partner's heart.

In my life I donot know anyone is really like ~~the~~ Madame Loisel. But in this moden world someone was like that. Why not sometimes me too like that. I am always asking my mother to buy me something who never have.

My life is a so simple life. I am not so greedy like Madame Loisel. I am like to live in a contented life that is live with what I have. The simple life is comfortable to me because it was the happiest life.

The important things in my life is my family, good education, good and comfortable job and a good life partner.

To achieve. my life those was very important to me. I think my family is very important to me because they are the person who are share my ~~and~~ happiness and sadness. Their also always bother about my life. The education also important because if we need the comfortable life we must have education. A poor man also can be achieve his ambition if he have education. The job also important to earn money to live. A good life partner also important to me because to continue my best life. & We can be happy if we have best and a good life partner who was understand our heart.

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I like the story because ~~the~~^{the} character of Drover's wife who was very responsible and a brave woman.

Why do you say this? → The story makes me proud of Drover's wife because her character in the story was very nice. The story remind me of the man's in this world. All of the men in this world are not too brave and responsible in their life like the Drover's wife. We must be brave as the Drover's wife to save ourself from the bad things.

In my opinion, Drover's wife is the woman who was always protective of her children, resilient and self-reliant, anxious and fearful. She also a good caring mother. For a example; she makes a bed on the kitchen table for the children, and sits down beside it to watch all night. She also a ~~the~~ woman who was live in a lonely life.

Yes, I am ~~feel~~ so sympathy for her because she was a woman who was get lonely life in the Australian Bush. Although she is a woman she was very brave woman. She caring her four children from the bad things.

She is very bravely woman because she releases her tension by hitting the snake. I am so admire her because I am never seen a woman who was very brave and save her and her childrens from hitting by the snake like the Drover's wife.

I am never know the person like the Drover's wife in the story but I had seen in the movies. In the western movies more of the womans be the hero in that movies. It's means that the woman are so brave and responsible to worked up the job.

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I agree with you that the driver's wife was a brave woman. I do not think I could live like her, in the middle of the bushland without other human beings for company. However, no women are all must be brave to live in this modern world. There are many dangers out there that we have to face daily. Do you think the world we live in is a safe place? What are the dangers you face in your life? Are you scared / frightened of anything?

You have commented that the men in this world are not brave or responsible. Why do you say this? Surely not all men are like that. I know there are some cowards out there who take advantage of women by committing acts of violence like rape, incest, murder etc against them. But then again, there are wonderful men who take care of and protect their womenfolk. I'm sure you know of such men, don't you?

Another interesting thought that crossed my mind was the fact that the driver's wife does not have a name of her own. What do you think of this?

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I don't think so that ~~this~~ ^{the} world we live is a safe place. I'm said like that because this world was full of dangerous people. As a woman we can't walk anywhere alone because have some men committing acts of violence like rape, murder and more. We can't say that the men only making violence or danger otherwise, the women also. All over this make me think that this world are not safe for me.

More of dangers I had face in my life. One of that is robbery. When my mother and I came back from market some mens came nearer me and asking me the jewellens that I wear in my neck and hand. I'm so scared and gave all the jewellens to the men. This incident make me feel that the ^{half of the} mens are unusefull person because their make their live with the robbery money.

That incident that I said above was make me seared and frightened. As usually we can see the robbery at the cinema only. But that incident was happen to me. That's make me so scared to walk alone.

Yes, I know that such man was wonderful and take care of and protect their womenfolk. For example I can say about my parents. My father take care of my mother's sick. He alway buy the medicines to my mother.

The Driver's wife don't have name because the writer of this story - is a man. Maybe he concentrated of the man's character only. Me too think that maybe the writer wanted the

character of Driver alive all over the story.

Yasha's Dialogue Journals

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I like the story because the ~~ten~~ about a certain amount of ambition is good as this can help us to achieve our goals. However too much ambition can destroy our lives.

the madame Mathilde Loisel character because she is too much ambitious in her life.

the madame Mathilde Loisel character because I can't understand why she first got married with Mr. Loisel and why she never ask the true of the necklace at madame Jeane Fortester.

Are women really like this? → the story is make me angry with the character madame Loisel, because writer sawing the role of woman as greedy and envious in the society and the story remind the human never begin so greedy and ambitious in our life and also the ambition it's can lead to a person's downfall in life like a madame Loisel.

the honesty of madame Loisel, when she lose the necklace she honestly think to replace the necklace to madame Fortester. the quote is "You must write to your friend about the necklace."

The opinion of Mr. Loisel is a contented and loving person in the story and also he is a kind man. He also are unselfish person, however he change the idea to his wife and also he is a patient. The opinion of madame Mathilde she is a attractive woman, discontented in life, more ambitious. She also more greedy and she never happy with the life and always think about the materialistic things.

Yes, I am feeling a sympathy of the main character of the story. Because with the she ^{if stop} greedy she lose she own life and beauty of the face and has work hard to replace the necklace in ten years.

I am like Mr. Loisel because this man is ^{never} ~~be~~ begin greedy and contented with life. He also so loving person and kind, he also a unselfish and patient man.

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The value of madame Loisel is honesty, I also like to share the honesty with her. She also determined to replace the necklace to madame Forestier with work hard in 10 years. The bad things she had is greedy, I also sometimes have the same greedy in some ~~like~~ the character.

I like to begin like a Mr. Forestier, because the person is not greedy like a his wife and I also like to begin like him. He also contented in ^{the time} life. We also happy with what things we have and we also kind like him. Stop self fish can bring bad things in our life, so we do not so selfish in our life.

Dear Yasotha,

Do you think the author has portrayed the main character, madame Loisel, as being vain and greedy because most women are actually vain and greedy? Looking at the people around me, I feel that men and women alike are generally greedy for more than they have. We are all constantly lamenting about the things we don't have - a bigger house, nicer clothes, a beautiful body, lots of money, holidays overseas - - - and the list goes on.

Why can't we be contented with what we have? I guess it is just human nature to want more and more. What do you think?
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To me, Mr. Loisel sounds like a wimp. He does not seem to have any ambition and is perfectly happy being a clerk. He seems to be so boring. I feel everyone should have a little ambition to ~~we~~ constantly make our lives better. If we keep on doing the same things ~~everything~~

everyday, there won't be anything to look forward to and life would be very dull. I certainly can't imagine doing the same thing I'm doing today in another 5 years' time. Do you like doing the same things everyday? Do you like knowing what you're going to do tomorrow or would you like it to be a surprise. (1)

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1. Too much ambition can destroy our lives means, we must happy with what things who have. We do not so greedy at the things who never have. As an example we can saw at the story, that is madame Mathilde Loisel. ^{At one things, she never have when she so greedy she lost all things in life at 10 years for the example.}
2. Not all of woman like that. Some one like the character of the story.
3. Yes. I guess it is just human nature to want more and more, but the too much ambition is not good for our live because the too much ambition can destroy our lives.
4. No, because live is like a round of the world, so we must change every programme in every day to achieve the pleasure of the live. For me, I do not like doing the same things every day, because is can bring to me boringness and tiredness. Although, ^{some thing never to me.} is also bring any knowledge ~~to me~~.
5. Ya, I like to knowing what I doing to do tomorrow or would. I like it to be a surprise because my age like that. Ya, the teenage ^{age}. For the teenagers the surprising is so important and to gave more improved at the things what I want to do. Not I only, like to know what ^{to want} happen at tomorrow, all the human who has living at the world, same like me to know the surprising of the life and world.

The Drovers wife.

Name: K. Yashu Plo Kalarasan

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In my opinion,

Not all of mothers like the drovers wife. Because in the world not all women doing good things in their life. Some woman doing bad things in their full life. Some people did not take care their children in their life. For the example their living their children in orphan or different place. For the examples of mothers who are like the drovers wife is my mother. Because she is same like the drovers wife character. That's mean she is a caring and loving mother despite the hardship she faces. Because my mother always concerned about her children. But my mother is not brave like the drovers wife. Because my mother character on very soft. In her, got some thing is a very bad thing. That is my brother passed from the world. my mother always take care and concerned my brother very carefully and loving - but one day, my brother was passed away from we all. The day is very blackday in my mother's life or my family members. So that, the mother's humanity is naturally is very value in the world. we cannot compare the mother loves at the children with other things in the life. In this conclusion the drovers wife some character stick same like my mother's character. Actually, in the the woman or mother must independent, loving, caring and brave. Because than this not always standing at behind of the woman, some time their also can cheating woman. For the example, the drovers is not always live with his wife and take care their children. Every time he living alone the family members in the old house in Australian Bush. So that the drovers wife be brave at hers life, to take care the family members. Yes, I know some woman are like the drovers wife and madame Loisel. For the example my neighbour. She have six children in their family. She is four order daughters study at the secondary school and two was in primary school. When she is husband go to the prison. she take care the children in six years she also same like the drovers wife. She caring and loving mother to the children. In the six years, she did not angry with the children. Another example she is same like madame Loisel. she work hard to improve the mention of live. She did not ask the children to work. she work hard and made the children to study. The lady was both survivors who made best of the situations they

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Name: K-yasotho Plo kalaoratan

Question of Driver's wife.

I like the story

The story make me sad because the characteristic of the story. The story reminding me good things and great things to our life. The woman, who's the driver's wife reminding me, as a woman we must brave and dedicated in her life and we must independent in our life as a same like the driver's wife. As a lady, driver wife never afraid with her life, although her's husband not hear in her's full time. life. the life of the driver's wife.

The driver's wife life is a lonely and difficult life. Since her husband is often away for long periods, she has to take care of and protect her children. She also a very loving and caring person. She is always concerned about her children. She keeps them out of danger and makes sure their are sweet. She is a good mother. Ya, I'm feel sympathy for her because she sangat susah at her's own life. Anyone also never helping her, at alone place, she living with her children. The other characters in the story, it is not a very good characters. Because there character tick her bring only knowledges to the story readers. Among is gave a simple knowledges to the pupil.

The driver's wife is a very loving and caring person. She is always concerned about her children. She keeps them out of danger and makes sure their are sweet. She is a good mother when she take care the children. I am also admire her because she is a brave and a loving person in the story. She also bravely kill the snake and she also kind and loving person because she take care the children. She also a strong and attractive woman to make a good for them.

Ya, the main character of the necklace, madam Mathilde Loisel. She is have some things like a driver's wife. For the example, in story the necklace, she also very strong woman like a driver's wife because after she lose the necklace, she work hard to replace the necklace to madam Forestier in past the ten years. But the driver's wife she work hard in her's

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full time life. The two women also have some different things, as a drover's wife. She never was greedy and materialistic. She happy with what things she have. She bravely pretious her's wife with other people helping. As a middle class woman, Mdm Mathilde Loisel she never happy what things she have. She always a new things for her life.

No, because now days the world is more changeful and this country also not like the drover's wife home town. This country is foods enough more and also this country people is. It's not very poor.

May be the writers of the story is a man, he never put the name and also think the drover's wife name also not important to the story.

Dear Yashna,

I agree with you that the drover's wife is a brave, independent woman. She lives alone in the Australian bush with her children and has to face many dangers, both from the harsh environment and the wild animals around. Although she's brave, she's also very much afraid. She constantly worries about her children and often tells her son, Tommy, not to be a drover like her husband.

The drover's wife is also a caring and loving mother despite the hardship she faces. Do you think all mothers are like her? ^{Are all mothers like that?} Can you give examples of mothers who are like her and those who are very different from her based on ^{my mother} your life experiences?

I agree with you that the drover's wife and Mdm. Loisel are both very strong women. They are both survivors who ~~both~~ made the best of the situations they faced. Do you know of any other people who are like them? Are you like these women - how?

Yes, Mdm Loisel

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Si Tenggang.

Si tenggang who has gone overseas and returned to his homeland.

The physical journey which si tenggang took had helped to widen his perspective in life. The journey overseas had taught him many things; he had learnt to think differently and not be easily deceived by people. He is bring lot of knowledge and experience in journey the world.

No. because many people miscontinued that as being rude. The rude, according to him were people who had deliberately opposed authority or blatantly questioned the opinions and beliefs of their elders and ancestors.

Yes. I am understand his problems. Sometime I have some similar problems like the si tenggang.

Si tenggang never afraid anymore in life, because he begin now more ^{brave} ~~brave~~ from his knowledges. He also independent in his life and confident. He hope fully he will be success in his life.

Si tenggang from about his own culture as a the malay culture and customs are already well-defined and perfect. when he returned to the village the village peoples doesn't not invited him and respected him.

Some things is like or dislike like my own culture. because the cultures is simple roots of the ethnic peoples in the world.

I like to begin a traveller like si tenggang. because I can expose lot of things like si tenggang. I also can learnt new languages and cultures of the lands I visited. The travelling of the overseas is

can made me new person in my life. because its can taught ~~to~~ me the natural and good things in life. The journey ^{can} made me see things more clearly and gave me peace of mind.

Dear Tsootho,

You have mentioned that you understand Si Tengfang's problems because you too have similar problems at times. What are these problems? Can you please explain further?

You have also said that you like some aspects of your culture and dislike others. What aspects do you like? Why? What aspects do you dislike? Why?

Travelling is indeed very interesting and can change us as people. It broadens our mind and makes us more mature in our outlook on life. You have expressed a desire to travel. Where would you like to go? Why?

Si Tengfang travelled the world and when he returned, many in his homeland could not understand him. They blamed him for questioning his elders. They thought he was rude when he challenged cultural beliefs and traditions. What do you think of this? Is it wrong to question cultural beliefs? Have you ever questioned your cultural beliefs or your elders? Why? What was the response from your elders?

Li Hoon's Dialogue Journals

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Why do you hate the story so much? Does it remind you of anything in your life?

No. I hate this story. I feel that the Mathilde Loisel very greedy and discontented with her station in life. She always thinks the materialistic in her life and never take care his husband Loisel feel about this.

I feel this story always very imported the materialistic selfish and naive in the life. Example, when the Loisel brings invitation went home after that Mathilde saw this ^{invited to an official reception} card and she must went to ball. She persuades ~~her~~ ~~Loisel~~ Loisel to give her money to buy a beautiful ball gown because before this she ~~don't~~ didn't have ^{she never} the ball gown. ^{after Loisel give her money} She must buy the ball gown because in her life, she normally she ^{never} go to this ball. Besides this, she also borrows a necklace from a friend ~~Madame~~ Madame Forestier.

Are you angry with your friend? Maybe she herself did not understand.

My friend like the Mathilde Loisel also always think the materialistic selfish and other. Last time, in class, I ask ~~with~~ in her the lesson when I didn't understand the teacher she herself explain in the ~~the~~ class but she didn't explain with me and tell me this is nothing and not impro imported.

I ^{not} feel sympathy for either of them because the Mathilde Loisel always think the materialistic or attractive when she go to ball. She also ~~to~~ lost the ^{former friend's} necklace in the ball. At night Mathilde Loisel is very pretty than another ~~per~~ person will go to ball. When she go to ball, she very action and show his her necklace to anyone. ~~Loisel~~ Mathilde Loisel deserve working very hard in ten years and she looks old, haggard because she must return the ~~many~~ new necklace for to Madame Forestier. Besides this, she stops day dreaming about a luxurious life and she always think how to collect the more money.

I like Mr Loisel because he is a loving husband ~~for her~~ for Mathilde. When the Mathilde lost the necklace, ~~and~~ he immediately went to find the necklace in the ball. Besides this, he also takes up the many jobs to help the Mathilde to return money and collect the ^{here} money. Loisel does not care the Mathilde this ~~accident~~ ^{mis-} incident.

At Home,

I understand your reactions to the story. I too feel that Mathilde Loisel is too materialistic and greedy. At first, she also seemed incredibly vain. Just because she was born beautiful, she expected the best in life without having to work for it.

Do beautiful people have an easier life? I don't know. What do you think?

Anyway, beauty is only skin deep and this is proven when Mathilde loses her beauty due to the hard work she had to do for 10 years to pay back for the necklace she lost. And all through this hardship, Mr. Loisel stood by her. What a wonderful man! Do you like him?
*Do you know anyone like him in real life?

I personally feel that there are very few men like him in this world. Nowadays, when the going gets hard, they get divorced ^{correctly}.

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What do you think of marriages nowadays
compared to marriages during your grandparents'
time? Would you like to get married someday?
Do you think you'll be attracted to someone
like Mr. Loisel? Why / Why not?

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I think the beautiful people have not an easier life in the world. If anyone ~~was~~ always think the skin beautiful is every imported for yourself, it is wrong. For example ~~when~~ that girl is very beautiful ~~and~~ in the family, when she married with a poor person as her husband. While she must take some work to gave a more money to nurture their son are ~~is~~ small. This incident like the Mathilde Loisel in the story "The necklace". Mathilde Loisel is a beautiful wife for the Monsieur Loisel were be a clerk. Mathilde Loisel is always yearns for luxuries and too much pride when she and her husband were attend the ball. After that, Mathilde Loisel was work every hardship at 10 years when she lost the necklace ~~to~~ in the ball and take more than one work to pay ~~the money~~ back the necklace. Suddenly, ~~but~~ she looks haggard, old and more hardworking when she loss the necklace.

Yes, I like him because he is a responsible man with his family. Mr. Loisel also help his wife, Mathilde Loisel to work hard and pay back the necklace for his wife's former friend. Besides this, he never bother about his wife because ~~his~~ ^{she} never do any wrong.

Marriages nowadays is very different without my grandparents' time. In my grandparents' time, married is many culture as step by step to finish ~~their~~ their marriages. If somebody ~~never~~ never follow the culture, their grandparent were angry because this konsep is wrong and ~~is~~ never good for the bride and bridegroom. Nowadays, married is never follow the culture when somebody marriages. Marriages nowadays, is simple and short and the bride and bridegroom's costume is simple. But a few culture must ~~to~~ anyone follow.

Yes, I would to get married someday. Yes. I ~~be~~ am attracted Mr. Boisal because he always help his wife to work hard and pay ~~back~~ back the money for ~~his~~ ^{his} wife's friend when his wife loss the necklace. He usually take care of his wife when his wife will be a problem.

Gam Ai Hoon.

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I like this story because the driver's wife was very responsible as a good mother for her childrens.

I remember the last time story is ~~same~~ my relative were ~~to~~ same too this story. My relative's husband were go to another's place to work is not usually come back and his wife were ^{take care of} the several children ~~were~~ in the house.

If her children have some problem like her children sick she can also settle the ~~prom~~ problem ~~with~~ and never tell his her husband ~~in~~ this problem when she have. I feel very sympathy for her because she is a good mother and she ~~never~~ not many friend around her ^{like} In the ~~a~~ Bush. In there place, got many ~~danger~~ ^{animal} were because ~~to~~ kill his children and she feel ~~independent~~ ^{sad} because ~~not~~ nobody to talk with her when she got a happy or sad story. Her son, Tommy ~~were~~ was very brave to help his mother kill the snake.

The driver's wife is a strong, brave, ^{responsible} woman were take care ~~to~~ of several children when her husband were went out to work and her husband ~~were~~ ^{were} ~~had~~ long time to come back like three months or four months come back one time. ^{If} When her husband come back in ~~one~~ two or three days than he must went back to his work place. When come back, she and his husband were not many topic story to talk with ~~a~~ others. In story "The necklace" is Mathilde Loisel compare the driver's wife. The Mathilde Loisel is greedy, imported the luxuries, beautiful and never take care of his husband ~~emal~~ self. But the driver's wife is ~~differe~~ different with the Mathilde Loisel because the driver's wife is very hardworking, responsible ~~let~~ for his her children as a good mother, and have a

sample life with ~~her~~ her children. I do not like the
 driver's wife's life because I feel very ~~boring~~ boring and
~~never~~ not to enjoy ^{in my} life like go to trip, and always the life
 were happy. Besides this, ~~his~~ ~~he~~ I must my husband always
 in my around my ~~to~~ anything, ~~to~~ I were feel safety.

Dear Ai Hoon,

I agree with you that the life of the
 driver's wife seems to be boring. In addition, I
 feel it is also very dangerous ^{and challenging} due to the threat
 of wild animals and the extreme isolation of
 the Arafukan bush. However, I feel that
 there are many people like her even around us. (Have
 you thought about single mothers with lots
 of children who have to work hard to provide
 for their family?) What about those with
 abusive husbands who do not contribute to
 the family? ^{banding (jita sukun x 1/2) - 1/2 (kluwargo)}
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You've said that you'd want your husband
 with you all the time so that you'd
 feel safer. ^{为什么这样说} Why do you say this? Don't
 you think that as a woman, you can also
 be brave and strong?

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~~No single mothers can not work hard to provide their family because~~

No. If single mothers have many children and the children were be small only one or two years ^{old} and another children were four or five years old in their family. If single mother go to work in early morning, no body to take care of the children in their house and that the children were be small and very dangerous in the house. Single mothers cannot work hard to provide the family. If the single mothers are not more knowledge ~~with be d~~ will cannot to work in the company but single mothers can take care of another family's children when the children's father and mother were want to work. In there, she ~~can give~~ ^{have} the money to provide to the family for their children. The husband's were be not responsible to their family like ~~drover in this~~ ^{story drover's} wife ^{story}. Her husband's is a drover who often leaves his wife and children for many months a list three or four months who were came back. When he came back only at a few days then he must want to their place to work. When he came back, he only give the money for the wife to use in the life for their children. Besides this, he ~~can not~~ not ask the wife how about ~~their~~ ^{the} children ~~for~~ at a few months when the husband's not he bill. Besides this, he does not communication with the children or not much say with children. But also have a responsible husband's in the family like ^{my} family. My father will be a responsible husband and ~~in the family~~ ^{my} family. a good father in the family. He always take care of them and ~~give to ask them about~~ ^{the} ~~husband~~ he never give stress for me when exam were around. coming. I can talk my husband or discuss with

husband when I have any problems and we can complete
 the problems. Besides this, I don't feel very ~~s~~-afraid when I
 and children in the house if my husband will be kill
 and we will feel very safety. If all the family have ~~and~~ one
 or more the man in the family, we ~~can~~ always safety because
 we don't worry the another person were ~~came~~ coming in my
 house. If one family not a man ^{in the house} or their husbands go to another
 places to work were not in ~~a~~ the house, maybe their family
 will be very dangerous because robber ~~can~~ brave to coming
 their house. Then, the woman were not strong and not
 brave to resist him.

APPENDIX D

Ai Ling's Dialogue Journals

No.

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Parrot
Not all
human
beings are
"always"
greedy!

I like this story because ~~from that~~ I can know that being is always greedy. This shows from Mathilde, as she always wants to become very rich. Apart from that Mr. Loisel is a responsible husband. He can even sacrifice anything for Mathilde. He took the part-time job and did because he wants to make Mathilde feel happy. Carry on this story also shows the friendship and that is between Madame Forestier and Mathilde. It shows when the Mathilde ~~to~~ needs to ~~to~~ borrow the necklace the Madame Forestier let her ~~choose~~ choose. ~~those~~ those take it. Finally ~~of~~ the ~~some~~ somebody will realize their ~~mistake~~ mistakes. Just like Mathilde tries to work hard for ~~to~~ pay back the money to MF.

2.

It makes ~~me~~ me confuse is the part of Mathilde why wants to marry the Mr. Loisel who is the ~~poor~~ poor people & simple person without rich. Why MF didn't ask back the necklace ~~that~~ that it is borrow by from Mathilde.

3.

From this story, I will more cherish somebody that ~~can~~ sacrificed for me. Just like Mrs. Loisel to anything for Mathilde. I also know the life ~~is~~ for me have to be simple and happy.

I feel sympathy for both characters that is Mr. Loisel and Mme Loisel. For Mr. Loisel he do anything & try to ~~make~~ make Mathilde happy but she ~~has~~ wife can't feel that while she just ~~want~~ wants to be rich. For Mme Loisel is seen from she lost ~~the~~ the necklace, she works very hard to collect the

on contrary - subaltituge.

for ten years

money for pay back MF.

Mathilde

They should deserve what they have done, because she lost the necklace belongs MF. so she has to work very hard for ten years to return the money for MF. ~~the~~ that's why she looks so poor, dirty and old.

I like Mr. Loisel because he is a responsible husband. When he knows the Mathilde lost the necklace he also wants to help her wife. That means he also works very hard, ~~her~~ and took a part-time job and do.

The values of the characters Mathilde is greedy because she don't to ~~live~~ live a simple life, she just wants very rich. She also likes the ~~good~~ ~~downy~~ and go to ball. Besides that she also wants a necklace for her ~~to~~ go to ball so she borrow the necklace from her friend MF. ~~from~~ ~~a~~ ~~responsibility~~ value of responsibility also share with each other characters that is Mr. Loisel, he ~~let~~ always let her wife do anything that she likes and take care of her. For Mathilde is, ~~so~~ when she lost the necklace she tries to work and get the money pay back for her friend MF.

I will compare with Mathilde ~~because~~ because I ~~will~~ live just a simple ~~life~~ ~~life~~ ~~he and a woman borrow~~ I know that my ~~life~~ life is fate. I will try to change it for example I will work together ~~with~~ with my husband so that I won't feel so poor. Besides that I will go the ball ~~with~~ without a necklace and and will wear just just a simple necklace or stuff.

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Date

Yet Ling, I don't agree with you that all human beings are always greedy. True, there are quite a lot of greedy people around but then, there are also a lot of people who are quite contented with their lives.

I feel that greed and ambition sometimes overlap. Sometimes, too much ambition turns to greed. But then, a person without any ambition is a boring person who goes through life doing the same thing day in and day out. What do you think?

You seem confused about why Mdm Loisel married M. Loisel in the first place. I think she didn't have any choice. She couldn't have married someone from a richer background because she herself is from a poor working class family. In those days, people did not marry out of their 'class'. Moreover, almost every woman was expected to marry (in those days). Very few women remained unmarried. Now, it is different. Many women choose not to marry at all. Do you think that women 'have to' marry to be happy? What is your idea on marriage?

You have said that you would work together with your husband to make your life better. Wonderful! That's how it should be. But remember, Mr & Mdm

Loisel, lived in another age. At that time, it was rare for a woman to work. So, Mdm. Loisel could not have gone out to work to help bring in more money for the family. Would you have liked to live as a woman during that period of time? If you had been Mdm. Loisel, what would you have done to ~~help~~ make your life better? (before the necklace got lost!)

Write what you think / feel. I'll be waiting for your reply !!

Lee Yet Ling.

No.

Date

I also agree what your opinion that is sometimes if a person without too much ambition turns to greed. For me it is two way to become greed. One way is people who ~~is~~ greedy but not have human being and morals at all. For example the person will just care about ~~something~~ money without feeling others people, so he will hurt ~~the~~ another people or even kill the people. Second way is the right way to become great that is if someone has a mission so he must to work out so he have to be a little bit of selfish for protect himself or competition with others person. If he win so that is what he afford (Gerasika sendin).

I don't think so, because if she marries with Mr. Loisel badly. Then why she wants to make this choice. She can also live ^{own} better than ~~he~~ she live ~~happiness~~ unhappy with her husband and ~~also~~ always regret about her marriage. (that poor husband)

I don't like to live as a woman during that period. because that is not free at all. There is not job good job and always have to stay at home to do the choir. Before the necklace got lost, I will also work hard for my family and make sure the life comfortable. I even can make my own business just ^{because two jobs is not care for money} like sell anything ~~the~~ cake or drinks to get more money. So I can buy anything what I like (downy, petticoat, jewelry)

different of other characters.

No name

Lee Yet Ling

No.

Date

I like this story because it shows that mothers are very important in the family. Just like Drovers wife, live with her husband for six ~~month~~ months. She can look after her children very well and ~~pr~~ always protect them from dangers (like snake). Besides that, I also hate this story because of the drover. He is not take care about the family at all and didn't prepare the ^{best} things for their family. He ~~do~~ didn't even think about the dangerous places. Such as many snakes at the desert is not suitable for their family. So I very hate him without caring others.

This story remind me that my mother also willing to sacrificed for me. It shows when I was not feeling well she will just ~~pr~~ looked after me all at night. ~~Besides~~ ~~th~~ Just like all the mothers in this world will ~~sear~~ sacrifice anything for ~~the~~ their family. Included their ~~live~~ life. Besides that the drover also ~~let me~~ remind me about some guy or man which without caring take care of the family or their wife and always just do the things that they likes and will ~~hurt~~ hurts others but they don't know. They also try to console (memujuk) them. And they always do the things that they ~~felt~~ feel is correct so ~~their~~ they didn't discuss with their family and their wife. For example: Drovers go it for driving without discuss with his wife.

In my ^{opinion}, Drovers wife do not have a name because they ~~during~~ ~~the~~ In the past ~~they~~ ~~are~~ which women who marry to man so she must follow the husband's ~~job~~ name (maybe). Besides that, maybe her wife do not know a name is very important ~~a~~ for a person, that status a personality of a person. If for me,

If shows
I must have my own name. because / a person ~~must~~ have power in communication, or ~~it~~ ~~so~~ can do anything that I like without breaking the law. Besides that I also won't let others people to look down on me ~~beca~~ just because a name.

Drover's wife is the person who very responsible caring mother and independent. She can live in the desert without others people and just with her 8 children and one ~~dog~~ dog. So she will always take care about the children and ~~for~~ look after them from dangerous (the snakes / thunderstorm). ~~Atua~~ / Actually for a women who live alone with the children ~~the~~ that is very pity and poor. If I am drover's wife I will hate my husband because he ~~never~~ never ~~the~~ think about the family and just ~~think~~ think about his job. so I will try to separated (berpisah) or divorce with my husband. Because ~~the~~ house it really makes my ~~at~~ nuts and drive my crazy. I But the children also very pity without a grandpa father but for me that is ~~not~~ no choice. A other way is ~~I~~ I will ask my ~~hus~~ husband wheather needs the job or on the a family. If he ~~so~~ ~~choises~~ choice the family so I will just for give him.

Dear Yet Ling,

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I agree with you that mothers are indeed very important in a family and they are willing to sacrifice almost anything in order to protect their family.

However, I feel that you are a little too harsh on the driver (the father). Has it crossed your mind that the driver might have gone driving because he had no other choice? Being poor, maybe he wanted to provide a better life for his family by driving for a living. I feel that sometimes, we don't have choices on the kind of jobs we do especially if a person is uneducated and poor. What do you think?

decide

I agree with you that a name is very important as it shows our identity and is proof of our very existence. What would you feel like if no one called you by your name and instead ^{constantly} addressed you by your husband's profession, for example, the doctor's wife or the businessman's wife. Would you feel like a second class citizen and an inconsequential human being?

You've said that if your husband were to be like the driver, you'd divorce him. Are you sure that's what you would do? I feel divorce is not an easy option.

for everyone. If the driver's wife divorced her husband, what could she do? How would she survive with her children? There are many poor people in this world where the husbands often leave the wives and their families to work elsewhere so that they can earn some money.

No.

Date

I also agree if the driver had not
 other choice for his job but if really can,
 find another job. Sure I want him change his job and take care
 for his family. He can also try his best and ask
 another job near the town or they can just do
 sell something foods or drinks in the town
 so he won't ~~be~~ drive again. Right, he is poor
 and he also try to provide a better life
 for his family but for his job that's absolutely
 unacceptable for his family. I know he wants to
 earn money but (do the driver think of his
 family family?) Right, a husband let work hard
 is for the family, but if someday he earns the money
 back and unfortunately lose his wife and the
 children at all by the snake's then how? Sure
 he will regret and hate himself by none looking
 looking for their family. Sure a person who is
 uneducated has limited for the jobs but the person
 can think wisely to change his job. In the world
 there's too such things that cannot happen to
 just see whether a person wants or doesn't want
 for example, in the world there's too much people
 uneducated but they also can success in their life
 also so we shouldn't give up but keep trying
 to make the family happy and safely because the
 money is not shows the things 财富 so we should cherish
 what the family is, just like driver has to cherish his
 family. ~~at~~ before they are in trouble.

The name for me is very important because
 my name is given by my parents why then
 why I should follow my husband's name

That's totally unfair for me. Right? ^{because} Every one needs somebody to respect and appreciate so if I do have a name ~~out~~ how they will respect me and how they will treat me? Of course they won't talk and treat my property and they will just (indirectly) critic ^{me} ~~my~~ badly, even look down on me. I hate it! even though my husband is a professional. Actually, I am an emotional person who can't be patient when my lovely husband ~~treats me~~ ^{and} leave ~~the~~ the family and I lonely I will feel sad and exhausted but now I think carefully and wisely I was wrong. to decide divorced with my husband. May be I just can't stand it anymore about to leave my easily. but I will try to discuss with him to change his job. I will also give him some time to collect money then we all can move to the town. That's what I wish! hopefully ~~can be~~ my dream come true.

APPENDIX E : Examples of Questions asked to Guide Learners in Writing Dialogue Journals

1. Do you like / hate this story? Explain why?
2. What confuses you? What don't you understand?
3. How does this story make you feel? Does this story remind you of anything? What comes to mind?
4. What is your opinion of Mr. Loisel and Madam Loisel? Do you feel sympathy for either of them? Why / why not?
5. Do Mr. Loisel and Madam Loisel deserve what they got? Explain.
6. Do you like Mr. Loisel and Madam Loisel?
7. What are the values of the characters?
8. How do these values compare with your own values?
9. Do you know anyone like Mr. Loisel and Madam Loisel in your life? Explain.

APPENDIX F: Transcripts of discussion on *The Necklace*.

Teacher: Ok girls, let's talk about *The Necklace*. First of all, do you like the story?

Ai Ling : It's ok lah. From that I learnt many experiences ...ah...

Teacher : What kind of experiences? What is the most important thing you learnt

from this story?

Ai Ling : Wife must cherish her husband...ah...must work very hard.

Teacher : Interesting, just like the husband cherishes the wife...emm...what do

you think, Yasha?

Yasha : First, mustn't be so greedy in life.

Teacher : Do you think everybody is greedy?

Yasha : Some people lah.

Teacher : Don't you think there's a little bit of greed in all of us?

Yasha : No lah. Only some people lah.

Teacher : Oh, you're not greedy at all? (Laughter from all.)

Yasha : Some things lah, in my education.

Teacher : You're greedy with your education? How can you be greedy with your

education?

Yasha : Work very hard lah, madam.

Teacher : Ok, what do the rest of you think about greed?

Li Hoon : I feel not all people greedy lah for money.

Ai Ling : Maybe for other things lah, materialistic lah.

Veni : Most of us are materialistic.

Ai Ling : But how much we are, that's important.

Veni : You cannot be too much lah.

Li Hoon : General lah, the pearls, chain and clothes.

Teacher : You mean jewellery and clothes, people want jewellery and clothes?

Yasha : They so *pentingkan* [place importance] the money lah.

Ai Ling : And how we look lah to improve life.

Teacher : How does looking good improve our lives?

Yasha : Want to compare with others lah.

Ai Ling : Want to look nice, standard lah.

Teacher : Ok, what have you learnt after reading this story?

Ai Ling : Sometimes when you greedy ah...it won't make you very happy lah.

That's why lah.

Teacher : Ok, you all say you want to study very hard. Yasha, you said you

want to study very hard. Can you tell me why you want to study

hard?

Yasha : To make my life better.

Teacher : To make your life better in what way? How do you want to make

your life better?

Yasha : To have very good job.

Ai Ling : Very good job mean more money lah. (General laughter.)

Yasha : Not like that.

Ai Ling : Then like what? Big car, big house, beautiful dress, a lot of jewel...

(Laughter)

Yasha : No lah, not jewel.

Ai Ling : But big house, big car?

Yasha : Ya. (Laughter)

Teacher : So you see, there's an element of greed in all of us, isn't it?
Can

anybody here say that you're not greedy at all? (Everyone
shakes their head in negation.) Cannot eh, even I
can't say that. Everybody wants more money, isn't it?

All : Yeah.

Yasha : Life like that, million man also want more.

Teacher : Ok, what other things did you learn from this story?

Veni : I think must respect our eh...

Yasha : Life partner.

Teacher : Does Mathilde respect her husband?

All : No.

Ai Ling : Always what she wants, never ask the husband what he
wants.

Yasha : I want this gown lah, I want that lah...

Ai Ling : She too much ambition.

Yasha : Yeah, she want her husband to become rich.

Teacher : Ok, in your journals, all of you said that you don't know why
she

married Loisel.

Yasha : Maybe she compel by parents.

Veni : I think so.

Ai Ling : She no choice lah, tradition.

- Teacher : It's not tradition but more like a class system.
- Yasha : Like India lah.
- Veni : Yeah, woman from one class cannot marry man from other class.
- Teacher : Yes, something like that. Mathilde was from the working class so she had to marry someone from her own class.
- Ai Ling : Better she stay on her own lah, she very sad.
- Veni : But last time, woman stay at home, never work, only in the home.
- Teacher : If you were Mathilde, what would you have done? Put yourself in her place, you're very beautiful, you're very poor, would you want to marry or stay by yourself?
- Veni : Get married but not like Mathilde.
- Yasha : Respect husband.
- Li Hoon : Husband also must respect wife.
- Teacher : Yes, we must respect one another.
- Yasha : That day I read in newspaper, one woman in India, from low class she run away marry man from high class.
- Veni : What happened?
- Yasha : That man's uncles, brother, father all go to that woman's house, *tarik* [pulled] all she sisters and mother to sawah [paddy field] and rape.
- Li Hoon : Ai Yo! [My goodness!]
- Teacher : See bad things like this still happens today, what more in those days.
- Li Hoon : Still got class ah?
- Veni : Yes, in India.
- Teacher : Yeah, we call it the caste system.
- Yasha : Here also got. When you want to marry ah they ask you many things one.

- Veni : Low class, no people want to marry.
- Li Hoon : Terrible, ah.
- Ai Ling : If me, I better not marry, stay alone better. *Bukan terpaksa kahwin* [not forced to get married] what...
- Ai Ling : Madam, I think about too much ambition turn to greed. For me woman naturally always greedy.
- Yasha : Not woman alone, men also.
- Veni : They ah want different things from woman but they also want things.
- Li Hoon : Yeah, I also think men also very greedy but they want different things ah from woman.
- Veni : Like Loisel, he want his gun.
- Li Hoon : But woman like to, to look nice every time.
- Yasha : Men nothing to look nice.
- Li Hoon : Everyday wear seluar [trousers] and shirt only.
- Veni : Of course, they not wear jewel.
- Ai Ling : Then, they look like a nut. (Laughter)
- Li Hoon : Woman also don't wear now, dangerous lah.
- Ai Ling : Yeah, a lot of snatch ah ...
- Teacher : Snatch thieves.
- Yasha : Yeah, sometimes they curi [steal] , then they come back, they so angry it's palsu [artificial].
- Li Hoon : Better not wear anything.
- Yasha : Yeah, waste money some more, buying jewel.
- Veni : Save money in the bank better.
- Ai Ling : Yeah, go for a trip also very nice or buy something nice to eat.

Teacher : Ok, to round it up, do you think that Mathilde deserved her punishment?

Yasha : Yeah, she must be happy with what she have.

Ai Ling : Easy to say lah, you happy or not with what you have?

Yasha : Happy lah but want to change some things lah.

Ai Hoon : We cannot ah.. kehidupan [live] like parents lah.

Teacher : Yeah, your parents' lives are hard so I'm sure you want a better life. Then, why do you all keep on saying that Mathilde deserves what she got? You kep saying "very good, very good". She's only human isn't she and it was a human thing to do. (Laughter)

Ai Ling : I think all of us want a better life.

Teacher : Ok then, what did Mathilde do that was so wrong?

Li Hoon : She borrow necklace.

Yasha : We all borrow things also.

Li Hoon : Yeah, but...

Veni : She borrow then she dance, have fun too much.

Ai Ling : Yeah loh, dance with so many men, not with husband also.

Teacher : I think that Loisel doesn't like to dance. So, do you all think that if a husband doesn't like to do an activity like dancing, the wife can still do it?

All : Yeah.

Teacher : Ok girls, thank you very much for your time.

APPENDIX G: Transcripts of discussion on *The Drover's Wife*.

Teacher : First of all tell me if you all like the story.

Li Hoon: Little bit like lah.

Teacher : Why only a little bit?

Li Hoon: The woman alone.

Veni : The man not responsible, leave the wife alone.

Yasha : He didn't take care of the family lah.

Veni : They must know they're the head of the family.

Teacher: What do you think Ai Ling, must the man always be the head of the family?

Ai Ling : No. (General laughter.)

Li Hoon: Because the man always go to work in the ...

Veni : far away place lah

Li Hoon: Ah...yeah...far away place, nobody to take care of the children and woman can responsible take care of the children.

Teacher : What you're saying is the woman is more responsible towards the family... What do you think Ai ling?

Ai Ling : For me, if I the drover's wife ah... I not happy also because there so dangerous and the place not suitable for family.

Teacher : But can everybody live in the town?

Ai Ling : They can try what...

Teacher : What can they do? Maybe he doesn't know anything else except driving.

Ai Ling : Cause their luck actually is like they can control it lah. For example ah.. they can do something better or just like things something better lah because to change their live lah.

Teacher : Ah... so what you're saying is fate is in our hands and we can change our fate.

Ai Ling : Ha.

Teacher : Really? Then how come there are so many poor people in this world?

Ai Ling : They don't want to effort ah...if you effort, you can get it lah.

Veni : Not like that, they're not confident with theirself . They think they can't.

Ai Ling : Of course.

Yasha : Poor people, work harder.

Teacher : Oh, then how come they're not more successful? She said that if they work very hard, then they'll be successful.

Ai Ling : Maybe their luck lah. (Laughter)

Teacher : Oh, luck...what you mean is your luck is sometimes not in your hands lah.

Ai Ling : Some things that we can control, then we must go ahead lah.

Teacher : What do you think Li Hoon?

Li Hoon: Sometimes we cannot change the choice.

- Teacher : What about the drover? Do you think he likes to go droving , leaving his his family behind?
- Yasha : No, it's the job like that so he must go.
- Li Hoon: He can find another work, to work as... always take care of his family. Not go far place to work...he can change the work lah.
- Yasha : Cannot lah because they live in Australian bush, the place is so ah...ah...
- Teacher : Isolated?
- Yasha : Ah... and far away from town.
- Vein : If they go to town, must pay rent... droving is...
- Yasha : You see now they can work hard, there are not many factories, they are also poor, how they're going to go to the town?
- Veni : Correct.
- Ai Ling: Maybe they can sell something.
- Veni : Sell what?
- Yasha : Sell what? Already they're poor.
- Ai Ling: Sell food or drinks ah...
- Veni : How? They must need *modal* [capital] what?
- Ai Ling: They can just work... work for somebody first. After that they get the modal and open shop lah.
- Teacher: So the choice is theirs you mean, where they want to live.
- Ai Ling: Yeah.
- Teacher: Ok, now what do you think of the drover's wife who's got no name? I'm very interested to know your opinions.
- Veni : The writer is a man, maybe he don't want to put a name.
- Yasha : Maybe the name is not important for the story.
- Teacher: Not important for the story, o.k.
- Yasha :Because the drover also far away from the family so the writer say the drover's wife lah.
- Teacher: Oh, to give emphasis to the drover's wife.
- Yasha : In the story the name is not important.
- Teacher: Ok, generally do you like this story?
- Ai Ling: I just like the mother only.
- Teacher: Oh, you just like the mother not the father?
- Ai Ling: Maybe ah her husband must try to make their life better lah, the drover lah.
- Veni : But, we read the drover's wife, we never read the drover. Don't know what he doing. Maybe he also *rasa sedih* [feeling sad] ah...*rindu* [missing] he family. He be drover to get money not to enjoy.
- Yasha : Yeah lah, they never tell lah.
- Veni : My father ah, he also don't like to go anywhere lah, never take family.
- Yasha : Yeah, but drover must go lah, he no *pilihan* [choice].
- Ai Ling: Ah lah, I just appreciate the mother lah, madam.
- Yasha : She very patient woman.
- Teacher: What about you Li Hoon?

Li Hoon: I don't like lah because the drover cannot responsible for the family loh..

Teacher: Ah...not responsible.

Li Hoon: He a man but he never take care the son daughter, their safety.

Yasha : Don't know what's happening to them.

Veni : A lot of people like this now lah.

Teacher: Yes, I suppose it's just showing us some aspects of the world we live in.

Li Hoon: Money not important lah.

Ai Ling : Ya loh, the drover earn a lot of money, then come back the family all dead, then, regret lah.

Veni : I like the story because writer said woman can do anything ah...woman is brave, if not have any man in their family, they can do anything.

Teacher: Ahh.. they can survive without the man. Ok, what happens if both parents go out to work?

Veni : Don't like that, because my parents, they two also go to work but they take care of the children, not leaving the children like animal lah.

Li Hoon: Sometimes parents leave the children and go to work and they no ah... *dapat* [get] the *kasih* saying [love], family.

Veni : Yeah, love is more important than money.

Yasha : Of course.

Teacher: Ok, between the drover's wife and the necklace, which do you like better?

Yasha : I like the drover's wife because she happy with what she have, not impian [dream] to have more.

Veni : I agree with Yasha.

Ai Ling : Mathilde also ok lah, before she lost necklace, she not nice lah but after she lost she very hardworking.

Li Hoon: I also like drover's wife, she can take care of their children's and not, not *Mengelakkan beban lah* [run away from the responsibility].

Teacher : She doesn't run away from her responsibilities.

Veni : But Mathilde also, she not run away from her responsibilities.

Yasha : Yeah, when she lost necklace, she not say, "No, no, it's not me!" She work hard, she pay back.

Veni : The two ladies responsible, madam. They see the problem and not run away.

Yasha : Yes, they find way to *selesaikan* [solve it].

Li Hoon: Yeah, two woman very strong.

Ai Ling : We all woman, and in this world we must be strong.

Teacher: What about the men in the two stories?

Yasha : Mr Loisel, he nice man but little bit *pondanlah* [like a gay]. He like tempat *pijak kaki* [doormat] to Mathilde but the drover *lagi teruk* [worse] ah.. always not home.

Li Hoon: Mr Loisel, kind, loving man. I think he is good man.

Veni : I agree.

Yasha : He's kind but he must a bit more ahh... macam lelaki [like a man] so Mathilde tak buli [doesn't bully] him.

Teacher : Ok girls, it's been an interesting discussion Thank you.