

## Creative Writing: A Potato Farmer's Story

*An extension of "Bridges big and beautiful"*



Read **"Bridges big and beautiful"** (page 16-17, *What's Up* September 2018). Recall this quote from potato farmer Liu Jia En in the article:

*"We used to walk on mountain paths from [our province] to the other side ... It took over an hour to go down and three or four hours to climb up. We spent a whole day getting home carrying 30–40kg of potatoes. Now, it's a short walk of only 10–20 minutes!"*

Now, exercise your imagination! Put yourself in Mr Liu's shoes.

Write an essay from his perspective. You may want to explore:

- How you (Mr Liu) felt as you first set foot on Beipanjiang bridge
- How your family feels about the bridge
- How the bridge has changed your daily life
- Any other thoughts or emotions you may have about the new bridge.

Use the space below to brainstorm your ideas, and draft the flow of your story. When you are ready, write your essay on the back of this handout.

