WHAT'S UP

Writing Profiles

An activity of "Artist gone wild" and "Meet the tree climbers".

The story "Meet the tree climbers" (page 24-25, *What's Up* June 2023) is a profile of Yu Yan Ling, a professional tree climber. A profile is a written portrait of a person. It is meant to be informative, giving the reader an idea of what the person is like through a combination of facts, stories, and quotes. Let's take a closer look at the story.

PART A: Read and reflect

Read "Meet the tree climbers" and answer the following questions.

1) What makes Ms Yu interestingly different from other people?

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2) How has Ms Yu or her work made an impact on other people?

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3) Read the quotes said by Ms Yu and highlight your favourite one. What does the quote reveal about her character and personality?

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4) What is something you have learnt after reading the story? Did you enjoy reading the story? Why or why not?

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PART B: Outline and write

Imagine you are the writer of "Meet the tree climbers". Here are some points that you want to address in your story.

- What obstacles did Ms Yu face while learning or working?
- What is Ms Yu known for?
- What drives Ms Yu to do her work?
- An anecdote to introduce her work or a personal "motto".
- What are some observations Ms Yu has about her line of work?
- A great quote to end the story with.
- How did Ms Yu become interested in her line of work?
- A memorable moment or event Ms Yu has.

Read the story again and write down each point under the correct category.

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Introduction	
Body	
Conclusion	

PART C: Write a profile

Now, let us try writing a profile based on the story "Artist gone wild" (page 16-17, *What's Up* June 2023). *Imagine that you conducted the interview, and you are writing a profile based on it.*

Read the conversation carefully and write down (in the table below) an outline of how you would structure your profile. Hint: Use the questions in Part B as a guide!

Then, write the profile based on your notes.

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