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CHARLIE CHAPLIN



By Wen



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Hello, I'm Wen, a level six student at KGC. I would like to ask our students a few questions. Have you heard of a famous person called Charlie Chaplin? Have you ever seen his films? Probably, some older people know his films while younger people may not. Since he is one of my favorite actors, I would like to tell you about him.

Charlie Chaplin was born in 1889 in London; he spent his early years on the streets of London, in poor houses and in an orphanage. His mother was an actress with a history of mental illness, and Charlie never knew who his father was. When Charlie was eight years old, he began his acting career, and when he was ten years old, he left school completely to earn his living on the stage. When he was twenty years old, he became the star attraction of a British music-hall performance group.

In 1914 he appeared in 35 films, about half of which he directed. In 1915, he wrote, directed and appeared in 14 films. In 1916, he wrote, directed and starred in 24 films. He was so popular at that time that he was the highest-paid actor in the world earning about \$10,000 per week. He developed skills which made him recognizable around the world. In his second film "The Little Tramp" he had a moustache, derby, cane, floppy shoes, baggy pants, and tight jacket. In the Little Tramp he showed that he used timing, agility, and creativity to protect himself in a tough world. He was very funny in the movie partly because of his priceless facial expressions. In

my opinion, Chaplin showed humor, passion and intellect in all his movies. They were quite advanced for that time. I really admire him because Chaplin raised popular entertainment to a new level in his famous films including City Lights, Modern Times, the Great Dictator, and Limelight.

Beside his childhood and career, I would like to talk to about his life. Chaplin had some trouble with the government. In 1952, when he left the U.S for a trip, the government refused to let him return because he kept liberal political and social views, so the government said his movies were too right-wing. Therefore, he had to move to Switzerland. He showed his anger at this treatment because the United States didn't allow his movies in the U.S for twenty years. However, in 1963 Chaplin arranged a festival of his films in New York. A lot of people appreciated him, so in the 1972 he received a special Oscar and the longest ovation of that age.

Even though Charlie Chaplin had a bad childhood and the government made lots of trouble in his life, I believe he was a great actor who had a lot of courage.



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Finding Good Food in Vancouver

By Helen



HELLO! KGC Students! Are you enjoying the beautiful sunshine, golden beaches, blue sky, fresh air, fantastic sunsets, and natural parks in Vancouver? Don't forget one more thing; there are a variety of great tasting food around us. As we know, Downtown Vancouver is a popular place for language schools, public libraries, beautiful and well known places; however, there are also lots of excellent restaurants. I have been trying some interesting food since I came here, so, I'd like to share my experience with everyone.

Korean food - "You can eat as much Korean food as you like without Gaining weight!" Yeh!!!



General Information:

Korean food has moderate calories, low fat, and is sweet tasting and is well-balanced. In restaurants, they serve some traditional food with each meal including "Kimchi", soybean paste, red pepper paste, ginger root, and sesame seeds.

An interesting thing is when I first went to a Korean restaurant, I found that Koreans use thin chopsticks made of metal, not wood.

Price: \$15.00-\$30.00 / 2 people



Japanese food

Sashimi

General Information:

The popular kinds of Sashimi in Vancouver are: *Tuna, Salmon, shrimp, Mirugai, Aractic Clam, Inaru, Unagi, Ebi, Tako, Hamachi*. I found a restaurant (please click the link under Location to see the details) which doesn't

serve "all you can eat", and offers top quality Sashimi.

Price: \$20.00-\$30.00 / 2 people



Ramen

General Information:

Ramen in the following restaurant is made by hand. I hope you will try several kinds of Ramen including Shoyu Ramen, Miso Ramen, or Shio Ramen with BBQ pork. In addition, if you like corn, also, you may order adding corn in your Ramen, the taste will be a little bit different. You may order the Shoyu sauce, Miso sauce, Shio sauce and BBQ pork sauce.

Price: \$15.00-\$20.00 / 2 people



Donair

General Information: When you are in a hurry to go to the theater or someplace else, I'd like to suggest a Donair. You can try a donair made with chicken or beef with vegetables and sauce which are put into Pita Bread. I think Donairs are convenient, cheap, and tasty, and they will fill you up.

Price: 2 for \$5.00, one for \$3.00

Location: 675 Smith Street, Vancouver BC

Thai food

General Information:

Thai food is strong smelling due to the curry; the most common curry used is red, green and yellow. I like to eat two kinds of Thai food: one is cooked chicken in coconut with green curry, the other one is sea food cooked in a pineapple with red curry. Yummy!

Price: \$15.00-\$25.00 / 2 people



Ice Cream

General Information:

I found a place called "International Ice Cream Factory Inc." that sells 198 kinds of ice cream. It's amazing, isn't it? You can even try which one you like the most before you buy it. The specials are Areanised, Curry, Cinnama, Licorices, Ginger, and rice, etc. In addition, I also found ice cream cake in that store, so, if you want to try a different kind of birthday cake, this would be a good opportunity.

Price: Triple Cone or Cup \$5.00 / ea
Double Cone or Cup \$4.00 / ea
Single Cone or Cup \$3.00 / ea

Davie Mongolian Grill

General Information:

At first, the method of cooking captivated me. When I want to eat lamb, I usually go to Davie Mongolian Grill. There are four kinds of meat including lamb, pork, beef, and chicken. You may choose the kind of meat you want, the kind of vegetables you like, and which sauces you like. Then, the cook puts all your choices on a big circle stove, and using huge size chopstick cooks them. By the time the cook goes around this stove, your food will be done. Last, if you add some sesame and chopped pineapple, the food will have a wonderful odor.

Price: "All you can eat" \$9.95/ea every night

Chinese Ramen- Lanzhou Ramen

General Information:

I had never eaten Lanzhou Ramen before I came here. I was so surprised that I found two restaurants in Vancouver, one of them is located on Main Street and 26 Avenue East, the other one is the branch in Metro town Mall center. Although I like the first one, I can have a discount in the second one if I am a BCIT student.

Price: \$7.00-\$20.00 / 2 people

From trying different foods, not only do I learn about other cultures, but I also talk with my friends and we can share the costs. I hope my tips and suggestions are useful and helpful for everyone. Enjoy!

My favorite flower - Tulip

By Irene



I remember when I was in elementary school, there was a Chinese action sitcom called "Chu Liu Xiang", which I was crazy about. In this drama, the leading actor, who I considered very handsome at that time, liked to use a fragrant powder that was made from tulips. He used it for making signs to his friends and to keep himself smelling good. As a result, ever since I watched this sitcom, I have loved the tulip. In my opinion, it really is a beautiful flower.



The history of its name:

Do you think some tulips look like turbans? This is also where the name tulip came from. I didn't know much about the history of tulips until I accidentally read an article about it on the Internet, which said: "The most obvious explanation for how the tulip got its name was its resemblance to the headgear worn by many people in the Middle East, such as the Persians -- the turban, that was also written as 'toliban'. Translated into Latin, this became 'tulipa', which is very similar to 'tulip'. With a little imagination, the flowers of some tulips do look like a turban. The actual origin of the word is unknown." After I read this information, I thought it strange that such a beautiful flower could be named after a piece of clothing.

More History:

The tulip was first introduced to Holland in 1593 and became a symbol for the country. If you ask anyone to name things that are related to Holland, the answer is going to include tulips, windmills and wooden shoes. Every year about three billion tulip bulbs are produced in Holland, approximately two billion are exported and one billion remain in the Netherlands. The vast majority of them is used for "forcing" of cut flowers and potted plants.

In history, the Dutch will be remembered for their passion for tulips. It is unbelievable that in Holland "If you were rich but didn't have tulips, then you were not considered a real rich person". At that time, a valuable tulip was equal to 1000 pounds; people could use tulips as money to buy a house.



Till now, you can still find that in the capital city of Netherlands, there is a stone board on a beautiful building, which says, "it is on sale, and the price is three tulips". What a crazy time it must have been!

The origin of tulips

Do you know where tulips come from?. Even though tulips are my favorite kind of flower, I don't know exactly where tulips came from. A couple weeks ago, I saw an article about tulips on the Internet. It said: "Until today, even in the Netherlands, most people still say that tulips originally came from Turkey and that is where their natural habitat is. However, this is only partly true. A significant percentage of the tulips cultivated in the Netherlands originated from areas now considered part of Russia, around the Black Sea, in the Crimea, and from the steppes located north of the Caucasus. However in the 1500s when tulips were first introduced into Europe, these areas belonged to what was called the great Ottoman Empire, also known as the Turkish Empire or Persia. It is known that the Turks were cultivating tulips as early as 1,000 AD. Before tulips ever reached Europe, they had enjoyed a long and rich cultural history in Persia." So it clearly shows tulips originally came from Asia.

The symbol of the tulip.

The tulip is called the peace flower. This is something related to Canada. In the fall of 1945, Princess Juliana of the Netherlands presented Ottawa with 100,000 tulip bulbs, as a gift of appreciation, as she was given safe haven which Holland's exiled royal family received during World War II. Since then, the tulip has been the symbol of peace.

The tulip is also considered a lucky charm that protects the owner. It is said that tulips protect anyone who grows them. In ancient times, there was a legend which said: fairies used the tulip as their babies' cradles, and they just sat under the blossoms singing songs to make their babies to fall asleep. After that, they would go away to dance with elves because they knew that their babies are being protected and kept safe.

The color of the tulip

As we all know, every flower has a different meaning, so does the tulip. It is a declaration of love. In Victorian times, a red tulip presented to a young man's sweetheart meant that her beauty was so stunning that merely gazing at her for only a moment would turn his face as red as fire; a yellow tulip meant hopeless love; variegated tulips were given to women with beautiful eyes.

Nowadays, different colors of the tulip also have a similar meaning. Generally speaking, the tulip means perfect love. The red tulip

means a declaration of love. The yellow tulip means hopeless love, but I also heard it means that there is sunshine in your smile. The variegated tulip means beautiful eyes.

Caring for tulips:

Have you bought tulips and put them in vases? If yes, you must know that the florescence of the tulip is very short; it normally lasts three to seven days. Also, the tulip does not like warm weather. The following information on Tulip care is provided by the Netherlands Flower Bulb Information Center in Brooklyn, NY.

1 Selection: Buy fresh cut tulips in an advanced bud stage when the blooms are still closed but the color of the flower is evident.

2 A fresh cut: Before placing tulips in water, cut off at least 1/2 inch of the stems on an angle with a sharp, no serrated knife.

3 Food and water: Fresh flower foods (preservatives) are not necessary for tulips. Tulips are particularly thirsty flowers, so add fresh water every day. This will also prevent harmful levels of bacteria from developing in the water.

4 Vase life: With proper care, tulips will open and last from three to seven days. They prefer cool room temperatures; so keep them away from sources of heat.

5 Continued growth: Unlike most flowers, tulips' stems continue to "grow" after cutting, often elongating up to two inches in arrangements. Fresh cut tulips often curve upwards and bend toward sources of light--resulting in unique, ever-changing arrangements.

6 Lethal combo: Combining tulips with any members of the Narcissus genus (paper - whites , daffodils, jonquils, etc.) is not recommended because narcissi exude mucilage which can shorten the tulips' vase life.

7 Straighten: To straighten curvy stems, wrap tulips in newspaper. Cover the flower heads but not the lower third of the stems. Re-cut the stems and place the wrapped bunch upright in a container of water for an hour or two.

Until this month when I wanted to write about the flower I knew very little about tulips. After I looked for the information on the Internet, I was so surprised that just one kind of flower could contain so much history. It makes me love tulips even more.

Information Sources :

<http://www.bulb.com/glossaries/tulip/index.asp>
<http://www.bulb.com/history/myth/romp.asp>
<http://www.tuliptown.com/Tuliphist.html>
<http://for-evergreen.com/legends/tulips.htm>



Living in a world with----- SARS!!!



By Kian



residents must be isolated, which means they could not go to work, school, or public places. Therefore, volunteers have to send them their daily food. Most people could understand this, and few people complained. Some people said it was nothing for them to be isolated as long as Shanghai could control SARS.



Shanghai is the biggest city in China, so the Shanghai government paid a lot of attention to SARS. For example, in public areas many people must have their temperature taken. If everything is normal they are permitted to enter. If people come from countries or areas which have experienced SARS, those people must be isolated; if in a building, there are people who suffer from SARS or may have SARS, all the residents must be isolated, which means they could not go to work, school, or public places. Therefore, volunteers have to send them their daily food. It was a very difficulty situation for the people of Shanghai.

is better than several weeks ago. The picture below shows the SARS situation in China (2003-6-2)

From SARS, we can gain a lot of experience, illumination, and lessons. SARS has brought people closer than before. Because through it, people understand when we are in a crises, we must be united and try our best to overcome the difficulty. During this period, many people donated their money and other things. Some big companies donated medicine

The following picture shows how people in Hebei province try to prevent SARS.

It is undeniable that SARS has brought some huge troubles to many industries, especially the restaurant, hotel and tourism industries. Previously, when people went on a holiday, they would go to restaurants to have meals, but now they are willing to stay at home because they think it is safer. Some travel agents even had to go out of the business. SARS has also caused many problems for overseas students. Some Chinese students cannot find a place to stay, so they have had to stay in hotels, and some countries decided not to accept any Chinese students for a while. But till now SARS in China has not been controlled, but the situation

* According to some reports the SARS bacteria may have come from an animal named "guo zi li"(as the picture shows) Because some people like to eat such wild animals, those people may carry the bacteria. As a result, some experts warned people not to eat these wild animals.

* Now, more and more people have recognized that health is important. Without a healthy body, you can do nothing. So in daily life, more people do exercises in the park and begin to be more aware of the personal hygiene.

Recently, many countries have been experiencing a calamity called SARS (Severe Acute Respiratory syndrome). It has been said that about 5 thousand people have been infected by SARS worldwide and hundreds of people died from it. I am living in Vancouver now, where SARS has not been a big problem. However, Toronto has really been hit hard by SARS.

In China, Beijing is the most serious area because the government can not control SARS. As a result, the Chinese central government took some steps. They fired the mayor of Beijing and some other officials because they made some serious mistakes during the crises, which caused the situation to become more serious. It was said at that time, that there were too many patients who got SARS at one time, so the hospitals weren't able to hold them. All the doctors and the nurses wore special uniforms and masks to avoid becoming infected by SARS, (as the picture shows) and tried their best to help the patients although they knew the job is very hard and dangerous.



Shanghai is the biggest city in China, and it also is the most busy city in China, so the Shanghai government paid a lot of attention to SARS. For example, in public areas many people must have their temperature taken. If everything is normal they are permitted to enter. If people come from countries or areas which have experienced SARS, those people must be isolated; if in a building, there are people who suffer from SARS or may have SARS, all the

I hope through this crisis people will become more united and SARS will be overcome.
[Http://www.chinaren.com](http://www.chinaren.com)
[Http://www.who.int/csr/alertresponse/en](http://www.who.int/csr/alertresponse/en)



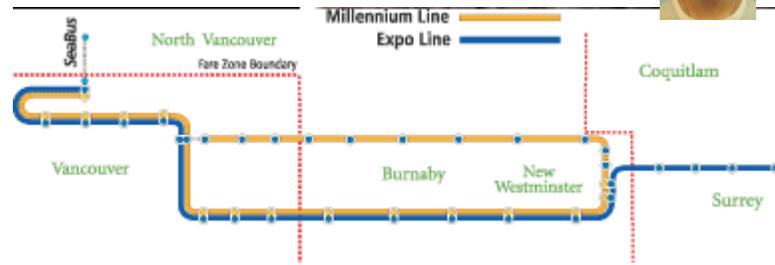
Modern Transportation ---- SKY TRAIN

By Eric



Sky Trains are very popular in many countries I have been studying in Vancouver for almost five months; in Vancouver, most students and many workers rely on sky trains to get to their study and work places because except for cars, sky trains are the most convenient transportation. I take the Sky train to school everyday because it just takes me ten minutes from my home to the 99 B-Line bus- stop from which I take the bus the rest of the way to school. The government wants people to use sky trains in order to reduce traffic accidents and traffic pollution. There are two main lines in Vancouver: The Expo Line and the Millennium Line. The Expo Line is from the Waterfront to the King George Station; there are 20 stations along this line.

The Millennium Line was built in 2000, so it is called the Millennium Line; it also goes from Waterfront, but it end at Columbia, and there are a total of 22 stations on this line. Now we use the second generation of Sky train vehicles called Mark II cars. They are longer, wider and have more leg room than the first generation cars called Mark I cars.



FEE

In Vancouver, the Sky trains fees are the same as buses and the SeaBus; therefore, you can use the same ticket for the bus, the SeaBus, and the Sky train.

Regular Fares	Zones	Adult	Concession
Form start of service to 6:30 p.m.	1 Zone	\$ 2.00	\$1.50
	2 Zone	\$ 3.00	\$2.00
	3 Zone	\$ 4.00	\$3.00
Discount Fares	Zones	Adult	Concession
Weekdays after 6:30 pm and all day Sat., Sun., & holidays	1, 2 or 3 Zones	\$ 2.00	\$ 1.50



Zone 1: Yellow / Zone 2: Red / Zone 3: Green

Schedules

First Train / Last Train
Expo Line

King George to Waterfront

Late Trips to New West. Only

Leave Waterfront

Earlier Trips Leave Edmonds

* Last departures from Waterfront connect with last trips from Commercial Dr. to Lougheed.

Millennium Line

Commercial to Columbia / Waterfront

Late Trips to New West. Only

Late Trips to Lougheed Only

Lougheed to Columbia / Waterfront

Late Trips to New West. Only

Waterfront to Columbia / Commercial

Late Trips to Lougheed Only

Lougheed to Commercial Only

Early Trips from 22nd St. to Columbia / Commercial

* view holiday schedule

Waterfront | King George via Metrotown / Columbia / Scott Road

Mon-Fri
5:08 / 12:38 am

Sat
6:08 / 12:38 am

Sun/Holidays
7:08 am / 11:38 pm

1:28 am

1:28 am

12:28 am

5:35 / 1:15 am*

6:50 / 1:15 am*

7:50 / 12:15 am*

5:22 am

6:22 am

7:22 am

Waterfront | Commercial Dr. Via Metrotown / Columbia / Brentwood
Mon-Fri
5:36 / 12:10 am

Sat
6:36 / 12:10 am

Sun/Holidays
7:36 am / 11:10 pm

1:06 am

1:06 am

12:06 am

1:30 am

1:30 am

12:30 am

5:13 / 12:27 am

6:13 / 12:27 am

7:13 am / 11:27 pm

1:23 am

1:23 am

12:23 pm

5:54 / 12:31 am

6:54 / 12:31 am

7:54 am / 11:31 pm

1:11 am

1:11 am

12:11 am

5:15 / 1:09 am

6:15 / 1:09 am

7:15 / 12:09 am

5:29 am

6:29 am

7:29 am



Frequency

Time of day

Peak Hours

Mid-day and evenings

Late night

Saturday & Sunday

Expo Line - King George
Waterfront - King George
Every 2-4 min.
Every 6 min.
Every 8 min.
Every 6-8 min.

Millennium Line
Waterfront - Commercial Drive via Columbia
Every 5-6 min.
Every 6 min.
Every 8 min.
Every 6-8 min.

Combined Service
Waterfront and Columbia
Every 2-3 min.
Every 3 min.
Every 4 min.
Every 3-4 min.

Safety and Security

The company that owns the Sky train pays attention to the passengers' safety. They hire many people who are very experienced professionals to help the passengers at any time. Sky train stations were designed in special ways in order to make customers feel safe. In addition, station platforms, entrances, elevators, escalators, and corridors are monitored by closed circuit television cameras. Also, there are 23 cameras for every station so that the Sky train Control can respond immediately if something happens.

Passengers need to remember to always stay behind the yellow line when they are waiting for a train because they may fall into the track area. If something falls into the track area, the alarm will sound; if your personal item falls into the track area, you can contact one of Sky train attendants to ask some help and your problem will be solved immediately.

Some good news:

Bicycles can be transported on Sky trains as of June, 2003.

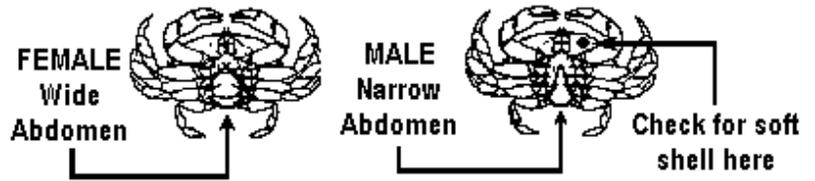
In Vancouver, bicycles can be transported on buses so that people can now go to their destinations conveniently. Passengers just get off the Sky train with their bicycles and can go anywhere by bike!

* All pictures and information come from www.translink.bc.ca





By Brian



I. Introduction

There are many places of interest in Vancouver. You can see beautiful scenes of many beaches and mountains and enjoy your free time. In addition, there is another pleasure in Vancouver. It is king crab fishing. I feel a great interest in crab fishing because I have never fished king crab in Korea. I researched some information on king crab fishing in Vancouver, and I would like to introduce you to this great activity.

II. Information on King Crabs

There are many kinds of crabs in the world; for example, Dungeness, Red Rock, Alaska King, Box, Shore, and so on. In Vancouver two kinds of crabs can usually be found. Dungeness and Red Rock. They are distributed over sandy areas along B.C.'s coast. Generally, the maximum life of adult crabs is over 10 years; their maximum carapace width is 230 cm, and their maximum weight is 2 kg. In Canada, the minimum legal size that we can fish is 165 mm carapace width. Males generally reach legal size at 3-4 years, but females rarely reach legal size. So, we should just catch the males over 4 years to keep the law. We can distinguish sharply between males and females by their abdomen because females have a wide abdomen, and males have narrow abdomens.

III. Information on king crab fishing and

fishing licenses

If you want to fish crabs around Vancouver, you must go to the permitted places to fish. Also, before you fish, you have to prepare proper crab fishing equipment; for example, a crab fishing net, a crab fishing line, some crab fishing bait, etc. You can use a raw chicken leg or a piece of salmon as crab fishing bait. Generally, many people use a raw chicken leg as bait. However, my older brother, who has been living in Vancouver for five years and has a lot of experience fishing king crab, said "I prefer to use a piece of salmon as bait because I caught bigger crab by using it." You can also buy a crab fishing net and line at fishing stores which are located near crab fishing areas. Another thing you have to prepare before you fish in B.C. is a fishing license. You must buy a fishing license to fish in B.C. There are two kinds of fishing licenses including a Tidal Waters Sport Fishing License and a Fresh Waters Sport Fishing License. You have to buy a Tidal Waters Sport Fishing License for crab fishing. Licenses are available province-wide from more than 600 vendors, including sporting goods stores, resorts, service stations, marinas, charter boat operators and department stores. Moreover, you can also buy a license on the Internet (www.pac.dfo-mpo.gc.ca/recfish).

Although I haven't caught any king crab yet, I will catch some in the near future. If you plan to visit Vancouver and you want to have a new experience, I recommend you go crab fishing. I believe king crab fishing will give you a new interesting experience.

Note: 1. If you fish king crab in Vancouver, you must not catch over 4 crabs a day.

2. All pictures are from <http://www.pac.dfo-mpo.gc.ca/>

BC Tidal Waters Sport Fishing License Fees

<u>Category</u>	<u>Resident</u>	<u>Non-Resident</u>
Adult Annual	\$22.47	\$108.07
5-day	\$17.12	\$34.17
3-day	\$11.17	\$20.33
1-day	\$5.62	\$7.49
Senior Annual (65 years of age and over)	\$11.77	\$108.07
Juvenile annual (Under 16 years of age)	Free	free
Salmon Conservation Stamp	\$6.42	\$6.42

