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Tao Xi Yuan photograph collector

## *Seeing Vancouver on foot!*



By Tao Xi Yuan



[www.walkvancouver.com/CanPlace/index.html](http://www.walkvancouver.com/CanPlace/index.html)

**H**aving a problem finding something to do on your vacation? If you like taking walks, shooting pictures, or seeing artwork, get a pair of comfortable shoes and a bottle of water, then come with me!

There are many interesting things to do in Vancouver, but you have to discover them by yourself. I have been studying in Vancouver for more than four months. As a busy EPP student, I often find myself at the Library. While at the Vancouver Public Library, I collected a free guide book which includes a lot of interesting information about local artwork, so on my vacation, I visited some of those places to see them. I would like to share my experiences with you. Now, let's go!

Canada Place, Canada's busiest harbor, was opened in 1986 to celebrate a century of life in Vancouver. It is located at the waterfront, northeast of Vancouver Downtown. On Canada Day or on Christmas Day, interesting celebrations are good chances for getting to know Canadians and practicing English. However, on regular days, it is a great place for relaxing. Do you enjoy walking along the water, reading about historic events, or watching planes taking off from the water? Also, you can enjoy breathing the fresh sea wind. Where is your camera? Follow me and come upstairs. On the ship shaped building, you can find a piece artwork named the Salute to the Lions of Vancouver. It was designed by Gathie Falk in 1991. The artwork is of two aluminum lions crossing two fire circles, actually lamp circles, greeting us.

Now let's leave Canada Place and walk down Cordova and Water Streets. Along the way, you can meet the Angel of Victory, made in 1921 for people who built the Canadian Pacific Railway. Listen! The Steam Clock, a strange clock made in 1977, is singing. Look! A Fish Fountain with four fish pouring out water. I

hope you are enjoying the walk!

At 578 Carrall Street, you can find Dr. Sun Yat-Sen Gardens and Park. The gardens require an entrance fee, but visiting the park is free! Inside of the park, what you can find are buildings, trees, bridges, and streams that are just like those in southeast China. Shoot some pictures and let your friends guess where you are!

Next, False Creek is waiting for us. A lot of artwork such as the Lookout, Untitled, Ring Gear, Perennials, Terra Nova, The Roundhouse Community Arts and Recreation Centre, Street Light are near False Creek. These names are just some names in your mind now, but after you see them and know what they are, you always remember them. By the way, I would like to mention The Cooper's Mews which consist of five wooden buckets. If you get a chance to walk under these buckets, try to walk slowly, and you may find a "secret".

I like to walk both to lose weight and to have a chance to discover a city by myself. While walking around Downtown over a couple of days, I found Vancouver's Downtown is not too big but has a lot of interesting things to see. It is a good place to start your discovery of Canada. Are you ready? Start now!

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# MARTIANS! ARE THEY REAL?



By scott

**D**o you believe in the unknown? People tell me I have a great imagination. I think they are right. When I was a child, I watched a lot of movies about Martians. Today, I still remember them. Maybe many people do not care about what kinds of things are living on Mars; scientists, however, are very interested in answering that question!

Mars is a red planet; its color derives from the oxidization of iron. In addition, Mars has two secondary planets, Phobos and Deimos. A hundred thousand years ago, a meteorite from Mars sunk into the permafrost of the North Pole. The ice sealed it, and people discovered a fossil that spans an acrolith. Eventually, Scientists started research about life on Mars! Is there any life on Mars? If there is, how did it form?

This picture is of an acrolith which came from Mars. In this picture, we can see a fossil that looks like a worm.



Www.marssociety.org

Some people think scientists should follow water to look for life because almost everywhere we find water on the Earth, we can find life. On May 28, 2002 scientists said they had discovered that there was a lot of ice under the ground on Mars, and if the ice can be transformed into water, it could be used for drinking and fuel. Also, maybe scientists will discover some life forms in the ice.

Everything about life on Mars is uncertain; people do not have enough evidence yet to prove this notion. Therefore, governments spend a lot of money to build rocket ships. More than twenty years ago, Americans landed on the moon. Then America and Russia started building many rockets; they wanted to be the first to land on Mars, but so far neither has succeeded.

On Nov 16, 1996, the Russian rocket “Mars 96” fell shortly after it blasted off. On Dec 4, 1996, Mars Pathfinder (U.S.A) blasted off; it arrived on Mars on July 4, 1997.

Mars Climate Orbiter (U.S.A) intermitted contact between the control tower on Sep 23, 1999.

Mars still allures scientists to explore it. When I was a child, I believed there could be life on Mars. I hope one-day we will discover and observe the wonders that Mars has to offer.



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# How to choose glasses?



By May



"Coolest Kid on the street!"

**H**i! My name is May Hang. I came to Vancouver about 6 months ago. Recently, I found an interesting thing; most of my classmates wear glasses. Some reasons they wear glasses are that my classmates spend a lot of time studying and reading books. Now, more and more people need to wear glasses because glasses can help them to see clearly. Even though people need to wear glasses, some of us do not know how to correctly select the right pair for ourselves.

Before we talk about glasses, let's take a look at the eye and how it works! The eyeball has several layers including the cornea, the pupil, and the retina. When a person's vision is blurry, it can mean that one or both of the eyeballs is too long or too short.

There are many different kinds of people that need to wear glasses. For example, nearsighted people, farsighted people, and people who have a stigmatism should wear glasses.



"Nearsighted people cannot see clearly when things are far away because their eyeballs may be too long."

"Farsighted people cannot see things clearly that are close up because their eyeballs might be too short." Before you choose your glasses, you should know what kind of glasses you require. Nearsighted people need to



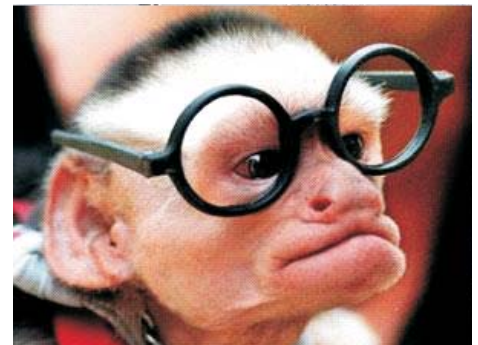
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choose shortsighted glasses; farsighted people need to choose longsighted glasses, and people with stigmatism need to choose special



corrective glasses. However, there are other kinds of glasses we can choose, for example, diving glasses and sun glasses. Some people wear diving glasses when they swim, and other people wear sun glasses on sunny days. Eye protection is always important.

Not only do people wear sun glasses, sometimes they let their pets wear them because sunglasses can also protect their pets' eyes and make their pets look cute. In China, I have never seen people let their pets wear sun glasses. Look at this picture! Because



it is wearing a pair of glasses, this monkey looks knowledgeable, and its face is so funny. Maybe he is thinking! "I wonder if the process of evolution can be speeded up a little because I really want to drive one of those new sports cars?"

More and more people need or like to wear glasses. The next time you are looking for some glasses, be sure to get the pair that is right for you.

## EPP Level 6 Students with their teacher 2003!



Photos by Stanley



*Congratulation to our  
EPP 6 students!  
Lisa and Jane*



## A LIFE OF TRAVEL!



By Wang

Hello everyone. I'm Wang. I am studying in EPP 6 at K.G.C. Do you like to travel? Some students really enjoy traveling. I also like to travel very much because traveling is a great way to meet new friends and have fun. As the world is developing, more and more people have free time and enough money to spend on vacations. Most people like traveling to different places such as to different countries because they want to know more about history, culture and so on. Do you know who the first person who traveled to around the world was? Read on, to learn some interesting historical information.

Zheng He [Cheng Gong] was the first person to travel the world. He was born in 1371 and died in 1435. Starting from the beginning of the 15<sup>th</sup> Century, he traveled more than 50,000km and visited over 30 countries, including Singapore. He sailed throughout the South Pacific, Indian Ocean, Taiwan, Persian Gulf and distant Africa in seven epic voyages from 1405 to 1433. Since he first traveled, China started to communicate with India, Singapore and so on. Also, there were many products to exchange between China and other Countries. His journeys had the effect of letting Chinese people and other people of the world get to know each other.

The first sailor of Europe was Christopher Columbus who was born in Genoa, Italy in 1451 to Domenico Colombo, a wool weaver. Christopher Columbus worked for his father until he was 22 then set out to follow his own dream to become a sea captain. In 1492 Christopher Columbus spent 33 days on travel the world in success. In addition, he found North and South America which we called the new world.

Since the industrial revolution happened in England at the beginning of the 18<sup>th</sup> century, the world has changed. The World is growing very fast; People's lives are much better than before. More and more people now have enough money to live well and travel more. Moreover, because they can use computers to do work, they have more free time. In addition, recent modes of transportation are very convenient. Therefore, most people can afford to travel. For example, people can take airplanes, trains and cars so travel time has been greatly reduced; About 2 years ago, I went to Hong Kong. From my hometown to Hong Kong you have to travel more than 3000 km. I took a plane, and it only took 6 hours!

Even though some places are very far, you can get to these places easily. In my opinion, traveling to as many places as you can is a sure way of finding one of life's main enjoyments.





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## CLOTHES MAKE THE DOG!



By Lisa & Yvonne



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**P**et fashion wear is becoming more and more popular throughout the world. Anyway, who made the rule that clothes are only suitable for humans? Clothing for dogs is another kind of fashion design. If you are a practical dog owner, you might want to choose pet clothes for your dog, or maybe you should consider showing your wit and humor by choosing clothes that suit your dog's personality. Moreover, clothing is not only for fashion, but also for comfort, safety, fun, and special events.

Clothes for dogs can keep them comfortable in different elements. You always go outside with an umbrella on a rainy day, and put on a sweater or coat for cold weather. Your dog also needs clothes for protection. If your dog has a raincoat on, once back home, there's no need to dry him, nor clean the wet mess on the floor.

Besides, you can help your dog stay safe when he goes out for a run or plays in the park. Bright, visible outfits work in the day light as well. This is not only about fashion, but also about common sense-----safety. Indeed, there are various items for your pet to stay safe outdoors. Booties can be worn on their paws when they walk on snow, ice or hot pavement; reflective vests to keep them visible on busy streets after dark; a collar flash light is a good option at night; life jackets that help your seafaring dog stay afloat.

Also, your dog can have fun dressing up in style. When you are walking with your dog, dressing your dog up can really get other people's attention. A colorful bandana, or a nice Hawaiian shirt is very cool, and they could provide some sun protection for certain breeds of dogs. A matching shirt or accessory for the owner doubles the visual impact.

Moreover, there are some special events for dogs. As a result, custom costumes can make special times even more memorable and exciting. Don't you think your dog will enjoy her moment of fame? Try to enter your dog in a parade or come up with a special holiday outfit. One of our friends told us what happened to her last Halloween. "People gave me extra candy for Chiko, my dog because he was so cute in his cowboy hat and neckerchief."

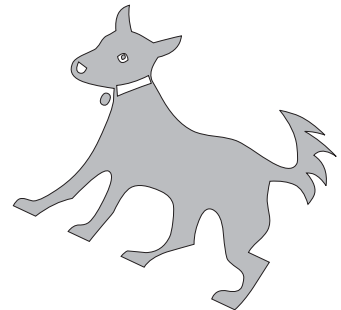
Although clothing for dogs is a kind of fashion design, comfort, safety, fun, and special events are the most important reasons for dressing up your dog. As Halloween is coming, it might be time to turn your "regular" dog into a "hot" dog.



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