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Things That We Can Do

We often think about ways to reduce carbon dioxide. It is the biggest cause of global warming.

I heard on the news that there were engineers who tried to artificially produce oxygen from carbon dioxide to save our planet. But in order to produce oxygen, they would need a lot of energy. Using a lot of energy will produce even more CO2. They also tried to decompose carbon dioxide into oxygen and carbon, but it would also emit a large amount of CO2. So engineers will have to make oxygen without emitting any carbon dioxide.

After that, scientists started to research how photosynthesis works. Plants use it to consume carbon dioxide and make oxygen. Recently they had a major breakthrough in understanding it. They discovered how it makes oxygen. When I heard this news, I thought it would be very difficult to implement.

For this reason we have to ask, "Is it okay to just depend on others?" Of course it is much faster to depend on engineers or scientists, but we don't know when they will achieve a breakthrough. So I think it is more important for us to think of reducing CO2 ourselves.

The most important thing I thought of is that we should try to not use machines. I don't use an air conditioning in summer. I always use an electric fan. I think it is very good for the earth. Also, If you don't use a car, it reduces the emission of CO2. If you take a shower for a long time, try to make it shorter. It's also better if you reduce the amount of time that you watch TV. By changing your daily life, you are able to save the earth.

My father works at a car parts company. They use iron to make casts of parts. When they don't need it anymore, they recycle the iron to make another cast again. Our school recycles our paper once a year too. That paper is changed into other things such as bags and toilet paper. There are some recycle shops in Kawagoe. We can buy recycled bags there. Our family used to throw away water bottle caps. One day we found an announcement that says water bottle caps can be changed into a vaccine. We can help poor children all over the world with this vaccine. So we started collecting it.

However, do you know why recycling is good for the earth? It's because when trash is burned, it emits a lot of CO2. If you recycle something, you can avoid that. So recycling is another way that you can reduce the amount of CO2.

You can do a lot of things to reduce carbon dioxide. Don't rely on something or someone. Please try to do it yourself!



The Way to My Dream



Hello, Nice to meet you. I'm M S. I'm happy to see you all.

Today, I would like to talk about my dream. When I was little, I didn't know what I was good at, but now I do.

It's dressage. What is dressage? It is a horseback riding competition. The more beautiful I make my horseback riding look to the audience, the higher my score will be.

When I was in the 5th grade of primary school, I told my parents that I wanted to ride a horse. Of course, they were very surprised, but I explained that I loved horses and that I really wanted to challenge myself. They finally understood and let me try it.

After that, I went to see a dressage convention which was held in Sayama city, What I saw there was very quite impressive. The horses and their riders looked like they were communicating with each other during their performances, even though they could not talk to each other through language.

A few days later my father found a horseback riding club close to my house, so I started learning it. The more lessons I took, the more I loved horseback riding. I soon noticed that I had steadily gotten absorbed in horseback riding. I took lessons every weekend without fail. I loved it so much.

Dressage has changed my life. The more I rode horses the more I wanted to be near them. This desire turned into my dream to become a veterinarian. It lead me to find the high school and university where I can make my dream come true.

However, the high school that I want to go to isn't easy to enroll in. I have to pass the entrance exam to join the school. Otherwise I may not be able to continue horseback riding. So I am studying hard.

There is a horse that I really love and always rode at my riding school. After the last dressage competition before my entrance exam, I cried because I might not be able to ride the horse again if I can't pass the exam. At that time, my mother told me, "You should decide how to spend your life. You should do your best if you really want to continue horseback riding."

I realized that I should do my best for the coming exam, finally pass the exam, and restart horseback riding.

A dream is unlimited. We should have our own dream that we don't have to give up. If someone says your dream is impossible, you should put those words away for a while. If you work hard, your dream may come true, and your hard work is rewarded.

Let's find our dreams and a way to the future.

