





May the Year of the Rat bring you and your family good health, prosperity and joy!





# On the way to our dreams, goals and prosperity, we are sure to encounter

### **Challenges** like

frustrations, disappointment, loneliness, something unexpected, misunderstandings and so on.

As students, how can we face such

Challenges?



Have you ever seen the scene of Los Angeles at 4am?

I see often.

Because I have been starting training at the time.



### Bryant was killed in a helicopter

Crash in California, along with his 13year-old daughter Gianna and seven other people. He was 41 years old.

Bryant was on his way to attend a youth basketball competition on Sunday with his daughter. The helicopter carrying Bryant and the others crashed into a hilly area in foggy conditions outside Los Angeles.







### Life before joining NBA

Bryant was born in 1978 in Philadelphia. When Bryant was six, his family moved to Italy. He learned to play soccer

and once considered becoming a professional soccer player. Back in the

USA, he excelled in high school basketball and joined the NBA, aged 17.



#### The road to success

Bryant joined the Lakers in 1996. His first three seasons were spent coming off the bench but he still



managed to become a favourite with fans. From 2000, Bryant was one of the top Shooting guards in the league. He helped the Lakers win NBA championships in 2000, 2001, and 2002 and entered basketball's elite. He has become a Cornerstone of the Lakers team.



#### **Achievements**

Bryant was an 18-time All-Star player. He won five NBA championships and two Olympic gold medals. He was widely considered one of the greatest basketball players of his generation during his 20-year career with the Los Angeles Lakers.



#### **Kobe Bryant's Classic Quotes**

- I know the appearance(scene) of Los Angeles at 4 am every day!
- I'll do whatever it takes to win games, whether it's sitting on a bench waving a towel, handing a cup of water to a teammate, or hitting the game-winning shot.
- Everything negative --- pressure, challenges -- is all an opportunity for me to rise.
- > What I'm doing right now, I'm chasing perfection.
- I don't want to be the next Michael Jordan, I only want to be Kobe Bryant.



# Reactions to his death



"He is a legend across the world. The world lost a really huge person, a role model and an idol. It's a huge loss for everyone. When you think about Kobe, it's no excuses. Nothing can take your mind off what you love to do."

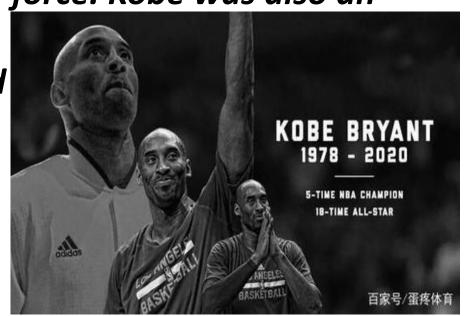
------Jokić



"Words can't describe the pain I am feeling. I loved Kobe — he was like a little brother to me. We used to talk often, and I will miss those conversations very much. He was a fierce competitor, one of the greats of the game and a creative force. Kobe was also an

amazing dad who loved his family deeply — and took great pride in his daughter's love for the game of basketball."

-Michael Jordan





Kobe was a legend on the court and just getting started in what would have been just as meaningful a second act. To lose

Gianna is even more heartbreaking to us as parents. Michelle and I send love and prayers to Vanessa and the entire Bryant family on an unthinkable day.



Melania and I send our warmest condolences to Vanessa and the wonderful Bryant family. May Gob be with you all! Kobe Bryant, despite being one of the truly great basketball players

of all time, was just getting started in life. He loved his family so much, and had such strong passion for the future. The loss of his beautiful daughter makes this moment even more devastating---





### **Mamba Mentality**

## Nicknamed Black Mamba, a very poisonous snake in Africa.

Passionate: passion comes from love. He loves the smell of basketball and sports shoes.

Obsessive: irresistible, uncontrollable, fascinated Relentless: refusing to give up or be less strict or

severe

Resilient: able to feel better quickly after sth. unpleasant such as shock, injury, etc. People and things that are resilient are able to recover easily and quickly from unpleasant or damaging events.

Fearless: the biggest fear is not from outside, but from within oneself.



#### As a **person**, Kobe Bryant ---

As a **nation**, we are now faced with a big **challenge** that is threatening people's life.



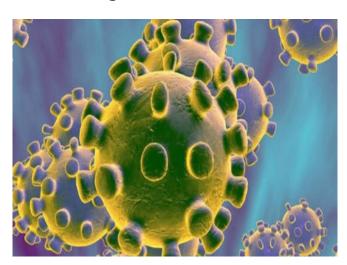


# Wuhan, the capital city of Central China's Hubei province

#### There is an

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outbreak of disease that started in Wuhan. A lot of them are infected. And the number of infected people is still increasing throughout China.





It is caused by a novel coronavirus

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that means it is so
brand-new that
actually it doesn't have
a name.



### Origin of the virus

This brand-new coronavirus, which is the same family as the virus that caused SARS, came from wild animals, and it is believed that the source was actually a seafood market in Wuhan, which also sells wild animals.





#### **Symptoms And Transmission**

The symptoms of this illness are pretty common, just like a flu or a cold: it is a dry cough, fever and then breathing problems.







It was discovered by experts that the novel coronavirus is actually transmitted from one person to another. So we've got people to people transmission.



# Actions taken to face this challenge





#### What can we do as students?

The best way to avoid it is to isolate yourself at home.

Always remember:

Wash your hands.

Use masks properly.

Have temperature taken regularly.

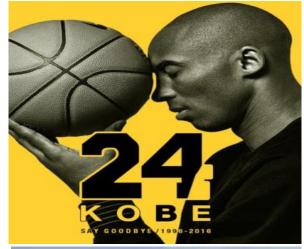
Avoid large crowds.

Mever touch your face or eyes with your unclean hand.



# Burning passion, challenge the limit, beyond the self











Life needs challenges. Youth has no limits. Stand at a new starting point, meet new challenges and create new achievements.



#### **Assignment**

- 1. Kobe Bryant died in a helicopter crash in California, along with his 13-year-old daughter Gianna. Please write a news report for the school newspaper about the accident in about 80 words.
- 2. Challenges are everywhere in our lives. Please write a speech centered on challenges, properly using Kobe Bryant or people fighting the epidemic as an example. Limit your speech within 100 words.



# Thank You!