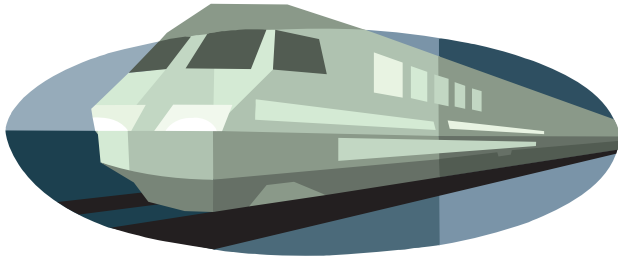


Day 5

Today we are going to ride a train to Tianjin 天津, on the way to Train



station, we spend time on the games, eventually everyone got tired so we watch the sight instead, the Train station is very big, we found a place at the ground and we saw a glass roof with footprints coming from the other floor, our train is call 和諧號 meaning peaceful Train, we want to sit together, Alvin and his family rode train here and they remember trains like this one's seat can be turned, so they turned it for us and for themselves to talk to (they like talking). We play cards on the train. I want to play the original version but Alvin doesn't want to learn, so we just play his game, 21

dots. The aim of the game is to get to 21 dots, everybody get to take two cards, the one who gets to 21 dots wins, if

The card 2=2	3=3
4=4	5=5
6=6	7=7
8=8	9=9
10=10	J=11 or 10
Q=12 or 10	K=13 or 10
A=10	

you can't get to 21 dots at first take another card, until you got five cards, if you still can't get to 21 you lose.

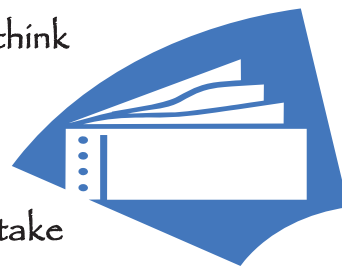


After a while we were hungry, we got some jelly and dry mangoes but Alvin was banned from dry mangoes because he got a sore throat, the Train was fast, 254 km per hour we reach Tianjin which is about 150 km away in 40 minutes, we want to try first class but

no tickets. We first go to a bridge which I think

it is very special because I never seen this

kind of bridge before. We started to take



photos but after a while the bridge turned into a jungle bar



playground, we are all climbing and adults

are taking photos. Then we go to a

restaurant call 狗不理 which is a famous kind of 饅頭 a bread with

fillings inside, It is yummy! Everyone enjoy seeing the chief make

the breads, but after a while I found out that Christie and Justin

are missing and my father too, and the soldiers, so I went to the lift

to check, and they were there up to mischief, they are going to go

up first so they let me follow them, on the way up, the others saw us.

I told them why not hide when we go in the room, and they all agree.

Me, Christie and Justin are going to hide behind the sofa, and we

all jump up and gave them a fright, that's the surprise I prepared.

My favorite food is salted corn that crunch no one in our group

have tasted that before. I eat this before at my favorite Chinese



restaurant. We next make the bread by ourselves.

I make it like the original one and Alvin make it

into a dumpling shape. We then play red light

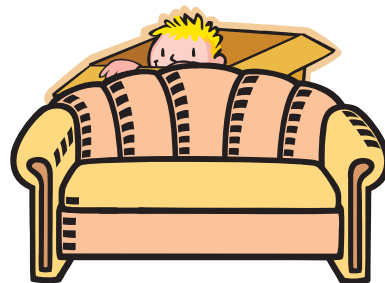
green light and what is the time mister/misses Fox? While we are

playing, there is some arguing between Christie and Justin, so

that's the end of game time. The adults are

tired so they told us to count until we sleep,

we count by tens like the way we cheat



playing hide and seek at school 10 20 30... ..

100, 200... .. 1000, 2000 10000, 20000... ..300000.....until

900000000 then trillion then zillion then there is no digit already?

Alvin said that now it is time to use googol, what a funny saying

after googol is googol pigs and it made Christie laugh so hard that

she is not angry anymore. We got all the way to the station very

quick, but there are usually many nomads around, stealing children,



this time the people on the train don't let us face to face so we can't see each other we can only sit by two, so we play a game that

only requires 2 people, the win one stay there and the lose one goes away and queue again.

We arrive at Beijing in a short time and next we go to the zoo. First

we look at the pandas, there are non at first then we saw one coming out and drink water, then suddenly



another one this time it is playing jungle bars. Then we go to see the lions, we also saw some ducks and chickens birds on the way, monkeys and wolves too after we arrive at the tiger and lion's cage they are not there, so we take picture of a giant statue of it instead, we walk only on the stones on the way to the exit, on the way we past some balls so we stand on it dancing and we accidentally left

Alvin's brother's baby car no one notice until we are almost at the exit, it is me and Alvin who realizes, so children came be smarter than adults sometimes. At least we found the baby car, then we go to the Beijing's library, we are bored on the van, at least I am not bored because now we are banned from playing too, and Uncle Johnny was here to guard, he know a lot of stories that he told them to Christie and Justin before so they don't want to hear it, here is one of the stories:

Monkey and the peach

Once their live a whole bunch of monkey and they want to move down the cliff so they hold each other's tail and bring the food down, the top monkey saw all that foods so next time when another fruit comes and he will take a bite, so when he gave up, all the monkeys lower than him will fall.



After we arrive at the library, they said need 16 years old to go in the library which is not fair because it take a long way, now we come here for nothing, so we sneak inside by saying that we want to go to the toilet. We go back to the hotel and eat at the



restaurant downstairs, there are many kinds of noodles there, and we also watch the pictures that we took then we have ice-cream for dessert than we take a bath and

explore each other's rooms, I had gone to Alvin's room before, and he also went to my rooms so Christie, Alvin and Justin went to my room, and the most successful finder is me and hider is Alvin because we help him, he hide under the cushion, first I can see his feet so I use the cushions to cover him and it look like what when Justin come, I played a trick on him and he thought that Alvin is under the blanket because I touch the blanket.





Day 6

Today we are going to the national museum | I remembered one of the stories that the 導遊 told us.

Once there father and a child, the mother died early and the father married another mother one winter came and, the stepmother had two more children they're mother/stepmother weave coats for them to outside only the biggest child is shivering so the father look at the suspicious mother and tear the coat and there is no stuffing inside, the father said need to go to the mothers family and fix the mother but the child said :No, then he explain, if my stepmother is not here we all have to suffer if the stepmother is here only me need to suffer, the stepmother is very sorry and promised to treat him kind.

We also saw things about the Native Beijing hobbies how they part together and about a new born child and how does it look like

on the street, it is very alike there is a one special Roman building, I remember there is a picture called for the master of the house with a bat which it's saying sound like 福 which is lucky and 鶴 which is a



bird in Chinese sounds 賀 which is wish someone lucky too and there is a monkey taking a pear which is a story, the monkey steal the pear for her mother, this dessert is often eaten on birthdays for elder but made with bread. Then we go to the restaurant we ate on Day 1. While I am going to the toilet they get many sweets.

We then go to the skiing centre, it is a long way, and while no one was looking, Alvin took a dry mango, and at last we arrive. We spend a lot of time changing clothes. First two times Alvin's father holds me, then the second time and third



time | went up in a escalator like thing, it is fun, after | reach the top |
am a little scared and | slide down very fast. Wheeeeeeeeeehhhh.
What fun. | decided to try again and this time | am first on the
escalator and Alvin suddenly overtake me and | almost fell out
because the escalator because is very narrow, Christie is a fast
learner, she slide faster than me. | slide down,
this time | am trying to pay him back but
unluckily | just get myself out of the escalator,
now | am lying on a slope, | grab hold of the wall beside me which has
a seat like thing, eventually | stood up and sit on the seat, and of
course, everybody saw me, so they called the controller to stop the
escalator, then | walk up and slide down again and the next time |
went up again, trying to be more careful not to fall this time there is
a man behind holding a knife like thing at me. At last we arrive at the
top. few... At last | get away from him, it is almost Alvin is skiing at
the higher level area, we saw him fall one time, then we saw an ice



made slide and we slide down, what fun. Then we change our clothes and went back to the car while Uncle was paying, they count us 1000\$ more because they said we play at night time but we only change our clothes slower and we are 1 hour late for dinner. At last, we are at the hotel; just then my Grandpa and Grandma came and invite us for dinner, so we didn't eat with the main group.





Day 7

I'm glad I didn't eat with them because Alvin got tummy ache then we say goodbye to each other and we buy the toy that can do exercise just by pressing, when we went back to the hotel there we saw Christie and her family and shared the toy then we go to the airport and on the way, we saw the leader 胡錦濤 house where he lives on vacation. We arrive in airport very fast, I am sorry to leave but it is time to say

BYE!

感想

It is the first time I went on a trip with my friends, this trip also have a big influence on buildings and it is also exciting without the tour leader and traveling, I also enjoy practice saying mandarin, hope that the trip next time will be better than this time.



[That is me!]

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