

Writing competition

Step into a symphony of stories!

Imagine a world where books burst open and amazing characters from every kind of story leap out!

Write a short story about a wonderful world filled with colourful characters. (Limit of 3 pages per entry.)

A New Life

Vroooooom! Vroooooom! Freedom awaited me. The cold air pushed against my face. My red paint sparked under the glistening light. The First Formula 1 race concluded, and Giuseppe Nino Farina had stolen the victory. Setting a new world record for the 1950's race, my owner and I had the biggest smile that could light the whole wide world. Pictures of my owner and myself were taken every three seconds, with lights and flashes bombarding us. That was the glorious moment of my life!

A century passed and now I was abandoned in a scrap yard with piles of rusty and wrecked cars being dumped in a remote area away from the city. I am now a useless piece of rubbish awaiting to be deleted out of this world. After all that incredible fame and glorious time, how could they do that to a once-championed car like me? "Why am I here? I am a king!" I fumed furiously. I could feel the paint peeling off my skin, which was replaced by the layers of rusts and dust every day in this God forsaken depressing place. A cruel, cruel punishment someone could ever do to a champion like me!

The loneliness hit me harder every time I thought of my old past: my glory, my joy, my victory. The physical torment ripped me into tiny shreds day after day. Suddenly, a sound so intense and a blinding flash cut through my deep thoughts. Without warning, my whole body was painfully clutched, lifted high up into the air and violently thrown into a dark void that looked like the opening mouth of a monster. A giant terrifying, monstrous machine smirked at me before swallowing me up. It clawed at me violently, twisting and shaking my poor self like a tornado. My whole body was crushed in the cruellest way possible. My mirror rattled, my bones were squeezed and crunched as they attempted to flatten my once-beautiful body like a piece of wrinkle paper. I felt the piercing pain shoot through my entire body. A tear of betrayal rolled down my eyes.... before a pitch-black darkness enclosed my depressed world.



SYMPHONY OF STORIES

Bloop, bloop... I opened my eyes slowly. Before I could fully understand what was happening to me, something boiling and sticky clutched onto my body and bubbled. AAAAAAAAAA! I started melting like an ice cream on a scorching hot summer day. It was the worst pain I had ever felt!!! I vaguely remember all the excruciating pain when they put me through the moulding phase, before I passed out again.

I finally woke up to the sound of product packing. I looked down and was shocked at my new self. I was a sparkling new computer from head to toe! Wow! There was no trace of the old rusty and ugly pieces of metal scraps I once was. I'm now an amazingly useful accessory that is needed by almost everyone on this planet.

It is impossible to describe my feelings. I am so proud of myself all over again. I am completely transformed into one of the most useful tools in the modern world: a computer. Computers are used by almost every person in the world, ranging from the youth to the elderly, from the students to the professionals, from the countryside to the city.

I am a living encyclopedia myself. With just a touch of the finger on me, people can find anything they want. I provide a whole library of books right on their desk. In reverse, people can store any valuable information on me, ranging from school projects, research works, personal information or family albums. You can also use me to go into space and experience a different universe or new planets. With the modern built-in graphical effects, everything looks and feels so real.

I even connect people together. With a press of a button, I can help people communicate with their loved ones half a planet away, feeling like they are in the same room. Not just that, I'm like a mini portable theatre. I provide films, shows and movies without a cent. I supply people with numerous free websites and apps where they can stream classic shows or new-released movies.

Instead of just a rusty piece of metal scraps lying in that miserable junk yard, I am now one of the most useful tools in this universe. Children can use computers to read and research for endless information; adults can use computers for entertainment like watching news and movies while the elderly can use computers to communicate with their loved ones from afar. This is why I am now so proud of myself and looking forward to my new useful life!