

Principal, teachers and fellow schoolmates, I am Chris Wong from 7S. Today I am going to talk about lateness. First of all, let me give you more details about myself. Last year, I was late for more than 50 days. Wasn't it really surprising? Because of that, my parents were 'invited' to school many times to talk about this problem with my class teacher Ms Chan. However, I was just late again and again. To tell the truth, I also felt bad about being late, but it simply was too tiring for me to get up on time, especially the previous night of exams. I am sure that plenty of you had similar experiences. This year, I have never been late again. Why? Because I had learnt a lesson from my friends.

I think it happened in the Summer holiday. One day my friends and I went to the cinema and planned to watch a movie there. However, I got up late due to the whole night computer games entertainment. When I rushed to our destination, my friends were not there yet. I felt lucky that I might not be the late one. I waited and waited for nearly an hour, from feeling patient to impatient, and starting to get angry. When I was about to leave, my friends appeared. Before I could shout to them, Mary asked how I felt about waiting. I was speechless as all the late memories with going out with friends coming back, and I was too ashamed to feel angry. Then, Peter came out and told me that was a little joke they had played on me to let me learn a lesson, and there was no movie we were going to watch, the plan was fake.

When I arrived home I really felt regretful about my lateness. My family and friends will always forgive my lateness because they understand me well and will support me no matter I have been late or anything. Yet, it won't be the same when you step in the society. For example, when you are late at work one day, you may make your company lose a valuable client. Your boss will think you are not trust worthy definitely because you cannot even control yourself, where is the evidence to show that you are suitable for your work? Then, you may be scolded or fired. Both results will not be something we are happy with, will we? Furthermore, if you are about to have a relationship and you are always late when you date. I don't think he/she can bear that. He/She will think that you are not dependable, your promises will not come true and most importantly, it is no guarantee to stay with you. Maybe it sounds too serious to you but similar things are happening in every second around the world.

It's time to wake up, to refresh ourselves to be a dependable person. To avoid being late, I suggest you set off your alarm clock 5 minutes earlier. If it is not enough, then what about 15 minutes? If one alarm clock is not powerful enough, then what about two? If the alarm clock are not helpful enough, then what about asking your family to wake you up? If your family is not free, then what about inviting your friends to phone you every morning? If your friends' phone calls do not work well, then what about inviting them to ring your door bells a thousand times and go to school with you? I believe there must be some suitable ways to help you. Your family and friends will always be there and be reliable, the only thing you need to do is discuss with them and determine to avoid lateness.

There is one more tip to remind you, the best way to tackle the lateness problem is to sleep earlier. The earlier you go to bed, the earlier you will get up. When you get up earlier, you will have more time to finish your work and have a relaxing morning. A good beginning is needed no matter what happens, so let us give ourselves a good beginning and have a better day. Life will go more beautiful than ever. Thank you!