

List Three Of My Greatest Achievements

My name is Elvie Lin and I currently attend Ryde Public School. I would like you to get to know some things about me.

When I started to be able to read the first few words, I was captivated by books. When I read my first novel, Matilda by Roald Dahl, I was amazed by how he could pull me into the pages of the book, into Matilda's harsh world. Books have always seemed like a haven for me and a getaway into fantasies and different dimensions. For every book and encyclopaedia I read, I found myself in the pitless oceans to goldmines. I find Doctor Seuss an inspiration for me because of his desire to read more. He said, "The more that you read, the more things you'll know. The more that you learn, the more places you'll go". I find this true every time I read. I'm very thankful for my mother and father for buying me books and supporting me, always changing my interests in genres. They'll go out of their way to bring me to the library and shops which is something I'm very grateful for. I also wouldn't have my interest in books if it weren't for my teacher who has encouraged me to read everyday and discover something new in books. After years of reading, I've gotten a gold award for the NSW premier's reading challenge. But I don't read because it brings awards but because reading brings me instant pleasure.

I've always loved engaging in conversations but when I'm around people I'm not familiar with I can take a little time to open up. But now I can start a conversation any time. I love how you can always have speeches and there's always an adrenaline tingle when I speak. I love how every word I say doesn't have to be planned. When I was younger, I used to be timid but it was my friends and guests that talked to me first then the rest of the night was exhilarating. I was always encouraged and looked up at their bravery to start a conversation. So over the years I did that too. I'm really grateful to my debating coach at my school for encouraging me to speak up and feel happy instead of nervous in debates. When I give my arguments or anything to say, I feel delighted. I admire how Martin Luther King or could speak to thousands without megaphones yet still be brave with his own voice. I decided to see how I improved in speaking so I participated in the Multicultural Speaking Competition this year. I also became a finalist. I can see that I have made steady improvements over the years.

The last thing I want to tell you about is that I'm a persistent person and I love to work hard. I find that everyday there's always a challenge you have to overcome. I find a comforting feeling about working hard and achieving something you've always wanted to overcome. When I was younger, I had broken my leg, but even with a cast and wheelchair, I tried doing everyday activities even if it was frustrating. I'm really thankful to my parents and teachers for always motivating me to try everything even if I find it impossible. They always support me by helping me get back up again and always encouraging me to embrace new things. Rafael Nadal said, "I play every point like my life depends on it". This quote to me means that Nadal is always

Indeed, self growth is also an achievement that one must be proud of!

playing every shot with his 100% effort and won't play without working hard. In my school, I received the consistent effort award which has shown me that by always having a positive mindset and working to your best ability, it will pay off.

I hope that you have gotten to know some things about me. Thank $\frac{you!}{You:}$

Note:

Wow, Elvial. This is great! Your adherence to the framework is commendable. And, it resulted in making your answers succinct and sharp. I like that every achievement of yours were supported with quotations from your role models. That's good, I must say. Moreover, because you have mentioned the people behind your success, your essay's tone became conversational and humble. Just be careful with abbreviations next time, though, and don't capitalise common terms. Please continue to impress me with your writing!

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