**Do you learn better by yourself or with a teacher?**

Some people prefer to learn by themselves. They think they can learn better in

this way because they have more freedom, independence, and pressure in their

self-study. There is some truth in their way, but they fail to see the many

advantage of learning with a teacher. Especially, when you learn something

more complicated, it is always best to have a teacher. My arguments for this

point are listed as follows.

First, a teacher can act as a guide to lead you to success. When you grope for

knowledge, you need help and advice. A teacher, who treats you as if you were

his own child, will give you a hand when you encounter difficulties; he will

render his advice when you are in a dilemma. Without a guide, you would be

searching in darkness without a torch to light the way for you.

What is more, a teacher exerts real pressure on you. If you study by yourself,

you must be strong-minded enough to keep on. You may become indolent for

lack of a strong will. Studying under the guidance of a teacher, however, you

will feel there is always someone to supervise you. The teacher may assign you

some books to read or some homework to do. You must complete the

assignments, or you will not pass the course. You are urged to go no by your

teacher.

Last but not least, studying with a teacher will receive the benefit of the

teacher's knowledge. In class, the best teachers do more than just go over the

material in the textbook. They teach students how to learn, how to absorb

information and then apply what you have learned to other situations. They

guide all of you on classroom to develop discussion of the material and provide

extra materials to broaden the scope of the topic. Without the help of teacher, it

is nearly impossible to get these skills just by reading the textbook yourself.

In short, I prefer go to class, studying with teacher to guide and urge me. I

choose to learn in a big family—my school. If I was obliged to learn by myself

without a teacher or classmates, I would feel very sad and lonely. There would

be no fun, no pressure, and no motivation. I could not learn well in such dull

and depressing circumstances.