

„I would..., if I could...“

As soon as I heard the topic of our essays, I immediately thought of one word – dreaming. Dreaming is one of the most common human's characteristics. "If I had more money, if I lived somewhere else...". We often fall into our unrealistic dreaming and sometimes forget about the reality, about our present life, which is (– I mean dreaming), as far as I am concerned, rather dangerous. These dreamed up imaginations can even lead to an absolute isolation from the real world, since we create our own, virtual lives, where everything and everybody is supposed to behave according to our expectations and fulfill our desires.

On the other hand though, our dreams might also improve our personality, for dreaming in the right way can help us when seeking our goals and targets. What is more, without dreams there would be no human being as we are familiar with in nowadays. If we had been satisfied with what we had, now we would be probably still living in the bronze age or so. No dreams - no new inventions or positive revolutions – either industrial, scientific or religious.

To sum it up, dreaming has been here, is here now and most likely is going to be here forever. It entirely belongs to our nature, so there is no way to avoid it. And it is completely up to us, how we can use it and in what way we use it.

As for me, dreaming is not the mostly used part of my brain and I usually do not ask myself questions like what would I do if I....But when it already comes to dreaming, my favourite place and time for it is in my bed before hitting the hay, which sometimes continues into common fantasies during my sleeping.

Usually, I dream about my future and rarely come back in mind to the past, because we obviously cannot influence what happened and the only and the best thing we can do with our past, is to take the lesson from it and don't let something wrong happen again. This awareness of our previous mistakes is in my point of view essential for making incoming decisions. When realising our missed opportunities and chances, we are able to recognize them in our next actions.

Most of my dreams from the past (- so what would I do if I could change it) are connected with studying or taking advantage of my spare time. I wish I hadn't spent so much time at the computer. I literally wasted thousands of hours in front of the PC screen by playing violent games or aimlessly surfing on the internet. Writing this, I awfully hope that my parents will not look through it, since they would never think of me admitting this fact ☺. They always said I am a greatly gifted boy - mentally as well as physically. This is also the reason why they were, and they still are very upset and sometimes even distraught watching me being shut in the room with various sounds coming from it, instead of watching me enjoying a good piece of literature or doing some kind of sport. But on the other hand, even my mum can't deny the huge potential of english language improvement while playing adventure games, which are based on dialogues or going through english-speaking forums, blogs

or news websites. To do a bit of resume, computer is an enormously attractive thing for children and teenagers and we tend to use it in a comfortable way, so wasting our time, in other words. But as I have already said, it may also positively affect our knowledge or help us discover other cultures and meet new people.

As for sport activities, I truly regret stopping my athletics trainings, which was probably caused by the lack of will or interest. Learning regularity in youth is crucial. It makes you organize your time effectively and it is generally known that children with regular activities, such as sport trainings or playing musical instrument are well organized people at adulthood. Kids with no after-school activity have loads of free time, which often results in hanging around with disreputable schoolmates, sometimes ending in taking drugs or excluding from the school.

Thinking about my future, I am pretty optimistic. I have been raised in a good working family and I feel quite sure when studying at the grammar school in Žamberk. Moreover, if I manage to go to the USA for one year, my chances of being accepted to the university will (or at least I hope so) increase, not to mention that my English language skill will be sufficient when working as a part-time translator or English teacher. So when I ask myself: „What would I do if I went to the Rice lake for one year?“, I must say, that I am completely looking forward to that future. I would be so grateful to my parents for being this supportive, to God for creating me in this way and obviously to ŽIFA & RLIFA for giving me this opportunity, which is literally priceless.

If I get to the US, I will definitely attempt to take the full advantage of it. I mean, I will probably have a lot of spare time there as well, so I will have a huge responsibility, how to use it. I will try to do many sports and spend as much time with my second family as possible. I will do my best when participating in various school activities and supporting students' projects. I know there will be some tough moments, I will be deeply missing my parents, my friends, my dear... But I also know that nothing lasts forever and I believe that my relationships will become even stronger and deeper than ever before, because we will all realise, how important we are to each other.

Looking to the further future, when having my own family, I would definitely try to raise my children in a similar way as my parents have done and treat my wife like my father does. Frankly, my parents are a perfect example of two loving partners for me.

Summarizing what I have written here, my opinion is, that people should ask themselves, what would they do if they could be someone else, do something else or be somewhere else. Nevertheless, I strongly recommend not going too deep with these imaginations, for it may cause some serious problems to your behaviour. My advice is: live the present, take the lessons from your past mistakes, avoid them in your future and be happy with your life, because it is the only thing we have here.

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