Top 25 Moments of 2007

These are my top 25 moments of 2007, I hope you enjoy them.

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Max and the banana

In this commercial shoot Maximus was asked to dress up as a tiger, he resisted vehemently, but for Daddy he finally did it and furthermore took this wonderful photo.



Balance

Maximus has improved his balance immensely this year and can now run, jump and climb without difficulty



The Love Skittle

We were in holiday at the Nexus and what is wonderful was that Maximus and Carmella not only played with each other but Maximus also made new friends so easily.



Birthday Meal

Maximus loves his pasta and his healthy appetite is not only the source of his strength but also the envy of other parents who obsess over lunch boxes in the hope that their little darling has eaten his meal. With Maximus we don't have to worry!

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Chinese New Year

A big celebration and this year we stayed in KL and see Maximus' expression as he saw the decorations.

20		20. Family Day Out In April we had a big family day out to a theme park inside a shopping centre and because it wasn't school holidays we almost had the park to ourselves!
19		Max in his car Maximus' and Carmella's favourite ride in the park.
18		Our Baby Girl in January Carmella happy and contented Nothing more important when the alternative is a screaming baby!
17	2 0	Max Looney Tune Driver! You can see that Maximus loves cars and this was one of his favourite moments of the holiday. (Are you stating to see a pattern?)
16		Holding Magdelin Like an Old Pro I am now the proud Uncle of Magdelin (Pictured) and Zhi Ying.

15	The Long House Yes, it really is that long and so very friendly.
14	Tiger Woods Watch Out! Maximus birthday gift gave him so much fun and a good start on the golf course.
13	The Thinkers! Maximus and Carmella together.
12	The Christmas Angel Carmella in front of the school christmas tree.
11	Don't Mess With Us! Darren, James & Erik the protectors of Carmella in Brunei in what seems like a hotel paved with gold. (We had to sneak in the backdoor)

10	Wow! The Balls Fly up Maximus first birthday party with his classmates.
9	Scooter Ville! I can't tell you how motivational that scooter was to help Maximus improve his balance and how many races we had between the Tricycle and scooter So much fun!
8	And the boy turned back the waves Darren and Maximus had so much fun on the beach, but this picture is an absolute gem!
7	The Tickle Monster Maximus' first show of imagination and even in school the teachers say he is highly imaginative and with my English teacher hat on I agree, Maximus does not just use the langauge but plays with it and moulds it for his own purposes All from a 3 year old!
6	Seat Belts are fun! Maximus enjoying a morning out with his school friends.

5	Carmella's 1st birthday A great occasion for Carmella and one we celebrated in style with all the neighbourhood children.
4	A Perfect Island Beach! In Malaysia this maybe common, but I still appreciate the opportunity to relax by the beach with blue skies and a sandy beach to supervise Darren's castle construction and try hard not to encourage Maximus' demolition campaign.
3	Brother and sister It is a joy to see them happy together
2	Mother and Daughter! The bond of mother and daughter is a wonder to behold.
1	Riding Together! As a parent there is nothing that makes me happier than seeing my children playing together in harmony and that is why it is the greatest moment of this year!

Full sized pictures can be found at: http://picasaweb.google.com/abela.james/2007Top25Photos

Discuss

- 1. What do you think are my priorities in life? Do you agree with them?
- 2. Do the children pictured above have a good life? Why / Why not?
- 3. Which activity do you think they enjoyed the most?
- 4. What do you think children in your hometown enjoy doing?

IELTs Style Writing Question

WRITING TASK 2

You should spend about 40 minutes on this task.

Present a written argument or case to an educated reader with no specialist knowledge of the following topic.

Parents need to make money to provide for children, but this should not be at the expense of quality time with them.

What are your views?

You should use your own ideas, knowledge and experience and support your arguments with examples and relevant evidence.

You should write at least 250 words.

Teaching Ideas

- 1. Cut out the table into cells and ask students to put the table in the order that they feel is right. (To adjust difficulty just cut out top 10 or top 5)
- 2. Ask students to bring in pictures and talk about their top 10 moments of 2007. If pictures are digital then they could do a PowerPoint Presentation.
- 3. Using a newspaper or the Internet ask students to compile the most important moments of 2007.
- 4. Ask students to write a character description of the children pictured here.