

# Learning via fun and play

LIFE as a 12-year-old student was more fun in the past. Of course, the students had mountains of homework but it did not stop them from having fun in the field. Just before sunset, after a fun evening playing different types of traditional games such as hopscotch, *galah panjang* and five stones, they quenched their thirst with colourful ais kacang with sweet syrup toppings and condiments.

The students did quite well in school despite the little time they spent on studying. After all, all work and no play makes Jack a dull boy.

In school, the students had very few issues and the expectations of their academic achievements were not very high. They knew they had to study hard, but there was less pressure and that made all the difference to their performance and examination results.

Time has changed and things are quite different today. Now, the focus is more on drilling children to familiarise them with the examination format rather than the learning process itself, which is sad because passing the examination seems to be the goal of teaching and learning.

However, learning is more than just drills. It should help children explore the world around them and gain experiences that build their characters and personalities. That is why at Cambridge English For Life (CEFL), there is a very thin line between education and fun.

CEFL incorporates fun learning activities in the classroom that lend joy to children's lives, which not only make them interesting but intelligent too.

CEFL believes that successful students do



Apart from learning, playing builds children's characters and personalities. It also improves self-esteem and boosts self-confidence.

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not only get good grades but can also carry themselves well. It is the culmination of learning and experience that make people who they are.

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