

2. Apart from studying hard to gain knowledge, students should also cultivate their ability to think independently.

It was a sunny morning. In a village on the outskirts of Sichuan, the sun was shining gloriously in the deep, blue sky, while several farmers were working hard in their farm fields. In the nearby houses, women were chatting about their daily lives, as their children ran around them, playing happily. The whole village formed a picture of peace and harmony. But then it happened all of a sudden. The whole ground began to tremor violently, making all the people jump with fright. Then the trees started to fall down, crushing onto the ground. The houses in the village collapsed under the great force of the earthquake, killing all the people who didn't manage to escape in time. Debris and fallen stones were everywhere, and beneath them, we can see injured people screaming and crying painfully, asking for

help. The earthquake had turned the peaceful village into a flaming purgatory in only a few minutes.

The news of the outbreak of the earthquake in Sichuan had spread throughout the world in just a few hours. The hell-like scene was broadcast all over the world, making all the people who had seen it stunned and frightened. Search teams were distributed to the earthquake-struck areas immediately, trying to help the survivors and to treat the injured. Meanwhile, phonecalls were also pouring into organizations such as the Red Cross, asking to donate daily necessities to Sichuan. People around the world were all united as one, trying to give the quake-struck villagers support and care. With the plentiful help offered by them, the quake-struck areas are sure to come back to its original state.