

2. Besides studying hard to gain knowledge, students should also cultivate the ability of independent thinking.

After an exhausting day, the farmer had walked back home with weary steps. Given so much hard work today, the farmer was looking forward to see his wife coming out their house and giving him a heart-melting hug, just as she usually did. However, what the farmer saw after arriving home gave him the creeps — his house had been collapsed! The farmer couldn't believe what he had seen and couldn't help but shout his wife's name in agony. The rubbles and remains served as the testimony of the cruelty of an earthquake <sup>that</sup> hit early this morning. The heartbroken man seemed so vulnerable that all the people witnessing the scene couldn't help but shed tears and feel sorry for the poor farmer.

All of a sudden, the farmer heard a familiar voice shouting his name — wasn't it the voice of his lovely wife? <sup>His eyes filled with tears</sup> the farmer turned to the voice immediately, and he saw his wife bursting into tears and running towards him. It was just like a dream! The farmer and his wife threw their arms around each other and cried with thankness. The man suddenly realized that though he lost his house, he didn't lose the one he really cares about — his family!

With both of the farmer and the wife cheering up for each other, what they should do now is cleaning up the <sup>terrible</sup> scene. Rebuilding the house serves as a critical job for the couple. Fortunately, they have got all their neighbors coming and offering them helps. With so much appreciation, though the farmer just went through a disaster of losing a place <sup>to live in</sup>, he feels like he is <sup>surely</sup> the luckiest person in the world.