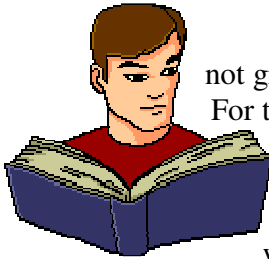




The Most Important Achievement in My Life

By Artemio Cinto



I remember when I was a boy. I wanted to go to study but I was not given that opportunity because my parents did not have enough money. For this reason I never had a year of education in my country.

But thanks to God I have learned to read and to write by only reading books and also reading newspapers, although not very well, but I tried. This experience has been very difficult in my life, but it has also been very special because it taught me to learn many new things in life. For example, when you have a goal you can do it. And as they say, "It's never too late to learn," and it is not impossible to do the things you set out to do. I know that it is very difficult to do it, but when you have a dream you can overcome anything.

I just remember when my father told me, "Son, forgive me for not giving you an education." He told me that when I was about eleven years old. It is more important the way my parents taught me how to succeed in life and to overcome any obstacle in life. And thanks to my father I have been able to learn something beautiful in the life. This story is based on the real life of a person. All I have to say, teachers, is thanks for teaching me in Spanish or in English. In reality, this is my most important achievement: to be able to read.

Artemio:

Very good. Choose one of the pictures above (Clip Art) or add your own idea.

This is honest, well considered writing. I see why you might hesitate to share some of the details with other students, but you can be an inspiration to students in the future.

Some questions:

Which is one of your dreams? *Describe one of them to me here:*

What is one obstacle that you overcame? *For example, I had to....*