WOMEN EMPOWERMENT ('CAUSE WHY NOT?)

For the longest time, women have been treated as second-class citizens (not as important as men). The respect they get depends on the culture they grew up with, or the country they were born in. If they were lucky enough, they would be treated just as important as men. Unfortunately, a great majority of women in the world do not receive the respect they deserve – simply because THEY'RE WOMEN. Women empowerment aims to give women the opportunities mostly only men get. Women empowerment does not stop at being treated kindly. It stops when everyone is treated equally with respect. Empowering women means empowering a community. Support women!

GOODBYE, FACEMASKS?

On **February 11ᵗʰ**, the Japanese government announced that they will no longer require people to wear a face mask starting on **March 13ᵗʰ**. However, they still recommend that people wear a mask inside public transportation and schools. Because of this, people have the freedom to choose to wear or not to wear a mask. Moreover, the status of COVID-19 has also been reduced. Starting **May 8ᵗʰ**, COVID-19 will be treated as the seasonal flu.
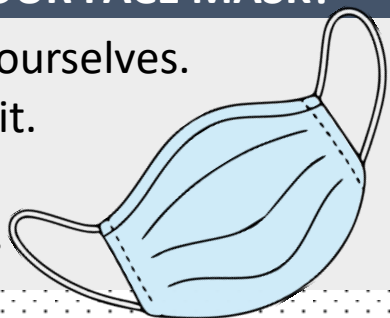
SHARE YOUR OPINION!
(TICK YOUR ANSWER)

ARE YOU STILL GOING TO WEAR YOUR FACE MASK?

☐ **Yes**, because we need to protect ourselves.
☐ **No**, because I'm tired of wearing it.
☐ **Hmm**, I need to think about it.
☐ **Yes**, especially in crowded places.

HOW DO YOU SAY THESE WORDS?

again
many
image
honest

WRONG

agEYn
mEYni
imEYj
OHnist

CORRECT

agen
meni
imij
ahnist

NOTE: When a word ends with *-age* with two syllables, such as image (*i-mage*) and shortage (*shor-tage*), the *-age* is pronounced as /ɪdʒ/ (as in *ij*) and **NOT** /eɪdʒ/ (as in *eyj*).

THE RISE OF ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE

Artificial Intelligence or *AI* is becoming more and more advanced. Believe it or not, *AI* was actually first developed between 1940 and 1960. Since then, a great number of innovations have been made. *AI* was created to make computers smarter and faster, but most importantly, to make people's lives better. Today, *AI* can do wonderful things that an ordinary person can't. Let's take a look at some of the most interesting *AIs* so far.

Chat GPT

This *AI* can answer just about any question you ask. Think of it as *Google* but smarter. But unlike *Google*, *Chat GPT* can do other tasks that are more complicated. It can solve math problems, make a speech about any topic, and even write a song. Since its release, people have been amazed by how helpful this *AI* is in doing their tasks.

SimSimi

SimSimi was created in 2002. This AI was made to imitate a human conversation through chat. *SimSimi* is a self-learning *AI*, meaning it can learn from your conversations. If you want to practice your vocabulary and conversation skills, this might help you improve your communication. But remember, *AIs* make mistakes too, so don't take things too seriously.

OpenArt

This *AI* is for people who love to make art. If you want to create paintings or drawings, this *AI* will help make one in just a few minutes. All you need to do is give it clear instructions on what you want your art to look like. Hundreds of *AI-GENERATED* art have been created online since its launch, some of them look so real, but most of them clearly still need some improvements.

Alexa and Google Assistant

Both *Alexa* and *Google Assistant* have been very popular voice assistants. You can simply ask them to do things that would normally need our hands. From weather reports to online shopping, they can help you with anything. With these devices, you can set up your house and create a smart home – a remotely controlled system within your house. Those are some of the things that you can do with *Alexa* and *Google*, but there are still so many things that can be done with this technology. And because of *AI*, it has become a reality.