***Just so I know before we go, which school are you going to?***

"Cengic Vila 1".

***Well, you're close to me here, and you're in third grade, right?***

Fourth, I'll be done soon.

***Oh, can't you wait for it to end?***

When I have nothing to do for the holidays, not really. In the end only that 21.-29. then I am free, because dad then took a day off, and mom, from 21.-29. this month, so we’ll probably go to Una camp upstairs.

***How I envy you for that. Do you love Una?***

I love it very much. I wrote two stories that have to do with her, that they happen near Una.

***Let's announce this, so that people know we've started. Good friends, good friends, the youngest interlocutor in Besjeda. It is a great pleasure for me, and I have perhaps the greatest anxiety, than I have had with everyone else. We are talking to Zak Agić, who is a student at the elementary school "Čengić Vila 1", our old friend, our old friend. Hi, Zak, welcome to the Talks on Education.***

Hello.

***Welcome. Thank you for your time.***

No problem, I just have plenty of time.

***Do you generally have time for how this online school is?***

I have a. Only on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays, then I don't really have, then I hurry to finish everything quickly so that I can get out. When I go out there is no going back.

***That's when you're allowed to go out.***

Yes.

***How did you endure these, I don't know how many days, not to leave the house?***

I endure very well, I hope. Mostly it's really nice to me and I think I'll remember this, corona, and I'll laugh later: "Wow, you remember" on the example when I talk to someone, "hey, do you remember when it was that corona when we weren't dare you leave the house? ”Mostly everything goes well and I hope everything will be ok.

***Were you bored?***

In some moments, for example when I don't have time to go out, and I have school like this up to my head and more.

***Tell me honestly, are there any big differences between this online school and between a real school?***

Yes. There is a difference that you can wake up at 11am like this, and then just start doing school.

***Not in the morning.***

And not at 6.30 am.

***What are we going to do with that school? Do you need a school at all?***

It should, I think. I think she is very important in everyone’s life. I think that every situation that happens to us at school, later, for example, at a job interview, someone will ask us what it is about and if we did not go to school we will not know it. Basically, we need to go to school and we need to know both the basics and the hardest things.

***Is that education important to you? How do you look at it, at that school, at learning, at hanging out with friends?***

It is. I’m not sure what to say, I love school very much, but I know some would disagree with me, I’m sure. I like to hang out with my friends, so school is a kind of learning and friends together, that's the top for me.

***Perfect! Is it fun to learn? Or is it hard so you have to sit down and study?***

It can be fun. It can be hard, it just depends on what kind of teacher your teacher is, they have access to how we learn: whether we learn everything by heart or we learn everything little by little. That is also very important.

***How do you learn best? What is the easiest way for you to learn?***

In this situation now or else?

***Let’s hear in general first, then we will talk about the current situation.***

I learn the easiest when I read books, because otherwise I really like reading books and I learn a lot from them.

***And in this online class?***

In online teaching, I also like to learn from books, but I also learn from, now I will tell you: my teacher came up with this approach in which we have one activity every day, we have one activity, e.g. Wednesday is a day for laughter, Friday is a day for life activities.

***Those books you read, when did you start reading?***

I started reading, I think when I was three, but I didn’t really and I won’t say, I didn’t know how to pronounce words nicely: R, J, stuff like that.

***I also suffered with R, you know, since my brother's name is Nasko, then I teased him and spoke to Nasko Prasko, but I couldn't tell him so I spoke to Nasko Pjasko. And the first time I said R, it was like that. What was the hardest thing for you to learn the letter?***

If we are going to talk, I think, in the written Cyrillic we are learning now, which we learned last year or this year, I am not sure. The hardest thing for me was to remember F as going obliquely, then as something.

***Yes, it's hard.***

Somehow it was a little hard for me to remember, but in the end everything is ok.

***What is your favorite book? Come on, recommend me a book now.***

My favorite book is The Miracle. It is about a boy with a deformed face, who needs to go to school and so, various challenges await him, like children who challenge him. Basically, I really liked the book, and it's instructive that "we shouldn't judge a book by its cover."

***That's right. I understood. You mentioned a teacher to me, what is important to you with a teacher?***

It is important to me, first of all, that the teacher respects her students. It is not only for teachers, but for teachers, for teachers, it is valid for all that. And that is the most important thing. He should try to make teaching easier. We should try to make learning as fun as possible for children, because I don't know if children like to learn just to memorize, and so just know, know, know ... It's better to learn little by little, and then just learn, j and I think the truth is so.

***The truth is somewhere in the middle always. How important is the game?***

Depends on how he plays. If you mean some recreational activity, I will say that school is more important, it is always so. For example, some parents never ban school, but some parents ban you from recreational activities. My parents don’t do that and I’m very happy and grateful for that, because I train 500 things.

***Everything I can train, I train. And do you play otherwise?***

I'm playing. You mean tablet games?

***Games, board games?***

I play, as this crown started, I play Monopoly a lot with my parents and as you can guess I win a lot.

***Are they letting you win or do you really win?***

Well, it's hard to let go of Monopoly, that's what I tell them non-stop.

***And yes, it has that effect of happiness, you're right. Should we play more at school, now it doesn't just have to be those games on the tablet, they can also play various games?***

This rest of 15-20 minutes is enough for me. That's enough for me to talk to my friends, share something, and play. I think that's enough. Mostly now I don't want to sound like someone who just says: "School is good, school is perfect ...", I like some things, some don't, but there are many more that I like.

***Would you talk about those things you don’t like? What do you like most about school? Come on, you wake up and go to school and what is your favorite thing about one day, what do you like about that school***?

My favorite is the break when I can talk to my friends, I've already said everything about it and it's very important to me. Now if we talk about classes, I really like the BHS language class, because that's where we write stories, songs, and I love that.

***What else do you like about school?***

I love how my teacher teaches us, now I don’t know if that applies to some other students who are watching us now, but for me it certainly does, because my teacher is, I think, the best.

***His teacher is the best for everyone. Come on tell me this, I'd like to ask you that, is there anything bothering you at school? Is there anything you would like to change?***

Yes. Bad habits of boys and as their "humor". Especially when they go to the toilet and defecate next to the cup, so that our toilet is always dirty.

***That doesn't work.***

I do not like that. But I will not insult cleaners, I know very well that they maintain toilets well, but somehow these are faster than mine. Non-stop when cleaned, they come.

***Do you feel safe at school? What is security for you? I don't know how to ask this question?***

It is a certainty for me that, I will not say now that we are free, because I know what freedom would mean for some, it is a certainty for me that we know where we are, e.g. you don’t feel safe in first grade when you don’t know where you are, when you start first grade, but when you finish eighth then you know what it’s all about, you feel safe.

***Of course. Let's imagine you and me in the perfect school? What kind of school is that? What's going on in it? What's up?***

To me, my school is also very good.

***Close to perfect?***

It's not perfect. I wish there was an elevator for children with special needs, because there isn’t one in my school, and I doubt there is in some other schools. I would love that. I really like this now approach with everyone and everything, so I don't know how to talk about that topic, what I would like to change, because it's really the top for me now.

***That’s good, that’s fair too, that means someone is doing their job well.***

I would just like a little football field, behind the school we have one, for recreation, small, to return the net that someone cut there once.

***Those nets, even when I was little they cut them. I don’t know what a pleasure it is to cut those nets, to destroy school property, to do such hogwash in the toilet, do you understand that?***

I don’t know why they like it. I do not know.

***You know what I'm interested in, now everyone's talking, Zack, about technology, are you in love with technology?***

I'm not going to say I'm in love, I usually spend a lot of time on technology, I have that one iPad, it's like a big tablet, I spend a lot of time on it, but I also like to go out, sometimes I have to study, and sometimes it can be that we use technology for learning, and that’s how I like it. For example, I use the iPad to open the files that contain it.

***If you had to determine how many hours a day a child should use technology, how many hours would you say it is?***

I would not like to determine that. I just want to say that it's ok to use technology, it's the same approach of my parents, as long as I'm good in school, as long as I'm decent and things like that.

***You have no restrictions that say - you can now use the tablet for 15 minutes.***

Do not have.

***Are you responsible for that?***

Yes. I only failed once, when I got 1 and 3 from the music, but I improved. Good news for me. That eventually turned out to be 5.

***Honestly, you fixed it. What subject would you introduce to school, and it is not there now?***

I'm not sure, I'm just looking at my board where I keep all my items. I like this now, I just want to say it.

***So you like the list of classes. What do you like?***

I have already said my favorite subject - BHS language. I also like informatics, because there we learn to work with technology. I like physical and health education, you know why, because I train these various sports mostly.

***What sports do you train?***

Swimming, football, mountaineering, cycling, skiing ... there are a lot of them.

***Zak can make it all.***

And I'm going to train basketball.

***Well done! Basketball is good.***

I still miss that.

***Let me ask you this: if you could tell your friends, peers, and even those slightly older students something, what would you tell them as a life lesson, what is important?***

To never give up. I love one song from Coldplay, but I'm not going to talk about it now, but I know the first verse is, "When you try your best, but you don't succeed," you know what that means.

***Let's translate it for us.***

If you try your best you can and you fail - I just add to that, you just have to keep going. It's kind of a motto to me.

***What should we adults do to make you better, to make you better?***

Now if we talk about my parents, I don't know what they could do better, honestly.

***You will receive applause from your parents. How to make friends fall in love with learning, are they all in love with learning, school, knowledge?***

I don’t know if that’s a good question now, a bad question, but the answer isn’t a good one for sure.

***But how to fall in love with children? What needs to be done?***

With those learning techniques that I learned from my teacher. Now I will say one, a learning technique - a storm of thoughts, I always use it before tests and that. I say now the first word that comes to my mind, e.g. school, and then I list everything that comes to mind with school.

***Let's try the technique of you and me. Here's our notion - school, okay?***

Okay. What comes to mind: teachers.

***A long time.***

Classes.

***Socializing. Inspiration.***

Vacations. Friends. Accessories.

***Dry food. School breaks.***

School playgrounds. School sections.

***And what are we doing with this now?***

We now have concepts that can help us do what we are given. There is another such similar technique - the mind map. It’s something very similar, it’s just for terms in a storm of thought, let’s say something else about them.

***I know that technique, it’s a great technique.***

Mostly I think it needs to be learned to make learning fun. That it should be known, that it is necessary.

***Do you have any questions for me? Do you have something you’d like to share with us that I didn’t ask you***?

About what, I'm not sure?

***I'm just talking about education, I'm not talking about anything else.***

If it is about education, I will now say that that education helped me to appear here, which I am talking about here, and to write for a children's magazine. It is very important.

***I agree with you, Zak. It’s even more important to fall in love like you fell in love with learning, and I’m trying to find a secret formula like all kids fall in love with learning. Do you have any suggestions for a secret formula? I mean, it won't be a secret anymore.***

It will now be just a formula. You need to know the techniques, like I said. Everything should be viewed from a better side, e.g. if we get 3, 2, 1, bad grades, we should look at everything from a better side, and there is a technique for that - 6 hats are called. If we say e.g. school...

***Let's new topic you and I - grades.***

The first is a white hat - that’s where we say everything we know about grades.

***What do we know about grades?***

We get them at school. There is a rating from 1 to 5. In some countries A, B, C, D, E, F are used.

***Some give grades the way he wants, and some give very honestly.***

Yes. Grades are important to some, not to others. They are enough for me.

***What are important to you? Let's continue with the 6 hat technique, come on black hat?***

Black hats are all dangers.

***What are the dangers of grades?***

That would be to take too much care of them and end up being very vulnerable when we get a bad grade. That's me. When I get 4 I get angry.

***But you're working on it, you've recognized it. What does a green hat do?***

It’s not like that anymore it was in first grade. The green hat is all creative about grades: there can be grades and we can invent a new grade of 6.7, or 10 for great work.

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Yes. -1.

***What does a yellow hat do?***

Yellow hat all positive. There’s a good grade, too, 4 and 5, I mean, I don’t know if those are good grades.

***But under yellow would be something motivating. Is it true that this assessment motivates you?***

Yes. Know everything before checking.

***And the red hat?***

A red hat is all the feelings about grades.

***Give me, please, any feelings about grades?***

These can be: sadness, happiness, worry. I don't know how to say that now.

***That's it. We have one more hat left - blue.***

Blue hat - a message, as something that stands out.

***Let's get a grades message?***

That grades don’t have to be that important, but that we have to be careful what they are, they’re just an ordinary number that doesn’t signify knowledge. It’s just an ordinary number that stands on your paper, knowledge is in your head. I think so.

***I have nothing else for you, I have nothing to take away or add to you. You know how I would like us to end this Sermon, with a message for teachers. What would you do now, a lot of teachers are watching us, which is great, you have the opportunity to tell them something?***

Just keep going like this. I hope that now that you are making our teaching easier, you are making an effort, I hope that it will stay like this, not a crown, but that it will readers, teachers, teachers, always continue to work hard and teach children things that are important for their lives later and now.

***My friend Zack, if you have nothing more to say, I would like to say hello and thank you. Do you have anything else to say?***

I don't really have one. I have to say that I am a little late now with my school, I apologize to my teacher if she watches.

***Here we apologize, and we beg the teacher, but Zak will get it all.***

Normal.

***Friends and dear friends, I enjoyed it endlessly, I was filled, but I think you can get serious messages out of this, I can’t wait to see and hear the reactions. Zak Agić, student, the youngest participant in the Talks on Education. Thank you to heaven, Zak, for being my guest in the Talk.***

No problem, I always can.

***Just so you know, I'll haunt you after that.***

Okay, okay.

***You have to become a serious collaborator of mine. I can't wait for you to finish school so we can work together.***

There is still time.

***Enjoy, please. And tell your friends to enjoy it all. Don’t rush to grow up. I received a T-shirt as a gift and it says: "Don't grow up, it's a trap", like - don't grow up, it's a trap. Is it a trap to grow up?***

I don't know if it can be said to be a trap, although I know that some children are in a hurry to grow up, but I don't really know, I want to use what I am now - me, how I am, what I am now, to use as long as I can. I'm not sure if it's a trap.

***But it is very important that we do not grow up prematurely.***

Yes.

***I want you to keep that joy, Zack, and everything you carry with you. Thanks again. Hi, Zak my good.***

Bye.