

Intro A: Good morning, I'm \_\_\_\_\_from 5A.

intro B: I'm\_\_\_\_\_from 5A too.

Intro A: You know, today is really a special day.

Intro B: Oh yes! Today's English Short talk will be conducted by us.

Intro A: Hey guys, are you ready?

Performers: YES!

Intro A: Do you know the theme of our presentation today?

Intro B: Of course, we are working on Economics. We will clarify some basic concepts of Economics through a play which is about lucky rice(平安米).

Intro A: So, what are we waiting for? Let's begin! Action!

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Narrator: Scene 1 It is one day after school.....

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Student A: Hey! Are you free? Let's go home and play the online game "LOL".

Student B: Why not, "LOL" is my favourite. Let's go and have fun together.

Student A: Wait. What's happening there? There're so many people lining up over there.

Student B: I think it's a charity(慈善機構) giving out lucky rice(平安米). People say if you get lucky rice, both you and your family members will be lucky throughout the whole year, and you can also have peace (平安).

Student A: Really?! Why don't we get some before we go for our "LOL"?

Student B: Good idea. (Both queue up for the lucky rice)

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Scene 2 [numerous people are queuing up for the rice.....]

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owb: OH....there are so many people. I've been waiting for a long long time.

owa: Me too! I've been waiting for ages. But come to think of it. They're handing out the rice for FREE! If we get the rice, we don't have to buy it ourselves and this can save us a lot of money.

(All actors and actresses FREEZE, and narrator comes up on stage)

narrator: Is it really FREE OF CHARGE(免費)? Isn't it true that we don't have to pay a dollar for one whole bag of rice for free? Definitely NOT!

(Actors and actresses can move again)

owb: We old people don't have much money. Besides, everything's so expensive nowadays. We have to wait in a long long queue to get some rice for free in order to save more money. We just have no choice.

oma: Oh no! Why does it take so long. I should be meeting up with my old friend in the park to play Chinese chess.  
Let me call my friend to tell him I'll be late. (take out a mobile phone and call)Hello?Hello? Is this 老陳??? Hello?Hello? Hi, this is 老王??. I'm running late because I'm still waiting in a long queue for the lucky rice. (wait for 3 seconds) Yeah, Yeah. OK, I'll see you in the park, maybe about TWO HOURS later.

(All actors and actresses FREEZE, and narrator comes up on stage)

narrator: See ?! They don't have to pay any money to get the rice, but can we say that they are paying a zero price (零代價)? That means THEY DON'T PAY ANYTHING for the rice? Can we? (wait for 2 seconds)  
Definitely NOT! They still have to pay a non-money cost (非金錢代價). They have to spend a lot of time queuing up for the lucky rice. What's more, not meeting up their friends on time is a surely price to pay too.

(Actors and actresses can move again)

omc: You people , don't push!!YEAH it's my turn!! AH.....(fainting while getting rice)

omd: HEY!Are you OK?? Help! Somebody help!

(All actors and actresses FREEZE, and narrator comes up on stage)

narrator: Sadly, some may even get sick waiting hours and hours under the sun. This is also non-money cost.  
We really have to think about more carefully if it is worth sacrificing our health or even lives(犧牲生命) when getting the lucky rice.

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~~~~~the theme song of news report~~~~~

reporter : There is a special news report, an old man fainted while queuing up for lucky rice. Let me interview some eyewitnesses of this event...

omd :Ow! The sun is too hot... I'm almost fainting too!

owa : Yes! The people at the back keep pushing forward.

owb : It's a pity that nobody helps to keep order.  
There's too much chaos! Everything is like a mess!

owa : In fact the organizer can be kind enough to prepare some chairs for us.

owb : I can't agree more! I wonder why the charity doesn't let us wait in a more comfortable place indoor..

reporter : Then why do you think so many of you come to get the lucky rice even though you are so unhappy about the arrangement?

omd : HAHA.. I have so much free time. Furthermore the rice can bring us luck!

Owb : Think about it, young lad, lucky rice is FREE for us. There is NO COST at all. I can have my free rice for almost a month.

Reporter : This is \_\_\_\_\_ from WYY News Station.

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narrator : From the viewpoint of Economics, whatever you choose or choose to do always involves a cost, be it in terms of MONEY or NON-MONEY cost. Therefore, for every action or anything that you want, always add up TWO COSTS:  
First is the amount of money you really have to pay.  
Second is the non-money cost like the need to spend a long time to wait for your turn, the possibility of getting sick or giving up of the chance of doing something more worthwhile like meeting friends or having an interest class.