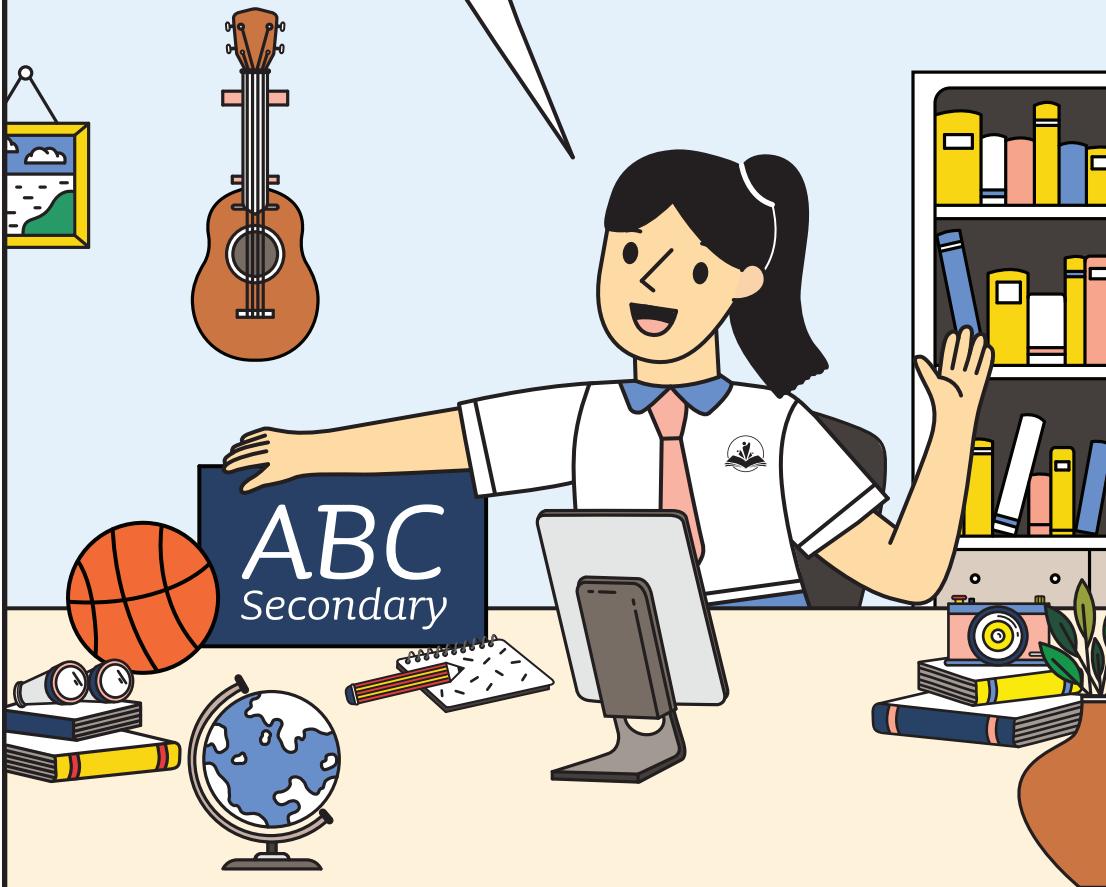




Hi! I'm Sylvia!

It's nice to meet you! I'm excited to share with you my experience with Student-Initiated Learning, or SIL for short.



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Let's Get Started!



What is SIL?

As part of Home-Based Learning (HBL), you are going to embark on 'Student-Initiated Learning' or SIL for short. So what exactly is SIL?

SIL is

- ✓ an opportunity for you to learn to be an **independent, passionate and lifelong learner**
- ✓ a dedicated time during HBL for you to **explore personal interests**, both within and outside of curriculum

If you are still wondering what your SIL journey could look like, here's a sneak peek at mine!

01 Getting Started

- Choose an activity from the given list in SLS.

SIL is not...

- a time for you to catch up on school work
- an activity that others ask you to do
- an activity that is graded
- an activity that you need to spend a long time planning for

02 Embarking on your journey

- Explore, Plan and Learn!

03 Sharing your Journey

- Don't forget to share your learning journey!

What should I do for SIL?



I want to learn _____,
by _____.

Here are some examples:



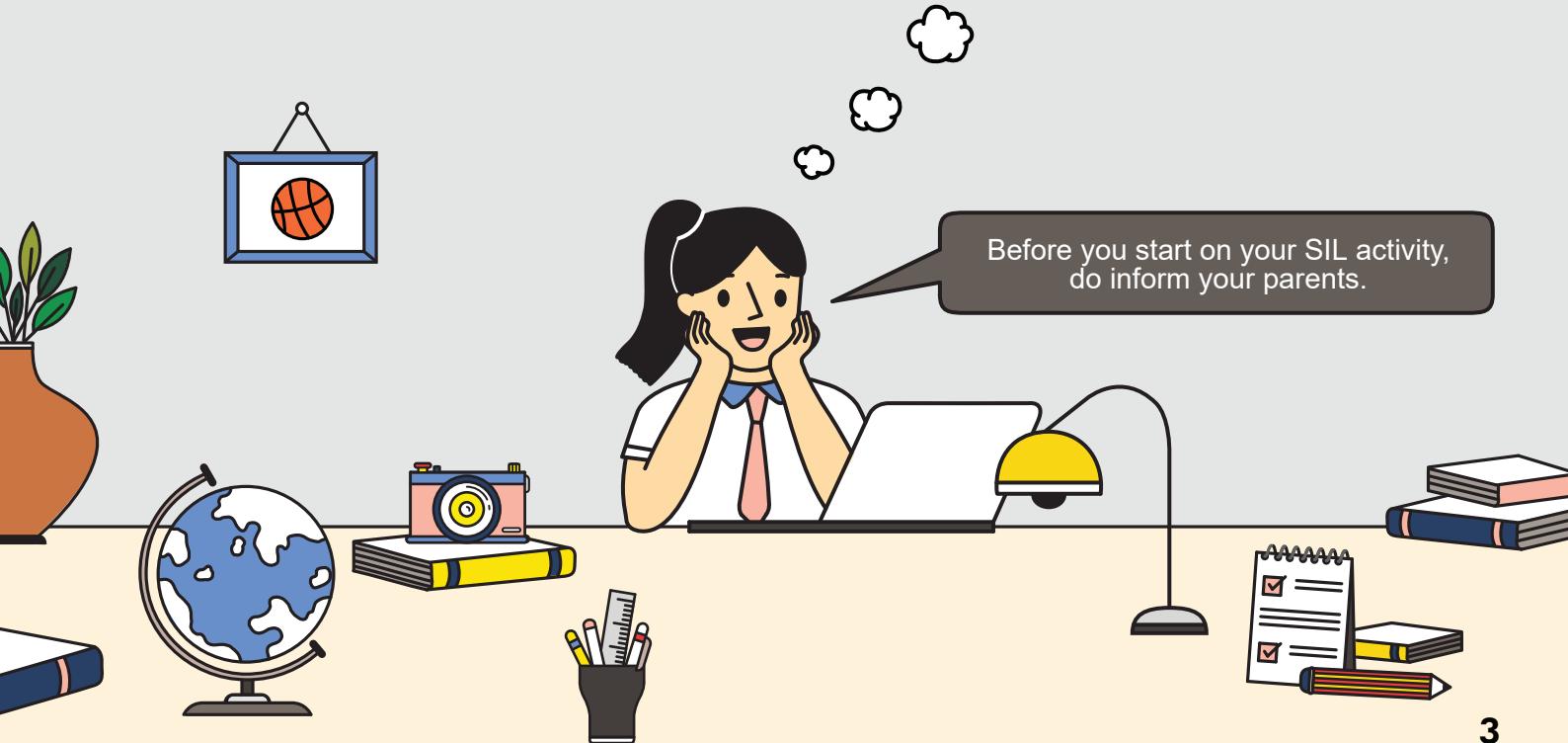
I want to learn how to cook traditional cuisine from my culture, by reading cookbooks and trying the dishes at home.



I want to learn the Korean language, by taking online language lessons.



I want to learn gardening skills, by reading gardening magazines and growing a few plants of my own.

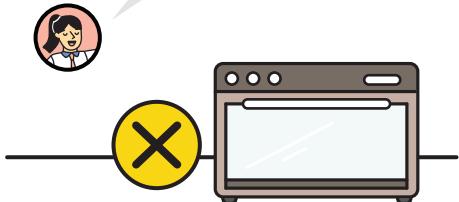


Things to remember for SIL:

01 Keep it safe

- Consider the possible risks in what you plan to do.

I haven't used an oven before,
I'd better ask my mum/dad/older
siblings to teach me before I use it.



03 Keep it stress-free

- Choose a topic that you enjoy!
- Have fun during the learning process and feel free to tweak your plan as you go along!



02 Keep it simple

- Choose a simple activity that can be done at home.
- Ensure that the materials you need are easily accessible.
- Break down a task into mini-tasks that you can progressively build up over the weeks!

Build up a task progressively over the days

Day 1	Day 2	Day 3
Study different portrait drawing techniques	Experiment with a portrait drawing	Add colours, contours and background to portrait
Day 4	Day 5	
Draw another portrait	Try an abstract portrait drawing	

SIL Timeline and Schedule

Term and Week	Remarks
T1 WK 6	Start of SIL
T1 WK 8	Continue SIL + Weighted Assessment 1
T1 WK 10	Continue SIL
T2 WK 2	Continue SIL
T2 WK 4	Continue SIL + Weighted Assessment 2
T2 WK 6	Continue SIL + MYE (Sec 2, 4& 5)
T2 WK 8	Upload SIL to SLS & Submit Reflection

The table above shows the SIL timeline. Take note of the weeks where you have assessments and exams, and plan your time well.

Planning a SIL Schedule: Build up a task progressively over the days

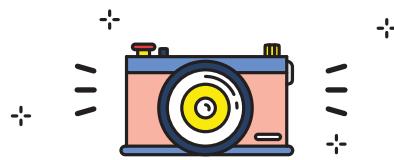
Step	Tasks	Extra Notes	To be completed by
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Add more lines if you need to.

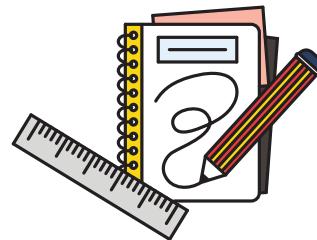
Sharing your journey



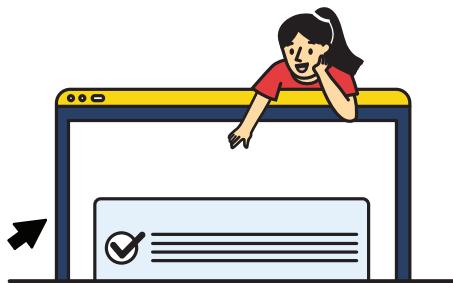
Here are some suggestions for how you can share your learning and upload onto SLS!



Snap a picture of something you created, or a moment you want to remember!



Start a learning journal!



Record your learning in PowerPoint or Google slides



Create a short video!

Digital product	Requirement	File Extension	Size Limitation
Digital Graphics	5 to 10 photos	jpg/jpeg/gif/png/svg	10 MB
Word/Google Doc/ PDF (font size 12)	3 to 6 pages	docx/pdf	10 MB
PowerPoint / Google Slides	5 to 10 slides	pptx	50 MB
Video	3 to 6 minutes	mp4/m4v/ogv/avi/mov/mpg/mpeg/wmv	500 MB



How do I submit my learning?

Before submission, check for the following:		Check
1.	Did I introduce myself? "I am Sylvia Gan from 1C."	<input type="checkbox"/>
2.	Did I explain why I chose the SIL activity? "I chose this SIL activity because ..."	<input type="checkbox"/>
3.	Did I share how and what I have learnt clearly?	<input type="checkbox"/>
4.	Did I use any offensive language?	<input type="checkbox"/>
5.	Did I put on school-related attire in my sharing, if any?	<input type="checkbox"/>
6.	Did I present myself appropriately?	<input type="checkbox"/>

General guidelines:

Your appearance must be respectful towards people, the school and the public.

The contents must also be appropriate for school context. There should be no glorification of violence, religion, sexuality and drugs, but not limited to these.

Once you have checked for the above,

1. Name your file in the following format:

Class_Register Number_Name_Title

e.g. 1C_06_Sylvia Gan_Calligraphy

2. Upload your file onto the SLS.



Need help?

email to SIL_helpdesk@cchy.edu.sg



FAQs



Answering some of your questions on SIL.



Hey Sylvia, my friends and I love playing online games together. Are we able to use SIL time for this?

Felicia

Hmm I don't think that's a good idea, Felicia. SIL is intended for you to learn something that you're interested in. Why not make use of this opportunity to explore something new?



Hi Sylvia, I was wondering if I could do my SIL activity with my classmates?

Ganesh

Hi Ganesh, No. For this SIL, due to the current Covid-19 situation, it's better that we do individual learning.



Hey Sylvia, do I need to seek approval from my teachers and my parents before I embark on my SIL activities?

Yi Ting



Hi Yi Ting, for SIL activities that are carried out at home or in school, you should keep your parents informed about what you are planning to do



Hey Sylvia, I'm considering learning more about Singaporean artists at the National Gallery. Can I venture out of my home or school for my SIL activities?

Ethan

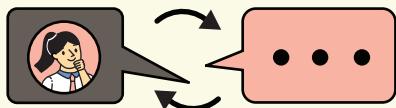


Hi Ethan, as a rule of thumb, you should choose activities that can be done at home or in school.





FAQS



Hi Sylvia, there are so many ways to share my SIL learning. How should I decide?



Christopher



Hi Christopher! Remember, keep it simple! Your sharing shouldn't become a burden or take up a lot of time. Your sharing should also be fun, so you can choose a mode of sharing that you enjoy and upload onto SLS.



Hi Sylvia, how much do I need to share about what I've learnt with my peers, as I'm still a beginner. I'm worried that I will make a fool of myself.



Afiqah



Don't worry Afiqah, it's not necessary to perform or to showcase your new skillset. You should just share as much as you're comfortable with. For example, you can share with your teachers what you have read or videos you watched as part of your SIL learning.

