Liu, Amy. Section A. *"My Sweet Orange Tree:* A Priceless Lesson in Children's Education."

My Sweet Orange Tree is a story that depicts how empathy and physical punishment affect a child. To illustrate, Zeze's father uses physical punishment every time the child is naughty, which has led to an unpleasant ending in their relationship. In contrast, the old Portuguese man treats Zeze with empathy, which causes Zeze to become a better person, someone who knows how to be kind to others. It is argued among critics that corporal punishment is necessary to help children be in good discipline; while some dispute that this approach will bring long-term mental health issues to the children. According to them, empathy is encouraged in building the relationship with children, for it builds respect and trust which can lead to positive behavior changes. Through the text analysis of *My Sweet Orange Tree*, this paper wants to emphasize that empathy is more essential in child education.

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