

Dear Justine,

Thanks for being such a cheerful friend. I used to be very shy and you are the one who turned me into an outgoing person.

We had lots of laughs and tears together. Do you remember we cried after winning the school basketball competition? It was so memorable. It seems that the last five years just flew by.

I've always thought of you since I returned to Poland. Keep in touch. Visit me some time.

Stella

Dear Mum and Dad,

Thank you for bringing me to this wonderful family. You both have done so much for me.

I'll never forget how supportive you are when I face difficulties.

It's you who teach me not to be irresponsible. You taught me to become a caring sister. It's you who give me everything I have now. I love you, Mum and Dad!

Flora

Dear Miss Lam,

I really love your lessons! You're friendly and patient. Although I was sometimes inattentive in class, you corrected my mistakes patiently. I am so touched that you often encourage me with your kind words.

I promise I'll be more attentive in class and do sums every day. I'll miss you.

Michael

### Write the correct letters in the boxes for Question 1 and 2.

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| <p>1. Which of the following is true?</p> <p>A. Stella met Justine two years ago.</p> <p>B. Stella is now in Poland.</p> <p>C. Flora is the only child.</p> <p>D. Flora is irresponsible.</p> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <p>2. Who is Miss Lam?</p> <p>A. Michael's school principal</p> <p>B. Michael's English tutor</p> <p>C. Michael's sports teacher</p> <p>D. Michael's Maths teacher</p> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
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### Fill in the blanks with the adjectives from the text.

3. Flora is \_\_\_\_\_. She looks after her younger sister.
4. Stella used to be too \_\_\_\_\_ to speak to strangers.

### Changes in School Life

Do your grandparents like talking about their school life when they were young? Just how different was it?



In the past, students used quill pens to write. There were inkwells, which were small bottles of ink, in each classroom. Students dipped their pens into the inkwells, and then wrote on paper. It was very inconvenient. For teachers, they used chalks to write on blackboards when teaching. However, these writing tools are less often used now. Both teachers and students use computers during lessons which is much more convenient.

Talking about teachers in the past, most people would give a frightened face. Teachers were very strict. All students had to behave very well in class. If they broke any rules, teachers would hit their hands with a ruler. Nowadays, teachers do not punish students in this way.

There were few after-school activities for students many years ago. Many students needed to help their family. In their spare time, some might play simple games like marbles and hopscotch. Nowadays students are lucky. They can do many things after school like joining interest clubs, watching TV and playing video games.

#### Circle the correct picture.

1. What did students in the past NOT do?



#### Draw the correct picture.

2. In the past, how would people feel when they saw their teachers? Draw their face below.



#### Fill in the bubbles.



3. Which words in the text mean the opposite of the words below?

convenient

(i)

unlucky

(ii)

#### Answer the question in a complete sentence.

4. What did teachers use to write when teaching?

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**Hong Kong: Now and Then**

One hundred years ago, Hong Kong was a quiet small town. The air was clean because there were many trees but few cars in streets. There were few public transports at that time, so it was inconvenient to get around Hong Kong. On Hong Kong Island, trams were an important means of transport.

Most women did not go to work. They stayed home to look after their children and do housework. Men earned money for their families and they usually ate at home after work. Life was boring for most families: there were no televisions or computers.

Nowadays, Hong Kong is one of the busiest cities in the world. Trees are cut for urban development and motor vehicles are everywhere. Therefore, the air is dirty. However, it is easier to travel around Hong Kong with a better transport network.

Many women now have jobs and leave their housework to domestic helpers. After work, people can enjoy films, TV programmes and online entertainment. Life is surely more interesting now.

Write the correct letters in the boxes for Question 1 and 2.

- What did men do after work?
  - looked after children
  - had dinner at home
  - watched television
  - played computer games
- Which of the following is NOT true about Hong Kong 100 years ago?
  - People could not watch TV.
  - Most women were housewives.
  - There was no public transport.
  - Hong Kong was a town.

Complete the table with the adjectives from the text.

- How is Hong Kong now different from 100 years ago?

	100 Years Ago	Now
(i) Air	clean	
(ii) People's Life		interesting

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## Rise of Smartphones

In the past, if you said you could record videos with your mobile phones, nobody would believe you. However, with the fast development of mobile phones, video recording becomes a basic function of mobile phones today. We call these modern mobile phones with multiple functions smartphones.



When mobile phones were first invented many years ago, their main function was making phone calls. Mobile phones at that time were just used as a way of communication.

Compared with traditional mobile phones, smartphones can be used for more purposes, such as accessing the Internet, taking photos, listening to songs, locating a person with GPS and many more. They help people get the latest information and provide entertainment. Making phone calls becomes a minor function of a mobile phone.

Smartphones are important to our daily life. Many people think that it is impossible to live without smartphones. With so many functions, no wonder they are so popular.

### Write the correct letters in the boxes for Question 1 and 2.

- Why are smartphones so popular?
  - They are small.
  - They have many functions.
  - They are inexpensive.
  - They have GPS.
- Which function of smartphones is NOT mentioned in the text?
  - making phone calls
  - creating a text document
  - finding out a person's position
  - going online

### Answer Question 3 in short.

- Which adjective in the text means 'not modern'?  
\_\_\_\_\_

### Answer Question 4 in a complete sentence.

- What were traditional mobile phones mainly used for?  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

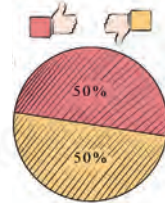
## Future Technologies

What technologies do people like? The purpose of this survey is to find out if the following technologies in the future are welcomed by the public. 1,000 people were interviewed.

### Automatic Car



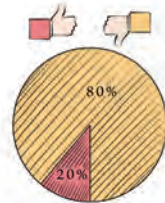
In the future, Automatic Cars will take people to the destination automatically. That means we do not need to know how to drive anymore. Half of the people interviewed welcome this technology and say that they will buy such a car. The other half do not support this idea as they think there will be more cars. The air quality will surely become worse.



### Travellers' Glasses



Once you put on the Travellers' Glasses, you can see images of famous places around the world. People will be able to 'go sightseeing' at home. Surprisingly, only 20% of the people interviewed welcome this new product. The rest of the people prefer going on a real trip.



### Write the correct letters in the boxes for Question 1 and 2.

- The report aims to \_\_\_\_\_.  
 A. introduce new technologies  
 B. show the changes in technologies  
 C. tell how to use the inventions  
 D. show the result of the survey
- Who will NOT like Automatic Cars?  
 A. scientists  
 B. policemen  
 C. environmentalists  
 D. travellers

### Fill in the blank with a word from the text.

- Most of the people interviewed do not like the travelling experiences given by Travellers' Glasses because these experiences are not \_\_\_\_\_.

### Put a tick '✓' in the correct boxes.

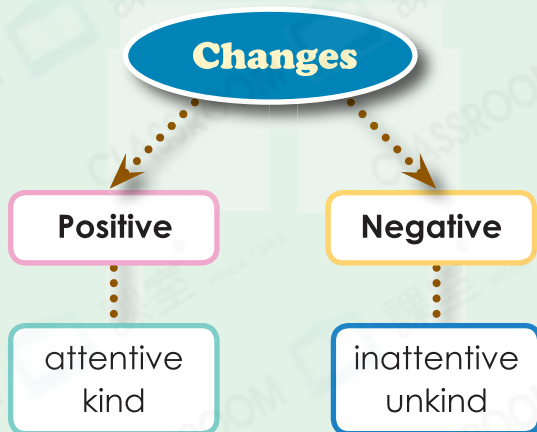
- Kitty enjoys visiting different places in person but she cannot drive. Will she like the following technologies?  
 (i) Automatic Car      Yes       No   
 (ii) Travellers' Glasses      Yes       No



# Bank of Vocabulary



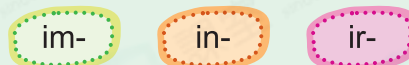
## Think Smart



## Word Fun

**Prefix:** A word part that is added to the beginning of a word to change its meaning

**A. Add the correct prefix to change the meanings of the words.**



- convenient \_\_\_\_\_
- responsible \_\_\_\_\_
- possible \_\_\_\_\_

**B. An antonym is a word which means the opposite of another word. Write the antonyms of the following words on the lines and circle them in the wordsearch.**

- able  
\_\_\_\_\_
- outgoing  
\_\_\_\_\_
- traditional  
\_\_\_\_\_

A	O	L	U	I	H	D
R	K	M	N	L	C	L
S	A	A	A	P	A	B
E	H	N	B	S	R	K
B	E	Y	L	K	I	A
M	O	D	E	R	N	G

**WORD BOX**

modern  
unable  
shy



## Write Smart

**C. Fill in the blanks with the words from Word Box.**

- In the past, coins were \_\_\_\_\_ for taking bus. Nowadays, they have become \_\_\_\_\_ because people can use Octopus cards.
- Ada often feels \_\_\_\_\_ before the final exam. She becomes \_\_\_\_\_ when it is over.

**WORD BOX**

stressed  
unnecessary  
relaxed  
necessary



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