



## Pre-reading

**S** When a question asks for the meaning of an **unfamiliar word or phrase** in a passage, it is important to:

1. pay attention to the **sentences before and after** the unfamiliar word or phrase
2. find **clues** to help make a **logical guess**

e.g.

Steve got full marks in the exam. He was **over the moon** and jumped for joy.

In the text, '**over the moon**' means \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. jumping on the moon      B. being worried  
C. being angry                D. being very happy

Read the phrase after 'over the moon' — **jumped for joy**. It is logical to guess that 'over the moon' means being very happy.

## Warm Up

Read the text carefully and choose the best answers for Questions 1-5.

(10 marks @ 2 marks)

1.

Today was a very hot day. When I was walking in the street this afternoon, I saw an old woman **pass out** and fall onto the ground. Then I dialed 999 for help at once.

In the text, '**pass out**' means to \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. give out  
B. walk away  
C. die  
D. faint

## CLASSROOM Tips



**pass away:** die  
**pass by:** go past

2.

The beggar had not eaten anything for a very long time. When the rich man handed him a lunchbox, he **ate like a horse**.

In the text, '**ate like a horse**' means \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. liked eating horses
- B. ate grass only
- C. ate slowly
- D. ate a lot



3.

In the event of rain, the picnic will be **called off**. Students can join activities held in the indoor playground instead.

In the text, '**called off**' means \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. held
- B. continued
- C. cancelled
- D. delayed



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**call for:** demand  
**call on:** invite



4.

I saw mosquitoes flying over the food and there was a dead fly on the plate. The sight really **turned my stomach** and I almost vomited!

In the text, '**turned my stomach**' means \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. made people feel unhappy
- B. made people feel disgusted
- C. made people feel hungry
- D. made people feel surprised



5.

I'm sorry to hear that you failed the driving test. Don't be sad any more as it's no use **crying over spilt milk**. Let me give you some useful tips.

In the text, '**crying over spilt milk**' means \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. being upset about something that has happened
- B. shedding tears for spilling milk
- C. being angry because you are thirsty
- D. being thirsty and hungry



## Let's Practise

Linda is reading an article about bubble tea. Read it carefully and choose the best answers for Questions 1-5. (10 marks @ 2 marks)

### Bubble Tea

These days, it is common to see bubble tea shops in almost every corner of Hong Kong. People sometimes line up for a long time at these shops just for a cup of bubble tea. Bubble tea is definitely one of the most popular drinks in Hong Kong.

Bubble tea is a representative Taiwanese drink as it originated in Taiwan. The founder of the first bubble tea shop started serving iced Chinese tea after seeing that coffee was served cold in Japan. Later, he added *fen yuan*, sweetened tapioca pearls, into the drink. It then became the bubble tea we know and love today.

Nowadays, **various** flavours of bubble tea are available, like mint, chocolate and different kinds of fruit. In addition, some bubble tea shops make the tea with different kinds of Chinese tea to improve the taste. There is even **canned** bubble tea sold in convenience stores.

In Hong Kong, some people think that bubble tea is not healthy because of the amount of sugar and **artificial additives** in the tea. However, to bubble tea lovers, drinking a cup of bubble tea with a deep, rich flavour and chewy tapioca pearls is always enjoyable!

1. Why did the founder of the first bubble tea shop sell iced Chinese tea?
  - A. It was summer when he opened the shop.
  - B. He saw coffee was served cold in Japan.
  - C. He wanted to make more money.
  - D. He thought it tasted better than hot tea.
2. According to the article, which may **NOT** be a flavour of bubble tea?
  - A. Mango
  - B. Chocolate
  - C. Rose
  - D. Mint
- S** 3. In paragraph 3, what does the word '**various**' mean?
  - A. Same
  - B. Tasty
  - C. Healthy
  - D. Different
4. What does the writer think of bubble tea?
  - A. It is unhealthy.
  - B. It is famous.
  - C. It is expensive.
  - D. It should be sold in Taiwan only.
5. What is the main message of the article?
  - A. Bubble tea is a popular drink in Hong Kong.
  - B. People from all over the world drink bubble tea.
  - C. There are various flavours of bubble tea.
  - D. Taiwan was the first place selling bubble tea.

**CLASSROOM Tips**

To get the main message of the article, try reading the first and last paragraphs again.