

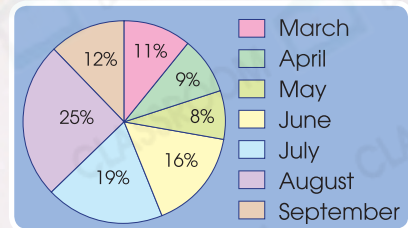
Emily is reading a survey report about food poisoning.

Food Poisoning Cases in Hong Kong (March – September)

The Centre for Health Protection (CHP) gathered statistics from March to September on the number of food poisoning outbreaks in Hong Kong. The 165 cases reported were mainly related to the consumption of contaminated food. Special attention is also needed on the consumption of wild mushrooms.

Some of the cases included wild mushrooms that the public collected and ate from local parks and the countryside. Patients experienced symptoms such as stomach ache, vomiting and diarrhoea. The CHP warns that it is very difficult to distinguish the difference between edible and inedible mushrooms. Those inedible ones can cause serious illnesses or even death. Therefore, the public should not eat any kind of wild mushrooms. Some other cases were caused by the dirty food from unlicensed food stalls. The hygiene was poor in these food stalls. Food was prepared in the alleys with dirty water and insects.

From the survey report, the number of food poisoning cases increased in summer. One of the reasons is that people left food at room temperature for long periods of time. Bacteria grow fast in wet and warm environment.



The public should maintain personal, food and environmental hygiene to prevent food poisoning.

1. Circle the abbreviation for the organisation.
2. Underline the duration of the survey report.

Date: _____

A Choose the best answer by blackening the circle.

1. Who is experiencing food poisoning? (You may choose more than one answer.)



A.



B.



C.



D.

2. The best title for the chart is _____.

- A. Causes Leading to Food Poisoning
- B. Ways to Prevent Food Poisoning
- C. Types of Food Poisoning Cases Reported
- D. Number of Food Poisoning Cases between March and September

 3. Which of the following about the report is **TRUE**?

- A. All the food poisoning cases were about contaminated food.
- B. Food poisoning cases in July were 8% more than those in March.
- C. All wild mushrooms are bad for health.
- D. Food is recommended to be put at room temperature.



Pay attention to keywords such as 'all', 'some of the', and 'less than'. These are usually the tricky words in the questions.

B Answer the questions in complete sentences.



4. How long did the survey last?

5. How should people avoid suffering from food poisoning?

C Answer the questions in short.

6. In which month did food poisoning happen the most frequently?



7. Find the adjective which means 'suitable or safe to eat'.
