

# Biography

Jessie is reading the biography of an illustrator.



Mak Ka Pik Alice is a Hong Kong artist who is famous for creating local cartoon icons. The McMug series is considered to be her most popular works. At the beginning, Alice didn't

5 expect that the piggies she created could bring her a great success. 'I just hope they can remind Hong Kong people to stay positive when facing life problems,' she explained.

Although Alice likes drawing, she did not realise she could be an illustrator until her late teenage years. In fact, when she was small, she dreamt to be a  
10 teacher or a nurse. She made up her mind to become an illustrator during her trip to Europe after graduating from Hong Kong Polytechnic Institute in 1988.

Alice hopes her readers can appreciate the good things in everyday life through her works. Therefore, most of her drawings appear to be simple

15 and optimistic. Using simple ideas to express happiness is Alice's goal when she creates her cartoons. Since the McMug series has become popular in Hong Kong, Alice wishes to do more with **it**. In the future, she hopes to promote arts  
20 education to young people in Hong Kong, and continue to spread positivity to her readers.



**A** Choose the best answers by blackening the circles.

1. According to paragraph 1, Alice's job is to \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. create local products                       B. draw cartoon characters  
 C. work with illustrators in Europe    D. teach students in drawing classes

2. What did Alice dream to be when she was a child?



A.



B.



C.



D.

**Q3**  
What is mentioned in the sentence?



**3.** Read line 19. The pronoun 'it' refers to \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. arts                       B. Alice                       C. Hong Kong    D. the McMug series

4. Put the following events in the correct order.

- 1** Alice travelled to Europe.                      **2** Alice created the McMug series.  
**3** Alice graduated from university.   **4** Alice became a famous illustrator.

- A. **1** → **2** → **3** → **4**                       B. **3** → **1** → **2** → **4**  
 C. **2** → **4** → **1** → **3**                       D. **3** → **2** → **4** → **1**

5. Which of the following about Alice is TRUE?

- A. She hopes to change her job in the future.  
 B. She hopes her cartoons can make her readers happy.  
 C. She taught in Hong Kong Polytechnic Institute in 1988.  
 D. She created the McMug series because she wanted to be popular.

**B** Answer the questions in complete sentences.

**Q7**  
Which word has a similar meaning as 'cheerful'?



6. What does Alice hope to promote to teenagers?

She \_\_\_\_\_ to teenagers.

**7.** Find the synonym of 'cheerful'.

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