



Learning Focus

- Reading** Identifying main ideas
- Grammar** Prepositions of Dates and Time – in / on / from...to + Verbs & Prepositions
- Writing** Reviewing drafts
- Listening** Identifying keywords



Reading



- A** Derek is writing a letter to Linda. Read the letter. For Questions 1-4, choose the best answers. Then fill in the blanks for Questions 5-7 and give a short answer to Question 8.

24 November 20XX

Dear Linda,

Hello, how are you? I'm doing fine in Hong Kong.

Last week, I joined the school's Piano Competition.

I never took part in any kinds of competitions before 5

so I was very nervous! Before I took the stage, my feet kept shaking and I could hear my own heartbeat. My class

teacher, Miss Wong, was very kind. She told me to relax

and enjoy the competition. It made me feel better. At

last, I didn't get any prizes but I was very happy that I 10

finished it!

The Scrabble Competition is coming next month. Both

my classmates and I are very interested in it! I am now

reading at least one English book a week to prepare myself

for the competition. I believe practice makes perfect! 15

How are you in Australia? Please write soon.

Yours,

Derek

- Which of the following did Derek take part in last week?
 - A. Sports Day
 - B. English Camp
 - C. the Scrabble Competition
 - D. the Piano Competition
- Derek was happy after the competition because _____.
 - A. he was the winner
 - B. Miss Wong encouraged him
 - C. his classmates cheered for him
 - D. he finished the competition
- From paragraph 3, we know that _____.
 - A. Derek likes reading very much
 - B. Derek reads only one book a week
 - C. Derek wants to expand his vocabulary
 - D. most of Derek's schoolmates want to join the competition
- From the text, we know that Derek is a _____ boy.
 - A. cheerful
 - B. lucky
 - C. nervous
 - D. clever



Pay attention to what happened to Derek and how he felt.

- Fill in each blank with one word from the text.

Derek is (a) _____ in fables and fairy tales. He reads every day.
Last week, he (b) _____ a book called *The Magical Forest*.

- In which month does the Scrabble Competition take place?

The Scrabble Competition takes place in _____.

- In line 13, 'it' refers to _____.

- Where is Linda now?

- B** Linda is writing a letter back to Derek. Read the letter. For Questions 1-3, choose the best answers.

12 December 20XX

Dear Derek,

I am doing well. It's nice to hear that you had some fun last month!

Yesterday I went to the school funfair with my parents and my little sister, Judy. There were many different stalls. We were so happy that we bought a lot of things there. 5

Mum bought a purse for Grandma. It was orange and had some yellow dots on it. Grandma likes blue and green, but she likes orange best.

After going to the funfair, we had dinner with Grandma to celebrate her birthday. Mum wanted to give the purse to Grandma, but she couldn't find it in her handbag! She was really upset. 'That's OK, Mum. I have an orange key ring. I can give it to Grandma as a birthday present,' I said. I was glad I had the key ring with me! 10

I'm now planning my trip to Hong Kong. Stay in touch! 15

Best,

Linda

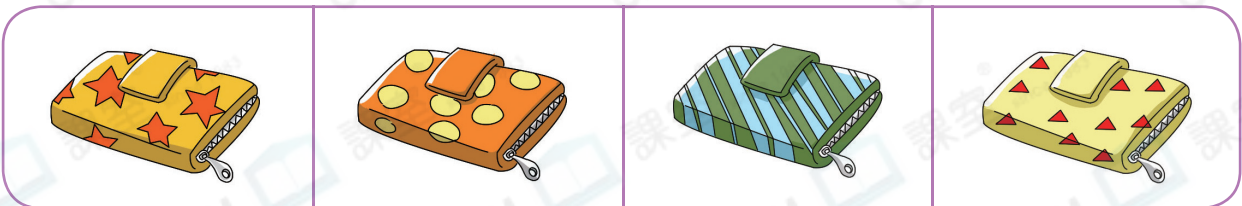
1. Linda is 8 years old. Judy is _____ years old.

A. 4 B. 8 C. 10 D. 14

2. What did the purse look like?



Is Judy younger or older than Alice?



A. B. C. D.

3. What did Grandma get for her birthday?

A. a purse with dots B. a handbag
 C. a key-shaped ring D. a key ring

C Derek wrote a poem for a writing competition. Read the poem. For Questions 1-3, choose the best answers.

Yesterday was a sunny day.

We were happy because it was a special school day.

In the sky, there were no clouds but only the sun.

On the coach, we were having so much fun.

I invited Ann and Leo from the other class.

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We ran and rolled on the grass!

We chased the butterflies, smelled the flowers,

And played group games near the trees for hours.

'Time for lunch,' Miss Chow said.

We all sat down and started to relax.

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Everybody asked, 'What is in your lunchbox?'

I said, 'Let me see. I have some hot dogs!'

1. Miss Chow is _____.

A. a student

B. a teacher

C. a parent

D. a classmate

2. Which pair of words has the same ending sound?

A. 'sun' and 'fun'

B. 'grass' and 'flowers'

C. 'said' and 'relax'

D. 'lunchbox' and 'dogs'

3. Choose the best title for the poem.

A. *The School Picnic*

B. *A Visit to the Nature Museum*

C. *Happy Sports Day*

D. *A Holiday with Mother Nature*



Pay attention to the activities in each stanza to get more clues about the main idea of the poem.

A Derek and Linda are talking about their school life. Fill in the blanks with the given words.

from...to in on

- English Week is _____ the second of April _____ the sixth of April.
- I have PE lessons _____ Tuesdays and Thursdays.
- I joined the swimming team _____ summer last year.
- Exam Week is _____ the twenty-ninth of November _____ the fourth of December.
- Is the Maths class _____ the afternoon?
- Veronica and I do ballet _____ Monday evenings.
- The assembly is _____ the morning.
- Parents' Day is _____ the first of May.



When we talk about a part of a specific day of the week, we use the preposition 'on'.
 ✗ I swim *in* Sunday mornings.
 ✓ I swim *on* Sunday mornings.

B Derek is writing about his new classmate. Fill in the blanks with the help of the given words.

get laugh listen
 play shout wait

at for
 on to with

This year, I have a new classmate, Monty. Monty is friendly. He
 1. _____ with all of us. He seldom 2. _____ others. We
 often 3. _____ him at recess. I did not know we could be great
 friends! Now, we go to school together every day. Every morning, we
 4. _____ each other at the bus stop.

I am glad to have a kind friend like Monty. He 5. _____ me
 when I am sad. Unlike the others, he never 6. _____ me when I
 make mistakes. I hope our friendship can last forever.

C Derek wrote about his camping experience. Complete his writing with the given words.

after at from...to in on to with

There was a summer camp 1. _____ 3rd July _____
6th July. 2. _____ the first day, Peter, Monty and I went to the
campsite in Sai Kung at ten 3. _____ the morning.

After we arrived there, we formed groups and started to complete
the tasks on a list. Peter, Monty and I went to collect water together. As
we walked by a river, Peter saw a duck and chased it. 'Stop!' Monty
shouted 4. _____ him. Peter got angry and wanted to fight
5. _____ Monty. Suddenly, Peter fell over and hurt his knee.
Monty and I took him to the first aid room at once. I stayed behind and
looked 6. _____ Peter when Monty went to look for the nurse.
'I think you should talk to Monty,' I said. Peter didn't say a word but
listened 7. _____ me quietly.

Two days later, Peter recovered and he said sorry to Monty. I think
he knew it was wrong to fight with his friend.

D Underline the mistakes and write the correct answers on the lines.

1. I joined the Art Club on May last year. _____
2. Mr Wong punished John because he played tricks to
his classmates. _____
3. We hand in our homework on the morning. _____
4. Test Week is on Monday to Wednesday. _____
5. Mariah often plays at her brother. _____
6. The singing contest is in the first of December. _____

Writing

A Linda is writing an e-mail to her cousin in Canada about her school's open day. Read her to-do list. Then help her revise the e-mail by replacing the underlined words with the correct words.

To-do List on Open Day

Date	Time	Duty
3/4 (Sat)	7 – 8 am	• To help with the <u>display</u> of students' work
	10 – 11 am	• To have a meeting with the ballet team
	1 – 2 pm	• To help in the game stalls
	3 – 5 pm	• To perform in the talent show

Dear Kelly,

How are you? I just had a wonderful time on Open Day. It was at 3rd April. I was so busy that day.

I arrived at school at seven o'clock in the morning to help Miss Chan off the display of students' work. Then, I had a meeting with the ballet team at ten o'clock to eleven o'clock. We listened from Miss Smith's speech. It was encouraging! In the afternoon, I helped in some game stalls. It were fun! Finally, we performed *Swan Lake* in the variety show. It was a very tiring day but all of us was very happy that we put on a great show on Open Day!

Love,

Linda

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

5. _____

6. _____

7. _____



To avoid careless mistakes, we have to proofread our writing word by word. We can pay close attention to prepositions and singular and plural forms.

B Derek wrote a thank-you letter to his class teacher but he made some mistakes. Read the letter. Then help him revise the letter by replacing the underlined words with the correct words.



To revise a draft, you should first check the grammar of your writing. Then, make sure the structure is logical and your ideas are related to the topic. Finally, proofread it all over again.



Useful words for this exercise:
call / listen to / take care of / afraid of / interesting / parents / stories

Dear Miss Wong,

Thank you so much for your care and patience! You looked to all of us well this year. We met each other in the first of September. I still remember that...

Dear Miss Wong,

Thank you so much for your care and patience! You looked

1. _____ all of us well this year. We met each other
2. _____ the first of September. To be honest, I was 3. _____ at first. But then, I remember I was once very sick in class, and 4. _____

I will never forget that!

I hope 5. _____

Sincerely,

Derek

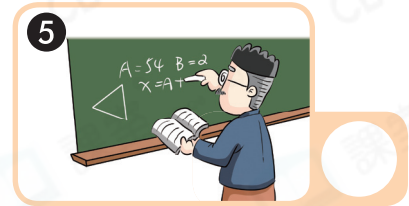
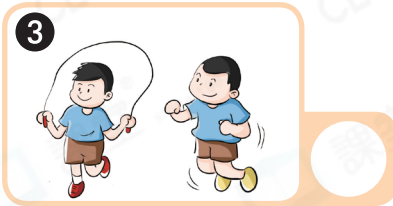
Listening

Listen now!



A What subjects are these? Write the correct letters in the boxes.

- a. Art b. Chinese c. English d. Maths e. Music f. PE



B Derek and Linda are talking at school. Fill in the blanks as you listen. For Questions 5 and 6, choose the best answers.

Derek asked, 'Which subjects do you like, Linda?' Linda said that she likes 1. (a) _____ and 1. (b) _____, but she doesn't like 2. _____. When she asked Derek the same question, Derek said that he likes 3. (a) _____ and 3. (b) _____, but he doesn't like 4. _____. He doesn't want to join...

5. Which club doesn't Derek want to join?

- A. the Art Club
 B. the Sports Club
 C. the English Club
 D. the Music Club



Which subject(s) doesn't Derek like?

6. What are Derek and Linda talking about?

- A. school teachers B. school subjects
 C. school tests D. homework

C Miss Chow is Derek and Linda's teacher. She is talking about the school rules. Listen to what she says. Choose the rules she talks about.

School rules

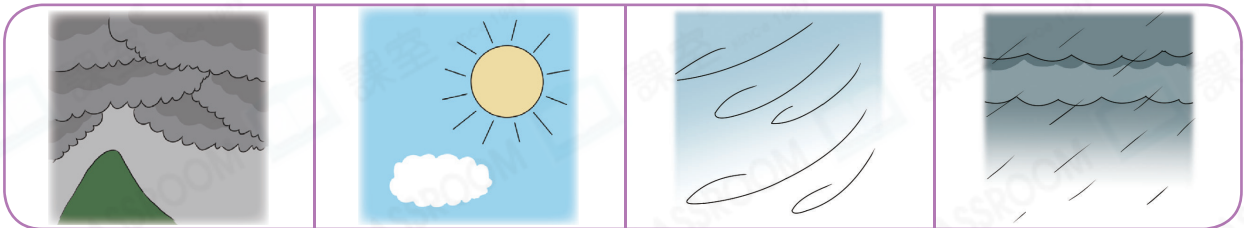


Choose the rules that Miss Chow talks about, not those that are correct.

1. Do not run in the classrooms.
2. Do not litter in the classrooms.
3. Line up when you borrow books in the library.
4. Keep quiet in the library.
5. Only eat and drink in the canteen.
6. Do not eat or drink in the playground.

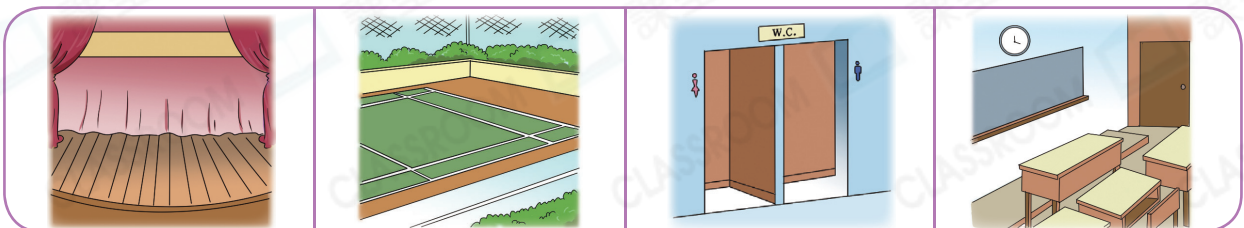
D Miss Chow is telling the class a story. Listen to the story. Choose the best answers.

1. How was the weather in the story?



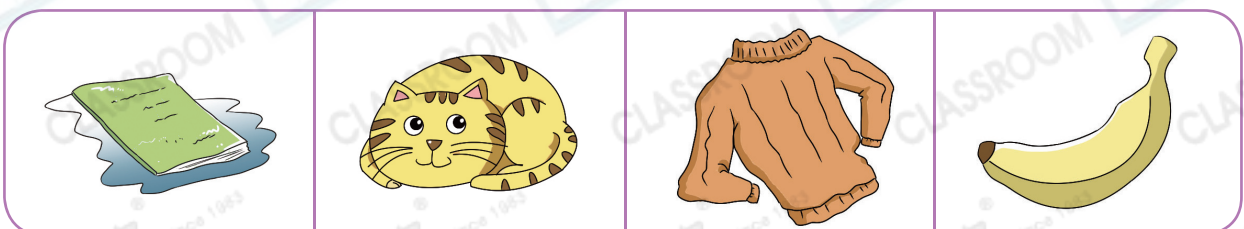
- A. B. C. D.

2. Where did Phillip go after he arrived at school?



- A. B. C. D.

3. What did Phillip find?



- A. B. C. D.