



Learning Focus

- Reading** Skimming for gist
- Grammar** Determiners – very few / very little / not enough + Adverb – too
- Writing** Using appropriate formats and applying conventions of short written texts
- Speaking** Giving opinions effectively



Reading



Extended Reading



Joyce is reading a web page of a charity. Read the web page. For Questions 1-3, choose the best answers. Then fill in the blanks for Questions 4-5 and answer Questions 6-8 in complete sentences.

<http://www.lightuptheworld.org/iotsunami>

The Indian Ocean tsunami killed approximately 200,000 people and left over 1,700,000 people homeless. Light up the World has done so many things over the past three years to help the affected countries recover from the disaster.

The tsunami destroyed dozens of hospitals in India. Our charity built five temporary hospitals there right after the disaster. Also, six of our medical teams 5 along with a significant amount of medicine were sent to help the injured.

In Thailand, students' studies were affected because a lot of schools collapsed. For this reason, our charity rebuilt six schools in the affected regions. About 4,000 affected students went back to school again soon.

Most water supply facilities in Indonesia were damaged. The victims could 10 only get poor access to clean water. Our charity quickly installed more than 200 water pipes for the affected villages as we believe clean water ensures the health of people and lowers the risk of disease outbreaks.

We are continuously helping the affected regions. Your donation would be highly appreciated. You may [click here](#) to make online donations. For enquiries about other ways of donation, please contact us at enquiries@lightuptheworld.org.



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1. Choose the best title for the article.

- A. *Affected Regions of the Indian Ocean Tsunami*
 B. *Loss of Houses and Schools*
 C. *The Destructive Indian Ocean Tsunami*
 D. *Our Work After Indian Ocean Tsunami*



The first and the last paragraph usually give you more clues about the gist of an article. Read through them quickly to answer the question.

2. According to paragraphs 2-4, we know that _____.

- A. Light up the World has done a lot to help the victims
 B. the Indian Ocean tsunami caused great damage
 C. many buildings collapsed in the affected countries
 D. rebuilding the damaged facilities cost a lot of money

3. According to the text, which of the following is TRUE?

- A. All the hospitals in India were out of service after the tsunami.
 B. Six schools in Thailand needed reconstruction after the tsunami.
 C. The victims in Indonesia had drinkable water again with the help of the charity.
 D. The tsunami took away the lives of two hundred thousand people.

4. The word ‘_____’ in the web page means ‘lasting for only a limited period of time’.

5. According to the text, why is it important to have clean water?

It is because clean water (a) _____ and
 (b) _____.

6. According to the text, when did the Indian Ocean tsunami happen?

7. Joyce would like to make cash donations. What can she do first?

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8. How many metres above the normal tide level is a tsunami considered significant that a Tsunami Warning can be issued?



Simon is reading an advertisement about the recruitment of volunteer tutors. Read the advertisement. For Questions 1-2, choose the best answers. Then fill in the blank for Question 3 and answer Question 4 in a complete sentence.

Recruiting Volunteers!

Learn Together is a non-profit organisation. We are now looking for volunteer tutors who can provide free tutoring services for children who cannot afford to go to private tutorial classes. The details are as follows:

- Requirements: • University students or university graduates
 • Able to work independently
- Date & Time: Every Saturday (10:00 am – 12:30 pm)
- Duties: Help primary school students with their homework and revision once a week
- Location: Community centres in Tai Po / Kwun Tong / Chai Wan
- Application deadline: Ongoing
- *Supplementary teaching materials will be provided on request.
- Interested parties, please e-mail *agnesngan@learntogether.org.hk*.

Testimonial:

‘Thank you for helping my children with their homework. I don’t have much money to hire private tutors, but your volunteer tutors are as good as they are. Now my children are not falling behind anymore. They love learning!’

- Who do the volunteer tutors help?

<input type="radio"/> A. university students	<input type="radio"/> B. children from low-income families
<input type="radio"/> C. children who want private lessons	<input type="radio"/> D. children who fall behind at school
- Who might be the writer of the testimonial?

<input type="radio"/> A. a primary school teacher	<input type="radio"/> B. a volunteer tutor
<input type="radio"/> C. a social worker	<input type="radio"/> D. a parent
- The word ‘_____’ in the advertisement means ‘to have enough money to do something’.
- According to the text, what are the duties of a volunteer tutor?

- C** Joyce's parents are reading a notice about a charity bazaar. Read the notice. For Questions 1-2, choose the best answers. Then answer Question 3 in a complete sentence.

Rainbow Primary School
Charity Bazaar

Dear Parents,

To raise money for the typhoon victims in Taiwan, our school is going to hold a charity bazaar. Details of the activity are as follows:

Date : 4 July 20XX (Saturday)

Time : 9:00 am – 12:00 pm

Venue : Covered playground

Goods for sale: Second-hand books, toys, clothes & household items

We encourage you and your children to participate in this event. For enquiries, please contact the class teacher of your children.

Yours faithfully,
Wong Ka Lai
Principal

1. Which of the following will be sold at the charity bazaar?



A.



B.



C.



D.

2. According to the text, which of the following about the charity bazaar is TRUE?

- A. It will be held in the afternoon.
 B. It is to help people who have suffered during natural disasters.
 C. Parents can ask the principal for more details about the event.
 D. Products sold at it are not new.

3. What is the purpose of this notice?

A Simon is writing about poor children. Circle the correct answers.

Some children in Hong Kong live in poor conditions. Susan is one of them. Susan's parents make 1. **very few / very little** money. They live in a small flat in Sham Shui Po with 2. **very few / very little** space to move around. Susan has 3. **very few / very little** toys. She also has 4. **very few / very little** storybooks at home because her parents cannot afford them. Worse still, Susan does 5. **have not enough / not have enough** clothes to keep herself warm against the cold in winter. Worst of all, she always has to skip meals because there is 6. **very few / not enough** food to eat at home. Such poor children really need our help. Let's not turn a blind eye to them!



We use 'very little' with uncountable nouns and 'very few' with plural countable nouns.

- ✗ There are **very little** children who can play the harp.
- ✓ There are **very few** children who can play the harp.

B Underline the mistakes in the numbered lines and write the correct answers on the lines.

Joyce : Mary has broken her leg. She's in hospital now.

Simon : Poor her! Does anyone in the class know about it?

1 Joyce : Only not few classmates know it. She doesn't want the whole class to worry about her. So, keep it to yourself.

1. _____

2 Simon : No problem. I only have very little friends in class anyway... Oh! We are going to have the English test

2. _____

3 next week. I'm afraid there's not little time for her to prepare for the test.

3. _____

4 Joyce : She must have very few note with her in hospital.

4. _____

Shall we lend ours to her?

Simon : Sure. And we'd better bring her some stationery too. I

5 believe that she's got very few stationery in hospital.

5. _____

C Joyce is reading a magazine article about sponsoring poor children. Complete the article with the help of the given words.

too difficult expensive late old poor short tiring

Supporting Our Buddies in Nepal

Every child has the right to education. However, some of the children are 1. _____ to realise the right. Most families in Majuwa, one of the poorest villages in Nepal, are unable to pay for their children's tuition fees. Aside from the financial difficulties, the unpaved roads to school are another obstacle to overcome. It is 2. _____ for young children to walk to school on foot, especially when their shoes are also 3. _____ to wear. To them, new books are 4. _____ to buy. Their pencils are 5. _____ to write with. Not every classroom has tables and chairs so it is 6. _____ for them to sit on the floor all day.

It is never 7. _____ to take action. By donating \$20 a month, you can help these children lead an easier life. To sponsor a child in Nepal, please send us an email at scn@hongkongcharity.org.hk.



D Simon is doing his homework. Rearrange the words to form correct sentences.

1. dirty / is / in the well / The water / to / too / drink / .

2. too / growing / The weather / for / dry / is / crops / .

3. barefoot there / were / too / could not / We / the roads / rough / because / walk / .

E Joyce is writing a diary entry about her visit to an orphanage. Complete the diary entry with the help of the given words.

not enough very few
very little

too

far

hot

naughty

wonderful

17 September (Sunday)

Cloudy

My classmates and I went to visit an orphanage in Sai Kung today. The orphanage is 1. _____ away from the city so there were 2. _____ visitors. The orphanage manager thought that there is 3. _____ communication between the orphans and the outer world, which is not good for their growth. Therefore, she was glad that we visited them.

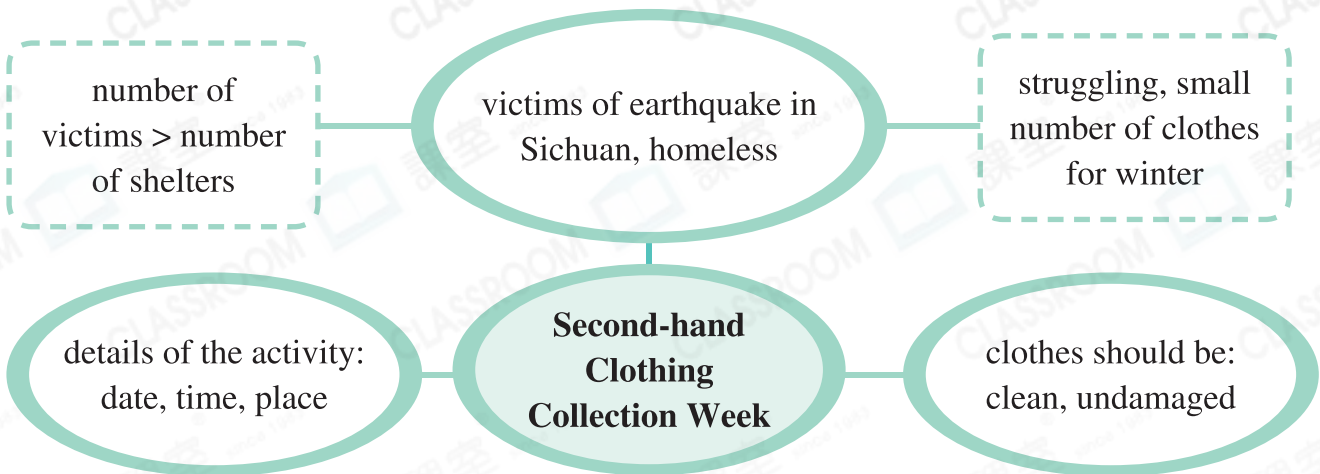
Before the visit, I thought that orphans always think negatively because they are given 4. _____ love. However, contrary to my expectations, most children we met today were cheerful and lively. Since my classmates and I had 5. _____ pocket money, we just bought ten gifts for the orphans. However, the manager arranged us to meet fifteen children! The result was that we had 6. _____ gifts for all of them. My classmates and I were very embarrassed. Fortunately, the children did not mind. Then we played some group games in the playground together. Later, the weather was 7. _____ so we played the games indoors. Although some children were 8. _____ to play with, most of the others were very well-behaved!

Today was such a great day for me. It was 9. _____ to forget!



Writing

A Joyce is reading a school notice but some words are missing. Help her complete the notice with the help of the mind map.



JOYOUS SACRED HEART PRIMARY SCHOOL Sichuan Earthquake: Second-hand Clothing Collection Week

25th June, 20XX

Dear Parents,

Since the serious 1. _____ last month caused great damage to the province and left a great number of citizens homeless, most victims have to sleep on the streets because there are 2. _____.

Winter is coming. The victims are now struggling to keep themselves warm against the freezing weather because they 3. _____.

As a result, Volunteering Club is going to hold 4. _____
_____ for the earthquake victims. You are welcome 5. _____
_____. Details are as follows:

Date : 6. _____

Time : 7. _____

Place : 8. _____

Thank you for your attention.

Smith Carey

Principal

B Uncle John is writing an e-mail to Simon about his experience as a volunteer teacher in Yunnan. Help Uncle John complete his e-mail with the help of the notes.

Children in Yunnan

- 🗣️ knowledge of English
- 🗣️ words
- 🗣️ confidence to talk in English



Gifts and Games

- short crayons, can't write → new crayons
- 🗣️ stationery → new pencils and erasers
- play football, sing and dance



When we are writing to someone we know well, we may use the following phrases such as 'Best wishes,' 'Warm regards,' and 'Sincerely,' for the closing.

Feelings

- How did the children feel about my class?
- How did I feel?
- What did I do on the last day? Why?

From: helpfuljohn@yoho.com.hk
 To: simon_kan@coolmail.com
 Subject: As a volunteer teacher in Yunnan

1. _____,
 Hello, my dear! I went to Yunnan as a volunteer teacher last week and came back to Hong Kong yesterday. The children there had very 2. _____
 _____. They knew 3. _____ and they did not have
 4. _____. Therefore, I gave tutorials to them. They liked learning English very much. The children liked drawing as well but
 5. _____. Therefore, I bought them some new crayons. I also gave them some new pencils and erasers because 6. _____
 _____. After school, I played football with them. Sometimes, I sang and danced with them too.
 I really enjoy this teaching experience. I think the children 7. _____

 _____.

8. _____,
 9. _____

Writing

Speaking

A Read aloud.

1. What can you see in the pictures? Read the words aloud.



2. Read the sentence to your classmate. Then circle the 'e' sounds.

Irene became a volunteer to clear the rubbish on the beach.

B Read the text aloud. Then answer the questions.

Joyce's Dream

Joyce is a warm-hearted student. She likes helping others. Her warm personality makes her a respected girl in the eyes of her classmates. Every weekend, she takes part in different volunteer activities, such as selling flags and raffle tickets, to raise money for charity. Joyce thinks that giving a helping hand to the needy is meaningful and will make the world a better place. Therefore, she would like to become a social worker and work at a non-profit organisation after she graduates from university. She wants to give back to the community by providing help and support for people with disabilities, children who come from poor families and those who suffer from chronic illnesses like diabetes and depression.

1. Is Joyce a popular student? How do you know?
2. What does Joyce often do at weekends?
3. Why does Joyce like helping the needy?
4. What is Joyce's dream job?

C Talk about helping others with your classmate.

1. Do you help your family? How?
2. Do you help your classmates? How?
3. Have you done any volunteer work before?

(If yes,) What volunteer work have you done? How do you feel about it?

(If no,) What volunteer work would you like to take part in? Why?

4. Do you know any charitable organisations in Hong Kong?
5. How do you feel after helping someone?
6. Your school is going to hold a Love For Stray Animals Day. What would you do to raise funds for the event?

D Simon wants to do something to contribute to his community and is now reading a poster in the community centre. Read the poster. Then choose two activities to talk about with the help of the given questions.

Your support counts!



run for charity



clean up beaches



sell second-hand books



donate blood

1. Which activity would you like to join?
2. Why do you want to join this activity?
3. How will you prepare yourself to join the activity?



We may use connectives like 'so', 'because' and 'since' to present our ideas in a more logical way.