



Reading Skill: Making use of personal experiences and knowledge

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Some questions test your ability to find out the answer with the help of your real-life experiences and background knowledge. There are two steps to answering such questions:

- 1 Circle the keywords in the question and options. Locate the keywords in the text.
- 2 Try to relate the content to your daily life experiences before answering the question.

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Sometimes you cannot get some information directly from the text. You have to guess based on your own experiences and knowledge.

e.g. There is a question asking you how lychees and longans taste. You may not know the answer from the letter, but you can guess that they are sweet based on your personal experiences and knowledge: fruits are usually sweet and people can make desserts with fruits.

Give it a try!

e.g. What is the weather like when Ben goes to the farm?

- A. warm and foggy B. hot and sunny
 C. cool and windy D. cold and dry

Ben tells Tony that he is going to stay at the farm for one week in July. **July is one of the summer months.** According to your own experiences, **summer is usually hot and sunny.** So option B is the correct answer.