



## Reading Skill: Making use of personal experiences and knowledge

### Learn together!

Some questions test your ability to give an answer based on what you knew and experienced. There are two steps to answering such questions:

- 1** Underline the keywords in the question and options. Highlight the relevant parts in the text.
- 2** Try to answer the question by relating what the question asks about and the highlighted parts in the text to your real-world experiences and prior knowledge.

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Note that the answer may not appear in the text directly. You have to draw a conclusion from what happened to you or what you have learnt before.

**e.g.** From verse 5 of the chant, you may not know exactly how Timothy and Theodore got the bee stings, but you can guess Timothy threw a stone at the beehive so the angry bees chased after and attacked them based on your personal experiences and knowledge about what bees do.

### Give it a try!

**e.g.** Where might Timothy move to at the age of four?

- A. Yuen Long                       B. Causeway Bay  
 C. Sha Tin                               D. Aberdeen

From verse 4, you can know that Timothy's family moved into a big flat where they can see **Victoria Harbour**. So the answer must be **a place near the harbour**. According to your own knowledge, both Yuen Long in option A and Sha Tin in option C are in the New Territories. They are incorrect as it is **quite impossible to see Victoria Harbour in the New Territories**. On the other hand, **Aberdeen is near Aberdeen Harbour** but not Victoria Harbour. So option D is also incorrect. For option B, **Causeway Bay is on Hong Kong Island and close to Victoria Harbour**, making it the correct answer.