



## Reading Skill: Analysing and integrating points

### Learn together!

Some questions test your ability to comprehend the useful information obtained from different parts of the text and choose the best answer. There are three steps to answering such questions:

- 1** Underline the keywords in the question and options.
- 2** Locate the similar keywords in the text. Highlight the parts that are relevant.
- 3** Try to work out the relationship between the highlighted parts. Summarise the idea you get using your own words and answer the question according to your understanding.

### Give it a try!

**e.g.** In the magazine article, the writer \_\_\_\_\_.

- (1) encourages people to go for alternatives to plastic straws
- (2) supports the ban on plastic straws
- (3) conducted a study to find that there are tons of plastic in the ocean
- (4) uses a significant number to prove that a lot of plastic straws are used

- A. (1) only  
 B. (1) and (2)  
 C. (2) and (3)  
 D. (1), (3) and (4)

Some of the statements are rephrased. You need to understand them and locate the relevant parts in the text. For statement (1), the words **'go for (something)'** mean **'to choose (something)'**. Referring back to the **last paragraph**, statement (1) is true because the writer asks people to consider using paper, bamboo and stainless steel straws, which are alternatives to plastic straws. It is mentioned in the **last sentence** that saying 'no' to straws is **even better**. Hence, statement (2) is also true. Statement (3) is not correct due to the words 'conducted a study', which is not true. 'There are currently 150 million metric tons of plastic in the ocean' is **a fact based on some other studies** instead of one done by the writer. Finally, you have to pay attention to all the **numbers** given in the text when considering statement (4). None of them is used to prove that a lot of plastic straws are used. Therefore, statement (4) is false.