



Reading Skill: Eliminating wrong options

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Some questions test your ability to consider the options carefully and cross out those which are wrong one by one. There are three steps to answering such questions:

- 1** Underline the keywords in the question and options.
- 2** Highlight the relevant parts in the text.
- 3** Read the options once again in detail. Cross out the wrong options one by one by comparing each of them with the highlighted parts. The remaining one is the correct answer.

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This skill is particularly useful when all the options seem to be correct and that you cannot determine which is the answer.

Give it a try!

e.g. Which is **FALSE** about the farewell speech?

- A. Julie To is graduating soon from St. Thomas Primary School.
- B. The principal was disappointed about students' poor results in the Inter-School Swimming Competition.
- C. Students think that Mr Tam is a very strict teacher.
- D. Julie To is grateful to the teachers.

Read each option carefully. Option A is true because Julie To is the **student representative** giving the **farewell speech**. Moreover, she mentioned that she felt honoured to be a part of St. Thomas and she and other P6 students would do better at secondary school. It implies that she is graduating soon. Option C is also true because Julie described Mr Tam as **'the strictest teacher we've ever known'**. Option D is true as well since Julie's speech is **all about thankfulness**. According to her speech, she wants to thank not only the principal, but also the teachers, school office staff and janitors. Option B is the only false option as **the students were those who were disappointed** about the results of the Inter-School Swimming Competition, but not the principal. Instead, she supported and encouraged the students to work harder.