



# Wonderstruck by Wonder Kid

## Let's Think!

1. What qualities is a boxer supposed to possess?
2. What is the spirit of Hong Kong people? Does it have anything in common with the qualities of a boxer?



### More to Take Away

Boxing was first introduced to the Olympics in ancient Greece in 688 BC. There were no fixed rounds for the match and the boxers of the same age group combated until one of them was not able to continue any more. Today, boxers enjoy more systematic training under better protection, and receive prizes and a large amount of bonus for winning matches.

Rex Tso, also known as 'Wonder Kid', was born in 1987. He is the first professional boxer in Hong Kong. Since 2011, he has fought 22 professional matches and has maintained an impeccable record of 22 consecutive victories, hence his nickname 'Wonder Kid'. In 2017, World Boxing Organisation announced that Rex ranked first in super-flyweight boxing.

Rex's father and elder brother are also outstanding boxers. Yet, when Rex was first introduced to boxing as a teenager, he was not fond of it and did not take it seriously. He never liked the tough, intensive training, let alone considered boxing to be his future career. Apart from boxing, he also did not do well academically. Rex mentioned that he used to consider himself a piece of 'junk', having no strengths or hobbies except playing video games.

Upon graduation, Rex had to make a living, so he tried out physically demanding manual jobs in many different industries. For example, he used to be a lorry driver and a warehouse worker. However, for each of those jobs, he only worked for a short period of time.

Things changed when Jay Lau, a student of Rex's father, invited Rex to be his assistant boxing instructor. After that, Rex started boxing again and began to compete in professional competitions.

Under his coach's guidance, he underwent systematic, intensive training and fostered a positive attitude towards competitions. Finally, Rex managed to overcome his fear and stress while he kept improving himself as a professional boxer. He once mentioned that the audience would cheer for him as long as he did his best in a game. Thus, to Rex, the joy in the process matters more than the result of a match does. Today, he has become a household name in Hong Kong for his unmatched achievements, and he has earned a lot of respect for his calm, focused mind, as well as his unremitting spirit.

In 2018, Rex made an important decision—returning to amateur status after devoting seven years to professional boxing. Such a change was made owing to Rex's desire to represent Hong Kong at the Olympics in Tokyo, Japan in 2020. He hopes people will continue to support him while he is pursuing his dream.

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### Moral



Sportsmanship refers to virtues such as courage, fairness, self-control and persistence. While playing in a game, athletes should maintain a positive attitude, treat everyone with respect and do their best. When facing failure, instead of making excuses, they should accept the results and seek ways to improve.

### Looking into Grammar

'So', 'thus' and 'hence' are used to talk about results. All three of them are commonly used at the beginning of a clause, while 'thus' and 'hence' are usually used together with a comma. Note that 'hence' can also be used right before a noun phrase.

- ✓ This problem concerns the whole class. **Hence**, we (~~We hence~~) must ask everyone for their opinions before we do anything.
- ✓ Charlotte has just won a lottery, **hence** (~~hence bought~~) **her new flat**.

? Circle an example each of 'hence' and 'thus' in paragraphs 1 and 5.

## Part A Multiple Choice Questions


Answer the following questions based on the information provided in the biography. Choose the best answer by blackening the appropriate circle.

1. Rex Tso has the nickname 'Wonder Kid' because he \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. is the first boxer in Hong Kong
- B. has played in a lot of matches
- C. is young and ambitious
- D. has never been defeated for the time being

2. Which of the following adjectives best describes Rex Tso's teenage life?

- A. aimless       B. determined
- C. mature       D. stubborn

 3. Read paragraph 5. In Rex's opinion, \_\_\_\_\_ is the most important.

- A. winning a match
- B. getting the audience's support
- C. being recognised by people
- D. trying one's best

**3** The conjunction 'as long as' suggests that something will happen after something else happens.


4. Which of the following contribute(s) to Rex Tso's success?

- I. a positive mindset
- II. regular training
- III. family's reputation
- IV. the coach's support

- A. II only
- B. I, II and III
- C. I, II and IV
- D. II, III and IV

5. Which of the following about Rex Tso is NOT true?

- A. He was born into a family of boxers.
- B. He fell in love with boxing at a very young age.
- C. He is respected for his calm behaviour and determination.
- D. He did not think he was a capable student in the past.

 6. From 2018 to 2020, Rex Tso will probably be \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. working in Japan
- B. a judge at the Olympics
- C. preparing for an international event
- D. taking a rest in Hong Kong

**6** Think about the reason why Rex Tso made a change in 2018.

### Self-evaluation Checklist (✓/✗)

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|--|--------------------------|
| 1. I understood most of the information provided in the passage.                         | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 2. I guessed the meaning of unknown words or phrases correctly.                          | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 3. I managed to answer questions by drawing inferences.                                  | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 4. I identified and understood the writer's / characters' feelings.                      | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 5. I could identify and summarise the main idea of the passage.                          | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 6. The two reading strategies taught in this module enabled me to read more effectively. | <input type="checkbox"/> |

## Part B Pre-HKDSE Questions

Answer the following questions based on the information provided in the biography.  
For questions 2 and 3, answer in complete sentences.

1. Match the subheadings below to the corresponding paragraphs in the biography. Write the correct numbers in the boxes.

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|-----------------------------|----------------------|-------------------------|----------------------|
| (i) The Turning Point       | <input type="text"/> | (ii) Brief Introduction | <input type="text"/> |
| (iii) Career and Philosophy | <input type="text"/> | (iv) Early Life         | <input type="text"/> |
| (v) Before Boxing           | <input type="text"/> | (vi) Future Plans       | <input type="text"/> |



2. Why did Rex decide to return to amateur status?

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**2** Look for a preposition that is used for providing explanations.

3. Do you think Rex had a high self-esteem when he was young?  
Explain your answer.

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4. What jobs did Rex do before he became a professional boxer?

- (i) \_\_\_\_\_ (ii) \_\_\_\_\_  
(iii) \_\_\_\_\_



5. A year later, the writer of the biography is going to add one more paragraph at the end of it.  
It would most probably be about \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. Rex's family members and their lives  
 B. Rex's training and career advances in the upcoming year  
 C. the Olympics in Tokyo, Japan  
 D. Rex's messages to young aspiring boxers and athletes

**5** In a biography, events are always presented in chronological order.

6. Look for words in the biography that are similar in meaning to the following:

- |   |       |           |
|---|-------|-----------|
| (i) perfect, with no flaws ( <i>adj.</i> )          | _____ | (para. 1) |
| (ii) requiring physical energy ( <i>adj.</i> )      | _____ | (para. 3) |
| (iii) familiar and common ( <i>adj.</i> )           | _____ | (para. 5) |
| (iv) better than others, unrivalled ( <i>adj.</i> ) | _____ | (para. 5) |

## Part C Vocabulary Bank

Label the photos below with the types of sports from the word box.

**gymnastics**  
**skipping**

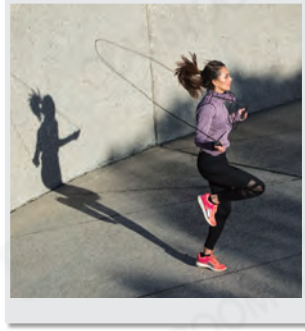
**handball**  
**hockey**

**figure skating**  
**fencing**

**snooker**  
**weightlifting**



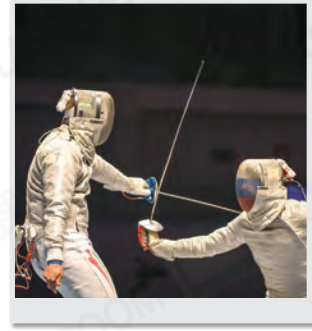
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2. \_\_\_\_\_



3. \_\_\_\_\_



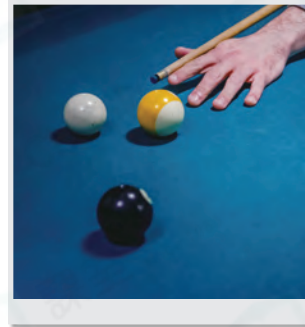
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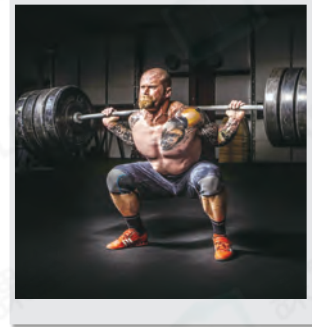
5. \_\_\_\_\_



6. \_\_\_\_\_



7. \_\_\_\_\_



8. \_\_\_\_\_

### Let's Discuss!

1. Do you have a hobby on which you may build your future career?
2. Do you agree that Rex Tso can be a role model to all of us? Why or why not?

## Part D Cloze Passage

Complete the conversation below with the appropriate nouns introduced on the previous page.

### Reminder



Remember to capitalise the first letter of a word when necessary.



Daisy

Hi, John. Did you watch the sports programme on TV last night?



John

Of course, I watch the sports programme every week. It was the (1) \_\_\_\_\_ competition, right? I enjoyed watching people swinging and dancing eloquently on ice. It was just graceful!



Daisy

Me too! I found it fascinating! What else do you like watching? Do you like to watch the (2) \_\_\_\_\_ World Championship? I guess you must've learnt your skills there. You are so agile that I've never seen your face getting whipped!



John

Oh, thanks Daisy. Actually, I prefer watching the World Artistic (3) \_\_\_\_\_ Championship. The athletes' flexibility and elegance always hold me in awe!



Daisy

True, I like it too! I also like watching (4) \_\_\_\_\_ competitions. Although swords are involved, I'd say it's not violent at all!



John

I'd say that's an exquisite sport! Do you like watching (5) \_\_\_\_\_ matches as well? Unlike footballers, players of this sport are not allowed to use their feet to hit or project the ball. They can only touch the ball with any part of their body that is above the knee. It's new to me!



Daisy

Well, I'm not that interested in it. But hey, have you ever watched a (6) \_\_\_\_\_ game? The players hit the disc with long sticks on ice. I feel so nervous whenever they are about to score a goal!



John

Indeed. (7) \_\_\_\_\_ is also amazing. It appears unbelievable to me that human beings could carry such heavy barbells!



Daisy

Fantastic! Let's watch the sports programme together tonight. I know there will be a (8) \_\_\_\_\_ competition at six! Let's see how effortlessly those top players send those coloured balls into the pockets with long cues.