



A Wave of Nostalgia

- 1 It was a usual Sunday, Ming Jai and his father were on the rooftop of the six-storey building they lived in.



Let's Think!

1. Have you ever imagined what it would be like to live near an airport?
2. Would you like to live near an airport? Why or why not?

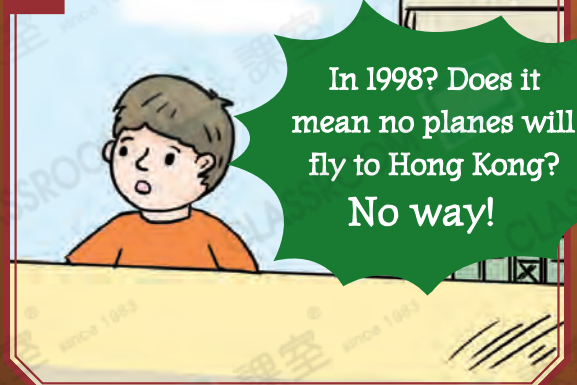
- 2 With the airport clearly in sight, plane watching had naturally become a major pastime of theirs.




- 3 Then, Dad decided to inform Ming Jai of a fact which might dismay him...



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Definitely not! They will be flying to a bigger airport at Chek Lap Kok. In fact, landing at Kai Tak is itself a hazardous act to perform. Pilots would have to take a last-minute manual turn called 'Hong Kong Turn', which is exceedingly challenging and risky..

6 An airplane originally flying towards the airport crashed into the water.



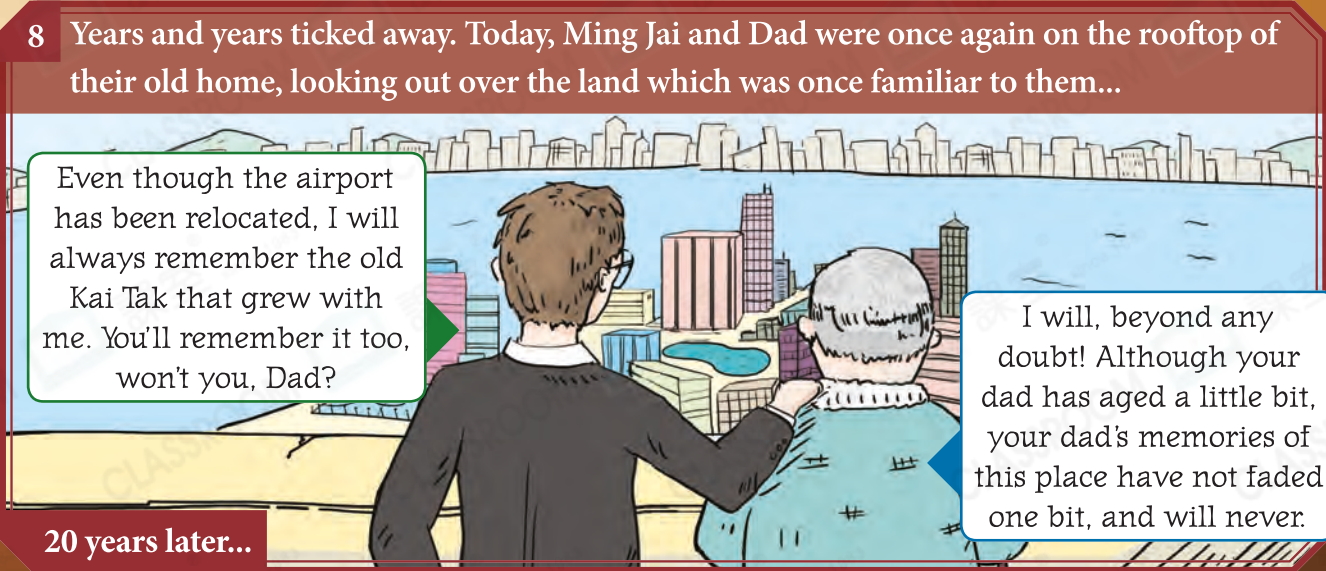
7 Upon seeing the billowing smoke, the two of them fixed their gaze on the smoking plane.



Look there, Dad! There! The plane!

NO WAY... Not again!

8 Years and years ticked away. Today, Ming Jai and Dad were once again on the rooftop of their old home, looking out over the land which was once familiar to them...



Even though the airport has been relocated, I will always remember the old Kai Tak that grew with me. You'll remember it too, won't you, Dad?

I will, beyond any doubt! Although your dad has aged a little bit, your dad's memories of this place have not faded one bit, and will never.

20 years later...

~350 words



STEAM
 Airships are filled with gas that is lighter than air. They were once used to carry passengers. However, as there have been many accidents in which airships caught fire and burnt, they are now only used in advertising and research.

Looking into Grammar


'Although', 'even though' and 'though' are usually used to show contrasts between two clauses. Note that 'but' should not be used in the same sentence.

✓ Although he is smart, (✗ but) he is arrogant.

? Underline TWO sentences in which 'although', 'even though' or 'though' is used in the comic strip.

Part A Multiple Choice Questions

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

1. According to panel 1, Kai Tak _____.
- A. designed and constructed Kai Tak Airport
 - B. was the name of a male architect
 - C. was on a rooftop
 - D. was where Kai Tak Airport was situated
2. Ming Jai and his father were _____.
- A. glad to live close to the airport
 - B. excited to see planes flying closely
 - C. stunned to witness the landings of planes
 - D. not happy that they lived near the airport
3. In panel 3, 'be shut down' can best be replaced by '_____'.

- A. be torn down
 - B. stop operating
 - C. close and get renovated
 - D. close and reopen later
4. Kai Tak Airport had been in use for _____ in history.
- A. 64 years
 - B. 63 years
 - C. 75 years
 - D. 73 years
5. Which of the following is NOT true about Kai Tak Airport?
- A. It posed threats to nearby residents.
 - B. It was built by two architects.
 - C. Its location was not ideal for landing.
 - D. It no longer exists today.
6. An alternative title for the comic strip would be _____.
- A. The History of Kai Tak
 - B. Pilots and Kai Tak
 - C. Memories That Never Fade
 - D. When New Meets Old

6 A title should be concise, specific and able to convey the main idea of the passage.

More to Take Away

Located on an artificial island at Chek Lap Kok, Hong Kong International Airport covers an area of 1255 hectares. For its modern design and space management, the airport has won various awards since its opening, including Asiaweek Asia's Best Airport (2000), AETRA Best Airport Worldwide (2005) and Skytrax World's Best Airport for Dining (2017).

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 comic strip. For question 4, answer in a complete sentence.

1. In panel 3, what does the word 'it' in 'But it will not last long' refer to? Put a tick (✓) in the appropriate box.

1 Be careful of the subtle differences between the options.

Seeing planes at a close distance

Having the chance to see planes every day

Living close to the airport



2. Look for words in the comic strip to match the definitions below.

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| (i) _____ (panels 1-2) | (n.) an opportunity to do something special |
| (ii) _____ (panels 3-5) | (adj.) involving danger and risk |
| (iii) _____ (panels 5-7) | (adv.) to an extreme degree |
| (iv) _____ (panels 6-8) | (v.) lost colour or brightness gradually |



3. In panel 7, how did Ming Jai's father feel about what he saw?

- A. pitiful and cross B. pitiful and shocked
 C. frightened and cross D. frightened but calm

3 Pay attention to what he said and his facial expression.

4. What is the 'fact' in panel 3 that Dad is about to tell Ming Jai?

5. Complete the summary of the comic strip by filling in ONE word in each blank.

In 1995, Ming Jai and his father lived in an (i) _____ in which they (ii) _____ seeing planes take off and land every day. One day, the father told the son that the airport would soon be (iii) _____ to Chek Lap Kok so they would later no longer have the (iv) _____ to watch planes at their old home...

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Level Up



Q3 To guess how someone feels, we can pay attention to:

- (a) the situation he or she is in; and (b) what he or she says in response to that situation

Now, read panel 7 again and answer the following questions.

- (i) What situation was Ming Jai's father in? _____
(ii) What did he say in panel 7? _____

Part C Vocabulary Bank

Label the photos below with the names of some of the tourist attractions in Hong Kong from the word box.

Repulse Bay Murray House Hong Kong Heritage Museum
 Kai Tak Cruise Terminal Sky100 Observatory Deck The Peak
 Tsim Sha Tsui Promenade Tai O Fishing Village

Let's Discuss!

1. Recommend a celebrated attraction to tourists visiting Hong Kong.
2. Have you ever heard of any attractions that have vanished? Did you get to visit any of them?

Kowloon



1.



2.

The New Territories



4.



5.



3.

Hong Kong Island



6.



7.



8.

Part D Cloze Passage

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



(1) _____

Stroll along and enjoy the best views of Victoria Harbour. Experience the alluring contrast between this hectic city's day and night here, and be dazzled by the nightly lights of the 'Pearl of the Orient'.

(3) _____

Sunbathe on this resort-like beach and take a dip in the sea to mellow out. Listen to the waves and stroll on the silky sand.

(5) _____

If you are interested in the history, art and culture of Hong Kong, you must pay a visit to this place! As the largest museum in Hong Kong, it should satisfy your curiosity with both permanent and special exhibitions open for public visits, often at a discounted price.

(7) _____

Once where the planes landed, it is now where international cruise liners berth. The spacious halls, with an unobstructed view of the harbour, make this place an ideal venue for events like exhibitions and banquets.

(2) _____

Come and visit the tallest skyscraper in Hong Kong! On the 100/F of International Commerce Centre (ICC), you can have a 360-degree panoramic view of the city.

(4) _____

Take the tram or trek up to the pinnacle. Other than appreciating the picturesque view of Hong Kong, you may even enjoy delicacies from around the world and experience hassle-free shopping here.

(6) _____

Once a building in which the British soldiers rested, it is now an iconic landmark in Stanley, where one may find delectable cuisine and mass market fashion clothing.

(8) _____

Along the waterways stand many stilted houses. Here in 'Venice of the East', you can join a boat tour to watch the Chinese White Dolphins, try out the famous charcoal-grilled egg waffles, and taste the quaint flavours of the village—dried squid and shrimp paste.