

Too Many Clubs, So Little Time

Text Type: Letter
Suggested finishing time: 15 mins

Let's Think!

1. Have you joined any school clubs?
2. If you could start up a new club, what would it be?

Dear Kenny,

How are you? As you know, now I go to a new school in Quarry Bay as I have moved to Hong Kong Island. Everything has been great here. What I like the most is that there are so many
5 extra-curricular activities to choose from, and some of them are very special! For example, as junior students, we are provided with a good selection of interest clubs: Crafting Club, Bakery Club, Sign Language Club, Barista Club and Drama Club, plus the School Orchestra and thirteen different sports teams. There is even a
10 Boxing Club for senior students!

I have decided to join Barista Club because I hope I can make coffee for my coffee-loving parents one day. I am considering joining one more club. Which one do you think I should join? What clubs have you joined in your school and why? Let me know what you think.

15 Love,
Morris

Dear Morris,

I am glad to know you are living the life of Riley! The clubs at your new school sound great! I wish I could join Barista Club too because
20 I can't live without coffee! I advise you not to skip any of the sessions because it requires lots of practice to make a perfect cup of coffee.

I am a member of the School Orchestra and Table Tennis Team. Each of them requires two days of practice a week. It is actually quite demanding! If you want to join one more club, Sign Language
25 Club sounds good, at least to me, because you can help the hearing impaired and those who rely on the language. Just make sure that you have enough time left for your schoolwork!

Good luck! Say hi to Aunt Sara and Uncle Leo for me.

Best,

30 Kenny

More to Take Away

Education in Finland is characterised by its emphasis on skills like technology and cultural understanding, rather than on academic subjects.

Looking into Grammar

Gerunds are used after some verbs, and *to*-infinitives after other verbs.

✗ Mum dreaded to miss (✓ missing) the train.

🔍 Circle TWO verbs, one followed by a gerund and the other followed by a *to*-infinitive in Morris's letter.

STEAM CLASSROOM

To make latte art, you need something light enough to stay atop the coffee. That is why the foam formed by steaming milk is needed: it has a lower density than coffee.



~300 words

Part A Multiple Choice Questions

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



1. Morris and Kenny are _____.

- A. siblings
- B. cousins
- C. classmates
- D. grandfather and grandson

1 Infer their relationship from their age and the people mentioned in the letters.

2. The main reason why Morris is joining Barista Club is that _____.

- A. he loves coffee
- B. his parents love coffee
- C. it is only for junior students
- D. Kenny encourages him to do so

3. Morris seems to be _____.

- A. jealous that senior students have more clubs to choose from
- B. satisfied with the vast variety of clubs provided
- C. fond of preparing different sorts of drinks
- D. happy that he has moved to Hong Kong Island



4. In line 18, Kenny says Morris is 'living the life of Riley' because Morris seems to be _____.

- A. growing up
- B. having a lot of spare time
- C. doing well in many subjects
- D. enjoying himself very much

4 What in Morris's letter is Kenny responding to?

5. Which of the following can Morris NOT join in this academic year?

- A. Boxing Club
- B. Bakery Club
- C. the School Orchestra
- D. the sports teams

6. Which of the following is NOT true about Kenny and Morris?

- A. Kenny learns to play music and sports.
- B. Morris did not live on Hong Kong Island some years ago.
- C. Kenny and Morris go to the same school but are not in the same class.
- D. Kenny is not expected to meet his relatives and Morris in the near future.

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 letters. For question 5, answer in a complete sentence.

- Strategy** 1. Which of the following interest clubs are mentioned in the letters? Mark each picture with a tick (✓) in the box if it is mentioned and a cross (✗) if it is not.



- Strategy** 2. Circle the literary device used in line 20 when Kenny says he ‘can’t live without coffee’?
exaggeration / metaphor / repetition / simile

2 Pay attention to its literal meaning and figurative meaning.

3. Circle TWO adjectives that describe Kenny’s personality based on his reply letter.

outgoing / thoughtful / honest / responsible / humorous / generous

3 How does Kenny respond to Morris’s questions?

4. Look at the following pronouns and answer who/what they refer to in the letters.

Pronoun	Line	Reference
them	line 5	(i)
we	line 6	(ii)
one	line 13	(iii)

5. Do you think Kenny will consider joining one more club like Morris does? Why or why not? Explain your answer.

Part C Vocabulary Bank

Label the photos below with the words and phrases about extra-curricular activities from the word box.

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crafting

bakery

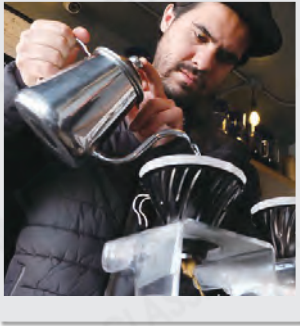
community service

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sign language

barista

drama



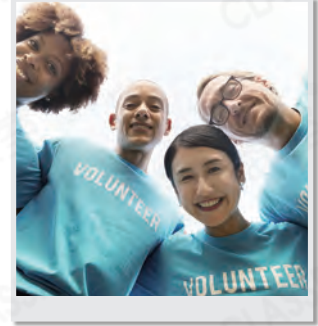
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2. _____



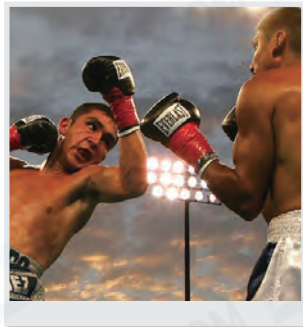
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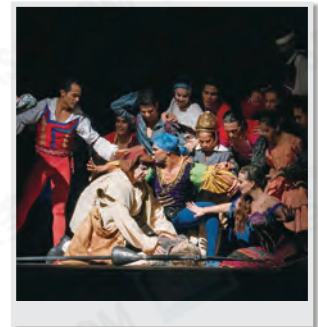
5. _____



6. _____



7. _____



8. _____

Let's Discuss!

1. What activities (e.g. arts, sports) are you especially good at or do you enjoy doing?
2. Do you agree that you can determine what you are good at? Explain your answer.