

**Let's think!**

1. Can you recall a time when you felt betrayed by someone?
2. What are some goals you have for the future?

## PLAYLIST



## READ ALONG

**Text 1**

Advice by Abby Jones

**Ask Abby: Surviving scams***Dear Abby,*

**1** I have never dated before. Back in March, I decided to try out LoveVibe. On the app, I met a girl around my age and started chatting with her. However, a few days ago, I received phone calls from a stranger who threatened to expose our relationship on social media.

**2** Feeling cornered, I paid the stranger a HKD\$ 3,000 bribe as demanded. Regrettably, he is now demanding an additional HKD 8,000, which I simply can't afford to pay. I am haunted by the possibility that my parents will find out. What should I do?

*Anxious & Ashamed*

**3** Anxious and Ashamed: There's nothing wrong with wanting to befriend new people. These blackmailers will still have itchy palms, no matter how much you've already given them. It's time to cue the dramatic entrance of the police inspector! Blackmailing is a serious crime. You don't need to shoulder the burden yourself, so go ahead and contact the authorities. They'll put an end to this nonsense.

*Dear Abby,*

**4** I've recently received an offer to be a model. The recruiter is asking for an upfront payment to cover the cost of a test shoot, promising that it'll lead to modelling opportunities with well-known fashion brands. While I hope this could be a gateway to a lucrative career, something about the offer just doesn't seem right.

*Model Wannabe*

**5** Model Wannabe: Here are two key mantras to remember: Scammers make exaggerated promises and they pressure you for payments. Armed with this knowledge, it's clear that there's something fishy about this job offer. If you're still uncertain, do a Google search on the modelling agency to see if someone has made any complaints against it.

~280 words



## Text 2

## Modelling 101: how to become a model

1 If your dream is to be a teen model, here are some tips for you.

### Understand the industry

2 Modelling agencies often scout out teenagers for modelling opportunities such as printed advertisements and TV commercials. It's important to note that agencies will require the teenagers' parents to give their permission first, and that they often ask them to be present at the shoot to keep an eye on them.

### Build a portfolio

3 In order to develop your modelling career, it is crucial to collate a detailed portfolio. Create a folder containing around 20 photos that include both full-length body shots and close-ups. For aspiring teens starting out in the world of professional modelling, it is worthwhile to have high-quality photos taken by an experienced photographer in a proper studio. Avoid using mobile phone selfies in your portfolio.



### Take care of your appearance

4 If you want to be a model, it is important to dress the part. This means opting for simple, clean-cut attire rather than excessively flashy clothing. Diligent skincare is essential too, as modelling agencies often prefer a natural look without heavy make-up. Because of this, you should maintain a healthy diet and exercise regularly to keep yourself in good physical shape.

### Be prepared for rejection

5 You can expect to receive feedback usually within three days after your audition. It is important to understand that getting rejected by modelling agencies is a common part of life for professional models. Keep in mind that there may be dozens or even hundreds of applicants competing for a single job, so don't let rejection discourage you. Remember that there are always plenty of modelling opportunities elsewhere. Don't take things personally and stay focused on your goal.

6 By following these tips, you will be better prepared to navigate the complicated world of teen modelling. Good luck on your journey!

~300 words

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## Looking into Grammar

We can use **by** to indicate the doer of an action.

✓ ... it is worthwhile to have high-quality photos taken **by** an experienced photographer ...

? Circle the preposition 'by' that indicates the doer of an action in Text 2.

Read Text 2 and answer questions 9–13. For multiple-choice questions, choose the best answer and blacken ONE circle only. (13 marks)

9. It is important for parents to attend shoots because they can \_\_\_\_\_.
- A. give photography advice      C. appreciate their children’s performance      A      B      C      D  
 B. ensure their children’s safety      D. give their children permission

10. Below is a summary of paragraphs 2–3. In three of the lines, there is ONE mistake. If you find a mistake, underline the mistake and replace it with ONE word that expresses the correct idea. Write the word in the space on the right. If there is NO mistake, put a tick (✓) in the space. The first one has been done for you .

e.g. To become a teenage model, it is important to understand the <u>portfolio</u>	industry
(i) and to give the agreement of parents or guardians first.	
(ii) Models should prepare a basic portfolio with different kinds of	
(iii) photos, including close-ups and half-body shots. Besides, it is vital to	
(iv) consider hiring a professional photographer and avoid using mobile phone selfies.	

11. How can a model ‘dress the part’ (line 15)?
- A. wearing flashy clothing  
 B. dressing in a way that stands out from others  
 C. dressing in simple way  
 D. following the latest fashion trends

**11** Pay attention to the details of the sentence that follows ‘dress the part’.

- A      B      C      D

12. Based on paragraphs 4–5, complete the following notes by writing ONE word to fill in each blank. Make sure your answers are grammatically correct.

Before the casting:

- Dress (i) \_\_\_\_\_ in outfits.
- Ensure that your (ii) \_\_\_\_\_ is well-maintained as you are not supposed to put on too much (iii) \_\_\_\_\_.
- Do (iv) \_\_\_\_\_ regularly to stay fit.

After the casting:

- You should get (v) \_\_\_\_\_ in no more than three days.
- If you do not receive any news, do not be discouraged by (vi) \_\_\_\_\_.

13. What is the writer’s attitude towards teen modelling?
- A. critical      C. disapproving      A      B      C      D  
 B. neutral      D. uncertain

# Vocabulary

## GLOSSARY



A. Complete the advice column below with the given words. Make sure your answers are grammatically correct.

**Adjective:** diligent      exaggerated      worthwhile

**Adverb:** regrettably

**Noun:** applicant      nonsense      portfolio

**Phrasal verb:** scout out

**Verb:** expose      shoulder

## Working your way towards stardom

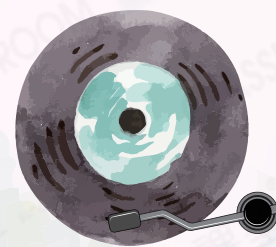


If you dream of becoming a popular musician or singer, you should be aware of a few things.

While it is true that record companies (1) \_\_\_\_\_ hundreds of talents and train them to become stars, (2) \_\_\_\_\_ only a handful of them end up being popular idols. So, what can you do to get noticed?

A good way to start is to build a / an (3) \_\_\_\_\_ of music that demonstrates your skills and talent. The strength of your songs is what will ultimately make you stand out. Making good music is no easy task, and if you want your friends to support you and (4) \_\_\_\_\_ the burden with you, it is (5) \_\_\_\_\_ to form a band with them.

Talent competitions are another way to enter the music industry. They are a good platform for aspiring artists to (6) \_\_\_\_\_ themselves to all kinds of musical styles. (7) \_\_\_\_\_ who have entered one of these competitions must be (8) \_\_\_\_\_ and do thorough research on who the judges are and the kinds of music that they enjoy.



Sometimes, contestants might get too eager to show off their skills and perform in a / an (9) \_\_\_\_\_ style. It is almost certain that most judges would not put up with this kind of (10) \_\_\_\_\_.

Now that you have been given two ways to become a superstar, go ahead and try them out!

B. Take notes on what the counsellor says using the given phrases.

### How to develop yourself

accept and learn from failure

develop a positive body image

cultivate healthy relationships

identify your strengths

practise gratitude

pursue passions and interests

set realistic goals

attempt unfamiliar things

1. \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_



Aim for achievable targets that match your situation and ability.

2. \_\_\_\_\_  
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Surround yourself with positive, supportive friends who can listen to you and help you.

3. \_\_\_\_\_  
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Discover and improve on what you are good at doing.

4. \_\_\_\_\_  
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Don't be ashamed of how you look. Be proud of who you are instead.

5. \_\_\_\_\_  
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Mistakes happen, but they're opportunities to grow and improve.

6. \_\_\_\_\_  
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Explore new activities to learn more about yourself and the world.

7. \_\_\_\_\_  
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Take time to appreciate the good things and people in your life.

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



Follow your dreams. They may lead you to a fulfilling life.

## Writing

What does 'success' mean to you?

What does success mean to you? How can you achieve it? Write a blog entry of about 180 words.