



# Locating general and specific information



## general information

- headings and subheadings
- summaries of paragraphs

## word choice

words that are relevant to the key words in the questions

## specific information

### detailed information

- statistics, amounts, dates and time
- opinion or attitude of someone

## Let's look closer!

(i) word choice—synonyms: 'In the old days' and *Traditionally*; 'put a lot of effort' and *dedicated* → True

Today, anyone can become a celebrity as long as you have an account online. Traditionally, actors like Jones dedicated years of training and practice to their craft. Success back then meant producing quality shows that attracted high ratings. 'Nowadays, if your content generates enough clicks, you can become famous,' says Jones. He thinks undesirable content created online has ruined the scene.

(ii) detailed information—opinion: 'benefited' (positive); *ruined* (negative) → False

**DSE** 2022 Part A Q10 T / F / NG

- e.g. Decide whether the following statements are True (T), False (F) or Not Given (NG).
- |   | T                                | F                                | NG                    |
|---|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|-----------------------|
| (i) <u>In the old days</u> , actors <u>put a lot of effort</u> into improving their skills. | <input checked="" type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/>            | <input type="radio"/> |
| (ii) According to Jones, developments in social media have <u>benefited</u> the industry.   | <input type="radio"/>            | <input checked="" type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |

In the US, there have not been any studies on how the gap year facilitates the personal development of students. This notion inspired Joseph Shaw to publish *Gap Year: How Delaying College Changes People in Ways the World Needs*. Joseph says, 'I think it is a very good time for young people to explore the world as they take fewer responsibilities. It allows them to experience a different culture and perspective.'

(i) word choice—synonyms: 'have more freedom' and *take fewer responsibilities*

(ii) word choice—synonyms: 'lets' and *allow*

**DSE** 2022 Part B1 Q35 Fill in the blanks

- e.g. What are the reasons Joseph Shaw gives for people to take a gap year? Write ONE word taken from the paragraph in each blank below.
- Young people have (i) \_\_\_\_\_ more \_\_\_\_\_ freedom to travel.
  - It lets young people see a different (ii) \_\_\_\_\_ culture // perspective \_\_\_\_\_.

## Let's practise!

It is no surprise that a greater number of school-leavers are choosing to take a gap year. For most post-millennials, the opportunity to widen their horizons, explore possibilities and seek the meaning of life is appealing. They stop conforming to society's expectations in order to have their own individual character. The older generation should see these traits as a positive thing instead of misinterpreting them as deficiencies in the younger generation.


**DSE** 2022 Part B1 Q38 Mentioned / Not mentioned

- ① The following statements are possible reasons for the increasing number of people taking a gap year. Are the statements mentioned or NOT mentioned? **Mentioned** **Not mentioned**
- (i) Young people value options in life.
- (ii) The older generations do not understand why young people need to take a gap year.

Alice Cheng, director of Ace Television Entertainment and one of the founders of the Hong Kong Artistes Association, started her career in the industry in the 1960s. She has been working in various positions starting as a production assistant first and then moving into script writing, directing and management. She looked back on its heyday: between the 1970s and the 2000s, there were a number of major TV stations competing fiercely against one another. The popularity of the internet in the mid-2000s caused a number of TV stations to close. Many of the people at the TV stations like Cheng have adapted and embraced the new technology. They upload programmes onto social media platforms such as YouTube. 'We can't be complacent about the current practice. We need to change,' Cheng says.

**DSE** 2022 Part A Q18 Fill in the blanks

- ② Complete the table by filling in each blank with a word or phrase taken from the paragraph. Make sure your answers are grammatically correct.

(i) _____ path of Alice Cheng	
1960s  present	She started (ii) _____.
	She took up different (iii) _____ in the television broadcasting industry.
	She founded (iv) _____.
	She discovered that (v) _____ was a more popular medium than the television.
	She became the (vi) _____ of a TV station.