



Interpreting and analysing information



How to interpret and analyse information?

- skim through the text to have basic understanding of it
- do simple calculations or integrate and paraphrase ideas



Pay special attention to **names, numbers, dates, time markers** and so on

Let's look closer!

(i) *soaps = dramas*

How about Japanese soaps?

I don't like the **dramas**. They're all about fantasy that does not resemble reality: an underachiever who works hard finally succeeds. Japan is probably not a welcoming country for an underachiever.

If you live in Japan, you will see one in every two students with lower ability attending tutorials to get better grades.

(v) *one in every two = half of the existing amount*

(ii) *an underachiever = an underachieving (adj.) person;*
(iii) *succeed (plural form: no 's' is added to the verb)*

(iv) *not a welcoming country for an underachiever → a welcoming country for high achievers*

DSE 2015 Part A Q17 Fill in the blanks

e.g. Complete the summary by filling in each blank with ONE word. Make sure your answers are grammatically correct.

The writer doesn't like Japanese (i) soaps // dramas because he thinks that the plots are far-fetched. The stories are often the same—(ii) underachieving people make efforts and (iii) succeed in the end. The writer thinks that Japan is a country for (iv) high achievers. For example, about (v) half of the students with lower ability study long hours to obtain better grades.

Nowadays, anyone can become a social commentator as long as you have ii a YouTube channel.

Traditionally, social commentators like Jones worked hard for years to develop expertise. Success back then meant iv giving well-informed opinions on TV or radio. Now? 'If you generate enough clicks, you can become well known,' says Jones. He thinks content created by v amateurs plays a role in the industry's collapse.

(iii) *As amateurs are criticised for their work, it can be inferred that the high-quality content in the past was produced by professionals.*

DSE 2022 Part B1 Q35 Table completion

e.g. Complete the table using the information in the paragraph.

	In the past ...	Now ...
Broadcast media	(i) <u>TV and radio</u>	(ii) <u>YouTube</u>
Commentators are ...	(iii) <u>professionals</u>	<u>amateurs</u>
Meaning of success	(iv) <u>giving well-informed opinions</u>	(v) <u>generating enough clicks</u>

Let's practise!

Some of our best secondary school students are able to consume textbook information very quickly. In a recent survey, 85 out of 100 students think that being intelligent means having good comprehension skills and a strong memory. They believe that they are the keys to good grades. Having these core skills is important for learning. But this will not take them very far beyond the secondary school. Just accepting what is taught in textbooks without questioning it only gives the satisfaction of having learnt the material. And yet, this can barely fulfil their needs.

DSE 2015 Part B2 Q61 Fill in the blanks

- ① Write the given words in the spaces provided. Each word can be used once only.

easy enough majority satisfying success unhelpful

According to the writer, the kind of learning method used at secondary schools is (i) _____ after they graduate. Although a survey showed that the (ii) _____ of students believe that the method is important for school (iii) _____, the reality reflects that it is actually not (iv) _____.

DSE 2015 Part B2 Q64 Proofreading

- ② In two of the lines, there is ONE mistake. If you find a mistake, underline it and write the correct word. If there is NO mistake, put a tick (✓) in the space.
- (i) After graduating, more people will stress the ability to _____
- (ii) comprehend and memorise. Preference is shown to individuals _____
- (iii) who can think out of the grades. _____

Exam Booster

For Generation Z, happiness is integral to life. They enjoy more me time, and are more likely to refuse to work overtime compared with previous generations.

They sometimes splurge on technological experiences and invest more time in wellness treatments. They are willing to spend money since 'happiness' does not just mean 'an absence of sadness'.

DSE 2017 Part B2 Q52 Table completion

- ① Use one word to complete the table using the information in the paragraph.

Compared to Generation Z, Generations X and Y ...
• are less (i) _____.
• have less time for (ii) _____.
• work overtime (iii) _____.
• define being happy as 'not feeling (iv) _____'.