



### Unit 3 Practice

#### Task 1 (p.8)

Announcer : Situation.

You are Ryan Lam, a Secondary 1 student. You are celebrating Christmas with your family.

You will have two tasks to do. Follow the instructions in the Question-Answer Book and on the recording to complete the tasks. You have two minutes to familiarise yourself with Tasks 1 and 2 before the recording begins.

Task 1.

Your dad is shopping at the supermarket and wants to know which items he needs to buy. Your mum is busy and asks you to reply to him. Listen to the conversation and complete the notes below by writing the symbols in the boxes.

You now have 30 seconds to study the task. At the end of the task, you will have 30 seconds to tidy up your answers.

Mum : Ryan, I'm busy cooking, but your father has texted me to ask what he should buy for Christmas. Can you please read out what he has texted and then write some notes for my reply? You can then text him using your phone, as my hands are covered with flour.

Ryan : OK, no problem. Let me see... He says 'I'm shopping. Which of these should I buy?' Then there is a list of 6 items.

Mum : Can you read out the first item for me?

Ryan : Sure. Dad asks if you want him to buy mince pies. I don't like them. I think he shouldn't buy them.

Mum : Oh but Ryan, your father loves them.  
① Tell him he should buy them otherwise he'll be disappointed.

Ryan : Oh, all right then. He can eat them.

Mum : What's next?

Ryan : Um, he asks about a turkey.

Mum : Well, it's tasty but it is often too big for 3 people. I don't want to eat leftovers for weeks. Hmm, maybe he can take turkey sandwiches to work if we can't finish it on Christmas Day. ② Tell him he can buy it if he wants turkey sandwiches for lunch.

Ryan : OK, so he may buy that. Right, next he asks about Christmas cake.

Mum ③ Oh no! I don't know anybody who likes that. It is far too rich and heavy and is full of sugar. I don't think we should get that.

Ryan : I agree.

Mum : OK, what's the fourth thing he asks about?

Ryan : He asks about a bottle of red wine.

Mum : It'd be nice to have a small glass of red wine with dinner. How romantic it would be!

Ryan : But we have other drinks too. Plus I don't like the taste of red wine.

Mum ④ Fine, then we'll leave it for Dad to decide.

Ryan : I will text him that. The next item is not for food or drink, it's about Christmas decorations. He asks if we need him to buy the little shiny balls for the Christmas tree.

Mum : Um, I don't think we need them as we still have some golden balls left from

last year. <sup>5</sup> I just haven't unpacked them yet, so tell him not to buy any. I think we have other decorations left from last year like tinsel and ribbon bows.

Ryan : But won't it be boring? The Christmas tree will look the same as last year.

Mum : Come on, Ryan. We shouldn't be that wasteful. The decorations are still very new.

Ryan : OK, now there is only one more thing in his text. He asks if we would like him to buy a box of chocolates.

Mum : <sup>6</sup> That's an easy one — how can we celebrate Christmas without chocolates?

Ryan : Haha! You're right, Mum — I love chocolates!

Announcer : This is the end of Task 1. You now have 30 seconds to tidy up your answers.

## Task 2 (p.9)

Announcer : Task 2.

You are trying to put Christmas photographs in a photo album. Listen to the conversation and arrange the photographs below in the correct order. Write the letters (A-F) in the boxes provided.

You now have 30 seconds to study the task. At the end of the task, you will have 30 seconds to tidy up your answers.

Ryan : Dad, Mum asked me to put these photographs from Christmas in order but I need a bit of help. I wasn't there the whole time. Can you help me to put them in order?

Dad : No problem. I took some of them and your Uncle Andy took the others.

Ryan : Great. Now, there are 6 photographs I'm not sure about where to put them in the album.

Dad : What's the first one?

Ryan : <sup>3</sup> It's a picture of Mum taking the turkey out of the oven. She looks really worried.

Dad : Oh yes, that was Christmas morning before you got up. She had left the turkey to slow cook overnight, but the oven had not got hot enough. The turkey was still half-frozen. I thought it was funny so I took a picture, but your mother was not happy at all. She had to put the turkey in the microwave.

Ryan : No wonder Mum looked so stressed on Christmas morning! OK, so what about this one? <sup>1</sup> It shows Mum again, but this time she is putting a big parcel under the tree. It looks like the present I opened from you two.

Dad : <sup>1</sup> It is. We bought it on Christmas Eve and put it under the tree when you were at the bus stop waiting for your cousins to arrive in the afternoon.

Ryan : Oh, so that's why I didn't see it earlier.

Dad : We wanted it to be a surprise as you had already guessed your other presents by looking at the sizes and shapes of the presents!

Ryan : Well, it was a great surprise — a new lap top. <sup>4</sup> The next photograph shows cousin James opening his present, the computer game, but he doesn't look at all pleased.

Dad : Yes, James was disappointed because unfortunately we got him a computer game that he already had. <sup>4</sup> That photograph was taken on Christmas morning by Uncle Andy — it was when you were setting up your new lap top in your room. <sup>5</sup> There should be a photograph there of Simon opening his present too, just after James.

Ryan : I have that photo here. Simon looks really pleased with his gift.

- Dad : We managed to get him a computer game he did not have so he was very happy.
- Ryan : There is one of the family standing around the piano. <sup>②</sup> Mum is playing and James and Simon are singing with Uncle Andy.
- Dad : Oh, I took that picture. <sup>②</sup> It was late in the evening of Christmas Eve when you were already asleep. We stayed up to sing Christmas carols. James and Simon have lovely voices. Didn't you hear us singing?
- Ryan : No, I was so tired I fell asleep straight away. I didn't hear the singing and didn't even hear my cousins coming to bed.
- Dad : Well, it was good you got to sleep so quickly.
- Ryan : <sup>⑥</sup> But I missed the singing the next day too — this last photograph shows you all at the piano singing again.
- Dad : Oh yes, but this time it was Uncle Andy who played the piano. We had just started to sing when suddenly the lights on the Christmas tree exploded!
- Ryan : Oh, I didn't even notice the Christmas tree lights weren't working.
- Dad : Anyway, that's all the photographs. It was a good Christmas and now the album is finished.
- Announcer : This is the end of Task 2. You now have 30 seconds to tidy up your answers.