



Unit 5 Practice

Task 1 (p.16)

Announcer : Situation.

You are Simon Tang, a committee member of the Technology Club at your school. You will help record students' inquiries at the help desk and interview students who are entering a competition called Green Inventions.

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.

You are taking telephone messages at the Technology Club's Help Desk. Listen to the conversations and fill in the forms below.

You now have 30 seconds to study the task. At the end of the task, you will have 1 minute to tidy up your answers.

Announcer : Conversation 1.

Simon : Computer Help Desk. This is Simon. How can I help you?

Christine : Hi. I'm having trouble with my computer. I can't get the wireless connection to work.

Simon : OK. ^① May I have your name, please?

Christine : Christine, Christine Fan. That's F-A-N, Fan.

Simon : Hi, Christine. ^② Can you tell me what class you're in?

Christine : 4C.

Simon : Class 4C. And can I have your phone number and email address so Mr Song can get back to you?

Christine : Oh, sure. ^③ My number is 3571 4682.

Simon : Let me repeat that. That's 3571 4682. Is that right?

Christine : Yes.

Simon : ^④ And now your email address, please.

Christine : It's C underscore fanfan, F-A-N-F-A-N at freemail dot com.

Simon : Let me make sure I have this right. That's C underscore fanfan at freemail dot com, correct?

Christine : Yes.

Simon : Thanks, Christine. ^⑤ And how would you rate your computer skills — beginner, intermediate or advanced?

Christine : Hmm, intermediate I'd say.

Simon : ^⑥ OK, and what type of computer do you have?

Christine : It's a Lentino laptop. L-E-N-T-I-N-O.

Simon : Ah, Lentino. I see. Sorry for all those questions, Christine. ^⑦ Now the problem with your computer is with the wireless connection?

Christine : That's right. I can't get the wireless connection to work. I hope you can help me.

Simon : We'll do our best. I'll pass the message to Mr Song and he'll get back to you before the end of the day.

Christine : Thank you. *

Announcer : Conversation 2.

Simon : Hello. This is the Computer Help Desk. I'm Simon. How can I help you?

Henry : I'm having trouble with my notebook. ¹⁴ I can't get the multimedia player to work.

Simon : Let me get that down. Can't get the multimedia player to work, is that right?

Henry : That's right. Yesterday it was working fine and today it's not working.

Simon : Sorry to hear that. Let me get some information so we can get back to you later. ⁸ What's your name and class?

Henry : ⁹ Henry Ho and I'm in class 5B.

Simon : Thanks, Henry. ¹⁰ May I have your phone number?

Henry : 5339 7488.

Simon : Let me repeat that. It's 5338 7488.

Henry : No, it's 5339 7488.

Simon : ¹¹ OK, and your email address?

Henry : It's piano-man-dot-henry-at-webmail-dot-com.

Simon : Is pianoman one word?

Henry : That's right. P-I-A-N-O-M-A-N dot henry at webmail dot com.

Simon : Thanks. ¹² Now Henry, how would you rate your computer skills — beginner, intermediate or advanced?

Henry : Advanced. I'm usually really good with computers.

Simon : ¹³ What kind of computer do you have?

Henry : I've got a Singsong Travelmate Notebook. Notebook is one word.

Simon : Oh, nice. So that's a Singsong S-I-N-G-S-O-N-G Travelmate — T-R-A-V-E-L-M-A-T-E — Notebook.

Henry : That's right.

Simon : Well, don't worry. Our technician will get back to you soon.

Henry : Thanks.

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

Task 2 (p.17)

Announcer : Task 2.

You are interviewing two students about their products for the competition. Listen to the interviews and label the products.

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.

Announcer : Conversation 1.

Olivia : Excuse me, are you Simon from the Technology Club?

Simon : Yes, that's right. You must be Olivia.

Olivia : That's me.

Simon : Thanks for meeting me, and thanks for entering the competition. The draft you sent us looks great. Can I ask you a few questions about your invention?

Olivia : Sure, that'd be great.

Simon : ¹ Now your invention is a device that automatically waters flowers or plants, and you call it...

Olivia : Greenmate, it means a plant's best friend. It's one word.

Simon : Oh, yes, that's nice. Could you tell me a bit about the features of Greenmate?

Olivia : Yeah, no problem. ⁴ I'll start with the two circles here on the side. The top one is the power light. It lets you know that the machine has power and is working. ⁵ And the bottom one is a music speaker. Every time Greenmate waters a plant, it plays a little tune.

Simon : That's interesting. Have you decided on the tune yet?

Olivia : No, I'm still thinking about that.

Simon : So that's a power light and a music speaker. What's that at the back of the machine?

Olivia : ^⑦ On the bottom is the battery tray. You can just pull out the tray and slip in the batteries. I'm going to design the battery tray for two double A batteries.

Simon : Wow, you've really thought this out.

Olivia : It's just something I like doing. ^⑥ Now on top of the battery tray is the water tank. You need to pour some water in it. When it's time to water the plant, water will be taken from the water tank, and up the stem...

Simon : That's this part at the top, right?

Olivia : That's right. ^② The stem looks like a pipe or a tube, so the water will go up the stem to the shower head. That's this part here. It's about the same as the shower head in your bathroom. Then water will come out of the shower head and water the plant.

Simon : ^③ And what's this? There's something under the shower head.

Olivia : Oh, that's the light. That's in case you're in an office and not very close to a window. The light can help your plant grow.

Simon : Well, I think that's a great invention. Thanks for your time, Olivia, and thanks again for entering the competition.

Olivia : Oh, no problem, it was fun. *

Announcer : Conversation 2.

Simon : Hi, are you Clara Tong?

Clara : Yes, you must be Simon, from the Technology Club, right?

Simon : Yeah, that's right. ^⑧ I'd like to talk to you about your invention for the competition.

Clara : OK. It's called the Head Player.

Simon : Is that two words?

Clara : That's right. What do you want to know?

Simon : Can you tell me a bit about the features?

Clara : Sure. Um, let's start with the right speaker. There is a big button in the middle. Well, it's the play or pause button. You can press it once to play and twice to pause.

Simon : That makes sense. How about these smaller buttons around it?

Clara : ^⑫ The one on the left is to listen to the previous song and ^⑪ the one on the right is for the next song. ^⑩ Then can you see those two triangles on the headband?

Simon : Yeah, what are those?

Clara : Those are for volume control. I wanted to make sure the volume control was on the same side with all the other main buttons. I thought it would be more convenient.

Simon : Again, that makes sense. Good thinking. ^⑨ And what's the little slot on the left speaker? Is it for a micro memory card?

Clara : That was my first idea. But then I decided to put the memory inside the left speaker, so what you're seeing is a micro U-S-B slot. Almost all the mobiles and MP3 players have a micro U-S-B slot these days for charging, so I thought I'd better have one.

Simon : That's smart.

Clara : I'm flattered. I hope I can see my own invention selling in shops one day.

Simon : I'm sure it will. Well, thanks for your time, Clara, and best of luck in the competition.

Clara : Thanks.

Announcer : This is the end of Task 2. You now have 30 seconds to tidy up your answers.