



Unit 10 Practice

Part A

Task 1 (p.41)

Announcer : Part A. Situation.

You are Frankie Ng, a Secondary 3 student. You are planning a trip and some activities for your summer holiday.

You will have a total of three tasks to do. Follow the instructions in the Question-Answer Book and on the recording to complete the tasks. You now have two minutes to familiarise yourself with Tasks 1 to 3 before the recording begins.

Task 1.

You are going on holiday overseas with your parents and you are discussing some travel packages. Listen to the conversation and complete the advertisements.

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.

Frankie : Wow, all of these packages look great. Which one should we choose?

Mum : Some of them are really expensive. ¹⁵ Look at this Singapore tour — it's \$7,500! And there are three of us!

Frankie : Well, the Thai tour is pretty cheap. ⁴ It's only \$3,500 and that includes four nights in a hotel! ⁵ Why is it so much cheaper?

Mum : Probably because the hotel is not very good.

Dad : ¹ Look at its activities. I don't want to sunbathe and relax on the beach. I want to do something else.

Frankie : ² They do offer fishing and diving.

Mum : ³ And shopping!

Dad : I know Thailand is famous for its beaches and sunshine, but I want to experience something new.

Frankie : ¹⁶ Well, maybe we should try the historical tour of Xi'an then. I've always wanted to see the Terracotta Warriors.

Mum : Xi'an is an interesting city. I like it a lot, but it's not very modern.

Dad : I guess cities in China have changed a lot in the last 10 to 20 years. ¹⁷ The tour includes staying in a 5-star hotel. At least we would be comfortable.

Frankie : Yeah, I bet that's why it's so expensive. ¹⁸ Look, it's \$7,000. You could go to Japan for that.

Mum : ¹⁹ And the advertisement says it also requires a weekend surcharge, so we'd have to pay that too. Still, I would like to see the city.

Dad : It's not the most expensive one though. The Singapore tour is \$7,500.

Frankie : Well, that's true but it says the hotel is Hilton Hotel on Orchard Road. You know it's going to be expensive. ¹² We can go to the zoo, shopping, and also the theme park! ¹³ ¹⁴

Mum : I'm not a fan of going to zoos and theme parks. Singapore is attractive to me because it's a famous place for shopping! ¹¹ Singapore is a shopper's paradise.

Dad : You can buy anything in Hong Kong nowadays.

Frankie : ⁶ Well, how about the eco-tour in Malaysia? Dad, you said you wanted to try something new, right?

Dad : That's a little too adventurous for me. Do you see this? Travelling by jeep and walking to explore the natural habitat. ⁷ I'm too old for hiking around in the rainforest.

Frankie : Oh, come on Dad!

Mum : ¹⁰ It's also the longest one — wait, five nights in a resort hotel...wow! That's a good bargain! ⁹ The package with five nights only costs \$6,500.

Dad : \$6,500 staying in a resort hotel is a good bargain, but don't forget you have to hike up steep hills in those forests and mountains and your legs will be stiff every day...

Mum : So where shall we go?

Dad : It looks like history and culture win the day.

Mum : OK, we'll go shopping next summer!

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

Task 2 (p.42)

Announcer : Task 2.

You are going to join an outdoor activity tour during the summer holiday. Listen to the conversation and complete the application form 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.

Frankie : Here's the application form for the outdoor activity tour. Mum, can you help me fill it in? I've only finished some parts of it...

Mum : Sure. The next item is your ID card number. Do you remember it?

Frankie : No, Mum.

Mum : ¹ It's Z231331, brackets 1. And why didn't

you fill in your birthday? ² It's the 12th of June, 1996.

Frankie : Oh, I forgot to fill that in.

Mum : Hmm... ⁴ You'd better write down your dad's name for the contact person.

Frankie : ³ OK, Mr Leo Ng, ⁵ and his phone number is 6452 2134. Done.

Mum : Are there any teachers going with you? It's too dangerous if you only go with your classmates.

Frankie : No worries, Mum. Mr Johnson's taking us.

Mum : ⁶ Oh good, Mr Johnson is a good PE teacher. Hey, you need to put down his phone number. Do you have that?

Frankie : ⁷ Yes, it's 8123 3001.

Mum : So when are you guys going? Don't forget we're going to Xi'an in early August.

Frankie : Of course I know that! I've discussed this with my friends and they're going camping in late August. ⁸ That means we're all free from the 19th to the 23rd of July, ⁹ and from the 10th to the 14th of August.

Mum : Good. Then I think you should write down both dates in case your first choice is not available.

Frankie : OK... So I'll write from the 19th to the 23rd of July...and from the 10th to the 14th of August. Done.

Mum : If you're going from the 10th to the 14th of August, you'll have time to do the summer schoolwork and prepare for the new school year.

Frankie : Oh no...

Mum : So what activities would you like to take part in?

Frankie : Well, I'd really like to go rock climbing.

Mum : Are you sure? You've never tried it before.

Frankie : That's why I want to try it.

Mum : Are you old enough to go rock climbing? You're only 15! And it's very dangerous!

Frankie : The age limit is from 15 to 50, Mum.

Mum : It doesn't matter. I won't allow you to sign up for rock climbing. You can choose other activities. How about fishing?

Frankie : You're the one who is going to make the decision, anyway.

Mum : I couldn't hear you. What did you say?

Frankie : OK. I'll choose fishing, which I'm really good at. Can I go hiking and boating as well?

Mum : Hmm... Hiking is fine but boating sounds a bit too difficult for you.

Frankie : Oh please... I really want to try something new!

Mum : Oh, OK then. So you're going fishing, hiking and boating.

Frankie : Thanks Mum, I love you! Now, I need to fill in my relevant experience.

Mum : What types of waters have you fished in other than reservoirs?

Frankie : None. Let me write that down. I have fished in reservoirs'... how do you spell reservoirs?

Mum : It's R-E-S-E-R-V-O-I-R-S. You went hiking in Sai Kung Country Park last month, didn't you? And we went to some country parks before.

Frankie : Yes. Sai Kung Country Park was great!

Mum : Then you can add this under relevant experience. Just add 'and hiked in several country parks in Hong Kong'.

Frankie : OK... and hiked... in several country parks... in Hong Kong.

Mum : Right. Now we've almost finished the form. For the insurance, I think we'd better buy the comprehensive one.

Frankie : \$200 is a lot of money, don't you think? Let's just buy the accident one. It's only \$50.

Mum : Absolutely not. It'll be a lot more expensive if something happens and you're not insured. Now, the last thing is about the fees. The fee for each activity is \$200, so it's \$600 in total for the activities. How about equipment?

Frankie : I can bring my own fishing gear.

Mum : OK then, and the insurance is \$200 so the whole tour costs \$800. I hope you'll have a good time during the tour.

Frankie : Thanks Mum! I'm sure we will.

Announcer : This is the end of Task 2. You now have 1 minute to tidy up your answers.

Task 3 (p.43)

Announcer : Task 3.

Now, you are back from Xi'an and the summer holiday is over. Your teacher has asked you to prepare a fact sheet about Xi'an. Listen to the conversation and also use the website to fill in the fact sheet.

The conversation will be played twice. Do as much as you can the first time and complete all answers the second time. You have one minute to read the website and the fact sheet.

The conversation will begin now.

[Miss Wong: What would you like to tell everybody about Xi'an?

Frankie : Well, there're so many things. When I think of Xi'an, the best thing is the history and the culture.

Miss Wong : You can start by giving some general

information about the city. Do you know how old the city is?

Frankie : ^① According to our tour guide, the city has been there for over 3,100 years.

Miss Wong : Yes. ^③ It's known as one of the 4 great ancient capitals of China.

Frankie : ^② I know it was the eastern terminus of the Silk Road a long time ago. The city is very modern now.

Miss Wong : That's all good information. Next, you should include the popular sights to see in Xi'an. What sights did you visit during your trip? Did you visit the famous Terracotta Warriors?

Frankie : Yes, but it was awfully crowded when we went there. ^④ Besides the Warriors, I went to see the well-preserved City Wall. It surrounds the inner city of Xi'an and it is the most complete city wall remaining in China.

Miss Wong : ^⑤ Hmm...did you visit the Bell Tower?

Frankie : Yes. It has become the central landmark of the city! However, there're things we need to be aware of in the city. ^⑩ The traffic can be terrible since everyone there seems to have a car. ^⑫ And it was very crowded in the city.

Miss Wong : Terrible traffic is quite a problem in many Chinese cities...

Frankie : Yes. And it would have been better if I had gone there in cooler weather. ^⑬ You know, it gets very hot in summer.

Miss Wong : You're right. Thanks Frankie, I'm sure everyone will enjoy knowing more about your trip.]

Announcer : Now listen to the conversation again.

Repeat []

You now have 30 seconds to check your answers.

This is the end of Task 3. *

Part B (pp.44-48)

Announcer : Part B. Situation.

You are Jessica Kwok, a student helper for the annual school outing.

You will listen to a conversation between you and your class teacher, Mr Tsui. As you listen, you can make notes on page 1 of the Data File.

Follow the instructions in the Question-Answer Book and on the recording to complete the tasks. You will find all the information you need in the Question-Answer Book, the Data File and on the recording.

You have five minutes to study the tasks and the Data File.

The conversation will begin now.

Mr Tsui : OK, the school outing is coming soon. As you know, we're going on the 16th of October and we've just confirmed most of the details. Let's go over them now.

Jessica ^{T5 ②} : Right, first is Group 1, S.3A and S.3C students.

Mr Tsui : Oh yes, they'll be going to Shek O.

Jessica : Shek O? It's a great place for swimming.

Mr Tsui : ^{T4 ②} Definitely. But I don't think they'll go swimming as there will be 76 students going.

Jessica : The beach will be very crowded if they all want to go swimming. Do they have to bring swimsuits?

Mr Tsui : ^{T5 ④ ⑬} No, they don't. They should bring towels and shorts rather than swimsuits, as they'll have no time for swimming.

Jessica : ^{T5 ⑯} I see. Do they need to bring extra clothes?

Mr Tsui : Yes I guess so. They'll sweat a lot playing beach volleyball.

Jessica : I know they'll be leaving from school at 9 am. So they'll start playing beach volleyball at about 10, right?

Mr Tsui : Yes. Then they'll have lunch. This year, they'll have a barbecue lunch.

Jessica : Great! Last year, it was rainy the whole week so we cancelled the barbecue.

Mr Tsui : I hope the weather is fine this year. After lunch, they'll play some water sports. That'll be around 1 pm.

Jessica : OK. What's next?

Mr Tsui : They'll have free time after 3 o'clock. And they'll assemble to go back to school by bus at 4:30.

Jessica : Sounds good. How about Group 2?

Mr Tsui : Group 2 includes S.3B and S.3D students. It's a slightly bigger group of 79 students.

Jessica : Hmm...are they going to the same place?

Mr Tsui : No. They'll go to Lion Rock Country Park and have a wonderful hike.

Jessica : A hike?

Mr Tsui : Yes, they'll leave at 10 am, which is one hour after Group 1 set off. And the first activity is a hike on the Hung Mui Kuk Nature Trail.

Jessica : Excuse me, Mr Tsui, how do you spell Hung Mui Kuk?

Mr Tsui : It's spelt H-U-N-G M-U-I K-U-K, Hung Mui Kuk Nature Trail.

Jessica : Thanks. I hope it's an easy trail.

Mr Tsui : No worries, it's not difficult to hike up this trail and will only take us around 45 minutes. But of course, we've left some extra time for the hike, just in case anything unexpected happens. The hike will begin at 11:15 and at 12:30, they'll have lunch.

Jessica : I see.

Mr Tsui : Yes, and then, after a one-hour lunch break, they'll play some group games at 1:30. We haven't decided what games to play, though.

Jessica : OK, what will be the next activity after the games?

Mr Tsui : At 2:45, they'll go bird-watching. Finally, they'll assemble and go back to school at 4 pm.

Jessica : What do the students in Group 2 need to bring?

Mr Tsui : They should bring a compass and a whistle.

Jessica : Oh wait... How do you spell 'compass' and 'whistle'?

Mr Tsui : It's C-O-M-P-A-S-S for 'compass' and W-H-I-S-T-L-E for 'whistle'.

Jessica : Thanks. Do they need to bring a water bottle, too?

Mr Tsui : Definitely. Thanks for your help, Jessica.

Jessica : You're welcome.

Announcer : That is the end of the recording. You now have 40 minutes to finish the tasks.