

Appealing reading texts covering a wide range of authentic and practical text types

Reading Day

'Reading Day' is coming! Bring your favourite books to school that day. Let us share the joy of reading together!

Date: 18 May
Place: School hall

Activities

Storytelling Listen to Miss Cheung's reading of the fable *The Prince and the Lion*.
10-11 a.m.

Book corner Buy books you like at low prices!
9 a.m.-4 p.m.

Book sharing Share your favourite books with your teachers and classmates and have some snacks together.
2-3 p.m.

Free gift! Come and get a pen at 1 p.m.!

Poster

City News 18 January, Tuesday

Missing man found after two months By Rex Tai

A missing man was finally found by the rescue team on a remote island yesterday. The 39-year-old man was missing two months ago in a shipwreck which happened in the Philippines.

At 9:43 p.m. last night, the rescue team was searching some islands which are miles away from the mainland of the Philippines in their helicopters. This would be the last time they searched the area. A team member saw a fire on a small island, so he drove the helicopter near it. Soon, they found the missing man, Karl Kim.

'I was cooking a fish when the helicopter arrived. I couldn't believe it!' said Karl. When he was asked about the accident, tears filled his eyes.

'I was extremely scared when I first found myself alone on an island after the shipwreck.' What he could remember was that there were a lot of screams and shouts on the ship. 'Many passengers jumped into the water from the ship at once. I was one of them. I kept swimming away from the ship and finally reached the island.'

He was sent to the hospital for some check-ups. He was pleased to meet his family again.

News report

Aiden

Aiden, what are your hobbies?

I like indoor activities. I like playing online games, reading comic books and watching cartoons. What about you?

I like outdoor activities. I always go hiking with my family at the weekend. It makes me healthy.

Exercise is very important for us. How often do you exercise?

I never exercise. It's boring.

Or you can keep a dog. Then you can exercise with your dog.

My friend has a dog. She says she has to take it for a walk every day. It's tiring.

Do you like fish? It's not difficult to keep fish. It's an indoor activity. It's better than always playing online games.

That's not a bad idea. I'll think about it.

Text messages

Fun Sports for Kids!

Author: James Lee
Photographer: Henry Johnson

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Book cover and contents page

Food in Hong Kong By Maggie Fong

In Hong Kong, you can find a lot of tasty food from all over the world. There are traditional Chinese food stalls, trendy Japanese cafes, high-class Western restaurants and many more. Eating out is cheap in Hong Kong. You do not need to pay a lot to eat good food.

A cheap but well-known snack is the egg tart. It is a dessert made with butter and eggs. It is my favourite. Another famous food is the pineapple bun. There is no pineapple inside the bun, but it looks like a pineapple. People often eat it with fresh butter in the middle.

You can try many kinds of drinks in Hong Kong. Some popular hot drinks are coffee, lemon tea, milk tea and green tea. For cold drinks, there are bubble tea, fruit juice, soya milk, cola and other soft drinks. Some people like putting ice in lemon tea, especially in summer.

Let me introduce you to some nice Chinese restaurants in the city in the next issue.

Magazine article

Diversified question types enhancing students' comprehension skills

Challenging questions: develop students' higher-order thinking skills

Gina is writing an email to her cousin Sandy. Read the news report again and complete the email. Use only **ONE** word for each blank.

Dear Sandy,

One more boy fell sick after he drank the milk from Healthy Cows Group. His mum bought the milk from the supermarket when there was a (a) _____. That's terrible! My mum said she's going to listen to the government's advice and buy me milk produced by another (b) _____ these days.

Gina

Matching

Match the headings to the different parts of the leaflet. Write A, B or C in the boxes.

Headings	Parts
A Activities	(i)
B Dress code	(ii)
C What is Tree Day?	(iii)

Cloze

Which of the following is TRUE about Aunt Anita?

☐ A She is older than Sally's mother.

☐ B She is the shortest sister in her family.

☐ C She likes making fun of Sally.

☐ D She wears sunglasses.

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Latest public exam question types providing targeted training for the exams

Specially designed sections enriching students' understanding of text types and reading skills

Tackle the text types

Tackle the text types 1

Web pages

A web page contains information that everyone can see on the Internet. It usually forms part of a website.

The life of the Great Musician By Diana Wong

Legend has it that Beethoven was born in Bonn, a city in Germany. He was one of the most talented and well-known musicians in the world. He wrote many great pieces of music. Both his father and grandfather were musicians.

Beethoven learnt music from different people when he was young. He was first taught by his father. Later, he was taught piano and violin by different teachers. His talent was so great that he was encouraged to learn piano from a master. When he was seventeen, he returned home from Vienna because his mother was very ill. He took care of his two younger brothers after his mother died.

Later, his outstanding works were known by more people. He also performed his music in concerts. He was admired by many people. Later in his life, he became deaf, but he continued to compose music. People built his statue in Bonn after his death to honour him.

Text type features are highlighted

Motivating text type videos

Tackle the text types 3

Emails

An email is a message we send on the Internet. It is a fast way to keep in touch with our family and friends in different places.

Travis of the email

Recipient's email address

Sender's email address

Hi Simon,

How are you?

I'm having a wonderful holiday in Thailand. It's hot and sunny. I'm staying in a big and modern hotel with my family. It's next to a beautiful beach. I can see the clear blue sea. I can go swimming there. Little Tim and Lily building sandcastles too. Dad agrees to take us to the beach tomorrow. I can't wait to play at the beach!

We eat a lot of seafood and dessert every day. There's a cake shop in the hotel. It sells delicious cakes. There's a popular fruit cake. It looks like a heart and has a lot of cream and colourful fruit on it. It's time to go shopping now. Write to you later!

Best,
Kathy

Follow-up questions consolidating students' learning

Master the reading skills

Master the reading skills 1

Understanding feelings

We can read some words and look at pictures to find out how different people feel.

You can find out how a character feels by looking at the **adjectives**.

The boy is **happy**. He ran all three miles of the race!

The adjective 'happy' tells us the feeling of the boy directly.

Adjectives help you understand the character's feelings too. For example:

They were **happy** last birthday. She **starts** to **laugh**.

Feelings can also show us how the character feels. For example:

How did Karl feel when Gordon did not talk to him on the school bus?

☐ A afraid ☐ B angry ☐ C bored ☐ D tired

Karl felt _____ when he read Gordon's note. The word _____ tells us about this.

Explaining major reading skills

Master the reading skills 2

Sequencing events

To sequence events is to put the events in the correct order.

Keywords such as **first**, **then**, **next**, **before**, **after** and **finally** can help you work out the sequence of the events.

Before you start, make sure you know these things at home: a toaster, some bread, a knife, a plate, some honey and some fruit, like apples.

First, put a loaf of bread in the toaster.

After ten minutes, take it out and put it on the plate.

Then, cut an apple into pieces with a knife, and put them on top of the toast.

Finally, spread some honey on your toast and enjoy your dish.

Put the steps in the correct order. Write numbers 1-4.

1. _____ add honey to the toast

2. _____ cut the apple and add it to the bread

3. _____ toast the bread

4. _____

Time phrases can also show the order of the events.

Mum gets up at six o'clock in the morning. She makes breakfast for us. She leaves housework all morning.

In the afternoon, she goes to the market.

After dinner, she washes the dishes.

Before she sleeps, she has a bath.

What does Mum do today? Put the events in the correct order. Write numbers 1-4.

1. _____ goes to the market

2. _____ has a bath

3. _____ makes breakfast

4. _____ sleeps

Follow-up questions reinforcing students' learning

Reading Skills Booklet: catering for students' self-learning needs

Reading Skills Booklet

Reading skills (5)

Guessing the meaning of new words

When you see a new word, read the words before or after it. This helps you guess what the new word means.

Look at these examples:

1. What does the word 'wardrobe' mean in the following sentence?

Mary **puts** her clothes in the wardrobe.

The words 'puts' and 'in' tell us that we put something in the 'wardrobe'.

We put 'clothes' in a 'wardrobe'.

Now we know 'wardrobe' is a place we put our clothes in.

2. What does the word 'goggles' mean in the following sentence?

The word 'goggles' tell us that we use 'goggles' when we swim.

The children **swimmed** in the sea. They **wore** goggles to **see under the water**.

We wear 'goggles' because they help us see under the water.

Now we know 'goggles' are things we wear to see under the water when we swim.

Reading skills (6)

Locating information on maps

We can use a map to find where places are. It is a picture of real places with a map. It shows the locations of places and buildings with shapes and pictures.

We use these words and phrases to talk about a map:

behind between in front of
near next to opposite

Look at this example:

school park bookshop toy shop cafe shop

• The cafe is behind the clothes shop.

• The bookshop is between the park and the shop.

• Sam's home is in front of the bookshop.

• The school is near the park.

• The park is next to the bookshop.

• The toy shop is opposite the cake shop.

Learn these words

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listen to	听的	p.18	
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Adjectives describing people			
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More examples of reading skills

Key words listed by theme