New Treasure Plus (Second Edition) 3B
Challenging reading and comprehension

Unit 8

Name: _____ (   ) Class: _____ Date: _____

Your brother is looking for a summer job. He has found a job advertisement and written a letter of application for it. Read the job advertisement and letter of application.

Text 2   Job advertisement

Hong Kong Daily News   **1 June 20_ _**

Part-time video game testers

Gaming Zone is the brains behind some of the most popular video games, including *Airstriker*, *Trek to Troy* and *Highway Heroes*. We are looking for part-time video game testers. Duties include:

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- Uncovering bugs and glitches in game play
- Writing reports on the user experience
- Working closely with programmers and designers

Applicants must possess:

- knowledge about different video game genres
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- strong communication skills
- excellent computer skills
- great attention to detail
- the ability to work in a fast-paced environment and meet tight deadlines

15   Please send your application by post to Ms Vicky Yeung, Human Resources Officer, at Gaming Zone, 3/F, 122 Kowloon Road, Kowloon, Hong Kong. The deadline is 20 June 20_ _.

You may photocopy this page for teaching and learning purposes.

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Text 3   Letter of application

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Flat B, 17/F
Morning View Mansion
Cheung Sha Wan Road
Kowloon, Hong Kong

5   17 June 20_ _

Ms Vicky Yeung
Human Resources Officer
Gaming Zone
3/F, 122 Kowloon Road
10 Kowloon, Hong Kong

Dear Ms Yeung,

Application for the post of part-time Video Game Tester

I am a Secondary 5 student at Kowloon College. I am writing to apply for the
post of part-time Video Game Tester, which was advertised in the Hong
15 Kong Daily News on 1 June 20_ _.

Six months ago, I established the Video Gaming Club at my school. We
review different video games in the club, so I am familiar with many different
genres of video games, including first-person shooters, role-playing,
strategy and puzzle games. I am able to critically evaluate what makes a
20 game work well and identify areas for improvement.

Good communication skills are an integral part of being the chairperson of
the Video Gaming Club. Whether it is recruiting new members, organizing
gaming competitions at the school, or relaying information about upcoming
activities to members, communicating in a clear and effective manner is
25 essential.

Moreover, I have the computer skills required for this job. I have designed a
video game for an ICT assignment. My teacher, impressed with the
complicated coding involved in the game, immediately recommended that I
pursue a job in the gaming industry.

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30   In my leisure time, I enjoy experimenting with computer programming, and this has taught me that a keen eye for detail is important. Since any small error can cause a programme to fail, I have learnt to examine every line of code meticulously. I believe I can apply this skill to video game testing.

35   I understand that video game testing is not simply about playing video games, but rather it is about pushing their limits. Video game testers must test every possible choice that a gamer might make to ensure that there are no errors or glitches. I also understand that meeting deadlines is essential in a fast-paced workplace.

40   Since I am passionate about the world of video games, I know that I can excel in this position. I would be happy to come to your office for an interview. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Yours sincerely,

Nathan Chu

Comprehension 2 & 3   *Your mum wants to know more about the job advertisement and your brother's letter of application. Answer her questions using information from the job advertisement and letter of application. For multiple-choice questions, choose the best answer and blacken ONE circle only.*

Job advertisement

1   Use ONE word to complete each blank.

Gaming Zone is looking for new _____ who can work

_____ testing their video games, which are very _____

with the public.

2   Name THREE video games that Gaming Zone has produced.

i) _____

ii) _____

iii) _____

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3 Find a word in lines 5–7 that means 'errors'.

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4 The advertisement states that video game testers need to have strong communication skills. Which TWO of the job duties relates to this skill?

i) _____

ii) _____

5 According to the advertisement, what are some skills that applicants should have?

☐ speaking and writing clearly   ☐ following a schedule

☐ coming up with creative ideas   ☐ experience with different video game genres

☐ ability to work long hours   ☐ not being overwhelmed in a stressful environment

Complete the table using information given in the advertisement.

Position title	(6)
Contact person	(7)
How to submit the application	(8)
Deadline	(9)

10 Do you think you would be a good fit for this position? Why or why not?

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11 Where did Nathan find the job advertisement?

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12 Read the following descriptions of video games. Which genre of video game mentioned in lines 16–20 are they? Write the genre on the line next to each video game description.

(i) **Beguiled**: Swap the colourful blocks in order to make rows of five or more. Can you do it before the timer runs out?

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(ii) **Zombie Collapse**: Run through the streets of Hong Kong, killing as many zombies as you can with your gun. Will you survive?

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(iii) **Pixie Dream**: Create your own character and explore this magical world. Talk to other characters and go on adventures together.

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13 Find words in lines 16–25 that mean the same as the following:

i) critique   _____

ii) recognize   _____

iii) essential   _____

iv) sending out   _____

14 What is the purpose of lines 21–25?

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15 Complete the following sentence.

Nathan's ICT teacher recommended that he pursue a job in the gaming industry

because _____

_____.

16 What does 'this skill' refer to in line 33?

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17 Do you think that Nathan is passionate about computers? Use information from lines 30–33 to justify your response.

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18 i) What does Nathan mean when he says that video game testing is about 'pushing the limits' of video games?

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ii) Why is this important?

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19 What is the purpose of lines 39–41?

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20 Are the following sentences **True (T)**, **False (F)** or is the **information Not Given (NG)**? Blacken ONE circle only for each statement.

Statements	T	F	NG
i) Nathan has experience editing code for computer programmes.	O	O	O
ii) Nathan believes that video game testers simply play video games and have fun.	O	O	O
iii) Nathan has found a number of glitches in video games he has reviewed in the past.	O	O	O

21 Do you think Nathan's application will be successful? Why or why not?

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