

Oxford English (Second Edition) 2A

Further simplified reading and comprehension

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Unit 4

Name: _____ () Class: _____ Date: _____

Your cousin from London is visiting Hong Kong. You have received an email from her. Read the email.

Text 2 Email

To: _____@hkmail.com

From: chloelee@abcdemail.com

Subject: Great time in Hong Kong!

Dear _____,

Thank you for your hospitality. It was great to see the city my parents come from as I had never left the United Kingdom!

- 5 The Temple Street Night Market was the highlight of the trip. Apart from shopping for interesting souvenirs for my family, I had claypot rice at one of the *dai pai dongs* there. How I wish I could have that in London! I also enjoyed a stroll along the Tsim Sha Tsui Promenade. It showcased such a magnificent view of the Hong Kong Island skyline. I stayed till around
10 8.30 p.m. and caught a marvellous light show as well.

- I noticed that London and Hong Kong's transport systems are quite similar. Our version of the MTR is called the London Underground (nicknamed the Tube). It opened in 1863! We also have Light Rail, trams and buses. As for fare payment, we
15 use the Oyster card. It's a smart card similar to the Octopus card.

- Would you like to visit London? If you come here, I'll take you on a personalized tour to all the best
20 places.

Write back soon!

Cheers,

Chloe



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Your friend has shared with you a poem about different types of transport that he likes. Read the poem.

Text 3 Poem

Which is the best of all?

By Samuel Ho

Everyone ought to travel by bus
To get around Hong Kong with no fuss.

I travel along every major street,
And you can see famous places from your seat!

- 5 First, pay your fare by tapping your Octopus card.
Then, relax, road trips aren't something hard.
I travel as quickly as a gazelle,
When you want to alight, just press the bell.

Don't take the bus if you need to travel far.

- 10 You should just hop on the MTR!
The bus says it's fast, but I am faster.
In heavy traffic, the bus is a disaster!
I'm always on time and reliable.
That I'm the best kind of transport is undeniable.
15 And if tourists come down into the station,
I can get them anywhere without frustration.

I ding and chug along, not worried about speed,
If you're a sightseer, I'm what you need.

Enjoy the city views with a smile of glee

- 20 A tram ride is pleasant like picnicking under a tree.
I'm a type of transport that everyone can afford,
Some people even have parties on board.
Why people love me is no mystery,
Since I'm a chapter from Hong Kong's book of history.

- 25 None of these types of transport I would say
Can help you reach your island destination miles away.
With me, you can restore real romance.
From the water, watch the city lights dance.
If you travel by ferry, you will feel spellbound.
30 Who wants to travel on busy streets or underground?
So, stop arguing and take a rest,
Travelling by sea is obviously the best.



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Comprehension 2 & 3 *Your friend wants to know more about your cousin's trip and different types of transport in Hong Kong. Answer his questions using information from the email and the poem. For multiple-choice questions, choose the best answer and blacken ONE circle only.*

Email

1 Where do Chloe's parents come from?

A Hong Kong

C the United Kingdom

A B C D

B London

D the United States

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2 What does Chloe imply when she writes, 'How I wish I could have that in London' (lines 7 & 8)?

A There are no *dai pai dongs* in London.

B There should be places like the Temple Street Night Market in London.

C She dislikes the restaurants in London.

A B C D

D She hopes she can find some interesting souvenirs in London.

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3 What did Chloe do at the Tsim Sha Tsui Promenade?

i) _____

ii) _____

4 In what year did the first underground train start running in London? _____

5 Name TWO similarities between Hong Kong and London's transport systems.

i) _____

ii) _____

6 What will Chloe do when her cousin visits London?

Poem**Stanza one**

7 Find a word in stanza one that means 'unnecessary worry'. _____

Stanza two

8 What does 'them' (line 16) refer to? _____

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Stanza three

- 9 Find TWO examples of onomatopoeia in stanza three.

Stanza four

- 10 Which of the following are given as reasons for taking a ferry? Tick (✓) all that apply.

- i) It is good to travel with someone you love by taking a ferry.
- ii) You can enjoy beautiful sights while travelling, especially at night.
- iii) You can travel to different islands around Hong Kong.
- iv) It is not expensive to travel by ferry.

Stanzas one to four

- 11 What is the tone of the poem?

A nostalgic

C serious

A B C D

B formal

D humorous

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- 12 What literary devices are used in the following lines of the poem? Complete the table with 'simile', 'metaphor' or 'personification'.

- i) I travel as quickly as a gazelle. (line 7) _____
- ii) And in heavy traffic, the bus is a disaster! (line 12) _____
- iii) A tram ride is pleasant like picnicking under a tree. (line 20) _____
- iv) Since I'm a chapter from Hong Kong's book of history. (line 24) _____
- v) From the water, watch the city lights dance. (line 28) _____

- 13 Complete the sentences below with words from Text 2 and Text 3 that are similar in meaning to the words in brackets. Answers must be grammatically correct.

- i) This hotel is committed to providing the guests with great _____ (*friendliness*) and service that is beyond their expectations. (lines 1–10, Text 2)
- ii) One of the _____ (*best parts*) of the trip was kayaking around Sai Kung. (lines 1–10, Text 2)
- iii) It is _____ (*certain*) that the Octopus card makes our daily lives more convenient. (stanza 2, Text 3)
- iv) My cousin was _____ (*fascinated*) to see the dolphin show at the theme park. (stanza 4, Text 3)