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You have found an article in the monthly school newsletter about a recent school charity event. Read the newsletter article.

Text 2 Newsletter article

Being a hero or villain for charity

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① Last month, a Heroes and Villains Obstacle Course charity event was organized by both the Social Services Club and the Sports Club in Kowloon Park. The race was held to raise funds for Homeless Help. It is a charity that benefits the homeless by providing them with
5 shelter, clothing, food and vocational training so that they can find work.

② The event was modelled after the challenging obstacle course on a well-known television game show. As the course on the show is extremely challenging and almost impossible to complete, we had to greatly simplify ours for the event! Members of the Sports Club provided us with much needed advice and support in designing our obstacles.
10 They helped us in setting up everything at the venue. They also made sure all contestants performed adequate warm-up exercises before competing on the still rather strenuous course.

③ Contestants were required to dress up as either superheroes or villains. They
15 could participate either individually or in teams. However, there were additional stations where they had to solve a series of codes and mental puzzles to advance. These puzzles were added to level the
20 playing field so that even those who were not athletic had a shot at winning.



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4 On the day of the event, I was absolutely blown away by all the contestants' passion and dedication. I discovered that one contestant in the individual event
25 had spent six whole months crafting his impressive Iron Man costume from scratch! He did such an amazing job that I could swear he had just walked off a film set! He eventually won the prize for best homemade costume, even though parts of his costume broke off when he
30 was completing the course. It was heartbreaking to see how battered his costume had become by the time he reached the finishing line. Yet being a true superhero, he just brushed it off and smiled widely at the cheering spectators.



35 5 Next was the team challenge. Club president Jennifer Lee was Volunteer Viper and commanded Team Villains, while I was Captain Care-Cat, the leader of Team Heroes. Scaling a rock wall then wriggling through a tight tire tunnel in a caped cat
40 costume was no walk in the park. My cape kept getting caught on everything. Yet, it was so exhilarating! I also screamed myself hoarse from yelling encouragement at my teammates. It was a very close race with no clear winner till the very end!
45 The champion's trophy was eventually awarded to my team. Go, Team Heroes! One of my teammates was Homeless Help director Ronnie Song. He is a former gymnast who had once represented Hong Kong in the Olympics. He was dressed as his
50 childhood hero, Spiderman, and was definitely a valuable asset to my team. In the end, everyone was a winner and a hero because more than \$50,000 was raised!



6 Interested in participating in or contributing to our future events? Follow us on Twitter
55 for the latest news! Unless we have your support, we will not be able to organize such enjoyable and fulfilling activities every year!

Further simplified reading and comprehension

Unit 2

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Comprehension 2 *Your parents are asking you about the school charity event. Answer their questions using information from the newsletter article. For multiple-choice questions, choose the best answer and blacken ONE circle only.*

- 1 Complete the following notes on the newsletter article. You may write more than one word on each line.

Event:	(i)	_____

Date:	(ii)	20 _____
Organizer:	(iii)	_____

Venue:	(iv)	_____
All the money raised was donated to (v) _____ and will be used to give (vi) _____ everything they need.		

- 2 Why was the obstacle course made easier than the original?
- ☐ A because it was too difficult
- ☐ B because it was too expensive
- ☐ C because there was not enough space
- ☐ D because it was too confusing
- 3 Which of the following did the Sports Club NOT do to help?
- ☐ A give advice and support in designing the obstacle course
- ☐ B make sure all contestants did warm-up exercises
- ☐ C advertise for the event
- ☐ D set up everything at the venue

- 4 Why was it important for contestants to do some warm-up before completing the obstacle course?

- 5 Find an expression in paragraph 3 that means 'to create a situation where everyone has the same opportunities'.

- 6 Complete the sentence below.

Amanda was impressed by one contestant's Iron Man costume because _____

_____.

- 7 Why do you think the writer calls the contestant in an Iron Man costume a 'true superhero' (line 33)?

- 8 What does 'it' refer to in line 41?

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- 9 Based on the information from paragraph 5, use ONE word to complete each blank. Make sure your answers are grammatically correct.

The competition between Team Villains and Team Heroes was (i) _____ with no (ii) _____ at the start. The writer (iii) _____ Team Heroes and was dressed as a/an (iv) _____. Her cape hindered her as she (v) _____ a rock wall and (vi) _____ through a tire tunnel because it got caught on everything. Her voice got (vii) _____ from cheering for her teammates. Eventually, Team Heroes was the (viii) _____.

- 10 Match each of the following speech bubbles with one of the people mentioned in the newsletter article. Write the appropriate person under the speech bubble.

Even though I'd ripped my cape and lost my tail, it felt wonderful to win!

I'm happy we raised so much money for the homeless! Plus my team won!

I was on the losing team, but that's OK because it was such a fun event!

i) _____ ii) _____ iii) _____

- 11 According to the newsletter article, are the following statements **True (T)**, **False (F)** or **Not Given (NG)**?

Statements	T	F	NG
i) This is the first time the Social Services Club has organized an obstacle course.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
ii) The obstacle course tested the contestants both physically and mentally.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
iii) Amanda made her own superhero costume.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
iv) Ronnie represented Hong Kong in the gymnastics event at the Olympics.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

- 12 Find words or expressions in Text 2 with these meanings.

- i) related to skills and knowledge that you need for a particular job (adj., paragraph 1) _____
- ii) without using anything pre-made (idm, paragraph 4) _____
- iii) ignored something (phr. verb, paragraph 4) _____
- iv) a person who is very valuable or useful to somebody (n., paragraph 5) _____