

New Thematic Anthology

New Thematic Anthology is a one-volume reading series which aims to broaden and deepen students' learning experiences. The series contains 40 units, offering a rich and varied range of texts—from authentic articles to sci-fi stories. The series are available in Set A and Set B to cater to the needs of students.

Topic exposure

11 So you want to be a K-pop star?
Kevin Cheung

You are going to read a feature article about the K-pop industry. Before you start reading, discuss these questions with your partner.

- Do you think it is easy to become a K-pop star? Why or why not?
- What kind of talents do you need to become a successful K-pop star?

K-pop stardom: the truth behind the dream

What does it take to become a K-pop star? It's not just about singing and dancing. It's about hard work, dedication, and a lot of talent. In this feature article, you will learn about the challenges of becoming a K-pop star and what it takes to succeed in this competitive industry.

K-Pop stars

17 World heritage
Andrew Ding

You are going to read an essay about the efforts to place an important heritage site. Before you start reading, discuss these questions with your partner.

- Why is heritage important? What makes a place an important heritage site?
- Can you name some famous heritage sites? Think of as many as you can.
- Should heritage sites be protected? If so, what should be done to protect them?

Heritage under threat

Heritage sites are places of great importance to our culture and history. However, many of these sites are under threat from modernization and development. This article discusses the challenges of preserving these sites and the steps that can be taken to protect them.

World heritage

34 Hong Kong-Mainland tension
Serina Cho

You are going to read an essay that addresses some people's concerns about Mainland students studying in Hong Kong. Before you start reading, discuss these questions with your partner.

- On the whole, what are Hong Kong people's attitudes towards Mainland Chinese students?
- A full-page advertisement represented a group of Hong Kong students' outrage over the increasing number of Mainland students being accepted into local universities. What do you think are some effects of Mainland students being allowed to study and work in Hong Kong?

Are Mainland Chinese students 'robbing Hong Kong locals of school places and jobs'?
Willy Fong

There are many concerns about the impact of Mainland students on Hong Kong's education system. This article explores these concerns and discusses the potential benefits and challenges of having more Mainland students in Hong Kong schools.

Students from the mainland

37 Rise of the 'Kong kid'
Kevin Cheung

You are going to read an essay about the 'monster' style of parenting. Before you start reading, discuss these questions with your partner.

- What do you think the 'monster' style of parenting is? How would you raise your child? Would you follow the 'monster' style of parenting, or would you raise your child another way? Explain.
- Why do you think parents use the 'monster' style of parenting? Do you think it is necessary? Why or why not?

Are 'monster parents' really monsters?
Willy Fong

The 'monster' style of parenting has become a popular topic of discussion. This article examines the reasons behind this parenting style and whether it is truly as harmful as it is often portrayed.

Monster parents

Other topics in *New Thematic Anthology*:

- Fashion
- Superhero
- Dating
- Cosplay culture
- Unusual sports
- History of chocolate
- Green business
- Summer activities
- Musical culture
- 22nd century products
- Technology
- Doping in sport
- History of telescope and astronomy

A wide range of reading texts—Classic and Authentic ones

Text	Author/Source
'1984'	George Orwell
'Television'	Roald Dahl
'Safari saviour'	South China Morning Post
'How technology affects us'	Teen Ink Magazine
'Vertical farms'	Time Out Hong Kong
'The Tell-Tale Heart'	Edgar Allan Poe
'Beyond Baby Mozart'	New York Times

Extensive coverage of text types

- Advertisement
- Article
- Biography
- Blog entry
- Debate speech
- Editorial
- Email
- Film screenplay
- Letters asking for/giving advice
- Letter to the editor
- Memo
- Minutes
- Novel extract
- Play script
- Poem
- Presentation
- Proposal
- Report
- Review
- Short story
- Song
- Speech transcript
- Two-sided argumentative essay

HKDSE exam preparation

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Answer the following questions using information from the article. Write your answers in the spaces provided. For multiple-choice questions, choose the best answer and tick the correct circle only.

- According to paragraph 1, what is the main reason for the rise of K-pop?
 - Advertising
 - Television
 - Internet
 - Globalization
- Find a word in paragraph 1 that can be replaced by 'to South Korea'.
 - from
 - to
 - in
 - at
- The singer said that he was very nervous before his debut because they cannot make any _____ when they are dancing on stage.
 - money
 - time
 - space
 - idea
- What does 'they' refer to in line 34?
 - The singer
 - The audience
 - The company
 - The fans
- Paragraph 4 contains several clauses that are involved in K-pop stars' training. Match each of the following speech bubbles with one of the clauses listed in the paragraph. Write the appropriate clause next to the speech bubble.

Speech bubble	Paragraph No.	(A)-(D)
I practice speaking English every day.	1	
I consistently have to watch what I eat.	2	
Our dance moves have to be as sharp as the music.	3	
- Why do groups continue to practice during their free time?
 - To improve their skills
 - To stay in shape
 - To build their teamwork
 - To keep their fans happy
- Lee Shue's theory is supported by her training has been included to illustrate which point in paragraph 5?
 - Point 1
 - Point 2
 - Point 3
 - Point 4
- Find a phrase in paragraph 6 that means the same as 'the largest portion'.
 - most
 - majority
 - majority
 - majority

Explain why the entertainment companies feel they deserve most of the profits from the success of their K-pop artists.

What is the main idea of paragraph 8?

What does paragraph 8 tell us about the writer's attitude and opinion?

- The author seems to dislike their attitude.
- He is against companies promoting K-pop culture.
- He thinks companies should know the harm about the K-pop industry.
- He is in favour of the entertainment companies' attitude of K-pop stars.

What is the writer's main purpose in writing the article?

- To inform
- To persuade
- To entertain
- To describe

Why might some parents disapprove of their children trying to become K-pop stars?

For further thought

Choose the question below in a small group. If you were given the chance, would you try to become a K-pop star? Why/why not?

The latest HKDSE Paper 1 exam question types

5 Turn off the TV
Serina Cho

You are going to read a poem about the negative effects of watching TV before you start reading. Discuss these questions with your partner.

- How often do you watch TV? Do you think watching too much television is a good thing? What are the advantages of watching television, radio and the Internet? What are the disadvantages?
- What are some advantages and disadvantages of watching TV?

Television

The advertisement about TV is written in a different format. Read the advertisement and answer the questions.

- What is the main purpose of the advertisement?
- What are the advantages of watching TV?
- What are the disadvantages of watching TV?
- What do you think about the advertisement?

Poem

13 Discovering chocolate
Serina Cho

You are going to read an article about why chocolate was invented. Before you start reading, discuss these questions with your partner.

- Do you really enjoy chocolate? Why/why not? How does chocolate affect your mood?
- What do you think about the fact that chocolate was invented by a scientist? Do you think it is a good idea to use science to create something that is enjoyable? Why/why not?
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Chocolate

Chocolate is a delicious treat that has been enjoyed for centuries. This article explores the history of chocolate and the science behind its production.

Article

14 Cosplay culture
Kevin Cheung

You are going to read a blog entry by a person who likes doing cosplay. Before you start reading, discuss these questions with your partner.

- What do you know about cosplay? How does it differ from dressing up at Halloween?
- Why do you think people dress up in cosplay costumes?

The fascinating world of cosplay

Cosplay is a popular hobby that involves dressing up as a character from a book, movie, or TV show. This article discusses the origins of cosplay and the creativity involved in creating costumes.

Blog entry

18 A puzzling case
Andrew Ding

You are going to read a short story. Before you start reading, discuss these questions with your partner.

- Read the first sentence of the story. What prediction can you make about what happens? What kind of story is it?
- How would you feel about the story? What do you think happens between the first and last line?

Write with your own words

Imagine you are the detective in the story. Write a short paragraph about what you think happened between the first and last line.

Short story

