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Systematic coverage of grammar items

Unit 2 Pronouns

2.1 Subject and object pronouns

We use **pronouns** to replace nouns or noun phrases. Pronouns can sound boring, repetitive and uninteresting.

Kitty is a cat. Kitty is two years old. My whole family loves Kitty.

→ Kitty is a cat. She is two years old. My whole family loves her.

Unit 16 Reported speech

16.1 Direct and reported speech

There are two ways of relating what a person has said: direct speech and reported speech.

When people speak or when we write the exact words someone says, we use direct speech.

Bill: I'm going out tomorrow night. 'I'm going out tomorrow night,' he said.

Unit 24 The subjunctive

24.1 Using the subjunctive

The subjunctive is a special verb form. We use it to talk about 'unreal' situations, i.e. things that are possible, desirable or imaginary.

He suggested that she **be** included in the meeting.

It is vital that he **have** all the relevant information.

24 units covering all essential items for NSS

Smooth progression of difficulty

Form & usage

A Circle the correct answers to complete the sentences.

- Did you hear about Mike? He (want / wants) to travel around South America.
- Sydney and I (go / are going) to the beach this weekend.
- My friend and I (travel / travelling) to Europe next year.
- Three thousand people (live / are living) in the new housing estate.
- These books (be / are) very interesting.
- It's raining. I (go / am going) to the library.
- In my opinion, the best time to visit is in the summer.

Space Tourism

Did you know that anyone can **go** to space? It's true. You don't have to be a highly trained astronaut. You just need **to spend** many millions of dollars to spend.

This is space tourism. In 2001, Dennis Tito became the first tourist **to travel** into space. He paid US\$20 million for his trip. He got **to spend** eight days in total on the International Space Station. When Tito returned, reporters asked him how he felt about **to travel** to space. Tito replied, 'It was paradise.' Before the trip, he had worried that he wouldn't get used to **living** in space. Afterwards, however, he would remember **to spend** the best time of his life there.

Unfortunately, most people cannot afford **to spend** multi-millions of dollars. In fact, only a small handful of people have managed **to travel** to space.

After 2010, tourists stopped **visiting** the International Space Station due to various factors. In 2019, however, NASA announced that it aims **to start** allowing private tourists to go to the station again. The trips are estimated **to cost** about US \$35,000 US per day.

Progress Check 6

- A that I tried it
B that I try it
C to try it
D me trying it
- A set out on a trip
B set out a trip on
C go out on a trip
D go out a trip on
- A so my wife
B so does my
C neither my
D neither do
- A Not only I
B Not only c
C It only cou
D Not it cou
- A try it on
B try on it
C try it out
D try out it
- A words came
B words come
C came words
D come words
- A that should I upgrade
B that I upgraded
C that I upgrade
D that I would upgrade
- A as if I be
B as if I am
C as if I were
D as if I was being
- A give in
B have given in
C give up
D have given up

4 Your friend, Simon, is unhappy with an app that he purchased. Help him complete the letter of complaint below by circling the correct options.

Dear Sir/Madam,

I downloaded your DictioNovice app a couple of months ago, after a friend of mine recommended (1). My wife and I were just about to (2) around Eastern Europe, and we were worried about not being able to make ourselves understood. I do not speak any foreign languages, and (3), so DictioNovice sounded perfect to us. (4) translate foreign languages but also speak the sentences out loud.

Once I had installed the app, I decided to (5). I spoke some English sentences into my phone, and from the speaker (6) that sounded Hungarian to my untrained ears. The app then made the suggestion (7) to the Premium version, as I would then get access to all the languages we would encounter during the trip. So I paid HK\$398 for the upgrade. (8) what a rip-off this would (9) to be.

(10) in Prague than the problems started. I tried a friendly greeting in Czech on the immigration officer, and he looked at me (11) insane. I should (12) right there and uninstalled the app. In fact, I (13), as it would have spared me the embarrassment that was to follow.

Targeted practice: consolidation
before contextualized tasks

6 Progress Checks
for revision

Clear and detailed grammar explanations

9 Adjectives

9.1 Using adjectives

Adjectives are words that describe the appearance or quality of something/somebody. They make our language more detailed and interesting. We use adjectives to describe nouns and pronouns.

My room was a red door to the party. It was surprised that he felt happy meeting it. He was quite intelligent. She is very friendly too.

9.2 Adjectives of quality

We can use both present participles (ing) and past participles (-ed) as adjectives. Generally, there is a difference in function between these two groups of adjectives.

Form	Function	Examples
present participle	describe what makes people/animals feel a certain way (active, meaning 'having this effect')	The lecture was <u>very boring</u> . The living practice session was <u>enriched</u> .
past participle	describe how people/animals feel about something/somebody (passive, meaning 'affected in this way')	I was <u>bored</u> at the party. My dog felt <u>stuck</u> after a long walk.

Units opening with teaching notes

Natural, carefully chosen examples

9.5 The order of adjectives before nouns

When more than one type of adjective comes before a noun, we usually order the adjectives by type:

opinion	size	physical quality	age	shape	colour	pattern	origin	material	purpose
handy						dotted		wooden	walking
	large			round	white				
		dusty	old				japanese		

Grandpa bought a handy dotted wooden walking stick at the market.
I made a large round white cake for my dad's birthday.
We saw many dusty old Japanese artifacts in the ruins.

Useful notes in 'Tip', 'Reminder' and 'Common error' boxes

Tip With adjectives that already show a high degree of something (e.g. *furious, freezing and amazing*), we should use the adverb *absolutely* instead of *very*.
✗ Her dress was *very gorgeous*. ✓ Her dress was *absolutely gorgeous*.

Reminder We use *in the corner* with closed spaces, e.g. rooms and boxes. We use *at/on the corner* with open spaces, e.g. roads and parks. *At the corner* refers to street intersections; *on the corner* refers to a position on a street.

Common error Do not use prepositions before expressions of time beginning with these words:

all	any (informal)	each	every	last
next	one	some	that (some cases)	this

✗ Is your birthday *on this Tuesday*? No. It is *on next Tuesday*.

Research-based approach

Which of the following sentences is grammatically correct? *

☐ On to the stage walked a petite woman carrying a giant suitcase.

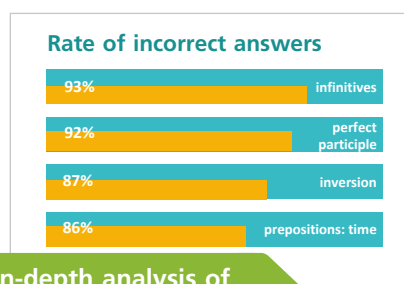
☐ Situating in the heart of Central District is the International Finance Centre.

☐ At the exit can you find the lost and found counter.

☐ On the first floor of the shopping mall stand a life-size dinosaur replica.

Grammar survey with over 1,000 responses from NSS students

In-depth analysis of students' performance



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Relevant and up-to-date topics

FaceApp: Facing your future self By Jonas Chiu

As a society, we need to talk about ⁽¹⁾ the meaning of getting older (age / mean / us). It is a topic that often worries people. Have you thought about how you will look in fifty years? If not, you could try FaceApp.

This age-increasing app works with ⁽²⁾ any smartphone you might have (smartphone / own). Simply install the app, then take a photo of ⁽³⁾ any person whom you wish to age (want / make / older).

⁽⁴⁾ The way our looks will change to how we live. To reflect the (app / change / your / appeal) life, the app will make your face look like ⁽⁵⁾ the reason young people to understand. Not only can dads (will look like / parent), life choices lead to different ⁽⁶⁾ What features our older selves will have ⁽⁷⁾ that users will enjoy FaceApp ⁽⁸⁾ how realistic the photos get us talking about our future

1. what looking means to us 2. whether they will look like their parents 3. whoever you want to make older 4. what effects different lifestyles will have 5. how the app changes your appearance 6. whether it provides meaningful predictions

Artificial intelligence

⁽¹⁾ There is currently much debate about a topic in Hong Kong. This topic is single-use plastics. As the name suggests, these are plastic items such as straws and cutlery. ⁽²⁾ These plastic items are used only once before they are thrown away.

Some of the biggest contributors to the single-use plastic problem in Hong Kong are ⁽³⁾ fast-food restaurants. In these restaurants, hundreds of millions of plastic items are used and discarded every year. These ⁽⁴⁾ items are toxic and harmful to the environment. Many of them end up in the ocean. This situation is an ecological disaster for our ⁽⁵⁾ city. For this reason, we need to impose a citywide ban on single-use plastics in restaurants.

The topic of single-use plastics in Hong Kong fast-food restaurants received a lot of attention in ⁽⁶⁾ December of 2018. A shocking Greenpeace study was released then. The study showed that just Maxim's, Café de Coral and ⁽⁷⁾ Fairwood were responsible for an astonishing 1.80 million items of disposable plastics that year. These are the three biggest fast-food chains in the city. As a result of the study, these three chains now only give plastic straws to ⁽⁸⁾ some customers who ask for them. ⁽⁹⁾ This is a step in the right

Single-use plastics

There is a lot of talk these days about cryptocurrencies, which are a type of digital cash that can be used to pay for products and services online. There are those ⁽¹⁾ who believe that they will soon rule the world's financial markets, and just as many to ⁽²⁾ who this idea is simply laughable. So, rather than speculate about the future of cryptocurrencies, which is indeed uncertain, let us take a look at their history, ⁽³⁾ which is longer than is widely known.

While most people place the birth of cryptocurrencies in 2009, ⁽⁴⁾ when Bitcoin was launched, there were some earlier attempts. One of the pioneers is the computer engineer Wei Dai, who published an essay in 1998 ⁽⁵⁾ where/in which he proposed an anonymous electronic cash system. Unfortunately for Dai, his currency, ⁽⁶⁾ that he named B-Money, was never fully developed.

Another key figure in cryptocurrencies is Nick Szabo, ⁽⁷⁾ whose idea for a system called Bit Gold ⁽⁸⁾ where/on which/in which was also never realized. However, his system included a proposal for a registry ⁽⁹⁾ that details of transactions would be stored. This idea was later developed into the 'blockchain' ⁽¹⁰⁾ where modern cryptocurrencies are now based on, which ⁽¹¹⁾ bring us, finally, to Bitcoin.

Cryptocurrency

Wide variety of text types for authentic grammar practice

Excerpt from interview with Simon Frost

Frost: My worries about gene editing? That's a big question. Of course, we need to consider the negative consequences of any new technology—that's always of the utmost importance. It's no different with gene editing: we have to examine the ways it could be abused before it is too late. I don't worry too much about the scientists. I'm sure they want this technology to be used for everyone's benefit. I mean, doing everything in our power to eradicate life-threatening diseases is, of course, desirable. But to avoid abuse, gene editing must be regulated and not used for anything else. There are two crucial points. And

Interview

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It is set to be an exciting convention. ⁽⁷⁾ A huge product launch will take place on the first day of the convention. E-Assistant is the size of a coffee cup, and it can translate 20 languages, answer phone calls and reply to email. ⁽⁸⁾ E-Assistant also ⁽⁹⁾ assists him or her electronically in the future.

Business email

Miranda
Steven

That mock exam today was difficult. ⁽¹⁾ wasn't it?

Miranda: Yeah! I don't think anyone passed. ⁽²⁾ did they?

Miranda: I don't know. But we should probably revise harder in the future. ⁽³⁾ shouldn't we?

Miranda: Agreed. Let's start a study group. ⁽⁴⁾ shall we?

Miranda: That's an excellent idea. We can meet on Thursdays after class. ⁽⁵⁾ can't we?

Miranda: That's fine with me, but we should invite some of our other classmates. ⁽⁶⁾ shouldn't we? Surely someone else will want to come too. ⁽⁷⁾ won't they?

Miranda: Yes, you're right.

Text conversation

Wide-ranging exercise formats

HKDSE-style writing tasks

A Match the phrasal verbs with their meanings and then use them to complete the sentences below. Make sure you use the correct tense in each sentence.

bring up	overcome
build up	meet by accident
call out	understand
chop up	trust
count on	rise
get over	be noticeable
get up	cut into small pieces
keep on	create, develop
run away	continue regardless
stand out	
take in	

B Johnny is interviewing Dr Hope and Ms Bell on his chat show. They are the authors of a new book called Health and Beauty. Complete the interview using the correct form of the verbs in the box. You may use some of the verbs more than once. Add not where necessary.

be	enjoy	explain	go	hold	join
look	need	sell	sound	specialize	tell
	understand	work	write		

Matching

Cloze

C Rewrite the following sentences using the correct modal verb in brackets. Make sure you do not change the meaning of the sentences.

- It's possible for you to see the Northern Lights here in winter. (can / could)
You can see the Northern Lights here in winter.
- Perhaps he doesn't want to come along. (might / will)
He might not want to come along.
- Judging by the smoke, it's clear that there's a fire. (may / must)
Judging by the smoke, there must be a fire.
- Perhaps they had another argument. (can / may)
They may have had another argument.
- I doubt there is much. (can / could)
There shouldn't/show

D I was so thirsty that I drank three _____ of lemonade.
A cans B bits C tubs

E The cat and dog _____ ate a whole fish. The cat looked sick afterwards.
A B C

F Don't serve any nuts. _____ Heidi _____ Daniel eat them as they have a nut allergy.
A B C

Sentence rewriting

MCQs

Proofreading

Version 1

How to Declutter your smartphone

⁽¹⁾ Phones and Android phones don't work efficiently when they contain ⁽²⁾ a number of apps and files that is too high. Here are ⁽³⁾ multiple tips for cleaning up your phone without ⁽⁴⁾ an excessive amount of effort.

1 Delete old photos
Many of us have ⁽⁵⁾ so many photos that we can't or share ⁽⁶⁾ a majority of these photos. Our phones ⁽⁷⁾ there isn't the necessary amount of storage space. Delete unwanted pics or transfer them to the cloud photos considered individually, but no one has it over a year old.

Version 2 Text type: listicle

How to Declutter your smartphone

⁽¹⁾ Neither (Phones nor Android phones work _____ (neither ... nor) efficiently when they contain ⁽²⁾ too many apps and files _____ (too many). Here are ⁽³⁾ some tips for cleaning up _____ (some) your phone without ⁽⁴⁾ too much effort _____ (too much).

1 Delete old photos
Many of us have ⁽⁵⁾ more photos than we can count _____ (more ... than). However, we never look at or share ⁽⁶⁾ most of these photos _____ (most of). Our phones fill up with unwanted photos until ⁽⁷⁾ there isn't enough storage space _____ (enough) for new ones.

Paper 2

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Exam practice The management team at Lucky Manor is conducting a survey on the living experience of new residents. Read the following survey results. Then complete the survey report on the next page using reported speech.

Survey results: new residents' living experience in Lucky Manor

Question 1—What made you choose to move to Lucky Manor?

- "This estate is much closer to my office. I can easily walk to work."—Joan
- "My flat here is larger than the one I had on Hong Kong Island."—Aaron
- "Property prices are lowering at the moment. It was a good time to invest."
- "There are a lot of bars and clubs in this neighbourhood. How great it is the night life!"—Bob Smith

What made you choose to move to Lucky Manor?

location	35%
price	45%
size of flat	15%
other	5%

Question 2—Do you have any complaints?

- "Some of my neighbours are far too noisy at night."—Edward Ling
- "Some of the security guards are rude."—Betty Ip
- "I wish the common areas were better maintained. I'm afraid to let my kids play in the playground. The swing may break at any moment!"—Vince Chu

Do you have any complaints?

neighbourhood-related issues	25%
security-related issues	35%
common areas related to Lucky Manor and other	40%

Question 3—Would you recommend this estate to your friends?

- "It depends on whether they have a family, their financial circumstances. I wouldn't recommend it to people with young children."—Jane
- "Yeah! I love this place. I'd recommend it to all my friends!"—Peter Parker

Would you recommend this estate to your friends?

no	15%
yes	85%

Survey report on new residents' living experience in Lucky Manor

The management office conducted a survey last month to gauge new residents' living experience in Lucky Manor. The purpose of this report is to present the results of the survey.

A total of 100 new residents were surveyed. New residents are defined as residents who have moved into Lucky Manor within the past year. They were first asked ⁽¹⁾ what made them choose to move to Lucky Manor. Forty per cent of respondents said they moved in due to our location. Resident Bob Smith ⁽²⁾ said that there are a lot of bars and clubs in the neighbourhood. He ⁽³⁾ explained that it was great to be so near the night life. Thirty per cent of respondents said that price was the major factor for them. Resident Priscilla Lee ⁽⁴⁾ said that property prices were lowering at that time and that it had been a good time to invest. Twenty per cent of respondents moved in due to the size of the flats at Lucky Manor. Resident Aaron Jones ⁽⁵⁾ said that his flat here is larger than the one he had had on Hong Kong Island. A further ten per cent of respondents moved in due to other reasons.

Residents were then ⁽⁶⁾ asked whether they had any complaints. Thirty-five per cent of respondents complained about maintenance-related issues. Resident Vince Chu ⁽⁷⁾ said that he wished the common areas were better maintained. He ⁽⁸⁾ mentioned that he was afraid to let his kids play in the playground. Twenty-five per cent of respondents complained about noise-related issues, while twenty per cent of respondents complained about issues related to Lucky Manor staff. Resident Betty Ip ⁽⁹⁾ said that some of the security guards were rude. Twenty per cent of respondents complained about other issues.

Residents were finally ⁽¹⁰⁾ asked whether they would recommend the estate to their friends. Resident Peter Parker ⁽¹¹⁾ confirmed that he would and ⁽¹²⁾ added that he loved the place. Resident Jane Lee said that it depended on the circumstances. He ⁽¹³⁾ said that he would not recommend it to people with young children.

Paper 3

★ Detailed Text analysis to explore text grammar

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Usage of target grammar in context explained



Find out more

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Using a noun clause makes the writing more concise and effective

- shorter and more natural
- more memorable
- greater impact on readers
- easier to understand

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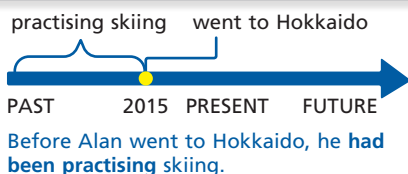
Grammar Booster

Available online

Past perfect continuous

Situation	Example
past actions that began before a time in the past, then continued up to that time or stopped just beforehand	He had been shivering before he put on his coat.
ongoing or repeated past actions that began some time in the past	I had been calling her for hours before she finally picked up.

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Summary of target grammar points

Grammar practice

A Complete the email below using the words in brackets. Make sure to use the correct form of the verbs. You will need to make some of the sentences negative using not.

To: Emma Lam
From: Susan Choi
Subject: Summer

Hi Emma,

I haven't **hear** (hear) from you for ages! **How are things** (how / be / things) in England? **Have you settled** (settle / you) into your new school yet?

I **have been thinking** (think / I) about you a lot recently, and about all the fun times we had before **you moved** (move / you) overseas.

I **was walking** (walk / I) to school a few days ago when I **accidently** (accident / I) saw a car crash. It was terrible!

My summer holidays **are** (be) coming up in a couple of months, and I realized that I **didn't** (do / I) have time to visit my parents.

So I thought to myself, 'I know! I **will** (will / I) visit them when I **go** (go / I) to school a few days ago when I **was** (be / I) in England. I **will** (will / I) have a great time!

By then, I'm sure I **will** (will / I) have finished my studies. I **figure** (figure / I) that the plan also works for my parents, as **they will** (will / they) stay with my aunt in Canada during that time.

We **are** (be / we) going to have a great time!

Additional practice

Video presentations

What are countable nouns?

- Countable nouns are the people or things that we can count. They have both singular and plural forms.
- We can put a **number** or the **article a/an** before a countable noun.

What are uncountable nouns?

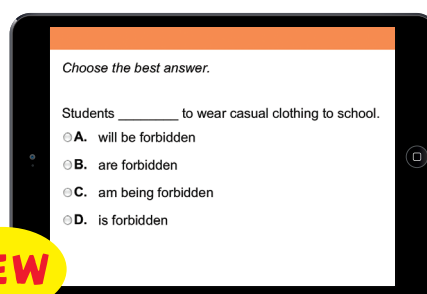
- Uncountable nouns are usually abstract things like feelings, qualities and substances, which we cannot count. They have no plural form.

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