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# Turn Over a New Leaf (accept)

## Part of speech (詞類拆解)

accept (v.) 接受

acceptably (adv.) 可以容忍 / 接受地

acceptability (n.) 接受程度

acceptable (adj.) 可接受的

accepted (adj.) 已被接受的

acceptance (n.) 接受 / 認可

## Writing sample (寫作示範)

The social **acceptability** of **ex-offenders**<sup>1</sup> is low and employing ex-offenders is not an **accepted** idea for many employers. Some organizations assist ex-offenders to reintegrate into society by providing job training and guidance. They also **advocate**<sup>2</sup> social **acceptance** and hope that more employers will give these people a chance to **turn over a new leaf**<sup>3</sup>. Mr Chan, a restaurant owner, employed John, an ex-offender, last year. He said, 'At first, other employees did not think having an ex-offender was **acceptable**. Later, they found that John was a friendly person and behaved **acceptably**. Now they all **accept** him as one of their **colleagues**<sup>4</sup>.'



### Useful tips 應用小貼士

1. 'ex-offenders', 在文中意指「釋囚」或「有案底的人」。「offend the laws」意為「觸犯法律」，因此犯罪的人被稱為 'offender'。「offender」跟 'prisoner' 是有分別的，因為 'prisoner' 是指被監禁的人，但有些情況是犯了罪的人沒有被判監，又或者被監禁的人是沒有犯罪的，因此兩個詞的意思不完全相同。
2. 'advocate' (名詞) 有提倡或鼓勵的意思，在這裏也可用 'promote' 或 'encourage' 取代 'advocate'。
  - The hospital is **promoting** organ-donation.
  - The hospital is **encouraging** organ-donation.  
(醫院提倡器官捐贈。)
3. 'turn over a new leaf' 是慣用語 (idiom)，解作「改過自新」。「turn over a new leaf」亦可用 'behave in a better way' 取代。
4. 'colleagues' 意思為「同事」/「同工」。這裏可用 'co-workers' 取代。

### Supplementary point 補充貼

注意 'accept' 跟 'receive' 的意思完全不同，例如：

- ▶ Mr Lam **accepted** the proposal. (林先生接受那建議。)
- ▶ Mr Lam **received** the proposal. (林先生收到那建議。)

**Testing point** 實戰點 (A-C)

以下有一些句子，試從方格中選擇適當的字詞填寫在橫線上，注意須使用正確的詞類和時態。每個詞語只可使用一次。

accept	advertise	advise	amaze	annoy	breathe
care	charm	comfort	continue	convenient	

1. Molly is such a \_\_\_\_\_ girl who attracts everyone.
2. It is more \_\_\_\_\_ to sleep in bed than in the sofa.
3. The enemy fired \_\_\_\_\_ at our village throughout the night. All of us were helpless and scared.
4. The noise coming from the opposite flat is so \_\_\_\_\_. I just wish it would stop immediately.
5. I went to a magic show last night. The show was very good. I was truly \_\_\_\_\_.

6. The smell of the refuse collection point was so nasty that I had to hold my \_\_\_\_\_ when I passed by.
7. Mum is a very \_\_\_\_\_ person who always visits the solitary elderly in our neighbourhood.
8. I don't like reading free newspapers because they contain too many \_\_\_\_\_.
9. The terms of this contract are not \_\_\_\_\_. I won't sign it.
10. Living near an MTR station is \_\_\_\_\_.
11. Do you want me to give you some \_\_\_\_\_ on the choice of the university courses?

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