

# UNIT 2

# Living Conditions in Hong Kong



Judy has written a diary entry. Read the diary entry and complete the exercises.

## About the Text Type

### Diary entry

A diary records the things you do and see every day, and how you feel or think about them. Use the past tense to talk about what you did and saw, and use the present tense to talk about how you feel and think about them.



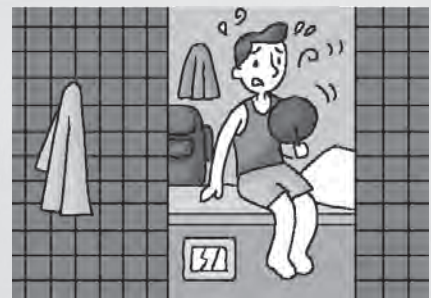
### BC Vocabulary Corner

- cage home (n)  
籠屋
- is divided into (v phr)  
被分隔成
- wire (n) 鐵綫
- upper deck (n)  
上層 / 上隔

23 July Sunny

During the Liberal Studies lesson today, Mr Lee told us that some people live in cage homes. He showed us a photo of a cage home in Sham Shui Po. It is a 600-square-foot flat in a 38-year-old building. The flat is divided into 10 small 5 'boxes' made of wood and wire. Each 'box' has two levels: the lower deck and the upper deck. Each deck 'belongs' to one person. No deck is empty. Mr Lee said that there is only one toilet for all these people. During summer, the room temperature can reach 36 °C, but there is no air-conditioning.

I couldn't believe my eyes! Aren't cages for 10 animals? Why are some people living in such places? Tomorrow, Mr Lee will bring us to one of these cage homes to learn more.



John and Mary are talking on the phone about the dates and times of their exams. Listen to their conversation and help John complete the notes below.



## Exam Timetable

Subject	Date	Time
Chinese	1 June	9.00 a.m. – _____
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## A. Pronouns and possessive adjectives

### Top Tip

1. A pronoun is a word that takes the place of a noun.  
e.g. James is a secondary student. **He** studies at Hong Kong Secondary School.
2. A possessive adjective shows who has or owns something. We put a noun after a possessive adjective.  
e.g. The children are carrying **their** schoolbags.

### Exercise I

Jamie is writing an article. Complete it with the given pronouns and possessive adjectives.

they    them    we    us    my    his    she    her

Walt Disney created a lot of cartoon characters. The famous ones are Donald Duck, Mickey Mouse and Snow White. I love (1) \_\_\_\_\_ all.

Snow White is a story about a pretty girl. One day, (2) \_\_\_\_\_ meets seven short men in the forest. (3) \_\_\_\_\_ are the Seven Dwarfs. Snow White and (4) \_\_\_\_\_ new friends spend a happy time together.



To visit Snow White and the other Disney characters, (5) \_\_\_\_\_ parents and Uncle Lai took me to Hong Kong Disneyland last weekend. (6) \_\_\_\_\_ played games and did a lot of shopping. Uncle Lai took a picture of Cinderella because she is (7) \_\_\_\_\_ daughter's favourite character. All of (8) \_\_\_\_\_ felt tired after the outing.

 **Express Yourself** 

**Talking about daily routines**



When we talk about what we do every day, we can say:

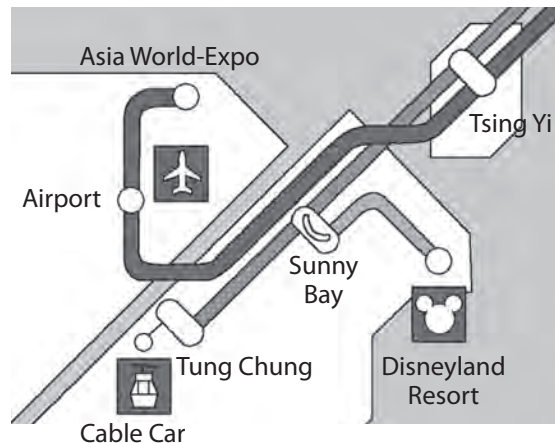
Every day, I go to school by bus.



 **Talk Smart**

We use the simple present tense to talk about daily or weekly routines.  
e.g. I **have** my piano lessons on Saturdays.

How does Jamie go to work every day? Fill in each blank with the correct form of verbs.



Jamie works at Hong Kong Disneyland. She lives in Tsing Yi. Every day, she (1) \_\_\_\_\_ (take) an MTR train at Tsing Yi station. When the train (2) \_\_\_\_\_ (reach) Sunny Bay station, she (3) \_\_\_\_\_ (change) to another train at the opposite platform. She then (4) \_\_\_\_\_ (get) off at Disneyland Resort station and (5) \_\_\_\_\_ (walk) to her office.



## Writing Express

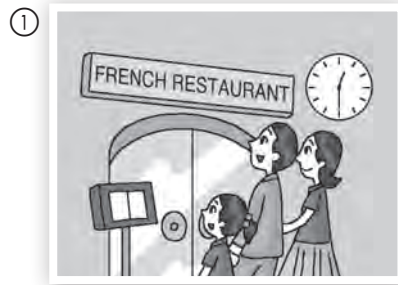
Write about 60 words on the following topic.

Mary had a wonderful birthday yesterday. She is writing to Jane, her pen-friend in Canada, to tell her about all the happy things that happened. Study the pictures and help Mary complete the letter.



### TSA Ready

When you plan your story, ask yourself *wh*-questions (*who, what, when, where, why, how*).



### Word Bank

- barbecue
- delicious
- presents
- steak
- surprised
- toy shop

The questions below may help you.

- a. Where did her parents bring her to have a birthday lunch?
- b. What did she have for lunch? How did she feel?
- c. What did her parents buy her? How did she feel?
- d. How did her friends celebrate with her?



## A. Funny words about babies

Read the following sentences and underline the correct words.

1. Mrs Wong's baby is crawling about **on all fours**. He is moving with his (arms / hands / hands and knees) on the ground.



2. Amy is a **babysitter**. When Mrs Wong is away, Amy will help Mrs Wong (sit on / look after) her baby.

3. A **baby walker** is a frame on wheels used to support a baby while he or she is learning to (talk / walk).

