

UNIT 1

Choosing a New Flat

Reading Express

Jacky's mother wants to choose a new flat. Read the following advertisements and complete the exercises.

About the Text Type

Advertisement

An advertisement aims to get people to buy a product or use a service. To better understand what the advertisement tells you, you should first look at the title and the headings.



For Sale Sunshine Villa

45 Blue Pool Road, Happy Valley

- 1,300 sq ft (4 bedrooms)
- Spacious living room and kitchen
- Double car parks
- Air-conditioning
- Swimming pool

Contact Ms Ma (9565 4554)

For Sale Rose Mansion

Wah Lan Road, Quarry Bay

- 700 sq ft (1 bedroom)
- Air-conditioning
- Tennis court
- Suitable for young couple with no children
- No pets allowed

Call Mr Wong (9631 6845)

For Rent Belair Monte

Ma Sik Road, Fanling

- 800 sq ft (2 bedrooms)
- Air-conditioning
- Playground
- 2-minute walk to MTR
- Ideal for small families

Call Miss Yeung (9365 6819)



Vocabulary Corner

- for rent (prep phr) 出租
- for sale (prep phr) 出售
- spacious (adj) 寬敞
- couple (n) 夫婦, 情侶
- ideal (adj) 最適合

James is helping his mother prepare the ingredients for the birthday party. Listen to their conversation and complete the shopping list.



TSA Ready

Listen carefully for numbers.

Find out whether it is 'thirteen' (13) or 'thirty' (30).

Happy Birthday!



Shopping List

For _____:

- 1 package of ham
- 1 can of pineapple
- 5 large _____
- _____ g cheese

For _____:

- _____ large potatoes
- 6 _____
- 1 red onion
- 1 bottle of mayonnaise

Buy from _____

- 40 _____

- _____

Buy from the _____

A. Prepositions of place: *in, on, at*

Top Tip

1. **in** is used to indicate a point within a certain area, or the names of countries, seas and large towns:
e.g. **in** Canada / China, **in** Beijing / Kowloon, **in** the building, **in** the classroom
2. **on** is used with islands, certain floors of a building, or large public vehicles:
e.g. **on** the third floor, **on** Hong Kong Island, **on** a bus / boat / tram / plane
3. **at** is used with specific places, names of special buildings or villages:
e.g. **at** 120 Castle Peak Road, **at** the MTR station, **at** the cinema, **at** the meeting

Note: **on** or **in** can be used with roads and streets:
e.g. **on/in** Nathan Road, **on/in** Temple Street

Exercise I

May is showing her photo album to Jack. Complete their conversation with the correct prepositions *in, on* or *at*.

Jack: Who's that girl on the left of this photo?

May: She's Jane. I met her (1) _____ Tom's birthday party last year.

Jack: I see. Who is the boy (2) _____ that photo?

May: That's my cousin.

Jack: Are they your grandparents? Was the photo taken at their home?

May: Yes. They live (3) _____ Lantau Island. It was taken when I visited them last month.

Jack: Who is the lady sitting (4) _____ the counter?

May: She is my piano teacher. The photo was taken (5) _____ a piano practice room.

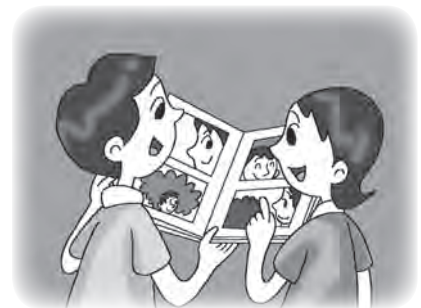
Jack: I see.

Jack: I like this photo. Where did you take it?

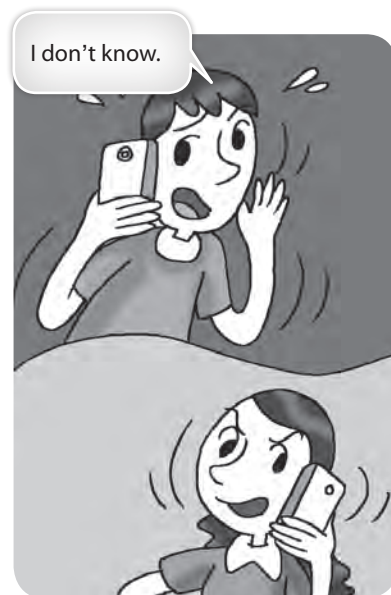
May: Let me see ... I was (6) _____ a bus and saw these people dancing (7) _____ the street.

Jack: This photo album looks very nice. Where can I buy it?

May: You can go to Solo Department Store. The stationery department is (8) _____ the 6th floor.



Answering a call



 **Talk Smart**

When you answer a call, you may use the following phases.

Responding to caller	Taking a message	Passing a message
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Sorry, he's not in. - Hang / Hold on, please. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Would you like to leave a message? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - I'll give him the message.



Peter is calling Sam. Complete the following telephone conversation with suitable expressions.

A: Hello.

B: Hello. (1) _____ Sam, please?

A: Sorry, (2) _____. May I know who's calling?

B: This is Peter calling.

A: (3) _____?

B: Yes. Please tell him I'll meet him at Mongkok MTR station at about six this evening.

A: OK. (4) _____.

B: Thanks.

A: You're welcome.

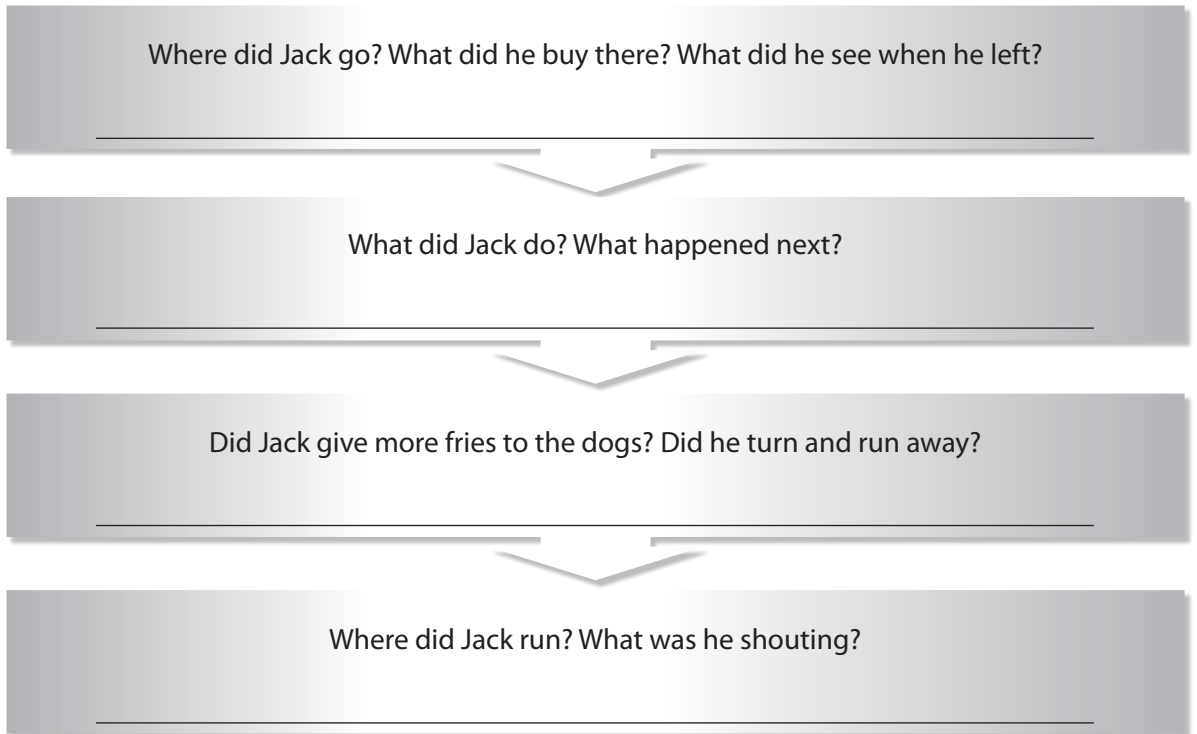
Writing Express

Write about 80 words on the following topic.

The following pictures tell a story about Jack. Write the story in the spaces provided.



The flow chart below may help you.



- Word Bank**
- fries
 - entrance
 - look hungry
 - stand on its hind legs
 - beg for fries
 - bark
 - chase after

A. Funny words about animals

Read the following sentences and underline the correct words.

1. **Dog days** means the (longest / hottest) days of the year. In Hong Kong, the dog days are usually in (May and June / July and August).



2. Tom gets the lion's share of food, and leaves very little for others. **A lion's share** means the (smallest / largest) part of something.

3. The piano at Ann's house is really a **white elephant**. Nobody knows how to play the piano.

A white elephant is usually something that is (partially / completely) (useful / useless) to its owner.

