



Essential Reading Skills

Identifying adjectives that describe people

Miss Cheung is **tall** and **slim**.

We usually put an **adjective** after the verb *be* to describe people.

Understanding the main idea of a story

Title: **Helping each other**
Author: John Smith

We can guess the main idea of a story from the **title**.

Finding out rhyming words in a poem

The sky was **grey**.
We had nothing to do and nothing to **say**.

Rhyming words appear at the end of the lines in a poem.

Predicting the story from the contents page

Chapter	Contents	Page
One	In the park	2
Two	Greg hurts his leg	4

We can predict what the chapter is about by the **title** on the contents page.



Text Type Analysis

Contents page

Chapter	Contents	Page
One	The start of the school holidays!	1
Two	Helen gets her pocket money	5
Three	Helen goes to the pet shop	10
Four	A goldfish goes home with Helen	15
Five	A diamond in the goldfish bowl!	20
Six	Helen names her new pet 'Sparkle'	25

Headings

Contents

Postcard

Hi Helen!

We're on holiday for a fortnight in Thailand. The weather is lovely, sunny and hot and we go to the beach and swim every day. The sea is really clean. We have fresh fruit for breakfast and fish and salad for lunch by the hotel pool, where we also love to swim! The coconut trees, banana plants and river on the postcard are near our hotel. I've got some photos of the elephants to show you when I get back and I've bought you a scarf from the market.

See you soon,
Mary



Recipient

Body

To:

Helen Ho

Flat 2A

13 Starry Road

Kowloon Tong

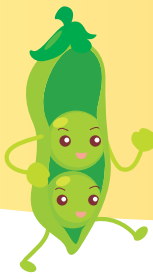
Hong Kong

Recipient's address

Closure and sender



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Friends



10 minutes

Text Type



Descriptions

Skills Focus Identifying adjectives that describe people

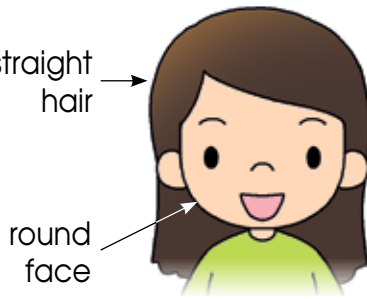
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Word Preview — Adjectives describing appearance

straight hair



round face

curly hair



oval face



Reading descriptions

Mary is writing descriptions about her new friends.

Helen

Hair: Long, straight, blonde
Eyes: Big, blue
Height: Short
Build: Slim
Likes: Taking photos; cycling; ice cream
Dislikes: Apple pie; getting up early; spiders
Pet: Black and white cat

David

Hair: Short, dark brown, wavy
Eyes: Small, green
Height: Tall
Build: Medium
Likes: Playing tennis; chocolate; watching television
Dislikes: Cold weather; rain; mice
Pet: Ginger cat



Jane and Jill (identical twins)

Hair: Long, black, straight
Eyes: Big, brown
Height: Medium
Build: Slim

Jane

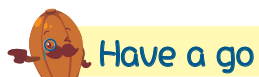
Likes: Running; dancing; pizza
Dislikes: Loud thunderstorms; fireworks; snakes
Pet: White rabbit

Jill

Baking cakes; painting; chips
Snow; noodles; worms

Mark

Hair: Medium length, red, curly
Eyes: Small, blue
Height: Short
Build: Medium
Likes: Playing football; watching television; cake
Dislikes: Swimming; spaghetti; snails
Pet: White mouse



Have a go

Answer these questions about the descriptions. Blacken the circle next to the correct answer.

1. Who dislikes Mark's pet?

A. Helen

B. David

C. Jane

D. Jill

2. Which of the following people is Jane?



A.



B.



C.



D.

3. Which people are twins?

- A. Helen, Jill and Jane
- B. Jill and Mark
- C. Mark, David and Helen
- D. Jane and Jill

4. Which sport does the person who has a ginger cat like?

- A. cycling
- B. running
- C. playing tennis
- D. playing football

5. Who doesn't like noisy weather?

- A. The person who likes playing tennis.
- B. The person who has a black and white cat.
- C. The tallest person in the group.
- D. The person who likes dancing.



Answering Tips

Look at the pets and their owners.

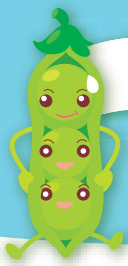


Word Bank

Words formed from the verb 'bore':

- The TV programme is **boring**.
- David is **bored** by the TV programme.





Reading a contents page

Jane is reading the contents page of the book *A Day to Remember*. It is about a group of girls going on a shopping trip.

Chapter		Pages
One	Holiday today At the shopping centre with my friends deciding what to do	1–4
Two	Buy buy We buy jeans, T-shirts and shorts — have fun trying things on	5–11
Three	Fun Reads In the bookshop we are buying comics and graphic novels — then we see them!	12–17
Four	Band of dreams Our favourite boy band, Four Streets, are in the bookshop — they sign our T-shirts and ask our names	18–23
Five	What a buzz We go to a restaurant and have dim sum to help us calm down	24–27
Six	Movie Mania We watch their latest film <i>Four Streets Ahead</i> at the cinema — it's a day to remember!	28–32



Have a go

Blacken the circle next to the correct answer.

- What is Chapter Three called?
 - A. Buy buy
 - B. Fun reads
 - C. Movie mania
 - D. Band of dreams
- How many shops do they go into?
 - A. 2
 - B. 3
 - C. 4
 - D. 5
- You see a clothes shop on pages _____,
 - A. 5–11
 - B. 12–17
 - C. 24–27
 - D. 28–32
- Which word on the contents page is similar in meaning to 'film'?
 - A. band
 - B. buzz
 - C. mania
 - D. movie



Vocabulary List

Unit 1

straight (adj) 直的

round (adj) 圓的

curly (adj) 彎曲的

oval (adj) 橢圓形的

bored (adj) 沉悶的

boring (adj) 沉悶的

Unit 2

pet shop (n) 寵物店

toy shop (n) 玩具店

clothes shop (n) 時裝店

bookshop (n) 書店

name (n) 名稱

name (v) 定名

Unit 3

brave (adj) 勇敢的

funny (adj) 有趣的

timid (adj) 膽怯的

strong (adj) 強壯的

big (adj) 巨大的

large (adj) 巨大的

happy (adj) 快樂的

joyful (adj) 快樂的

Unit 4

merry (adj) 開心的

upset (adj) 傷心的

silent (adj) 寧靜的

noisy (adj) 嘈吵的

slap (v) 拍打

click (v) 點擊

Unit 5

Art Club (n) 美術學會

Chess Club (n) 棋藝學會

Judo Club (n) 柔道學會

drum (n) 鼓

flute (n) 長笛

violin (n) 小提琴

Unit 6

salad (n) 沙律

pizza (n) 薄餅

soup (n) 湯

spaghetti (n) 意粉

fried vegetables (n) 炒菜

roast chicken (n) 燒雞

Unit 10

earrings (n) 耳環

scarf (n) 頸巾

handbag (n) 手袋

watch (n) 手錶

smell (v) 嗅

see (v) 看見