

Unit 1

School Facilities



Reading Express

David is looking at the description about his school. Read the description and complete the exercises.



Understanding the Text Type

Description

A description gives the public information on a place, object, event or a person.

BC Vocabulary

- environment (n)
環境
- engage in (phr)
投入
- laboratories (n)
實驗室
- air-conditioned (adj) 裝有冷氣設備的
- well-equipped (adj) 設備良好的
- gymnasium (n)
體育館

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Welcome to *St James Secondary School*. We create an environment for students to engage actively in their studies. The school offers modern facilities that cater for the wide range of subjects taught. There are 35 classrooms, two science laboratories, two language laboratories, an art room, a

multimedia learning centre, a library and a hall. All rooms are air-conditioned and well-equipped with 10 high-speed Internet access. In addition, we have a gymnasium, an open playground, a canteen and a common room. These are spaces where students can relax with friends.





TSA Zone

When doing multiple-choice questions, cross out the wrong answers first. Then, read the remaining answers and choose the one that fits the content best.

A. Choose the best answer and blacken ONE circle only.

1. Which of the following words best describes the school facilities?

- A. Cheap
- B. Expensive
- C. Up-to-date
- D. Old

A B C D

2. The _____ is the best place for a rest after class.

- A. multimedia learning centre
- B. library
- C. playground
- D. common room

A B C D

3. You do not _____ in the common room.

- A. watch a movie
- B. play board games
- C. play basketball
- D. read a magazine

A B C D

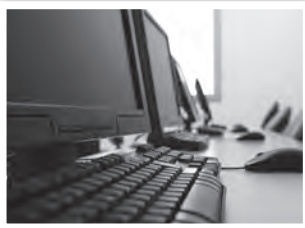
4. 'All rooms are well-equipped with high-speed Internet access' (lines 8–10) means _____.

- A. students can connect to the Internet quickly
- B. the rooms are air-conditioned
- C. students can relax with friends
- D. there are many computers in each room

A B C D

B. Write the names of the rooms in the spaces provided.

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②



③



David and Susan are writing a notice. Listen to their conversation and help them finish it.

1. The Chess Room will close from _____ to _____.
2. The Chess Room will reopen on _____ at _____.
3. If you have borrowed chess sets _____ from the Chess Club, return them to the Chess Room by _____.



A. Prepositions

Useful Tip

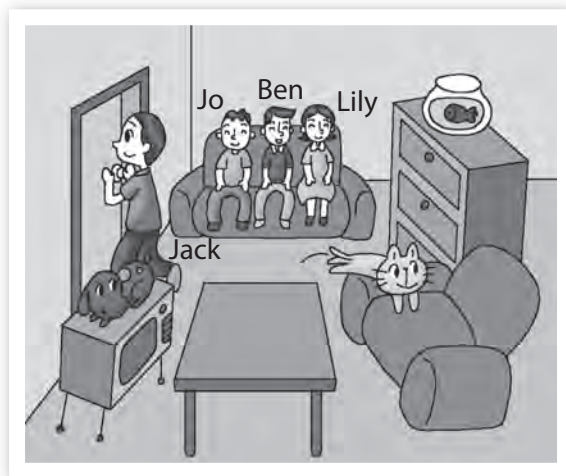
Prepositions of place tell us where people or things are.
e.g. The book is **on** the table.

Exercise I

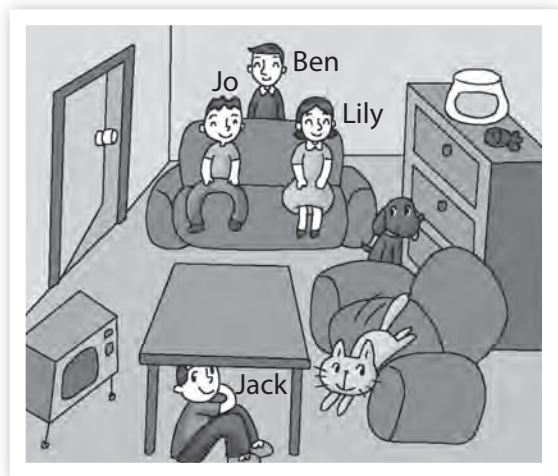
Mary is trying to find the differences between the two pictures. Help her complete the following sentences with the prepositions in the box.

at behind beside between in in front of
into off on onto under

Picture A



Picture B



1. The goldfish is _____ the bowl.
2. The goldfish is _____ the bowl.
3. Ben is sitting _____ Jo and Lily.
4. Ben is standing _____ the sofa.
5. Jack is walking _____ his bedroom.
6. Jack is sitting _____ the table.
7. The cat is jumping _____ the sofa.
8. The cat is jumping _____ the sofa.
9. The dog is lying _____ the TV.
10. The dog is lying _____ the cupboard.

Introducing your school



When you introduce your school, you can talk about:

- your school's name: I will study at Hong Kong Secondary School.
- the location of your school: It is located in Wan Chai.
- the facilities in your school: It has a basketball court and a swimming pool.



Talk Smart

When you answer someone's questions, you may give a short answer.
 e.g. What is the name of your school?
 Hong Kong Secondary School.

Answer the questions below.

1. Which school will you study at in September?

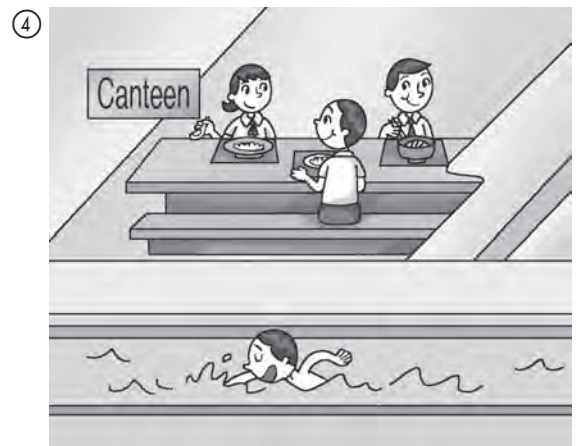
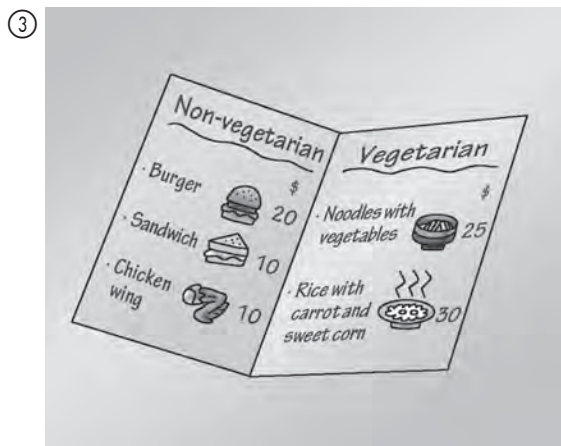
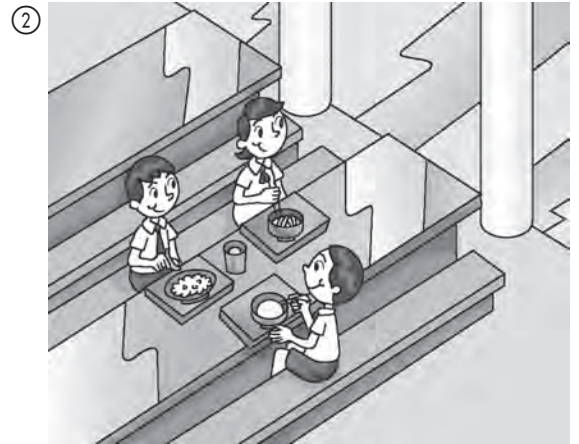
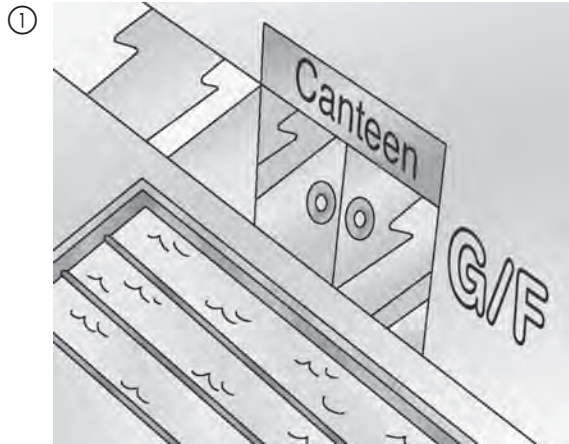
2. Where is the school located?

3. How will you go to the school?

Writing Express

Write about 60 words on the following topic.

You have been asked by your English teacher to write a short paragraph on your school canteen. Study the pictures and write the description.



Word Box

- location
- tidy
- seat
- spacious
- vegetarian meals
- lunchtime

You may find the following questions useful.

- Where is your school canteen located?
- Is the canteen large and clean?
- Are there small tables and benches in the canteen?
- What kinds of food does the canteen provide?
- What do you enjoy watching while eating in the canteen?

Fun Express

A. Crossword about places at school

Read the clues below and complete the crossword puzzle with the correct words.

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			4											
5														
				6										
	7													

Across

- We do experiments in the science _____.
- We listen to speeches or watch performances in the _____.
- The principal works in the _____'s office.
- Teachers work in the _____.

Down

- We borrow books in the _____.
- We go to the _____ shop to buy food and drinks.
- We go to the _____ office to report the loss of things.
- We have computer lessons in the _____ learning centre.

B. Jokes about English words

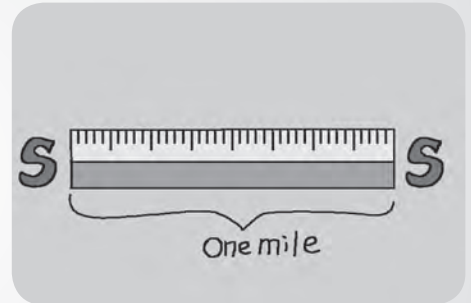
Read the following conversations. Fill in the blanks and underline the correct words.

1. Teacher: What is the longest word in the English language?

Jason: Smiles.

Teacher: Why?

Jason: There is a _____ between the first and the last letters!



2. Mum: What grade did you get for the Music exam?

Alex: Underwater.

Mum: What do you mean?

Alex: It's below the (A / B / C) level!

3. Teacher: Which is further away from us, France or the Moon?

Ann: France.

Teacher: Why do you say so?

Ann: We can see (France / the Moon) at night, but we cannot see (France / the Moon) from here.

