



Unit
1

A School Event



Reading Express

Jacky's mother has received a school newsletter. Read the following newsletter and complete the exercises.



Understanding the Text Type

Newsletter

A newsletter is a publication that is issued periodically. It presents information and news on a narrow subject to a specific group of readers. For example, school newsletters are sent to parents to inform them about particular activities and events, such as open day.



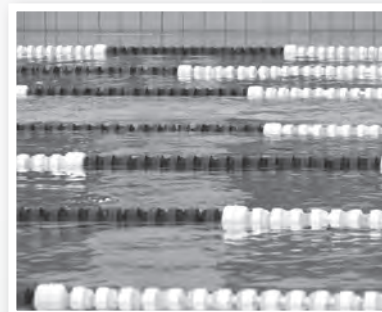
Vocabulary

- generous (adj)
大方的
- donations (n)
捐款
- plaque unveiling ceremony (n)
牌匾揭幕儀式
- refreshments (n)
茶點
- beverages (n)
飲料

St James Monthly Newsletter No.24

Looking ahead: indoor swimming pool opening

Thanks to the generous donations from you and your families, our indoor swimming pool is ready to make a splash next month. Students, parents and friends of the school are invited to bring their swimwear and towels to the St James Secondary School Indoor Swimming Pool Grand Opening Celebration on Saturday, 8 June. The day's festivities will begin at 9am with a plaque unveiling ceremony to mark the opening of the pool. Tours of the facility will be given upon the completion of the ceremony, followed by a swimming demonstration by St James Boys' Swim Team. Free refreshments and beverages will be served in the evening right after a free open swim offered to students and visitors.



We are very excited about it and looking forward to seeing you all there!

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

1. Students and parents are invited to _____ on 8 June.

- A. make generous donations
- B. swim in the new swimming pool
- C. clean the new swimming pool with towels
- D. unveil a plaque to mark the opening of the swimming pool

A B C D

2. What will come right after the plaque unveiling ceremony?

- A. St James Secondary School Indoor Swimming Pool Grand Opening Celebration
- B. A swimming demonstration
- C. Tours of the new swimming pool
- D. A free open swim

A B C D

3. What did families donate?

- A. Money
- B. Towels and swimwear
- C. A plaque
- D. Refreshments and beverages

A B C D

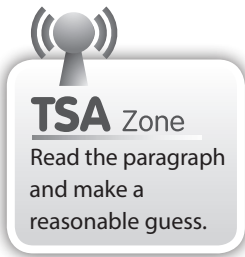
4. What will be provided after the open swim?

- A. Tours of the facility
- B. Donations
- C. Towels
- D. Drinks and snacks

A B C D

B. Complete the following paragraph using the words in the newsletter.

Our Christmas Fun Day was held last Friday. Students of lower forms looked after game booths while upper forms took care of food stalls selling snacks. Free (1) _____ like coffee and hot chocolate were provided during lunchtime. The day's highlight was 'Cannonball'. The participants had to jump into an inflatable (2) _____ which was filled with cold water. The one who could make the biggest (3) _____ would win. An S2 student who wore a colourful (4) _____ won the first prize. We all got a lot of gifts, which were (5) _____ from our principal and teachers.



Jacky and his mother are looking at an advertisement. Listen to their conversation and complete the advertisement.

Flat for _____

Description

- _____ sq ft
- _____ bathroom(s)
- _____ bedroom(s)
- Kitchen with: refrigerator
 dishwasher
 microwave oven
 dryer
 washer
- Facilities: swimming pool
 tennis court
 playground
- _____ to MTR

Contact number: _____

(Note: Put a tick (✓) in the appropriate boxes.)

A. Simple future tense

Useful Tip

1. We use the simple future tense to talk about:
 - a. things that we think will happen in the future.
e.g. The Greek debt crisis **will be** resolved very soon.
 - b. plans at the moment of speaking.
e.g. Tomorrow is a public holiday. I **will go** hiking with my friends.
2. We can use **Shall I** and **Shall we** to make suggestions or offer to do something.
e.g. **Shall I** carry the luggage for you?

Exercise 1

Amy and Sam are talking about their holiday plans. Change the verbs in brackets into the correct tense.

Amy: What are your plans for this summer holiday?

Sam: I (1) _____ (visit) my cousins in Brazil for a month.

Amy: Wow! When (2) _____ you _____ (leave) Hong Kong?

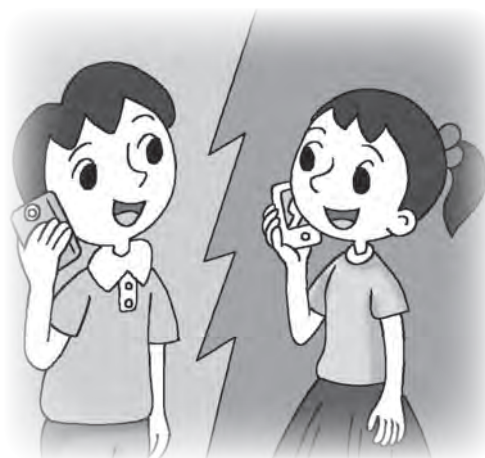
Sam: Next Saturday. Since the plane (3) _____ (depart) from Hong Kong at around midnight, I (4) _____ (be) in Brazil in two days.

Amy: (5) _____ you _____ (go) to Rio? It is where the Summer Olympics (6) _____ (take place).

Sam: Sure. I've brought the tickets to some of my favourite events. Do you have any holiday plans, Amy?

Amy: I plan to explore more about Hong Kong, so I (7) _____ (not / go) overseas this year. I am going to the library to borrow books about Hong Kong's country parks.

Sam: I also want to find some information about Rio. (8) _____ we _____ (go) together?





Express Yourself

Making suggestions



If you want to make suggestions, you may use the following phrases:

Shall we go to sing karaoke?

How about watching a film?

Why don't we / you go hiking?

Why not take a walk after lunch?

Let's (Let us) do some shopping.



Talk Smart

When you use 'How about' to make suggestions, remember the verb that follows should be in *-ing* form.

Complete the following suggestions with the correct phrases.

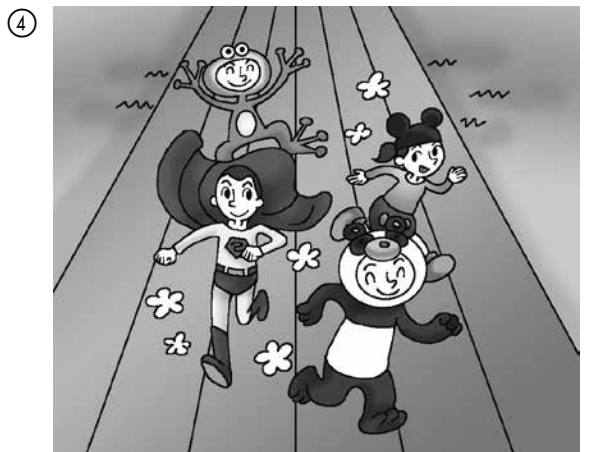
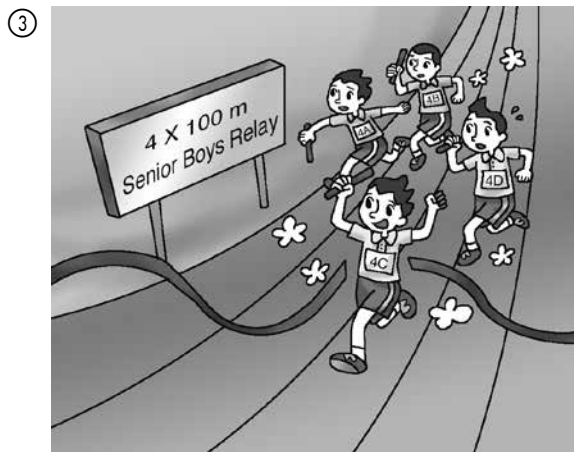
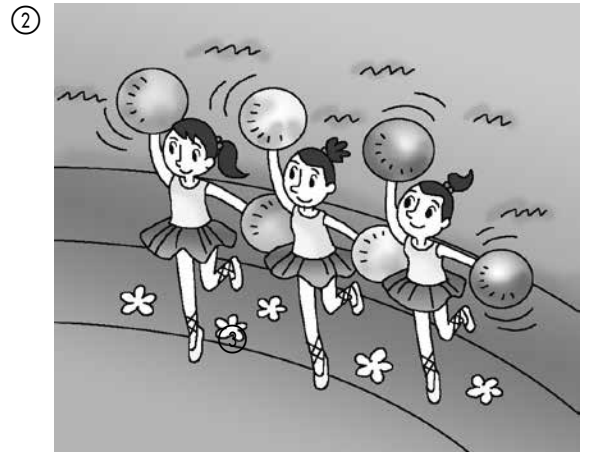
see the doctor
go swimming
How about

Shall we
Why not
eating at Star Café

- A: It's rather hot today.
B: Let's _____.
- A: Where will we have lunch?
B: How about _____?
- A: Tomorrow is Sam's birthday.
_____ give him a surprise?
B: Sure.
- A: I feel very tired.
B: _____ stop working
and go to bed early?
- A: I'm ill today.
B: Why don't you _____?
- A: What should we buy for Mum's birthday?
B: _____ buying a box of
chocolates?

Write about 80 words on the following topic.

You have been asked by your English teacher to write a newsletter about your school's annual Sports Day. Look at the pictures and write the newsletter.



Word Box

- crowded
- weather
- perform
- cheerleaders
- battle
- compete
- spectator

The questions below may help you.

- a. When was your Sports Day?
- b. What was the weather like?
- c. Was the sports ground crowded with students only?
- d. What did the cheerleaders do at the opening of the Sports Day?
- e. What was the most exciting event? Who won the race?
- f. What was the funniest event? What did the runners do? Who won the race?
- g. What did the spectators do when the winner crossed the finish line?

Useful Tip

When you write a newsletter, remember to:

1. use the simple past tense when you talk about past events.
e.g. The girls' team **won** all of their games in the preliminary rounds.
2. use the future tense when you talk about upcoming events.
e.g. Our school **will** participate in the Joint-school Mathematics Competition next year.

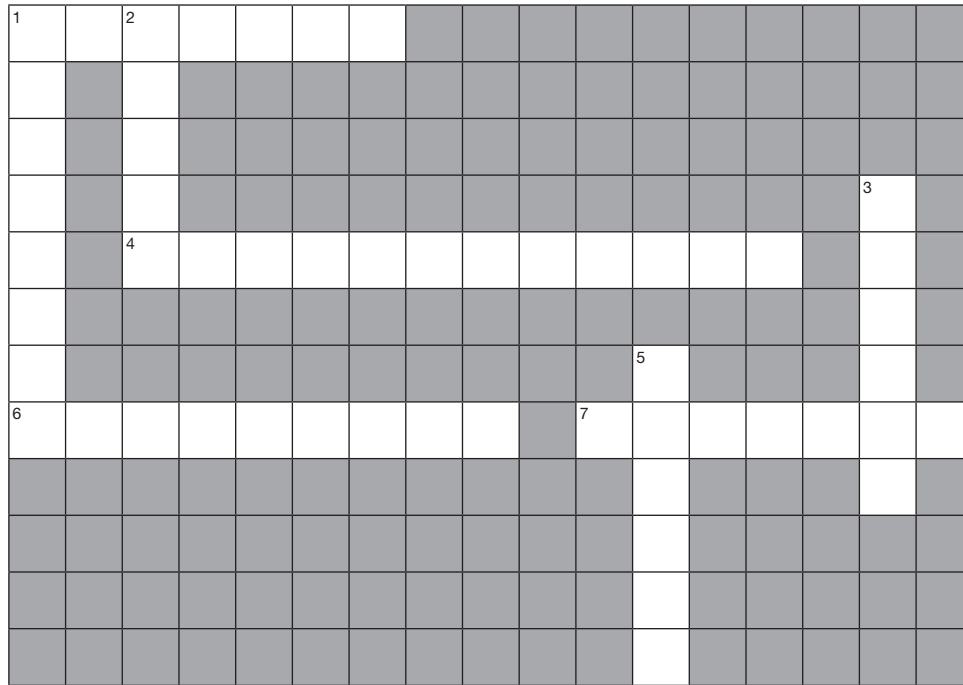
Preston Secondary School Annual Sports Day



Fun Express

A. Crossword about home

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



Across

1. You sleep in the _____.
4. You keep the food fresh in the _____.
6. You can use the _____ oven to cook.
7. You cook your meals in the _____.

Down

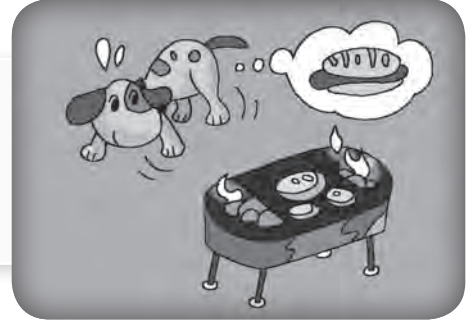
1. You take a bath in the _____.
2. You use a _____ to dry your clothes.
3. You use a _____ to clean your clothes.
5. You usually put a sofa in the _____ room.

B. Jokes about food

Read the following questions and try to guess the answers.

1. Why does the dog stay away from the grill?

It doesn't want to be a h ____ d ____!

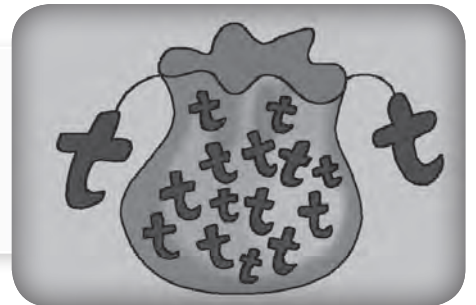


2. What do two glasses of milk do when they meet each other?

They have a milk _____!

3. What starts with 't', ends with 't' and is filled with 't'?

T _____



4. Why do the French like to eat snails?

Because they don't like f ____ food!