

Unit 1

Visiting Korea

Reading Express

NSS Popular Culture

May is writing a blog entry about her trip. Read the following blog entry and complete the exercises.



Understanding the Text Type

Blog entry

A blog entry is an online journal in which the writer shares his / her daily activities. It usually consists of short paragraphs only. Readers can respond to the content by leaving their comments.

Vocabulary

- cosy (adj) 舒適的
- coach (n) 長途汽車
- amusement park (n) 遊樂園
- breathtaking (adj) 令人驚嘆的
- souvenirs (n) 紀念品
- captivated (v) 使着迷

(2 comments)

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We bumped into Kim Yong in Seoul!

Refreshed and energized after a good night's sleep in a cosy hotel room, we headed to the most frequently visited Lotte World on our second day in Seoul. We saw a sea of people 'occupying' the amusement park just as we hopped off our coach. To race against time, my brother and I fought our way through the crowds to Magic Island, where our thrill-packed journey began. We spent the whole day trying breathtaking rides while my parents went hunting for souvenirs in the shopping malls.

The Kimchi DIY workshop on the third day was tailor-made for ladies. My dad shot a video of my brother and I wearing masks, making our first kimchi with great patience.

We spent our last night visiting Arirang, owned by Kim Yong, the most celebrated K-pop artist. Seated at a table, I saw a familiar face smiling at me. Oh, my God! It's him! What captivated me for the rest of the night was not the food. I don't even remember what I had that evening!



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

1. In lines 5–6, ‘a sea of people “occupying” the amusement park’ means _____.

- A. many visitors gathered at the seaside
- B. the park was surrounded by coaches
- C. the park was crowded with visitors
- D. some people were fighting in the park

A B C D

2. Why did May and her brother fight their way through the crowds?

- A. They could not stop the crowds from fighting.
- B. They could not wait to try the rides.
- C. They wanted to fight with the crowds.
- D. They wanted to buy souvenirs with their parents.

A B C D

3. Arirang is _____.

- A. a restaurant
- B. a K-pop artist
- C. a Korean dish
- D. Kim Yong’s fan

A B C D


4. Which of the following is true?

- A. May has never made kimchi before.
- B. May met Arirang for the first time.
- C. May could not remember what she did on her last night in Seoul.
- D. May’s father was wearing a mask when making kimchi.

A B C D

B. Which words in the blog entry mean the same as the following?

- 1. completely filled with excitement (lines 5–10) _____
- 2. known and praised widely; famous (lines 14–18) _____
- 3. attracted and held the attention of someone (lines 14–18) _____


DSE Zone
Writers may not express some of the ideas explicitly. Read the paragraph for information.

Cathy is doing a survey on the most popular attractions in Hong Kong. She is now interviewing a tourist. Listen to their conversation. Fill in the information and put a tick (✓) in the correct boxes.

Survey

The most popular attractions in Hong Kong

1. What is your name? _____
2. Where are you from? _____
3. How old are you?
 20–29 30–39 40–49 50 or above
4. Is this your first visit to Hong Kong?
 Yes No (This is my _____ visit)
5. Reason(s) to visit Hong Kong (You may tick more than one)
 Shopping Business Sightseeing Food
6. How long will you be staying here?
 3–5 days 6–10 days 11–15 days
7. Complete the following table (1: most popular; 5: least popular)

	The Giant Buddha
	Ocean Park Hong Kong
	Hong Kong Park
	Hong Kong Disneyland
	Hong Kong Wetland Park
	Sky100
	Avenue of Stars
	The Peak



A. Countable nouns

Useful Tip

1. A countable noun refers to something which can be counted. It has both a singular and a plural form.
e.g. I bought **two newspapers**, *The Moon* and *The Orange Daily*.
2. We often use numbers or the article **a** or **an** before countable nouns.
e.g. I ate **three apples** today.
There is **a dog** in the garden.
3. We can make uncountable nouns countable.
bread → a piece of bread; water → a glass of water;
rain → a drop of rain; sugar → a bowl of sugar

Exercise I

Beth is reading some information about leading a healthy lifestyle. Put the nouns in brackets into the singular or plural forms.

Having a healthy living style is important. Young people need to build a (1) _____ (habit) of living healthily so that they can grow strong and face the challenges in life. The following are a few (2) _____ (tip) for you.

Healthy lifestyle tips for teenagers:

- Eat a balanced (3) _____ (diet).
- Eat foods that are rich in (4) _____ (vitamin).
- Eat more fruit and (5) _____ (vegetable).
- Drink eight (6) _____ (glass) of water.
- Take a (7) _____ (walk) after eating.
- Exercise three (8) _____ (time) a week.

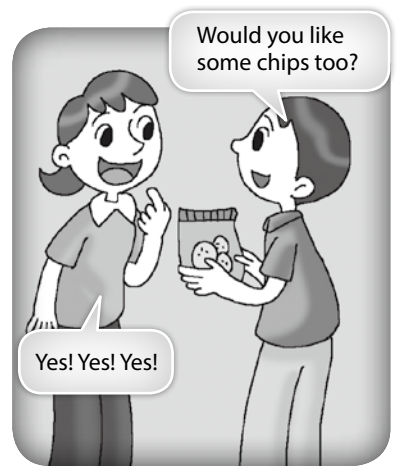




Express Yourself



Expressing likes



Talk Smart

To express your liking for something, learn these useful expressions.

Yes, I do.

Yes, I love / like it.

Yes, I like it a lot.

Yes, I'd love to.

Complete the following conversations with suitable expressions.

1. May: Does your uncle like living in Japan?

Sue: Yes, _____.

A. please

B. he loves it

C. I like him

D. I am happy

2. Peter: How do you feel about Japanese food?

Sandy: _____.

A. I really like it

B. I like eating

C. I'd love to

D. I feel good

3. Sally: Would you like to join us for the ski trip this Christmas?

Sam: Yes, _____.

A. I'd love to

B. it is

C. I want to see it

D. please wait for me

4. Tom: Do you like hiking?

Mary: Yes, _____. I enjoy outdoor activities.

A. I don't think so

B. I agree

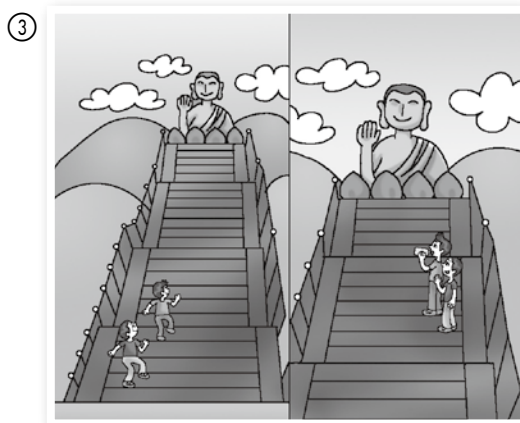
C. I can

D. I do

Writing Express

Write about 100 words on the following topic.

Angus is writing a blog entry about his visit to the Giant Buddha on Lantau Island. The pictures show what happened. Help him complete the blog entry.



Word Box

- exhausting
- renowned
- statue
- take a rest
- panoramic
- reach

The questions below may help you.

- a. When did you visit the Giant Buddha?
- b. Have you been there before?
- c. Who did you go with?
- d. How did you get there?
- e. Did you climb the stairs to the statue?
- f. How did you feel?
- g. What did you see when you reached the top?
- h. What did you have before going back home?

Fun Express

A. Hidden words about Hong Kong's attractions

Unscramble the following names of Hong Kong's attractions. Then fill in the spaces with the corresponding letters to find out the name of another attraction in Hong Kong.

(1) ONGH GONK KARP (1)

(2) TEH PAEK (2)

(3) OACEN APRK GONH KOGN (8) (3)

(4) NIAGT DBHUDA (7) (4)

(5) GHNO GOKN SNNEILADYD

(9) (5)

(6) EUVEAN FO TASSR (6)

Another Hong Kong attraction is (1) (2) (3) (4) (5) (6) (2) (7) (8) (9)

B. Funny words about life

Read the following sentences and underline the correct words.

1. Annie was **born with a silver spoon in her mouth**.
Her parents are very rich. She lives a very (poor / comfortable) life.



2. David leads **a dog's life**. He works (many / a few) hours every day.

3. The Chan family **lives from hand to mouth**. The couple earns (a lot / very little) and has (a lot of / no) extra money left every month.

