


Learning focus

As ... as

Basic Practice

A Katy is talking about her family. Fill in the blanks with 'as...as' and the words in the brackets.  3 minutes

1. My father can carry my brother and me at the same time. He is _____
_____. (strong / an ox)
2. My mother seldom gets angry or shouts at us. She is _____
_____. (gentle / a lamb)
3. My cousin Sally has a beautiful voice. She can sing _____
_____. (beautifully / a songbird)
4. My grandfather is a professor and has a wide range of knowledge. He is _____
_____. (wise / an owl)
5. My uncle is good at running. He can run _____
_____. (quickly / a cheetah)

B Katy is talking to James. Fill in the blanks with 'as...as' and the correct words in the box.

 3 minutes

heavy proud noisy strong long loudly

Why do you look so angry?

A rude woman pushed me onto the floor when I was shopping. Luckily I am as (1) _____ as a tiger and didn't get hurt.

Did she apologize to you?

No, she was as (2) _____ as a peacock and refused to apologize.


Don't get angry. Let's find a place to take a rest first. My bags are as (3) _____ as stones.

My stomach is beating as (4) _____ as drumbeat too. Let's find a restaurant to rest ourselves.

The queue outside this restaurant is as (5) _____ as a snake. We will need to wait for a long time.

It is also as (6) _____ as a market inside. We cannot have a quiet meal. Let's go to another restaurant.

Advanced Practice

C Katy is writing a diary entry. Complete her entry using 'as...as' with the words in the box and in the brackets. Change the adjectives to adverbs when necessary.  8 minutes

pale good hard loud big elegant scary soft

25 October Saturday

I just had great fun with my family at Kelvin's school fun fair.



There were a lot of food stalls in the playground. I bought cotton candy and it was as (1) _____ as cotton. Kelvin bought a lollipop, but it was as (2) _____ as a rock. He nearly broke his teeth when he bit it.

We watched some performances at the school hall. I enjoyed the ballet show most. The dancers danced (3) _____ swans. The band show was so great that it got everyone in the hall excited. Our cheering was (4) _____ thunder.

Kelvin's class made a ghost room so we went to see it. His classmates all dressed in white and were (5) _____ (real ghost) with their makeup. Kelvin laughed at me because my face looked (6) _____ (paper) when I saw them.

We also played at the game stalls in different classrooms. At the basketball corner, I played (7) _____ (basketball player) and got the highest score. The prize was a teddy bear which was (8) _____ (child).



What a wonderful day!

3 Reading

Date: _____

Time allowed: 18 minutes

Learning Focus

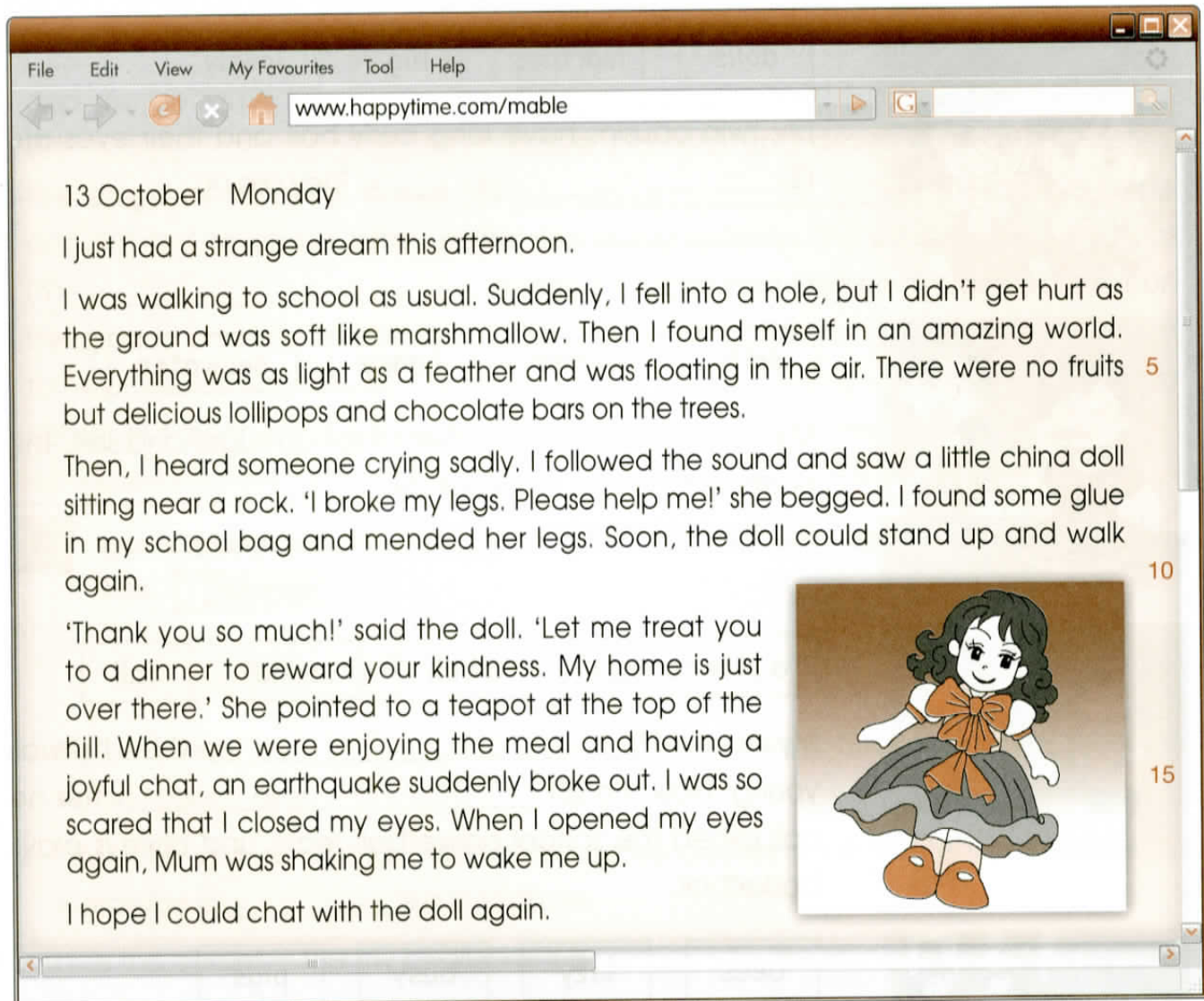
A blog entry

Reading Passage

Text-type Analysis

You can begin the blog entry with a summary of the day and write your comment at the end of the entry.

Mable has written a blog entry. Read her blog entry.



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13 October Monday


I just had a strange dream this afternoon.

I was walking to school as usual. Suddenly, I fell into a hole, but I didn't get hurt as the ground was soft like marshmallow. Then I found myself in an amazing world. Everything was as light as a feather and was floating in the air. There were no fruits but delicious lollipops and chocolate bars on the trees.

Then, I heard someone crying sadly. I followed the sound and saw a little china doll sitting near a rock. 'I broke my legs. Please help me!' she begged. I found some glue in my school bag and mended her legs. Soon, the doll could stand up and walk again.

'Thank you so much!' said the doll. 'Let me treat you to a dinner to reward your kindness. My home is just over there.' She pointed to a teapot at the top of the hill. When we were enjoying the meal and having a joyful chat, an earthquake suddenly broke out. I was so scared that I closed my eyes. When I opened my eyes again, Mum was shaking me to wake me up.

I hope I could chat with the doll again.




Word Bank

strange
mended

marshmallow
reward

floating
earthquake

china doll

Answer the following questions.  18 minutes

TSA

1. Which of the following is true about the world in Mable's dream?

- A. All the things in that world were very small.
- B. The ground was as soft as marshmallow.
- C. There were no trees in that world.
- D. Big birds were flying around.

HKAT

2. How did Mable find the china doll?

- A. She heard the china doll crying.
- B. She followed the broken pieces of the china doll.
- C. She was near the china doll.
- D. She found the china doll accidentally.

TSA

3. How was the china doll like when Mable first saw her?



A.



B.



C.



D.

4. How did Mable enter the amazing world in her dream?

5. What did Mable use to help the doll walk again?

6. How did the china girl thank Mable?

7. What was the doll's house look like?

8. What was the reason for the earthquake at the end of Mable's dream?

9. What did Mable want to do again?

Assessment 1

Date: _____

Time allowed: 40 minutes

Test Focus

Revision on Units 1 to 7

Reading

Katy is reading an email. Read the email.

Hi Katy,

Guess what? I have been chosen to be the leading actor in the play which will be shown on my school Open Day!

You know I am interested in acting and always want to perform on stage. Although I also joined the play in the school closing ceremony last year, I played a minor role and didn't say more than three lines. Therefore, when I saw the poster recruiting actors for the play, I applied for it immediately. Owing to the good response, an audition was held last month. I was overwhelmed when Miss Wong, our English teacher and also one of the judges, told me I got the leading role.

This time, we will be playing the famous romance *Romeo and Juliet*. It is really challenging not only because it is a classic, but also because I will be playing Romeo, a male role! I am now learning to talk and walk like a young boy from my brother, which is more difficult than I thought. Another challenge is that it is an English play, which means I need to speak all the lines in English! Miss Wong is now teaching me how to read the lines more fluently. Although I used to do pretty well in English, it is really hard to memorize all the long lines and difficult words.

There is still four months to go and I will work hard on my practice. Will you come to see my performance?

Kitty

A Answer the following questions. (28%)  20 minutes

HKAT 1. Kitty sent this email to Katy because _____. (2%)

- A. she wanted to tell her about how much she loves acting.
- B. she wanted to tell her she would play a big role on her school Open Day.
- C. she wanted to ask for her advice on acting.
- D. she wanted to share her acting experience with her.

- TSA** 2. What did Kitty do in the school closing ceremony last year? (2%)



A.

B.

C.

D.

- TSA** 3. Which of the following is true? (2%)

- A. Kitty was satisfied with her role in the play last year.
- B. Kitty knew about the play *Romeo and Juliet* from a poster.
- C. Not many students wanted to join the play.
- D. Kitty's English teacher was the only judge in the audition.

- HKAT** 4. Which is NOT a challenge to Kitty regarding the play? (2%)

- A. *Romeo and Juliet* is a very well-known play.
- B. She will be playing a male role.
- C. The play will be in English.
- D. There is not enough time for practice.

5. What is Kitty learning to do at the moment? (6%)

6. What does Kitty find difficult to do regarding the play this time? (6%)

She finds it difficult _____

7. When will Kitty's play be on show? (2%)

8. Katy is writing a reply to Kitty. Finish her reply by using the information on page 16. Fill in each blank with only **ONE** word. Make sure your answers are grammatically correct. (6%)

Sure I will come to see your performance. I know how much you love (i) _____ and I am so happy for you, though I am a bit surprised you are playing a (ii) _____ role this time. I am sure you can overcome all the (iii) _____. Look forward to seeing you on stage!

Vocabulary

B Ken is talking to his friends. Fill in the blanks with the correct words. (10%)  2 minutes

1. You need to be careful. The path is _____ and full of gravels.
2. Dr Fung is a _____ old man. He has read a lot of books and has a wide range of knowledge.
3. Kelly is a _____ girl. She is easily scared by anything, even by a butterfly.
4. My neighbour's dog is _____. It always barks at us and I have been nearly bitten by it for a few times.
5. My sister is still a baby and she is so _____ that my father can carry her with only one hand easily.

Marks

C Ken is talking to James. Fill in the blanks with the correct forms of words. (10%)  2 minutes

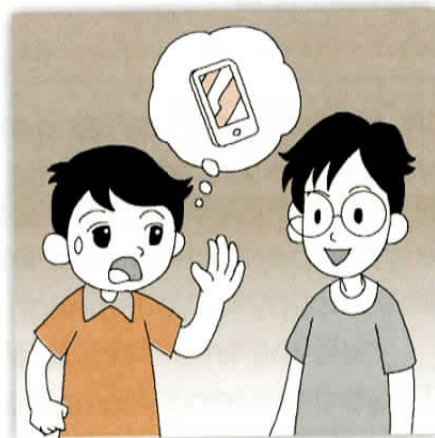
'It is still early. We can walk around the shopping centre first,' (1) _____ Ken.

'How about going to the bookshop?' (2) _____ James. 'I want to see if the novel I have been longing for months has been published.'

'What is the name of the novel?' (3) _____ Ken.


'It is called *Peter and the Magic Teapot*,' (4) _____ James. 'It is about a boy called Peter getting a magic teapot accidentally and how he uses it to help people. And...'

'Oh, no!' (5) _____ Ken suddenly. 'I have left my mobile phone at the cinema. Let's go back to the cinema!'



Marks

Grammar

D James is talking to his father. Fill in the blanks with 'as...as' and the correct forms of the words in the box. (12%)  3 minutes

timid ... mouse agile ... monkey loud ... thunder sweet ... honey
strong ... bear brave ... lion light ... baby

Dad : It seems that there is a circus performance on the stage. The crowd's cheering is (1) _____.

James : Look at that man! He is (2) _____. He can walk easily with two men on his shoulders.

Dad : That's amazing. It seems that the men are (3) _____ to him.

James : Do you want some juice, Dad?

Dad : No, thanks. It is (4) _____. I don't like sweet drinks.

James : Here comes another performer! He jumps through the hoops without touching them. He is (5) _____.

Dad : They are recruiting volunteers to touch the lion. Do you want to go?

James : That's too scary. Only people who are (6) _____ will dare to do it.

Marks

E James's mother is talking to James. Fill in the blanks with 'be' and 'like' and the correct forms of the words in the box. (12%)  3 minutes

soft ... cotton timid ... rabbit fierce ... tiger fragile ... glass
heavy ... stone dirty ... doormat dry ... powder

1. Your school bag _____. You should pack your school bag every day or you will hurt your back.

2. Be careful! The photo frame _____. Put it on the table lightly.

3. The new pillows are comfortable. They _____.

4. The biscuits _____. You'd better eat it with some milk.

5. Don't _____. The bee won't stab you unless you attack it.

6. Your shirt _____. Put it in the washing machine now.

Marks

F James is writing a story. Fill in the blanks with the correct words in the box. (16%)

 4 minutes

Soon At first At last Long ago Suddenly
After a while However One day So

(1) _____, there was a young wizard who lived in a village peacefully with ordinary people. He always treated them with his special medicines. He was popular among the villagers and the village head even betrothed his daughter to him. (2) _____, this made the village head's son jealous of him and he planned to drive him away.



(3) _____, a man claimed that his son was kidnapped by the wizard and was used to test his medicine. (4) _____, the villagers didn't believe him, but rumours about the wizard harming the villagers continued to spread and people began to grow suspicious of him. (5) _____, the villagers refused to let the wizard treat them and the village head even cancelled his engagement with his daughter. Feeling disappointed, the wizard left the village.

(6) _____, a plague broke out in the village and killed many villagers, but there was no cure found. The village head and his son were very worried as the village head's daughter also suffered from the disease. (7) _____, the wizard showed up before them with the cure he made and treated her




and other villagers. Everyone was very grateful to the wizard for his kindness. The village head's son also apologized to the wizard and asked for his forgiveness.

(8) _____, all the misunderstanding was removed. The wizard married the village head's daughter and lived happily ever after in the village.

Marks

G

James is writing a diary entry. Complete his entry using 'first', 'then', 'next', 'after that' or 'finally' and the words in the box. (12%)  6 minutes

I went to buy a scarf at my mother's favourite boutique	she found a cap in a sportswear shop
we went to the bookshop to find something for our brothers	I went to the clothes shop to buy my father a tie
she bought herself a book	we did all our shopping
I went to have lunch in a café	

13 December Saturday

As Christmas is coming, I went to buy some presents for my family today. (1) _____

_____ I know he likes blue, so I bought a blue striped tie. (2) _____



The salesperson was very nice and helped me to choose the scarf.

(3) _____ as I was a bit hungry. There, I met Cousin Diana, who also came to buy Christmas presents for her family. We decided to choose the presents together.

We went to the beauty store because Diana wanted to buy a perfume for Aunt Shirley. (4) _____



I bought a set of watercolour, but Diana couldn't find anything suitable so we moved on to another shop.

(5) _____
It suited his brother so she bought it at once. (6) _____
_____ and bade farewell to each other at the MTR station.

I hope my family like the presents I choose for them.

Marks