Guessing the meaning of unfamiliar words



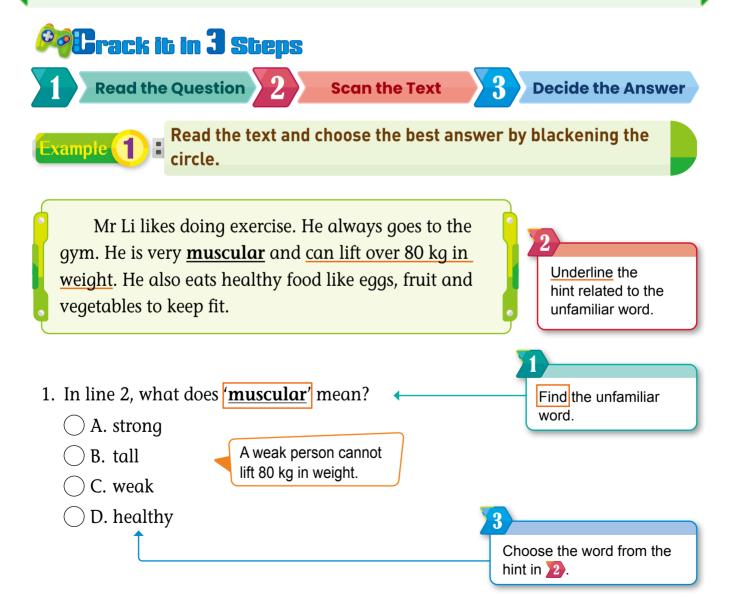
Find **hints** from the sentences around the unfamiliar words in the text.

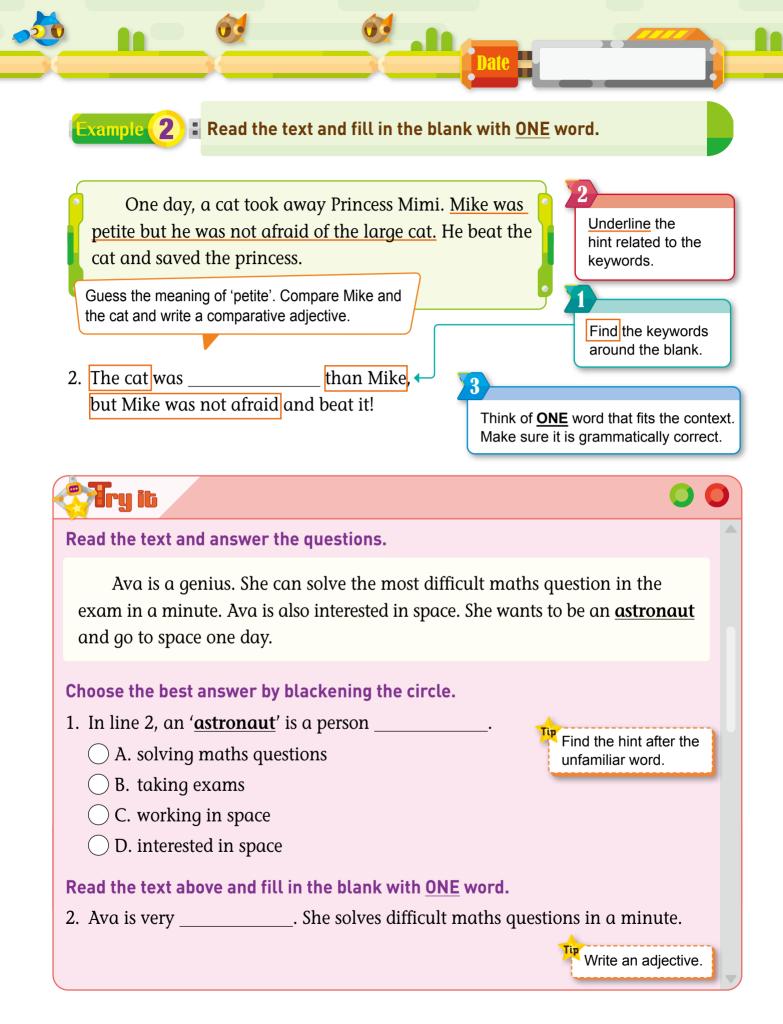


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Underline the hints that tell you what the bold words mean.

- e.g. Mr Cheung is old. He is **bald**. He has no hair.
- 1. Look out for the **pirates**! They attack other ships at sea and steal their things.
- 2. Jennie goes skydiving. She is courageous and is not afraid of anything.
- 3. John has a brown mark on his right knee. It is a **birthmark**. It looks like a rabbit.





New to town



Read the online forum posts and answer the questions.

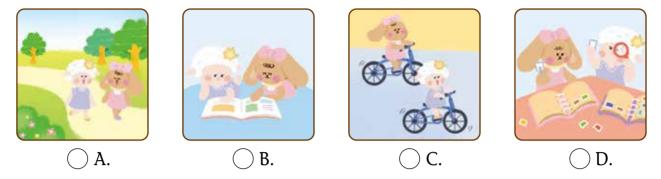
Exercise

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Fluffy Sheep	New to the forest Posted on 2 nd September, 10:32 a.m.	
	Hey everyone! It's Fluffy Sheep here, a new friend to this wonderful forest. I'm excited to connect with all of you and have some fun together! I enjoy taking leisurely walks in the forest. I also love indoor activities like reading magazines and 5 collecting stamps. Let's enjoy the forest life together!	
	Re: New to the forest Posted on 2 nd September, 10:44 a.m.	
Jumping Bunny	 Welcome, Fluffy Sheep! I like cycling and collecting cards. I always go for a walk in the forest at weekends. Let me show you around the forest next time! Our forest is like a warm big family and we often help one another, but watch out for the wolf! He is 10 cunning and often tricks pure animals like you. 	
Big Nice Wolf	Re: New to the forest Posted on 2 nd September, 10:50 a.m.	
	Hi, Fluffy Sheep! I like making new friends. Would you like to have some yummy berries in my garden? Tell me where you live and I can come to pick you up. I am starving. Let's eat something nice together.	
Vise Owl	Re: New to the forest Posted on 2 nd September, 11:10 a.m.	
	15 Be careful, Fluffy Sheep! It is <u>risky</u> to tell online friends your personal information as you never know who they really are. They may not be trustworthy and may lie to you, just like Big 'Nice' Wolf! Never trust what he says!	

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Choose the best answer by blackening the circle.

1. What is the common hobby of Fluffy Sheep and Jumping Bunny?



- 2. According to Jumping Bunny, the animals in the forest are
 - A. from one big family
 - 🔵 C. helpful

-) B. cunning) D. rude
- 3. Which of the following is **TRUE** about Big Nice Wolf?
 - 🔵 A. Big Nice Wolf likes eating berries.
 - 🔵 B. Big Nice Wolf wants to know where Fluffy Sheep lives.
 - C. Big Nice Wolf does not want to make friends with Fluffy Sheep.
 - 🔵 D. Big Nice Wolf is not hungry.

🟫 4. In line 15, what does '<u>risky</u>' mean?

- \bigcirc A. with no danger
- ⊖ B. not safe

D. difficult

What does Wise Owl tell Fluffy Sheep at the beginning?

○ C. careful

There are some new posts on the online forum. Read the online forum posts on P.4 and fill in each blank with ONE word. Make sure they are grammatically correct.

Happy Piggy	Posted on 2 nd September, 11:25 a.m.
	Wise Owl is right! You must not (5) Big Nice Wolf because he likes telling lies.
Merry Goat	Posted on 2 nd September, 11:49 a.m.
	Don't worry, Fluffy Sheep! Other animals are not like the cunning wolf and we do not 🙀 (6) you. We are happy
	to have you join our big family. What does the cunning wolf do?

Read the letter and answer the questions. (14 marks @ 2 marks)

Listen to Text

Dear Father,

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Thank you for the shell necklace. This is my third birthday on land. I am still getting used to the life here, but it is much better than three years ago when I left our underwater home.

Assessment 1

My life on land was <u>tough</u> at first. I couldn't walk well on my new feet. I couldn't get dressed by myself because we do not wear clothes in the sea. You need to cook the food here, but I couldn't use a pan or turn on the stove. I was sad and shed tears almost every day.

Luckily, my landlady Mrs Jones was kind and she taught me everything In reeded to know to live on land. She walked with me every morning. She made me beautiful dresses and showed me how to put <u>them</u> on. She taught me some simple recipes too. With her help, I started to adapt to the new life step-by-step.

Life becomes more interesting now. Every day, I get dressed and walk to work by myself. At weekends, I hold parties with my friends and prepare all the food by myself. Last weekend, I made some beef curry and everybody liked it. I can even dance now. Mrs Jones always says I am the best dancer in town.

Life on land is exciting, but I miss you and our beautiful sea. Please know that you are always in my heart.

> With love, Your Little Mermaid

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Choose the best answer by blackening the circle. 1. Little Mermaid • • A. gets a necklace from her father B. never celebrates her birthday on land C. lives underwater now O. left home last year 2. In line 5, what does 'tough' mean? B. happy D. difficult C. strong A. easy 3. What is the main idea of Paragraph 3? • A. Mrs Jones was Little Mermaid's landlady. () B. Mrs Jones was kind. C. Mrs Jones helped Little Mermaid. () D. Mrs Jones could do many things. 4. Which of the following is **NOT** true about Little Mermaid now? • A. She goes to work on foot. B. She has a party every week. D. She is good at dancing. () C. She cannot cook Give short answers to the questions. 5. In line 11, what does '**them**' refer to? 6. Which paragraph is about how Little Mermaid lives now?

Little Mermaid is talking to her friend. Read the letter on P.20 and fill in each blank with <u>ONE</u> word. Make sure your answers are grammatically correct.

7. I am glad that (i) ______ enjoyed the beef curry at the party.
Mrs Jones teaches me to cook and her recipes are not (ii) ______ at all. I can teach you next time.

Summary of Reading Skills

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Skill 1	Guessing the meaning of unfamiliar words
Key	Find hints from the sentences around the unfamiliar words in the text.
Example	Mr Li likes doing exercise. He always goes to the gym. He is very muscular and can lift over 80 kg in weight. He also eats healthy food like eggs, fruit and vegetables to keep fit. Hint related to the unfamiliar word In line 2, what does 'muscular' mean? Choose the word from the hint. A. strong B. tall C. weak D. healthy
Skill 2	Analysing
Key	Find out whether the options match the text: true: match the text not true: not match the text
Example	Ruby wants to buy a strawberry cupcake, but Ruth wants to buy a mango pudding. 'Strawberry cupcake is more delicious,' says Ruby. 'But mango pudding is cheaper,' says Ruth. 'How about a strawberry pudding?' Ruby suggests. Ruth agrees. Which of the following is TRUE? A. Ruth wants to buy a strawberry cupcake. X B. Mango pudding is more expensive. X Choose the option that matches the text. D. Ruby and Ruth buy a mango cupcake in the end. X
Skill 3	Identifying the main idea
Key	Find the main idea of a paragraph or a text from the first sentence of that paragraph or each paragraph.
Example	Jane and her brother John are very independent. Jane could pack her school bag by herself when she was six. John could go to the supermarket by himself when he was seven. Their parents are proud of them. What is the main idea of this text? A. what Jane can do by herself B. what John can do by himself C. what Jane and John can do by themselves D. how to be more independent

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