

Skill

1

Guessing the meaning of unfamiliar words

Key

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



Warm up

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.

Crack it in 3 Steps

1

Read the Question

2

Scan the Text

3

Decide the Answer

Example

1

Read the text and choose the best answer by blackening the circle.

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.

2

Underline the hint related to the unfamiliar word.

1. In line 2, what does '**muscular**' mean?

- A. strong
- B. tall
- C. weak
- D. healthy

A weak person cannot lift 80 kg in weight.

1

Find the unfamiliar word.

3

Choose the word from the hint in 2.

Example 2 : Read the text and fill in the blank with ONE word.

One day, a cat took away Princess Mimi. Mike was petite but he was not afraid of the large cat. He beat the cat and saved the princess.

Guess the meaning of 'petite'. Compare Mike and the cat and write a comparative adjective.

2. The cat was _____ than Mike, but Mike was not afraid and beat it!

2

Underline the hint related to the keywords.

1

Find the keywords around the blank.

3

Think of ONE word that fits the context. Make sure it is grammatically correct.



Read the text and answer the questions.

Ava is a genius. She can solve the most difficult maths question in the exam in a minute. Ava is also interested in space. She wants to be an astronaut and go to space one day.

Choose the best answer by blackening the circle.

1. In line 2, an 'astronaut' is a person _____.
- A. solving maths questions
 - B. taking exams
 - C. working in space
 - D. interested in space



Find the hint after the unfamiliar word.

Read the text above and fill in the blank with ONE word.

2. Ava is very _____. She solves difficult maths questions in a minute.



Write an adjective.



Read the online forum posts and answer the questions.

← → ↻ <http://www.animalsforum.com/>

 Fluffy Sheep	<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div style="font-weight: bold; font-size: 18px;">New to the forest</div> <div>Posted on 2nd September, 10:32 a.m.</div> </div> <p>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</p> <p>5 collecting stamps. Let's enjoy the forest life together!</p>
 Jumping Bunny	<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div style="font-weight: bold; font-size: 18px;">Re: New to the forest</div> <div>Posted on 2nd September, 10:44 a.m.</div> </div> <p>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</p> <p>10 cunning and often tricks pure animals like you.</p>
 Big Nice Wolf	<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div style="font-weight: bold; font-size: 18px;">Re: New to the forest</div> <div>Posted on 2nd September, 10:50 a.m.</div> </div> <p>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.</p>
 Wise Owl	<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div style="font-weight: bold; font-size: 18px;">Re: New to the forest</div> <div>Posted on 2nd September, 11:10 a.m.</div> </div> <p>15 Be careful, Fluffy Sheep! It is risky 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!</p>

Choose the best answer by blackening the circle.

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



A.



B.



C.



D.

2. According to Jumping Bunny, the animals in the forest are _____.

- A. from one big family B. cunning
 C. helpful 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 '**risky**' mean?

- A. with no danger B. not safe
 C. careful D. difficult

Tip What does Wise Owl tell Fluffy Sheep at the beginning?

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.

<p>Happy Piggy</p>	<p>Posted on 2nd September, 11:25 a.m.</p> <p>Wise Owl is right! You must not (5) _____ Big Nice Wolf because he likes telling lies.</p>
<p>Merry Goat</p>	<p>Posted on 2nd September, 11:49 a.m.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Tip What does the cunning wolf do?</p>

Assessment 1



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

Dear Father,

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.

5 My life on land was **tough** 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.

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

15 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.

20 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



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
 D. left home last year
2. In line 5, what does '**tough**' mean?
 A. easy B. happy C. strong D. difficult
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.
 C. She cannot cook D. She is good at dancing.

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 **ONE** 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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Example

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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.

Compare the information with the options.

Which of the following is **TRUE**?

- A. Ruth wants to buy a strawberry cupcake. ✗
 B. Mango pudding is more expensive. ✗
 C. Ruby thinks strawberry cupcake tastes better.
 D. Ruby and Ruth buy a mango cupcake in the end. ✗

Choose the option that matches the text.

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.

The main idea of the text

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