



TERRITORY - WIDE SYSTEM ASSESSMENT 2016

SECONDARY 3 ENGLISH

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Education Assessment Services Division 2nd December, 2016

Programme

Time	Content	Speaker
2:00 p.m 3:00 p.m.	S.3 Student Performances in TSA 2016 (Secondary 3 English Language)	
3:00 p.m 3:15 p.m.	Break	
2:15 m m 2:45 m m	S.3 Student Performances in TSA 2016	Ms. Sabine Honig Manager – EAS Education Assessment Services Division
3:15 p.m 3:45 p.m.	Enhancement Measures for TSA and Interactive Reporting Platform	Hong Kong Examinations and Assessment Authority
3.45 p.m. – 4.00 p.m.	Q & A Session	



Overview

- Background
- TSA Results 2014 2016
- S3 Student Performances in 2016
- Listening
 - Strengths and Weaknesses from 2014 - 2016
 - > Examples from the papers
 - Conclusions
- Reading
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Writing

- > Strengths
- Weaknesses
- Exemplars
- Common Mistakes
- Conclusions

Speaking

- > Strengths
- Weaknesses
- Conclusions
- Enhancement Measures for TSA and Interactive Reporting Platform
- > WLTS



Purposes of TSA and Written Assessment

PURPOSES

- To enhance teaching and learning in Chinese, English and Mathematics
- To enable the government to provide support to those schools in need of assistance
- To monitor the effectiveness of education policies

WRITTEN ASSESSMENT

- Specific testing points Basic Competency (BC) with descriptors provided by the Education Bureau (EDB)
- Items cover a wide range of BC descriptors but each student only does one sub-paper for each subject
- Common items are distributed across sub-papers for equating purposes to compare students' abilities



Percentages of Students Achieving English Language

Basic Competency in 2006 - 2016

YEAR	TSA	TSA	TSA	TSA	TSA	TSA
	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011
\$3	68.6%	69.2%	68.9%	68.8%	69.2%	69.2%

YEAR	TSA	TSA	TSA	TSA
	2013	2014	2015	2016
S 3	69.5%	69.3%	69.4%	69.6%



Territory-wide System Assessment 2016

Dimension/	S3 English Language				
Skill	Sub-paper	No. of Items	Assessment Time		
Listening	9EL1 9EL2 9EL3	31	about 35 minutes		
Reading	9ER1 9ER2 9ER3	36	35 minutes		
Writing	9EW1 9EW2 9EW3	3	40 minutes		
Speaking	Individual Presentation	8	3 minutes for preparation 2 minutes for assessment		
	Group Interaction	8	3 minutes for preparation 4 minutes for assessment		



Listening - Text types

2014	2015	2016
Exchanges	Exchanges	Exchanges
- discussion	- conversation	- conversations
- radio	- radio	- documentary→
broadcast	programme→	discussion/
→interview	discussion	conversation
- TV	- radio report	- interview
report(unedited	- conversation and	
audio)	announcements	
- information session		
Literary Text	Literary Text	Literary Text
- poem	- poem	- poem

S3 Student Performances in Listening – Strengths from 2014 - 2016

- extracting specific information facts
- > connection cohesive devices (connection between ideas)
- > able to interpret and evaluate information (explicit and implicit) in dialogues
- understanding different views and attitudes of people in the conversations
 /dialogues ** also linked to understanding intonation
- distinguish between main ideas and supporting details
- > identifying main ideas
- discriminating between a range of vowel and consonant sounds
- understanding gist
- understanding intonation
- able to deduce the meaning of unfamiliar words/expressions



S3 Student Performances in Listening – Weaknesses from 2014 – 2016

- **>** gist
- *≻*intonation
- identifying main ideas
- >extracting and identifying specific information
- inability to understand contextual clues in a poem
- understanding of language features unable to identify examples of rhymes
- >unable to understand contextual clues in a dialogue/conversation
- unable to connect ideas together
- Funable to work out the meaning of unfamiliar words/expressions
- connected to the fill in the blank section inability to spell simple words/write down number combinations



Student Performances in Listening 2016 Strengths

 There was some improvement in listening performance as compared to previous years – particularly in the fill in the blanks section (9EL1 Part 1, Part B) as compared to the previous year.

Strengths

- specific information both familiar and unfamiliar vocabulary and topics
- able to interpret and evaluate information (explicit and implicit) in dialogues
- contextual clues → connection discourse markers
- connecting ideas → connection cohesive devices
- intonation
- able to identify rhyme
- able to work out the meaning of unfamiliar vocabulary
- able to identify the main idea

Task Name: Geography Club Trip (Conversation). This task has a section for students to fill in blanks while they listen to the conversation.

Task Content: Students and their teacher advisor are discussing the field trip to the Hong Kong Butterfly Reserve.

Connection – cohesive devices

Many students were able to understand the conversation between Tina and Mr. Lau and work out what each would be doing in the meeting.

2. Tina will be _____ and Mr. Lau will be _____

A. taking notes/recording the meeting

- B. reporting on the choices/playing with his phone app
- C. taking her music exam/deciding where they will go
- D. going on an outing/taking notes

Tina - Student

Everyone is ready to report on the choices you gave us the last time. Some members can't make it today. There are music exams and an OLE outing to the new theme park. I'll take notes so they get an idea of what we talked about. This can help us decide where we are going.

Mr. Lau -Geography Club Teacher Advisor OK Tina, I'll also be recording the meeting.



85.7%

Tina - Student

Oh yes, I saw you turn on your recording app. That's a great idea. Thanks Mr. Lau. I'll be able to check the recording if I miss anything while I am taking notes!

Specific Information

Most students were able to identify the place Mark was researching for the field trip.

- - A. theme park
 - B. Hong Kong Butterfly Reserve
 - C. recording app
 - D. OLE outings



Prediction

Very able students were able to predict what Candy meant when she asked Mark a question.

- Candy says, 'Call us when you have more information.' This is so that _____
 - A. Mr. Lau can talk to Candy
 - B. Candy can work out the cost for the group
 - C. Mark will get his own discount
 - D. Tina can check the phone number

Weaker students who didn't understand what Candy said/what was meant selected options A and D



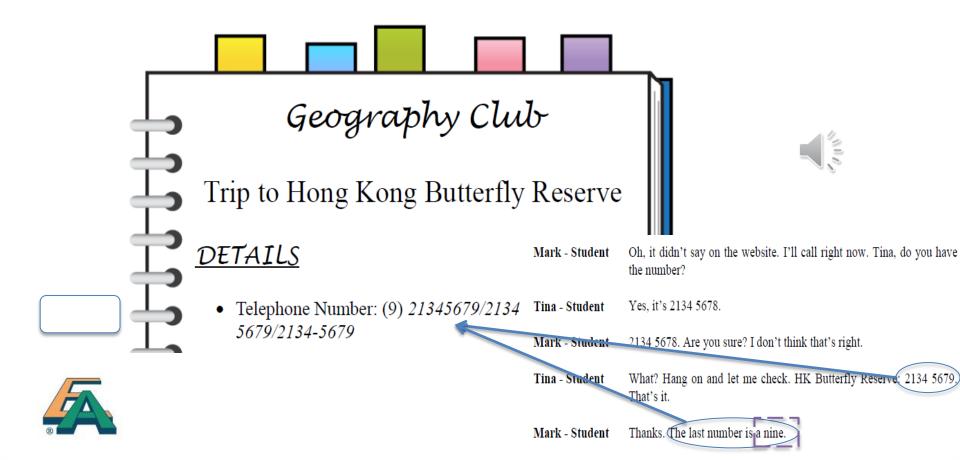


Specific Information

The majority of students were able to correctly write down the telephone number after hearing Mark and Tina.

Part B

The Geography Club member, Tina, made notes of the meeting but some important information is missing. Complete the notes by filling in the missing words.



Task Name: School Readathon (Conversation)

Task Content: Students and their teacher are discussing the school readathon and how it will work.

Specific Information

Most students were able to identify how many books students had to read.

Form two students are expected to read between books.

Tone

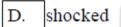
The majority of students were able to identify how Peter felt.

- When Peter hears how many books Form three students are expected to read, he is ______.
 - A. sad
 - B. happy

Peter – student

(shocked and loudly) 7-15 books!! I can't read that many English books in one month.

C. angry





Task Name: Study Tour Report (Documentary)

Task Content: Part of a report of the study tour is being played on the school radio.

Specific Information

Many students were able to work out what Miss Wong had lost

- Miss Wong has lost _____
 - A. the students
 - B. her job
 - C. some important documents
 - D. Sarah's recording



Unfamiliar Expression

Many students were able to work out what Sarah meant when she used the expression '...two heads are better than one'.

- Sarah asks the other students to help find the missing items and tells Miss Wong that '...two heads are better than one.' 'Two heads are better than one' here means ______.
 - A. only two people have to look for the items
 - B. the more people looking the better
 - C. Miss Wong doesn't want any help
 - D. two policemen will help





Task Name: Study Tour Report (Documentary)

Task Content: Part of a report of the study tour is being played on the school radio.

Connection – cohesive devices

Many students were able to correctly identify what Jim was interested in.

8. Jim is a boy interested in _____

A. sports	
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- B. kangaroos
- C. koalas
- D. going to see the Sydney Harbour Bridge



Task Name: District Education Fair (Interview)

Task Content: The campus radio host is interviewing the organiser of the District Education Fair.

This is an integrated task. There is a flyer to read about the District Education Fair and an interview to listen to.



NEW in 2015



The District Education Fair

ATTENTION: Principals, Teachers and Students!

Do you have posters, pictures, models or other work you want to display?



Have you entered a competition recently?

We are looking for exhibits for the first ever District Education Fair.

Come and see the exhibits from all schools around the district.

Dates: May 18 - 22 (Mon - Fri)

Location: District Education Office

Time: 9.00 a.m. - 5.30 p.m.



NEW Displays connected to tablets linked to teachers/students



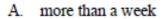
- Visitors can post questions for students & teachers
- They can also read the answers on the display blog
- Find us here at <u>www.districteducationfair.com.hk</u> or call the District Education Office for more details



Connection – cohesive devices

Many students were able to correctly identify how long the fair would run for.

The fair will run for



- B. seven days
- C. five days
- D. eight hours

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Tone

Many students were able to correctly identify how Ivan felt about the use of the tablets.

13. Ivan's response to the use of tablets is 'Wow, that's really modern...' He sounds

- A. excited
- B. negative
- C. neutral
- D. unimpressed





Task Name: Lonely, So Lonely (Poem)

Task Content: The poem is about a student who is extremely lonely and has no friends.

Unfamiliar word

Many students were able to identify what the word meant.

Stanza 1

- The boy says that he is 'lonely'. 'Lonely' here means the boy ______
- A. has lots of friends
- B. is sad because he has no friends
- C. is never alone
- D. lives far away in the countryside



Main Idea

Students were able to work out the main idea of the stanza.

Stanza 3

- When the boy goes to school, ______
 - A. he has a wonderful time all day long
 - B. he says "hi" to all his classmates
 - C. his classmates think he is great
 - D. his classmates don't talk to him at all



Student Performances in Listening 2016 Weaknesses

Still an area of weakness is the integrated section where students are required to write short one word answers/fill in the blanks.

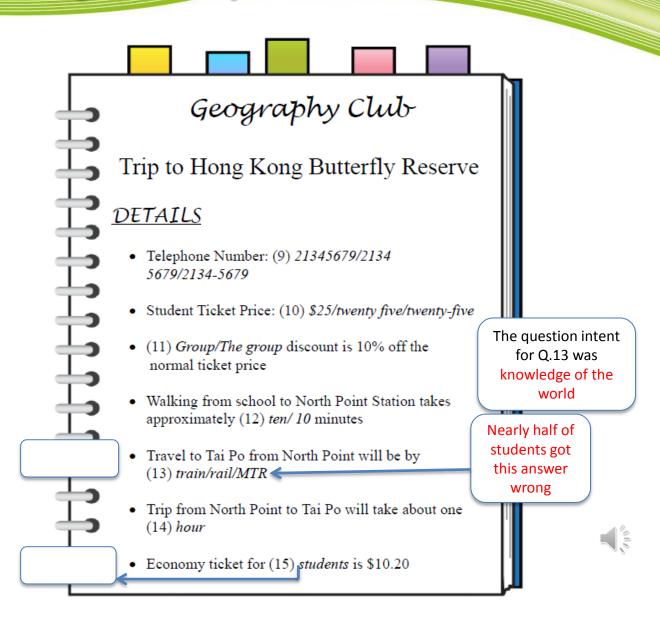
This is where they have to rely on their spelling skills as well as their listening skills. There are still some issues with spelling – but this is not as bad as it has been in the past few years. However, in regards the numbers/figures, these indicate that they are not relying on their listening skills or that they are hearing something other than what is said.

This year the integrated section was in 9EL1 and 9EL3, Part 1, Part B and the topic was about a Geography Club field trip. It required students to complete notes with one word answers – prompts were provided to assist students.

Weaknesses

- unfamiliar words/expression
- connecting ideas
- specific information unfamiliar vocabulary and topics → SPELLING
 - knowledge of the world

Specific Information – 9EL1 & 9EL3 Part 1 Q.13 & Q.15





9EL1 & 9EL2 - Part 1

Part B - Integrated task – fill in blanks – specific information (Q13 knowledge of the world)
Spelling variations for questions 9,10,11,12,13,14 & 15

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Task Content: Students and their teacher advisor are discussing the field trip to the Hong Kong Butterfly Reserve.

Specific information

Students did not know what the \$50 included.

5. Mark says, 'It's \$50 per person.' This amount



- A. is expensive according to Tina
- B. is the cost with a student discount



- C. only includes the entry fee
- D. also includes the instructor fee

Task Name: Lonely, So Lonely (Poem)

Task Content: The poem is about a student who is extremely lonely and has no friends.

Main Idea

Students found it difficult to decide on another/other possible title(s) for the poem.

- 8. The title of the poem is 'Lonely, So Lonely'. It could also be
 - A. I Need A Bath
 - B. Can You Tell I Smell?
 - C. I Don't Have Any Friends
 - D. all of the above



Task Name: Study Tour Report (Documentary)

Task Content: Part of a report of the study tour is being played on the school radio.

Connection- discourse markers (contextual clue)

Students were also not able to determine from the context of what was said how many parts there were to the documentary

- The documentary made by the students has
 - A. one part
 - B. more than one part
 - C. no parts
 - interviews with Miss Wong

Connection- cohesive devices (connecting ideas)

Students were also not able to work out the overall tone of the things Sarah said about Miss Wong or how they would be perceived by other people.

- After the policeman returns the missing items, Sarah says some things about Miss Wong. Sarah's comments about Miss Wong are ______.
 - A. positive
 - B. neutral
 - C. impolite
 - D. supportive







Task Name: District Education Fair (Interview)

Task Content: The campus radio host is interviewing the organiser of the District

Education Fair.

This is an integrated task. There is a flyer to read about the District Education Fair and an interview to listen to.

Main idea

Students did not understand the purpose of the flyer

i.e. what/how it would be used

6. The purpose of the flyer is to



- inform education officers about the fair
- promote the blogs and use of tablets
- promote the work of the District Education Office
- inform schools and attract interest

Connection- cohesive devices (connecting ideas)

Students were also not able to work out why students and teachers would not be able to answer questions about their displays.



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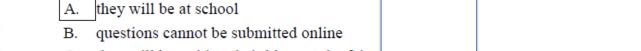
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12. Students and teachers will **NOT** be able to answer questions in person about their displays because .

- they will be writing their blogs at the fair
- all questions can be found on the fair website





Conclusions - Listening

- Expand vocabulary of students, in particular revision of vocabulary covered in late primary and early secondary and vocabulary that it is assumed students should already know – school, everyday vocabulary, stationery items, plants & trees, animals, numbers, days, dates... The vocabulary also needs to be linked to the content provided in the spoken texts
- Exposure to different/authentic spoken texts including, poems, advertisements, instructions, dialogues, news, debates, reports, conversations, films, oral stories.... on a very wide range of topics, including world and local current events, teen issues, hot topics, everyday events to do with the home, keeping pets, family, historical events, special interest, hobbies......
- Exposure to a range of different voices varying accents, children's voices and a variety of adult voices
- Exposure to a wider range of speeds in spoken texts
- Exposure to various tones and different intonation as well as an explanation of different tones and emotions as these are sometimes difficult to identify in listening tasks.



Reading – Text Types

2014	2015	2016
Information Texts - article - blog with blog comments - online news - movie poster, movie information and reviews - blog	 Information Texts - magazine articles - pamphlet - letter → job application - graphic novel cover and chapter - blog 	Information Texts - articles (4) - programme - poster - blog
Narrative Texts - poem	Narrative Texts - poem	Narrative Texts - poem



S3 Student Performances in Reading – Strengths 2014 - 2016

- right able to determine the meaning of texts written on familiar topics and for various purposes
- >capable of distinguishing views and attitudes through contextual clues
- right and and make plausible conclusions about the meaning of unfamiliar words and expressions using reference skills
- right and understand language features such as alliteration, onomatopoeia, personification and rhyming words
- able to distinguish fact from opinion
- able to distinguish different views and attitudes
- >adept at inference and identifying main ideas
- right able to determine the meaning of texts written on familiar topics and for various purposes
- rideas
- >able to understand the connection between ideas



S3 Student Performances in Reading – Weaknesses 2014 - 2016

- Funable to extract specific information from a familiar text genre
- difficulty in locating information in more difficult/unfamiliar text genres
- difficulty in interpreting the meaning of unfamiliar words and expressions with contextual clues
- In the notable to understand language features or correctly identify examples of alliteration and rhyme
- > lacking in inference skills
- inability to identify the main idea or gist
- >not able to locate some contextual clues
- Funable to identify different views and attitudes in particular contexts
- not able to correctly identify text type
- unable to identify fact from opinion in particular contexts
- >not able to infer and identify main ideas
- not able to understand the connection between ideas

Student Performances in Reading 2016

Strengths

- specific information
- contextual clues
- connecting ideas
- dictionary skills
- rhyme
- inference
- unfamiliar word/expression
- locating the main idea
- knowledge of the world
- inferring information
- identifying text types

Students performed well again in the poem this year.



Task Name: Technology Kids Don't Understand (Article)

Task Content: The article is about outdated technology that children now do not understand or know how to use.

Unfamiliar expression

Students were able to work out the meaning of pocket money

- 'Pocket money' is money that is ______
 - A. kept in a pocket
 - B. saved by parents
 - C. given to children by parents
 - D. given to parents by children

Who remembers the wonder of a simple calculator? Who saved their <u>pocket money</u> to buy a machine that could add, subtract, multiply and divide when buttons were pressed? Now calculators are advanced machines that can do the maths those little machines that became popular in the 1970s could never do.



Specific Information

Students were able to work out why the child asked the question of his mother.

- The child watching television asked his mother the question because he ______.
 - A. always watched shows in black and white
 - B. loved the show from the 1950s
 - C. had never watched a TV programme in black and white
 - D. wanted to get on social media and become famous





Who can remember when black and white television became colour television? One parent posted on social media that she was watching a re-run of a show popular in the 1950s with her young son. He asked her what was wrong with the television because the show had been filmed in black and white. He had never seen anything on television in black and white.



Task Name: Pimple Problem (Poem)

Task Content: The poem is about a student who has a pimple and what he does about it, starting a new trend.

Rhyme

The majority of students were able to work out the rhyme in Stanza One.

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- In the first stanza, 'scare' rhymes with ______.
 - A. problem
 - B. looked
 - C. pimple
 - D. there

Specific Information

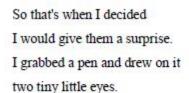
The majority of students were able to work out what the student drew on his pimple.

Stanzas Four and Five

- 5. The student drew _____ on his pimple 16
 - A. one beard
 - B. three eyes
 - C. two noses
 - D. no mouth

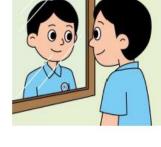
PIMPLE PROBLEM

- I had a little problem.
 It gave me quite a <u>scare</u>.
 I looked into the mirror
- 4 and saw a pimple there.



I drew a nose, a mouth, two ears, a mustache, and a beard, to make my pimple obvious and wonderful and weird.

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Task Name: Let's Meet... Michelle Lau (Article)

Task Content: The article is about Michelle Lau and her job, her life and hobbies.

Dictionary Skills

Many students were able to connect the word 'bookworm' with the corresponding meaning.

- 4. Look at the word 'bookworm'. Which meaning corresponds to the word in the section?
 - (n) a disease acquired from the paper and print of books
 e.g. The bookworm had damaged her fingers and hands.
- (n) a worm that lives in books
 e.g. The bookworm lived between the pages
 of the book.
- 3. (n) larva of a wood-boring beetle which feeds on paper and glue e.g. The bookworm had seriously damaged the pages of the book.
- (n) a person who enjoys reading
 e.g. She was a real bookworm, devouring
 hundreds of books in just a few short months.





WHAT SHE WAS LIKE AS A KID

I had a few friends but I was still a bit shy. I liked to find quiet places to be alone with my thoughts and read books. I was called a bookworm.



Task Name: Let's Meet... Michelle Lau (Article)

Task Content: The article is about Michelle Lau and her job, her life and hobbies.

Specific Information

Many students worked out why Michelle's mother worked so hard.

- 6. Michelle's mother was working hard so that her children could
 - A. be spoilt
 - B. attend a private school
 - C. read books
 - D. have good careers



HEROES

My grandparents and parents are my heroes. They raised me in a very loving environment. My brother and I always had everything kids could need, but we weren't spoilt.

My mum worked hard so we could go to a private school. Dad is an avid reader. He was my role model. I am the reader I am today because of his example.

My love of reading and books also helped me on my career path!



Task Name: Did You Know? (Blog)

Task Content: The blog features information about the Great White Shark, the

Tarantula-Goliath Birdeater and Lions.

Knowledge of the world

The majority of students worked out the shape of sharks' teeth.

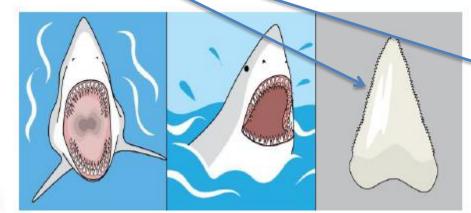
Sharks have teeth that are shaped like a



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They are suited to hunting with a mouth of 300 serrated, triangular teeth in several rows.



Task Name: Social Service Week (Article & Programme)

Task Content: The article is about volunteering, and the Social Service Week Programme details the events to be held.

Specific Information

Many students worked out where Marco, the chef worked.

Chef - Marco Polli

- 4. Marco works _____
 - A. with people in other countries
 - B. in the town centre
 - C. in other towns
 - D. in his restaurant

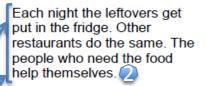
Connection between ideas

Many students were able to connect why the food was left in the fridge.

- 6. The food is left in the fridge to _
 - A. display for the people and sell the next day
 - B. help people and solve the problem of restaurant food waste
 - C. save money and taste food cooked by a famous chef
 - D. help the Open Fridge programme and make money

Chef - Marco Polli

Marco is a Spanish chet
Each night left over food
cooked in his restaurant was
thrown away. Some people in
his town didn't have enough
food to feed themselves or
their families. So, Marco
decided to install a communal
fridge in the town centre.







Reading Examples - Strengths

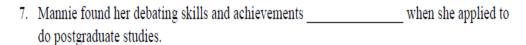
Task Name: Debating in Hong Kong (Article and Poster)

Task Content: The article is about debating in Hong Kong. The poster focuses on the

HK International Debate Club and upcoming events.

Inference

The majority of students were able to infer the value of Mannie's debating skills and achievements.



Were a disadvantage

B. were an advantage

C. did not help her

D. were not important



Mannie Cheung - Local and International Debating Champion

Mannie got her start in local primary school debate competitions. She spent her secondary school years developing her debating skills. When she went to university, she almost decided to give up debating. An instructor convinced her to become involved after he heard her arguing in class.

With his encouragement, Mannie went on to represent the university and Hong Kong in local and international debating competitions. When she applied to go overseas to do postgraduate studies, she found that a lot of interviewers wanted to know about her debating skills and whether debating had helped her in her studies.



Reading Examples - Strengths

Specific Information

Many students were able to correctly work out the date and location of the grand final.

- 10. The grand final will be held on
 - A. 12th August/Hong Kong
 - 9th September/Singapore
 - 18th October/Hong Kong
 - 16th August/Maeao





HK INTERNATIONAL DEBATE **CLUB**





Now Recruiting





Participate in the upcoming debates:

University Student Debates

12th – 16th August: *Poly Uni in Macao*

9th September: Singapore Polytechnic in Singapore

18th October: 🎇 GRAND FINAL 🎇





Kowloon Polytechnic in Hong Kong



Student Performances in Reading 2016

Weaknesses

- connecting ideas
- identifying specific information
- identifying main ideas
- dictionary skills
- analysing and integrating relevant points
 from one or more texts

- contextual clues
- inference
- unfamiliar word/expression
- predicting the likely development of the text



Task Name: Technology Kids Don't Understand (Article)

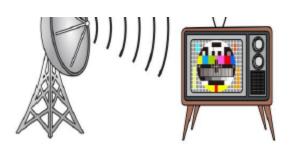
Task Content: The article is about outdated technology that children now do not understand or know how to use.

Specific information

Students found it difficult to work out what the test pattern was used for.

- 7. The test pattern was used to
 - A. broadcast the programme using the transmitter
 - B. test the transmitter
 - C. show the start time and finish time of the programmes
 - D. get children to watch television

Television channels now broadcast 24 hours a day. In the 1950s and 1960s television had a start and finish time. After the last programme, the test pattern appeared on the screen. It showed that the transmitter was working but that no programme was being broadcast. These patterns were also used when there was a problem with the broadcasting. Can you imagine what children would do now if they saw this kind of symbol on the screen in front of them?





Main idea

Students found it difficult to select a title for the article.

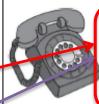
- 11. The title of the article could also be
 - A. Kid Learning How To Use Outdated Technology
 - B. Parents Post Pictures Of Old Technology On Social Media
 - C. British National History Museum Exhibit Now In Hong Kong
 - D. Kids Post About Parents Using Technology On Social Media

Technology Kids Don't Understand

The very fast changes and developments in technology are regular news items. Our children are growing up in a world that is more grounded in technology than ever before.

Who remembers the wonder of a simple calculator? Who saved their <u>pocket money</u> to buy a machine that could add, subtract, multiply and divide when buttons were pressed? Now calculators are advanced machines that can do the maths those little machines that became popular in the 1970s could never do.





Children nowadays don't recognise the technology their parents grew up with. There are videos and articles that show children toping to use outdated technology. It is funny to watch them try to work out what to do with a telephone that doesn't have a touch screen. Also watch the video about children trying to work out what to do with a cassette tape and a Walkman. The concepts and machines once familiar to parents are now very alien to their kids.





Who can remember when black and white television became colour television? One parent posted on social media that she was watching a re-run of a show popular in the 1950s with her young son. He asked her what was wrong with the television because the show had been filmed in black and white. He had never seen anything on television in black and white.

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To show children the technology that their parents once used, but which children don't understand is the focus of the travelling exhibit the British National History Museum, as out together, it features items that are now just a memory for the older generation. Go and see the exhibition which is now on at the Hong Kong Museum!

Task Name: Pimple Problem (Poem)

Task Content: The poem is about a student who has a pimple and what he does about it, starting a new trend.

Connection between ideas

Some students were able to work out why the student drew on the pimple.

Stanzas Three and Four

- 3. The student drew on the pimple because
 - his friends were going to make fun of him
 - they were going to look at him
- he wanted to give them something else to look at
 - all of the above



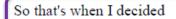
I knew my friends would notice.

I thought that they would stare

I figured they would laugh at me

to see that pimple there. 12

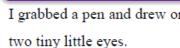
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I would give them a surprise.

I grabbed a pen and drew on it





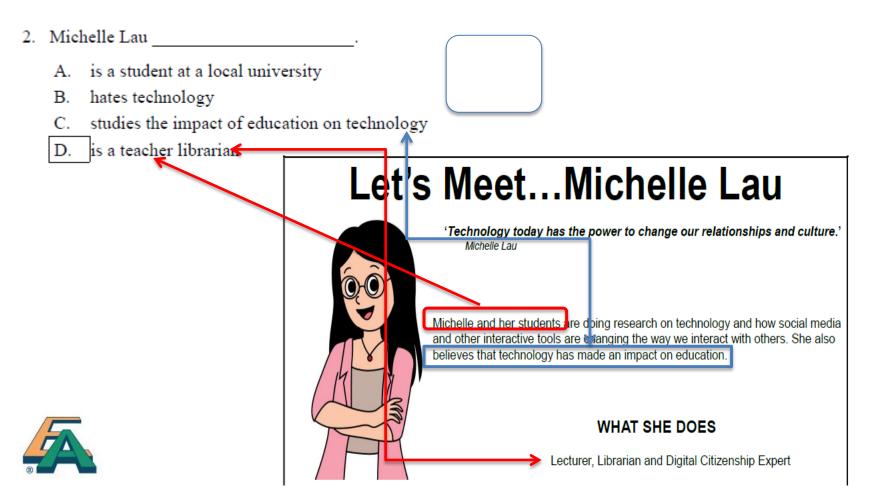


Task Name: Let's Meet... Michelle Lau (Article)

Task Content: The article is about Michelle Lau and her job, her life and hobbies.

Connecting ideas

Students found it difficult to connect the ideas and work out what Michelle did.



Predicting the likely development of the text

Students were not able to work out how the text might develop further given what had already been provided.

- 15. The article could continue with Michelle talking about
 - A. what she might do in the future
 - B. her grandparents and her past
 - C. a presentation one of her students gave recently
 - the dangers of bookworms









HOW SHE GOT INTO HER FIELD - TYPICAL DAY









Task Name: Did You Know? (Blog)

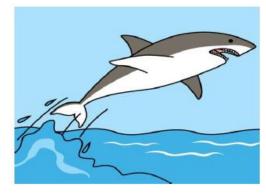
Task Content: The blog features information about the Great White Shark, the

Tarantula-Goliath Birdeater and Lions.

Analysing and integrating relevant points from one or more texts

Students found it difficult to look at the text and information provided and work out which animals were the least dangerous.

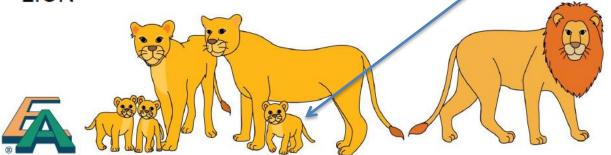
GREAT WHITE SHARK



- 8. Out of all of the animals mentioned, the
 - A. sharks
 - B. tarantulas
 - C. cubs
 - D. lionesses

TARANTULA - GOLIATH BIRDEATER







are the least dangerous

Task Name: Social Service Week (Article & Programme)

Task Content: The article is about volunteering, and the Social Service Week Programme details the events to be held.

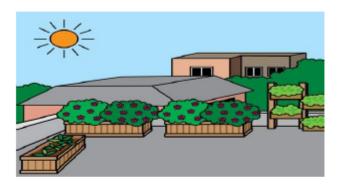
Specific Information

Students found it difficult to determine what Peter Green did.

Gardener – Peter Green

- Peter Green
 - A. keeps his Gro Box in a balcony
 - B. doesn't garden in Hong Kong
 - C. designed the Gro Boxes and Kits
 - D. counts the rooftops in Hong Kong

Gardener - Peter Green



Peter loves gardening but living in busy Hong Kong there was nowhere to garden. He came up with Gro Boxes and Kits. They are small enough for a small flat or balcony. They can also be pieced together to grow vegetables and plants on rooftops.

Peter says that if every rooftop in Hong Kong had some Gro Boxes the air would be so much better. The Gro Boxes are an eco-friendly, no-tools-required gardening kit that everyone can use!



Specific Information

Students found it difficult to work out where the activities would take place.

- 14. The activities on Tuesday all take place after school and
 - A. on campus
 - B. in the local estate
 - C. in the school library
 - D. off campus



Social Service Week Programme



Monday

Special Morning Assembly

8.30 a.m. – 9.30 a.m. Topic: Social Service - What you can do! Guest Speakers – Lisa Ma & Tony Wong

Wednesday Film Day

After school 3.30 p.m. – 5.00 p.m. Open Fridge Programme documentary



Tuesday

After School Social Service Activities 3,30 p.m. – 6.30 p.m.

Visits to -



- . Lam Chuen Estate set up Gro Boxes
 - . The Hong Kong Food Bank
- The University Fashion Design Centre

Thursday & Friday

School Social Service Carnival 8.30 a.m. – 3.30 p.m.

Visit the BiblioBook Cart Look at displays Visit the stalls Enjoy the BBQ lunch Have fun!





Task Name: Debating in Hong Kong (Article and Poster)

Task Content: The article is about debating in Hong Kong. The poster focuses on the

HK International Debate Club and upcoming events

Connection between ideas

Students had difficulty working out who the debate club was for.

- 12. The HK International Debate Club is for
 - university and secondary school students
 - university students only
 - secondary students only
 - international debating champions



HK INTERNATIONAL DEBATE **CLUB**





Now Recruiting

Participate in the upcoming debates:



University Student Debates

12th - 16th August: Poly Uni in Macao

9th September: Singapore Polytechnic in Singapore





Kowloon Polytechnic in Hong Kong

School Programme

Starts in September with -

- 1. Training Workshops
- 2. Debate Practice special sessions run by Mannie Cheung

(International Debating Champion)

3. Interschool Debates (Junior: Forms 1-3) (Senior Forms 4-6)



Train and compete!

Contact: ana@hkinternationaldebate.email.com



Conclusions - Reading

- Expand vocabulary of students linked to the content provided in the written texts and student usage – a variety of topics will expand the vocabulary of students and spark interest
- Exposure to different text types authentic newspaper articles, poems, articles, pamphlets, reviews – books, movies, fact sheets... and different topics/content both online and in paper format
- Familiar and unfamiliar topic/content material
- Exposure to different question types and question intents



Student Performances in Writing 2016

Writing – Strengths

Generally students performed better in writing the email (9EW2). The format of the email was not as much of an issue as letters in previous years.

Students had more ideas to write about when they were familiar with the topics.

Vocabulary was also better when students were familiar with the topics.

Competent writers displayed planning and organisation. They also linked ideas in and between paragraphs. Paragraphs also had supporting details.

Competent writers also showed a clear understanding of the audience, format and the context and purpose of the piece.



9EW1 - Review

You are a member of the Technology Club at school. You have been asked by Mr. Lai, the club advisor, to write a review for the newsletter about some gadgets that club members tested. Read the email, look at the pictures and write the review.

You may use some of the ideas from the email and pictures and/or your own ideas in your

writing. Write the review in about 150 words.

ro: jackieleung234@skhlmst.edu.hk

SUBJECT: The Latest Gadgets - Reviews needed



Dear Jackie,

I know that you helped to test the gadgets that were sent to the Technology Club to review. It is time to write the reviews. I have attached photos of some of the gadgets that were tested to help you.

In your review, please write about <u>at least two</u> of the gadgets and explain what each does. Remember to explain the positives and negatives of the gadgets for the readers. If the gadgets had any problems or issues, you can write about those as well. Finally don't forget to write down what you think about the gadgets. You can also add anything else that you can remember about the gadgets, like apps, battery life, ease of use, cost...

The deadline is next week. Please send me a copy of your review before you submit it to Mrs. Leung, the editor of the school newsletter. Thanks.

Best regards, Mr. Lai Technology Club Advisor



@ Attachment: Pictures of the gadgets



9EW2 - Email

The workload of students has been in the news recently. The Student Union wants your opinion about how to make school life easier for students and has sent out an email with some questions. Write an email to Jackie, the head of the Student Union, about your life as a student and how you think it could be made easier.

You may use some of the ideas from the email and/or your own ideas in your writing. Write the email in about 150 words.



TO: jowong299@skhlmst.edu.hk;pmak23@skhlmst.edu.hk; ccwong3C@skhlmst.edu.hk;suechan4D@skhlmst.edu.hk

SUBJECT: Making school life easier



Dear Students,

The Student Union has been very interested in the news recently about how difficult school life can be for students. We all have to deal with pressure of homework and exams, but are there ways to make it easier for students. parents and schools? We would like to know what your opinion is.

- What year level are you?
- Do you have too much homework?
- What adds pressure homework, exams, parents' expectations...?
- Should there be a special homework timetable so that you can plan vour evenings better?
- Do you want more study areas or special study lessons during the day so that you can meet with teachers and do homework?
- What other measures could be introduced to make your life easier?

Let us know what you think by writing an email. Include any other suggestions you may have that can help to improve the life of students at our school. We plan to take the suggestions to the next school council meeting.

Thanks so much, Jackie

Head of the Student Union

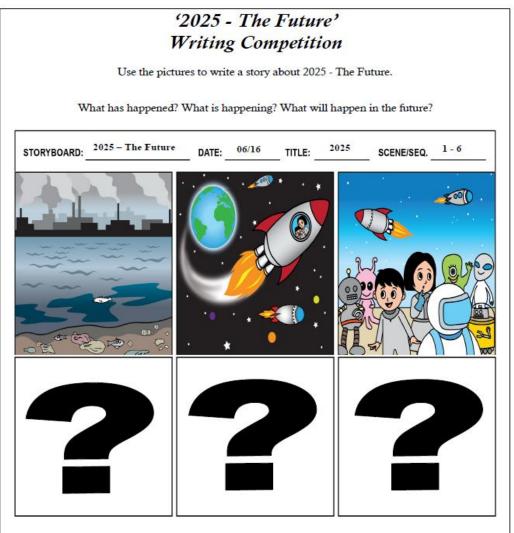


9EW3 - Story

You are Jackie Ho, a student at SKFGLR Secondary School. Your school has entered the '2025 - The Future' Writing Competition. Your teacher has given you a series of pictures to help you to write a story.

You may use some of the ideas from the pictures and/or your own ideas in your writing. Write

the story in about 150 words.





Writing

Strengths

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- 9EW3

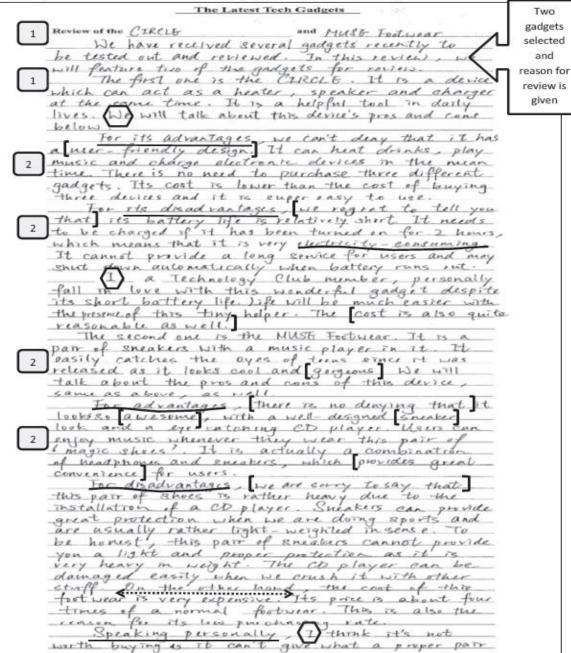
Exemplars and Annotation



9EW1

Review

Review - The Latest Tech Gadgets (9EW1) - Student Exemplar 4





Two

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given

9EW1 – Review

of Sneakers can provide for you, such as light weight and protection of you foot. The ed player is fragile. In my opinion, this product is a hird elephant? as it looks amazing but it's not useful indeed with	
a shockingly high price. We should consider thoroughly before we purchase this gadget. More and more electronic devices are designed and released nowadays. All of them aim at making our lives easier. However, was should consider in functions before me buy them in order not to	Suitable and interesting conclusion
waste money.	\vdash

Annotation - Student Exemplar 4

- Appropriate introduction and concluding paragraph and features of a review are evident.

 Ideas are generally expressed clearly and effectively with elaboration and the writer talks about the two products, giving a description, mentioning the user-friendly design, cost, features, electricity consumption, weight, suitability. The writer also mentions the cost in comparison to purchasing other gadgets that would do the same thing. The writer also mentions his/her personal feelings in regard to the gadgets both positive and negative- and soundly expresses the pros and cons of the two items.
- Good range and use of topic specific vocabulary cost... reasonable, userfriendly design, provides great convenience, fragile, sneaker, white elephant, we regret to tell you, awesome, gorgeous

Good range of language patterns, there is no denying that, we regret to tell you that and we are sorry to say that

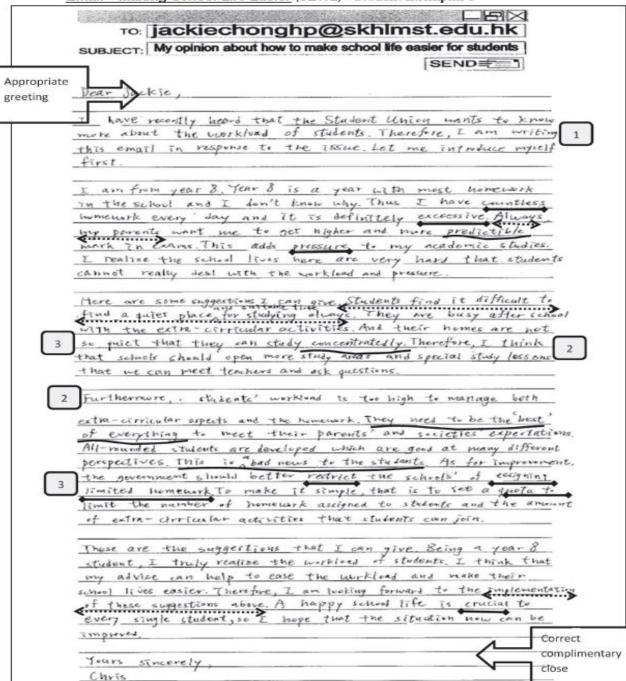
- Coherent links throughout the review with connectives used on the other hand, in my opinion, however
 - The writer fluctuates between using we and I in the review.
- Some expressions used incorrectly but these do not impede the understanding/meaning – for advantages/disadvantages instead of the advantages/disadvantages are, electricity-consuming instead of high consumption of electricity/consumes a lot of electricity, such as lightweight and protection of you foot instead of being lightweight and protecting your feet



9EW2 -

Email

Email - Making School Life Easier (9EW2) - Student Exemplar 5





9EW2 -

Email

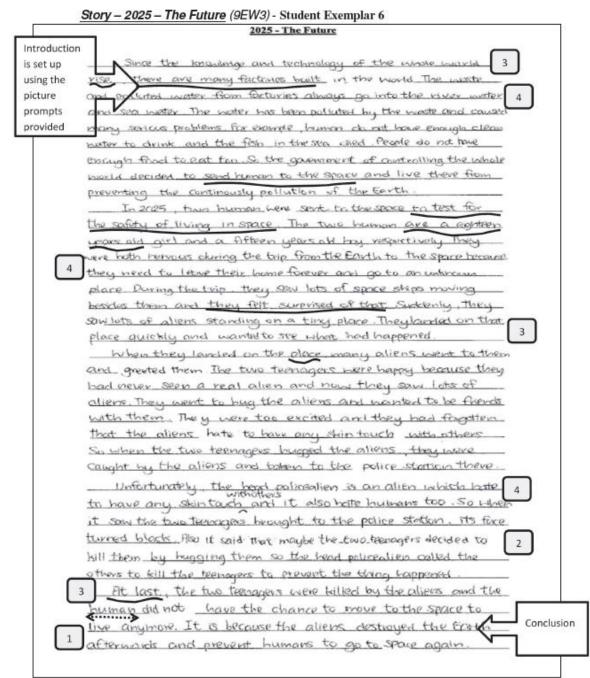
Annotation - Student Exemplar 5

- The writer has provided an introduction and a conclusion. Also the greeting and complimentary close used are correct and appropriate. The purpose of writing is clear.
- Coherent links join the paragraphs together to form a cohesive piece of writing about the lives of students and suggestions to improve them. Use of connectives – furthermore, therefore
- The writer has used the email provided as a basis but gives suggestions like getting the government involved (even though this is not something the student union would be able to deal with), who will restrict the assigning of homework and setting quotas on the amount of homework assigned.
- The writer has used a variety and range of topic appropriate vocabulary countless, excessive, pressure, restrict, assigning homework, implementation, crucial
- Some vocabulary/expressions used are incorrect but meaning is not affected – they need to be the best of everything instead of they need to be the best at everything, this is a bad news to the students instead of this is bad news for the students, predictible instead of predictable, concentratedly instead of concentrate on their studies
- ♠ Errors in word order are made, but they do not affect meaning—always my parents instead of my parents always, the implementation of these suggestions above instead of the implementation of the above suggestions, Students find it difficult to find a quiet place and suitable time for studying always instead of Students always find it difficult to find a quiet place and suitable time for studying



9EW3 –

Story





9EW3 – Story

Annotation - Student Exemplar 6

- The story follows the picture prompts provided but does give an ending that is not based on the pictures. There is a clear plot which also shows the writer's imagination.
- Some good ideas that are relevant to the topic and which are elaborated on

 the characters in the story got killed by aliens because the aliens hated
 humans. As a result humans lost their chance to go into space and the
 aliens destroyed the earth →story climax.
- Paragraphing is evident with a clear introduction, body and conclusion.
- Combination of tenses used → present tense is used in the introduction and past tense and present tense are used in story.
- There are errors in vocabulary and expression but they do not affect meaning rise instead of improved, there are many factories built instead of many factories were built, send human to the space instead of send humans into space, a eighteen years old instead of an eighteen year old, to test the safety of living in space instead of to test if it was safe to live in space, at last instead of finally/at the end, suddenly, felt surprised of that instead of were surprised about that, place instead of planet
- ≪····> Singular/Plural human instead of humans

*The writer has not included any dialogue between the characters. This is not required but dialogues can liven up the narrative.



9EW1 – Sentences, Phrases and Vocabulary

- Many flaws in the design
- obviously the convenience
- abundance of technical problems
- the fact it cannot....really ruins it
- blasting music
- multi-functional
- ➤ Space was provided for students to complete their title and they provided some interesting variations beyond the expected → review of the name of gadget and name of gadget

Review of the	and
gadgets	that Technology Club members tested
gadgets	my opinion of the gadgets
positives	negatives of the gadgets
gadgets	my opinion of them

Interesting titles were provided proving that some students think outside
 the box and make their ideas fit the parameters rather than the other
 way around – as seen above

9EW1

- ➤ Students didn't just rely on the gadgets provided some mentioned other gadgets and described them instead International translator, Dictionary, Gills which allow people to breathe under water, an Animal Talker which allows pet owners to understand what animals talk and think about, Flying Shoes allowing people wearing them to fly around
- Capable students went way beyond the pictorial prompts provided to review other gadgets as mentioned above
- Many capable students ignore the pictorial prompts to a large extent and rely on their own ideas and perhaps also prior knowledge – different gadgets or their own experience of certain gadgets to pull their ideas together



9EW2 - Sentences, Phrases and Vocabulary

- > The majority of students correctly used Dear Jackie as the greeting
- Capable students used the correct complimentary close –

Best regards Yours sincerely Sincerely yours Regards Best Wishes Yours faithfully

- > I am writing to express my opinion about the school
- In response to your email
- parent's expectations
- tackle problems
- form a study group
- face difficulties
- Conclusion all in all I hope that you can make my life easier.....have lots of time to do my other work...



9EW2

- The majority of students know how to write an email and also how and where to use the appropriate greeting and complimentary close
- ➤ Many capable students rely on their own ideas and also prior knowledge in this case, of how they feel about school and studying, what they do at school studying, relaxing, and anything that they do that makes their own life a bit easier and less stressful. Students also mentioned that a positive attitude was of benefit
- Many students were able to use their own experience and write about what they do at school and also at home to make life less stressful as well as mention what adds pressure and various ways of making life easier for all students.
- They also mentioned how forming study groups might be useful, as well as being given less homework, including having more time to complete homework
- > Students also wrote about what they thought students should do to make life less stressful, such as a study/homework timetable that would help them to plan their time.
- Providing reasons/examples has improved with students being able to explain what affects them and how they think things could be improved and why
 - Strong writers can suggest other points/issues other than those provided in the prompts and also have the vocabulary to aptly describe the points/issues and also reason how and why students would be affected and would benefit from remedial action being taken

9EW3 – Sentences, Phrases and Vocabulary

Interesting introductions/beginnings to the story

'Hubby, it's time to wake up.'
Have I been slumbering for so long?
I woke up, lying on something hard. Could I be dreaming? The world that is in front of my eyes right now is not my world, my home.

- Interesting conclusions/endings to the story the world is ending now... and at our own hands ...outnumbered and surrounded by aliens It is 2025 and a tough future is ahead....
- pungent smell of sulphur
- No clean water for irrigation
- the speed of light
- > The craft was designed to travel
- teary-eyed
- caused the discontent
- The sky is a dusky pink
- There was a dungeon
- Thrust of the rocket engine

Errors

the mistreat of sewage → the treatment of sewage – knew to use the word sewage alients tried to use us for experiments → aliens

9EW1, 9EW2 & 9EW3

- Capable students were able to use complex structures in their writing in their introductions, body and also conclusions.
- Some students demonstrated a very good command of topic specific vocabulary in particular in relation to the gadgets and how they functioned as well as their special features and the opinion of the reviewer (review), or how to make school life easier for students, relating their experiences to the points (email), and 2025 The Future, telling an interesting and informative (story).
- They were able to form their own opinion(s) independent of the writing prompts provided and share it/them with the reader and were good at describing what the gadgets did, what the battery life was like and the pros and cons (review) as well as suggesting ways to make life easier for students at school (email) and writing about meeting aliens and travelling into space and the reasons for doing so (story).
- Capable students checked their work carefully and in doing so avoided simple spelling mistakes and grammatical errors.
- Capable students also did not rely solely on the prompts provided, rather they used them as a starting point and developed their own ideas around them.

Writing

Weaknesses

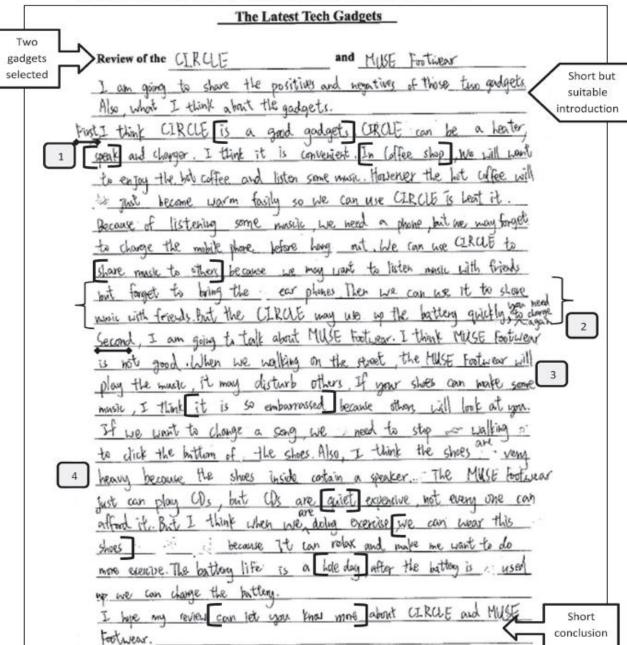
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Exemplars and Annotation



9EW1

Review - The Latest Tech Gadgets (9EW1) - Student Exemplar 1





9EW1

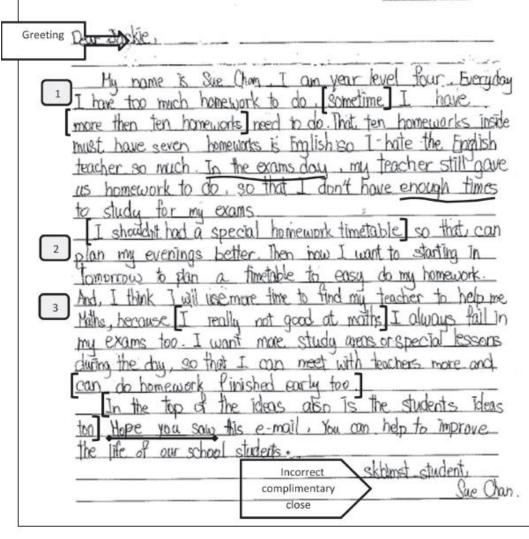
Annotation - Student Exemplar 1

\triangleright	A short and concise introduction is provided but the purpose for writing is not clear.
	Some suitable ideas provided about the items reviewed – the CIRCLE is convenient, but the battery may be used up/drained quickly
3 4	The MUSE footwear can disturb others and the shoes are heavy to wear.
	Many expressions and vocabulary are used incorrectly but it is still an understandable review — is a good gadgets instead of is a good gadget, in coffee shop instead of in a/the coffee shop, speak instead of speaker, share music to others instead of share music with others, wear this shoes instead of wear these shoes, let you know more about instead of tell you more about, it is so embarrassed instead of it is so embarrassing
	Spelling is also inaccurate – quiet instead of quite, hole instead of whole
₩	The writer has used connectives within the paragraphs - first, second
{}	Paragraphing - two items have been included in the same paragraph.



TO: jackiechonghp@skhlmst.edu.hk SUBJECT: My opinion about how to make school life easier for students SEND==

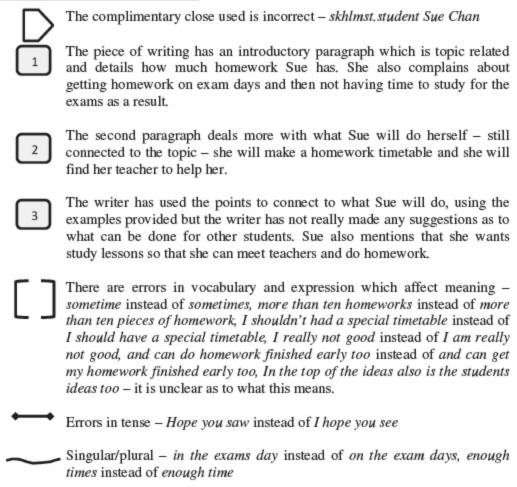
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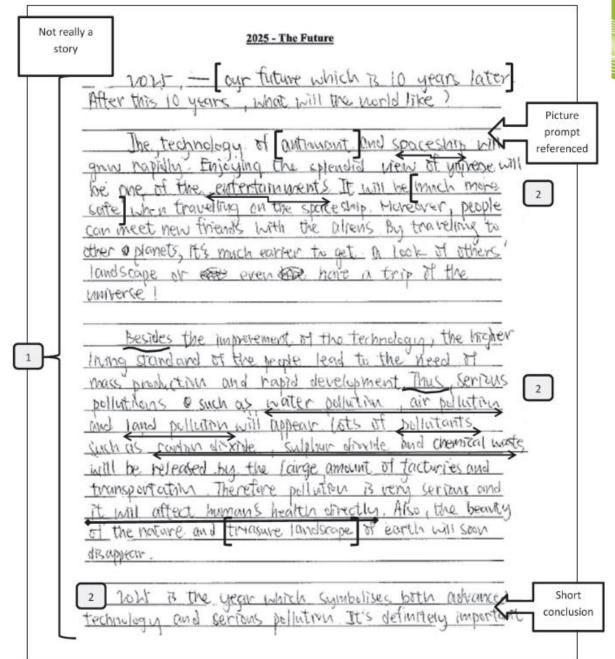
Annotation - Student Exemplar 2





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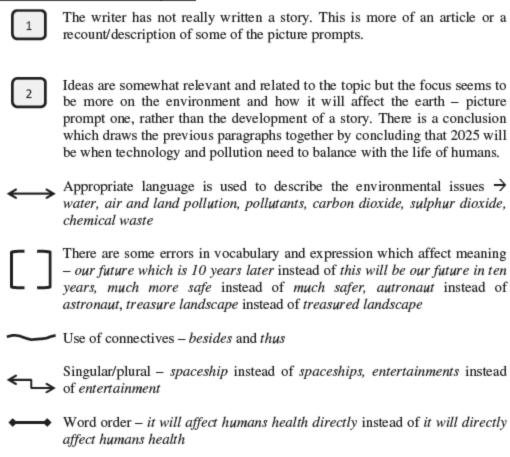
Story - 2025 - The Future (9EW3) - Student Exemplar 3





9EW3

Annotation - Student Exemplar 3





9EW1

Space is provided to write the names of the gadgets being reviewed, but some students weren't sure what to write in the spaces

- Many of the weaker students just cobbled together something from the prompts/information provided in the email.
- Despite the instructions and it being called a review, some students wrote a letter/in email form
- Vocabulary and expressions

without an amount of fortune

Students still have difficulty using have/has correctly as well as is/are→

when you are dance →when you are dancing thank you for watching

loses -> loses (for the chass)

lases → laces (for the shoes) affordable to → affordable for

at last → finally creattest → most creative

backaging → packaging convient → convenient

the disk was spitted out → the disk was spit out I hardly recommend → I highly recommend

frist → first make it beautier → make it more beautiful

robbots → robots hotter a cub of coffee → heat a cup of coffee

most of our dream comes true → most of our dreams come true

cool outlook → looks nice/appealing

you will in love with it \rightarrow you will fall in love with it

9EW2

Some students wrote no greeting/informal greetings/strange variations on greetings.

Hi Everybody Jackie Dear Head of the Student Union, Jackie

Dear Jackie Chong Dear Student Union

Students used many variations of a complimentary close that were too informal or incorrect

Thanks so much, Peter/Jessica/Bella/Aiden Your father, Tiffany

Best wish, Ken Student jo wong

cheers Yours Faithfully Pmak, Prince Mak

Thanks so much, students wong Love Students

Thank you best wishes

Thanks so much, Student Union loves Shirley

Jowang, witness your sincerely

yours, Jeff Student in Class 3D Yours student, Student Union

Tank so much, Student Wong

love Daniel, A student in this stupid school

just a name with no complimentary close – James Chan

9EW2

Vocabulary and Expressions

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unforgettable memorise
will not feel stressful → will not feel stressed
make yourself to be positive
3 homework → three pieces of homework
will not failed → will not fail
solve you → solve your
I want to opinion \rightarrow I want to express/give my opinion
the school live of students are \rightarrow is
solve your stress early
I will express my feels → I will express my feelings
find a spare time → find some spare time
I had some idea want to tell you → I have some ideas that I would like to tell you...
at the letter → in the letter
at me weekend → on my weekend
exicse → exercise
shool → school
sutible → suitable
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Singular and Plural - lots of students have an issue with determining singular or plural mark → marks
 feeling → feelings
 for student → for students

9EW3

- > Students do not check their writing and this results in spelling mistakes that are not picked up and other errors in vocabulary use and expression
- > Students who are weak in writing had particular difficulty with the story. They did not have the vocabulary to express their ideas, nor did they have the awareness of the genre and as a result wrote a retelling/recount/article style piece

First sentences/Introductions

It is in 2015 → It is 2025

I am Jackie Ho

It is 2025 now

The 2025 me home is no good

In the future we may be live in other plantes →In the future we may live on other planets

Today I'm writing about a story '2025 – The Future'



9EW3 – Vocabulary

Spelling variations

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pollusion → pollution
gee forces → g-forces
space travelling → space travel
the driver of the space ship → pilot (interesting that the writer knew the word space ship but not the word
pilot)
alliens → aliens
live in → live on
alient → alien
travl → travel
pispates → pollutes
poullution/pullition → pollution
invest rockets → invent rockets
for exmaply → for example
plantes/plance/plane → planet
humars/humas → humans
wellcome → welcome
which was habitat → which was inhabited
roberts/roborts/rorbert →robots/robot
 anim/animy → animal/animals
 space travelling → space travel
  weo games → video games
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9EW3

Expressions

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both got illness → both were ill

all people no sport and move

finally though in there are so good

love and care the earth → love and take care of the earth

my impression to the planet → my impression of the planet

I want the anim can swim in the sea → I want the animals to swim in the sea

E.T comeing in Hong Kong

they are very friends → they are very friendly

Mars is not for you to live in → Mars is not for you to live on

take a glance of → take a glance at

the alarms were all lightened up →the alarms were all on

Future is very interest. Let enjoy the life in future → The future is very interesting. Let's enjoy

(our) life/lives in the future
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Singular and Plural - lots of students have an issue with determining singular or plural they looks → they look human → humans



Conclusions - Writing

- Spelling mistakes
- Grammar mistakes
- Lack of planning and organization as well as proofreading
- Adherence to prompts resulted in a lack of elaboration
- Exposure to a wider variety of vocabulary and expansion of vocabulary bank to enable more in depth explanations and reasoning and less dependence on prompts for ideas. Even with topics familiar to students (9EW2) students still had difficulty expressing their ideas due to a lack of vocabulary/ideas.
- Students have imagination but there is an inability to express ideas in English – related to above points and this was most evident in the imaginative story (9EW3).
- Students have an understanding of format but still need to be mindful of the purpose and audience →<u>affects the greetings and</u> complimentary close students use as well as the tone they use



Speaking



Individual Presentation

- Improving the school environment
 - Watching films and TV to learn English
 - *Technology teens use
 - A famous actor/actress
- The camp for English Ambassadors
 - Going on a study trip
 - Wearing school uniforms
 - Shopping habits of teens



Speaking - Individual Presentation

Students with good speaking skills were competent in the following four areas: 'ideas and organisation', 'vocabulary and language patterns', 'pronunciation and delivery' and 'strategies for oral communication'.

- Students expressed ideas, information and opinions that were relevant and reasonably clear with supporting details.
- Students were capable of using varied and appropriate language patterns and vocabulary to enrich their presentation.
- They could also speak fluently with few errors in pronunciation and use intonation to enhance their presentation.
- They showed an awareness of their audience by maintaining good eye contact with the oral examiners.



Speaking - Individual Presentation Strengths

Ideas & Organisation

- Express ideas that are relevant to inform and explain with details
- Communicate ideas clearly and coherently

Vocabulary & Language Patterns

- Use varied and appropriate language patterns
- Use appropriate vocabulary

Pronunciation & Delivery

- Speak clearly and fluently, with few or no errors in pronunciation
- Use intonation to enhance communication

Strategies for Oral Communication

Show appropriate awareness of audience (e.g. eye contact)



Speaking - Individual Presentation Strengths and Weaknesses

- About half of the students could support their ideas with adequate examples and deliver their presentation using simple language patterns and familiar vocabulary. Some of them, however, relied heavily on the given prompts and could not elaborate their ideas.
- Some students were unfamiliar with some key words and made errors in their pronunciation, for example, 'ambassador', 'principal', 'exchange', 'technology', 'actor', 'participate', 'destination', 'reasons', 'Korea', 'environment' and 'films'.
- Some weaker students read directly from their notes and did not make eye contact with their audience as well as relying on memorised phrases.



Speaking

Group Interaction

- Organising end of year activities
- Inter-school reading competition
- Organising activities to farewell the senior students
- Running a Pets At School programme
- Increasing the number of school clubs
 - Uniform design competition
 - *Organising a health and fitness programme for students
- *Hosting a group of exchange students





Speaking - Group Interaction

Students with good speaking skills were competent in conveying ideas intelligibly as well as using simple strategies for effective oral communication.

- Students could respond to relevant ideas with supporting details provided. They
 demonstrated a good range of vocabulary and were reasonably clear in expressing
 opinions. Pronunciation of familiar and unfamiliar words was generally clear and
 accurate.
- Students could use various strategies for oral communication. They could maintain
 interaction through a range of communicative strategies, such as posing questions to
 elicit opinions from other group members by asking 'What's your opinion?' and 'What
 do you think?' They also encouraged other members to further elaborate their ideas by
 saying things like 'Can you tell us more about...' and 'What do you think...' They
 were effective group facilitators.



Speaking – Group Interactions Strengths

- Task Completion Ideas and Intelligibility
 - Express and/or respond to ideas that are relevant with supporting details
- Strategies for Oral Communication
 - Use appropriate formulaic expressions and/or simple turn-taking strategies to maintain interaction



Speaking – Group Interaction Strengths and Weaknesses

- Although most students could express and respond to ideas that were relevant to the
 topics, some of them failed to elaborate their ideas in greater detail. Some weaker
 students managed to join the discussion with the help of more capable students or the
 prompts provided.
- Students could generally use limited range of formulaic expressions to respond to others, for example, 'I agree with you', 'That's very good. .. I think that'.
- Most students were able to sustain the discussion. Although some students responded very well to others' ideas before adding their own points, many of them responded mechanically or unnaturally to others and continued by making their own 'individual presentations', evidencing limited interaction strategies or knowledge of how to continue. Greater amounts of 'fixed' turn-taking (i.e. one student after another and this fixed order would be followed by the students instead of turn-taking being determined by those with ideas to contribute) were evident and conversations were stilted and unnatural as a result. Students also used 'I agree' but failed to add anything more as an explanation of why they agreed with what had been said again evidence of limited understanding of interaction strategies or knowledge of how to interact to keep the discussion going naturally.



Speaking – General Comments

- Students were generally able to present relevant ideas clearly, though some had difficulties in organising their ideas coherently.
- Although some students used limited vocabulary, basic sentence structures or inaccurate grammatical structures, they understood the tasks and made a good attempt to share their ideas logically.

Speaking from 2014 - 2016

- Reading of notes
- Dependence on prompts
- Interaction skills
- Vocabulary development



Listening skills – listen and respond to others

Enhancement Measures for TSA and Interactive Reporting Platform



■ 教育統籌委員會在2000年的報告書《終身學習・ 全人發展》建議在中、英、數三科設立基本能力評 估,以評估回饋學與教,發揮「促進學習的評估」 (Assessment for Learning)的理念,提升教學 效能。

何謂「促進學習的評估」?

評估是用來收集學生學習的證據。它是學習與教學 循環的一部分,而不是附着於教學階段之後,獨立 於兩者之外的。評估的結果,可提供資料讓學生改 進學習,也讓教師檢討和改善教學。

- 其中全港性系統評估 (Territory-wide System Assessment, 下稱 TSA) 自2004年起在小三開展,2005年推展至小六,及至2006年全面在小三、小六和中三施行。
- 為減輕小六學生的壓力,自2012年起,小六TSA 只會達單數年進行。於雙數年,學校仍可按照校本 需要,以自願形式參與小六評估。學校亦可向考評 局素取六年級中、英、數的評估試題,供教師和學 生參考和使用,促進教學。





優化方案

政府2014年公布TSA檢討結果,決定:

- 1. 不向個別小學發放其基本能力達標率;
- 2. 將TSA從小學表現評量中剔除;
- 2015年起延續小六隔年安排,即逢單數年舉行 小六TSA,雙數年舉行中一入學前香港學科測驗。 小三和中三則維持不變;及
- 4. 優化TSA報告功能,提供更加互動的平台。



Enhancement Measures for TSA

Report	Content
School Report	 Report on the Performances of Students in Chinese Language, English Language and Mathematics (no BC attainment data given)
Item Analysis Report (sorted by Sub-papers)	 Indicate the percentages of student responses in each item
	List the items in the sequence in which they appear in each of the sub-papers
Item Analysis Report (sorted by Basic Competencies)	 Indicate the percentages of student responses in each item List the items sorted by Basic Competencies
TSA 2016 Report	 Report on the Basic Competencies of Students in Chinese Language, English Language and Mathematics (Key Stages 1 and 3) https://www.bca.hkeaa.edu.hk



Enhancement Measures for TSA (Effective from 2016)

Enhancing the reporting functions of the TSA with a more interactive reporting platform for teachers to access the system to view the students' overall performance

Online Item Analysis Report

- Interactive platform where teachers can obtain statistical information to facilitate teaching and learning
- 2 phases
- 2016: Item Analysis data via the web
 Pop up Question Paper (with answers)
- 2016: Student Performance on a particular BC (over 3 years)
 Pop up individual questions



Enhancement Measures for TSA

學校: 考評局 (全日制) (S999)

School: HKEAA (WD)

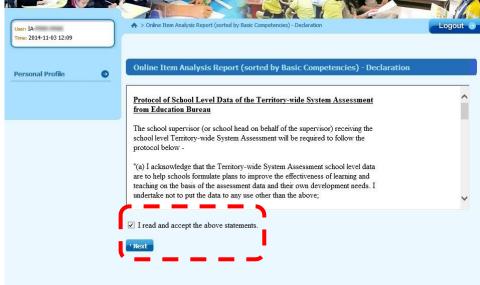
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	央國語》	English L	anguage		po-
卷別:能力或範疇 Paper: Skill or Dimension	學生人數 Number of students	滿分 Maximum score (A)	學校平均分 School average score (B)	學校答對率 School average as a % of maximum score (B/A x 100%)	全港答對率 Territory average as a % of maximum score
9EL1: 聆聽 Listening	0	29	0.0	0	62
9EL2: 聆聽 Listening	0	29	0.0	0	61
9EL3: 聆聽 Listening	0	29	0.0	0	64
9ER1: 閱讀 Reading	0	36	0.0	0	58
9ER2: 閱讀 Reading	0	36	0.0	0	56
9ER3: 閱讀 Reading	0	36	0.0	0	61
9EW1: 寫作 Writing	0	12	0.0	0	45
9EW2: 寫作 Writing	0	12	0.0	0	46
9EW3: 寫作 Writing	0	12	0.0	0	49
說話(個人) Speaking(Individual)	0	14	0.0	0	55
說話(小組) Speaking(Group)	0	6	0.0	0	58



New Interactive Platform for Online Item Analysis Report



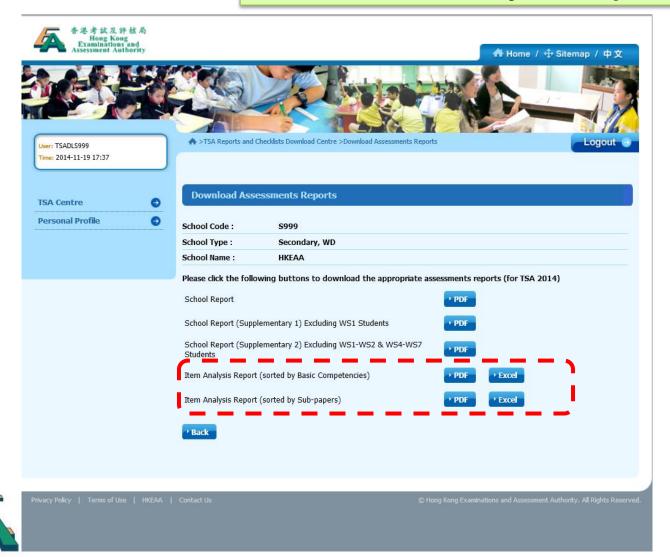


Login and Update Password

Accept the "Protocol of School Level Data of the TSA"



Online Item Analysis Report

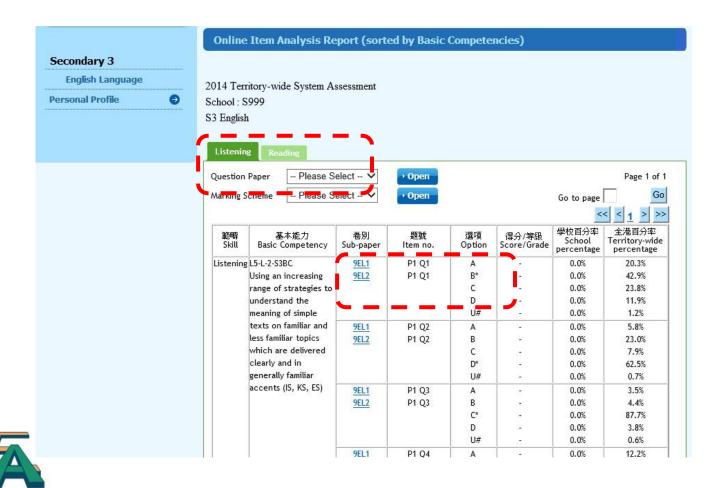


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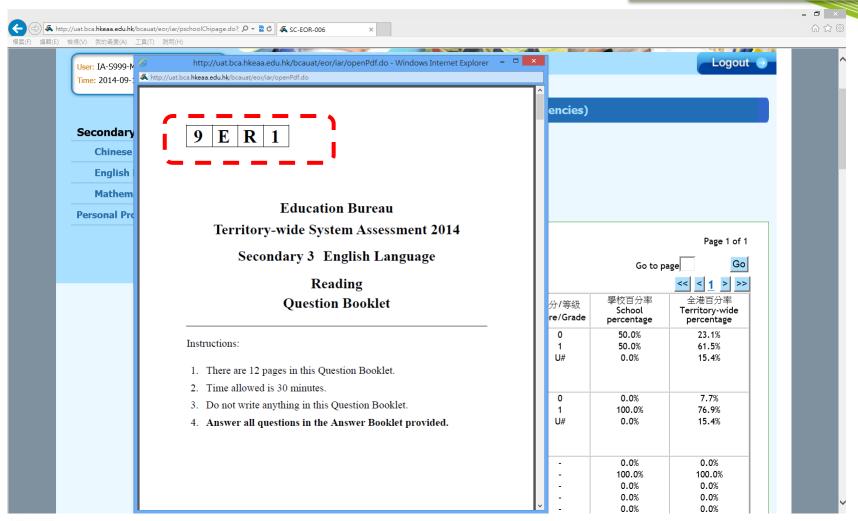


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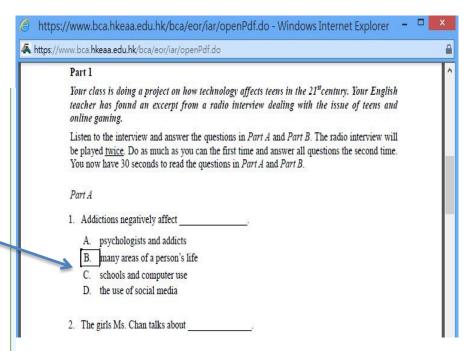
Question Paper





TSA Data

範疇 Skill	基本能力 Basic Competency	卷別 Sub-paper	題號 Item no.	選項 Option	得分/等級 Score/Grade	學校百分率 School percentage	全港百分率 Territory-wide percentage
Using an increasing range of strategies to understand the meaning of simple texts on familiar and less familiar topics which are delivered clearly and in generally familiar accents (IS, KS, ES)	L5-L-2-S3BC	9EL1	P1 Q1	A		0.0%	20.3%
	Using an increasing	9EL2	P1 Q1	B*		0.0%	42.9%
	range of strategies to	10 10		C		0.0%	23.8%
	understand the			D		0.0%	11.9%
			U#		0.0%	1.2%	
	texts on familiar and	9EL1	P1 Q2	Α	-	0.0%	5.8%
	less familiar topics	9EL2	P1 Q2	В	5	0.0%	23.0%
	which are delivered			B C	8	0.0%	7.9%
	clearly and in			D*	2	0.0%	62.5%
	generally familiar			U#	2	0.0%	0.7%
	accents (IS, KS, ES)	9EL1	P1 Q3	A		0.0%	3.5%
		9EL2	P1 Q3	В		0.0%	4.4%
		100		C*	12	0.0%	87.7%
				D	5	0.0%	3.8%
				U#		0.0%	0.6%



Item with Answer

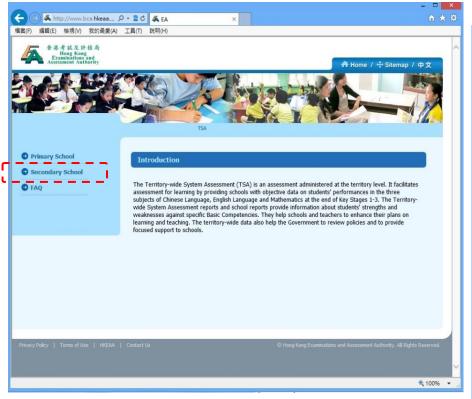


Online Item Analysis Report – Teacher User Guide





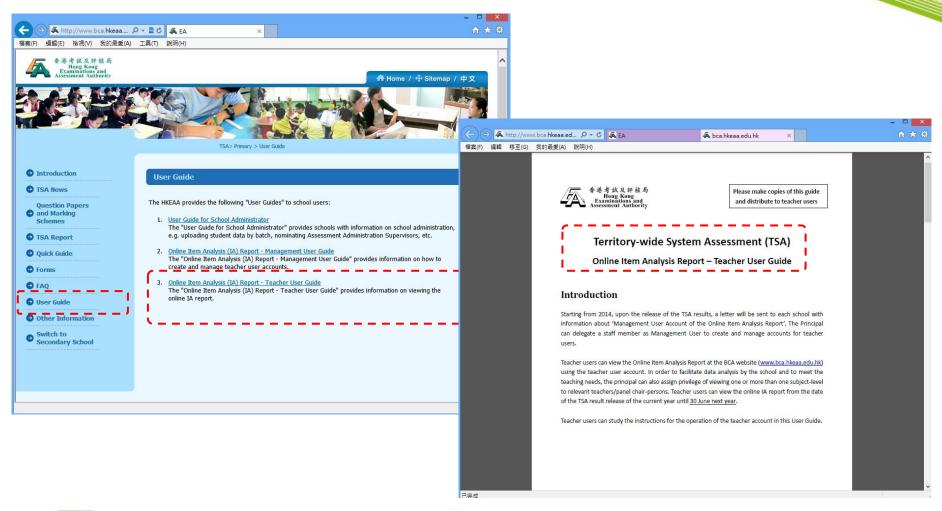
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Interpreting TSA Data

- Item Analysis (IA) Report (sorted by Basic Competencies)
- Analysing the performances of students using IA Report data
- Read the TSA Report
- Identify the strengths and weaknesses of students



Interpreting TSA Data

Sample

Outline the performance of students in general

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School: HKEAA (WD)

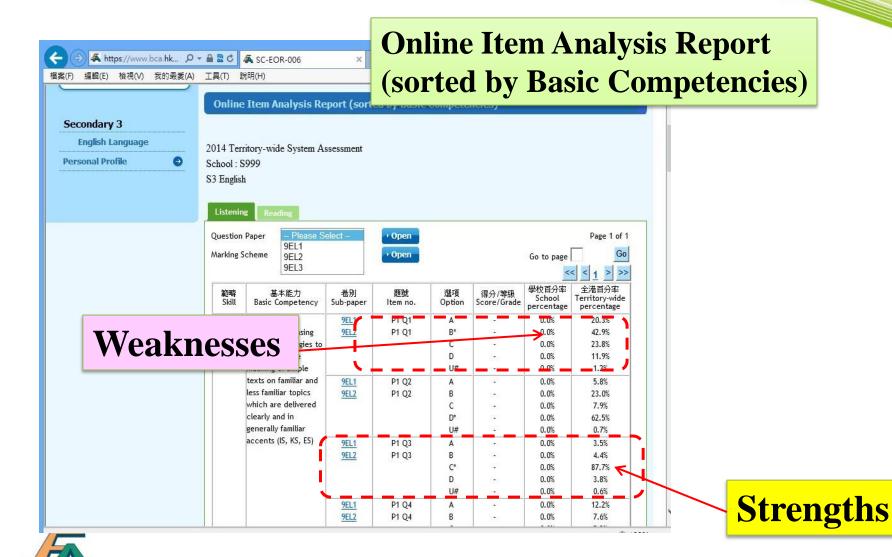


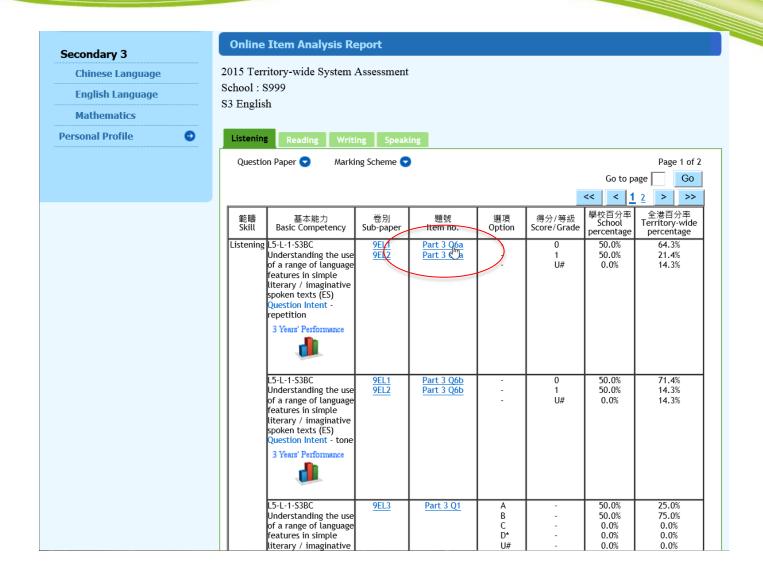
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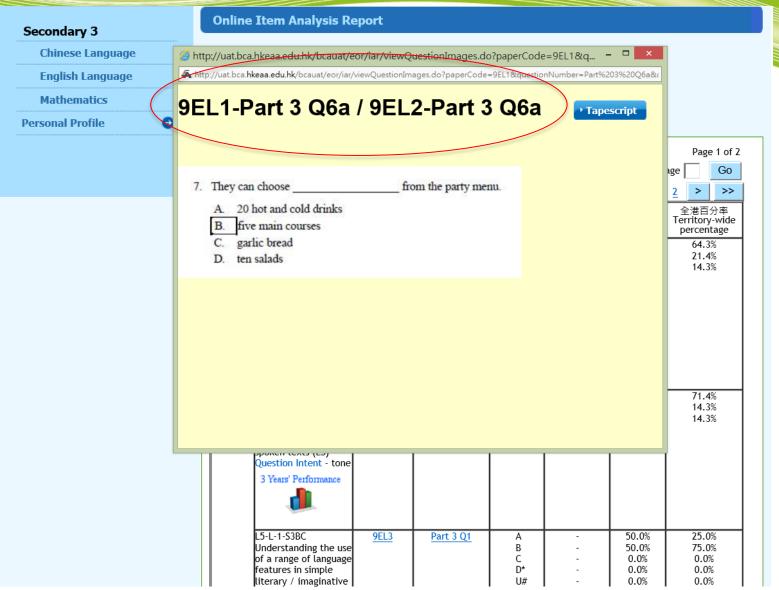


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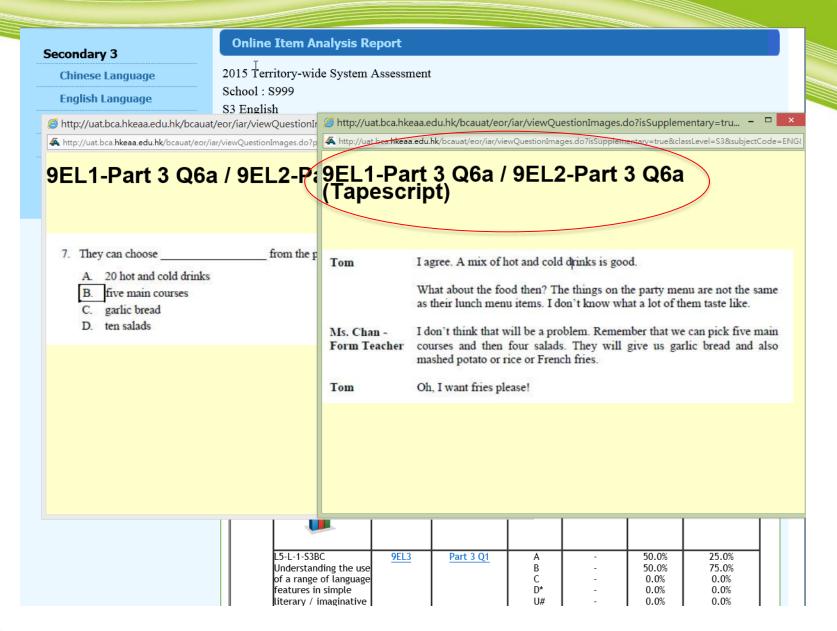








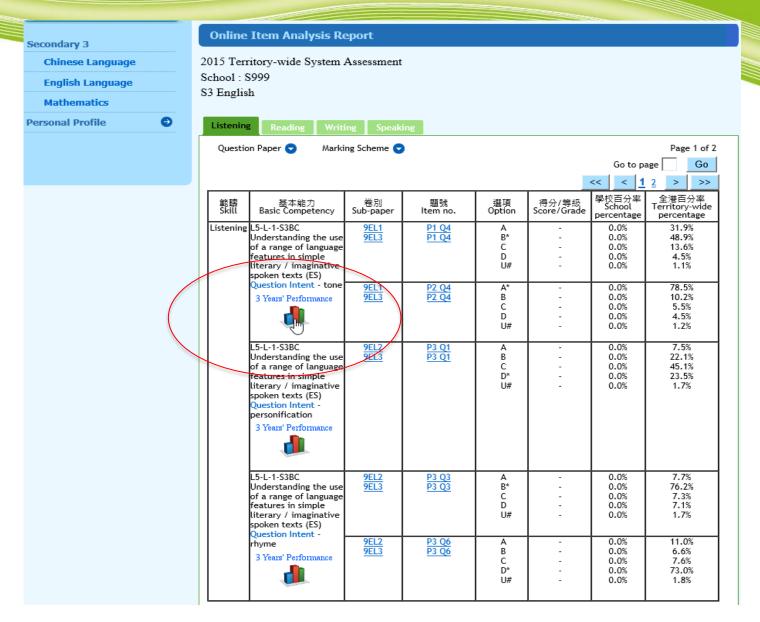




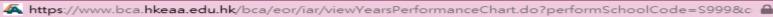


Personal Profile	Listening Reading Writing Speaking			
	Question Paper 👽 Marking Scheme 👽	Go to p	Page 2 of 2	
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	範疇 基本能力 卷別 題 Skill Basic Competency Sub-paper Item		學校百分率 School percentage	全港百分率 Territory-wide percentage
	Listening L5-L-2-S3BC 9EL1 Part Using an increasing range of strategies to understand the meaning of simple texts on familiar and less familiar topics which are delivered	1 Q1 B* -	0.0% 50.0% 50.0% 0.0% 0.0%	5.6% 72.2% 22.2% 0.0% 0.0%
	clearly and in generally familiar accents (IS, KS, ES) Question Intendiging distinguishing hain ideas 3 Years' Performance	deas from supporting details C	66.7% 0.0% 0.0% 33.3% 0.0%	22.2% 5.6% 44.4% 22.2% 5.6%
	L5-L-2-S3BC Using an increasing range of strategies to understand the meaning of simple texts on familiar and less familiar topics which are delivered clearly and in	1 Q3 B -	0.0% 16.7% 16.7% 66.7% 0.0%	11.1% 5.6% 38.9% 38.9% 5.6%
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	L5-L-2-S3BC 9EL1 Part Using an increasing 9EL2 Part	1 Q5 B -	16.7% 16.7%	11.1% 16.7%









三年表現 3 Years' Performance

級別: S3 Level	科目: English Language Subject	學校編號: S999 School Code	
基本能力代號: BC Code	L5-L-2-S3BC		
基本能力: BC Description	Using an increasing range of strategies to understand the meaning of simple texts on familiar and less familiar topics which are delivered clearly and in generally familiar accents (IS, KS, ES)		
評估重點: Question Intent	distinguishing main ideas from supporting details		

最近三年學生答對上述評估重點題目的平均百分率

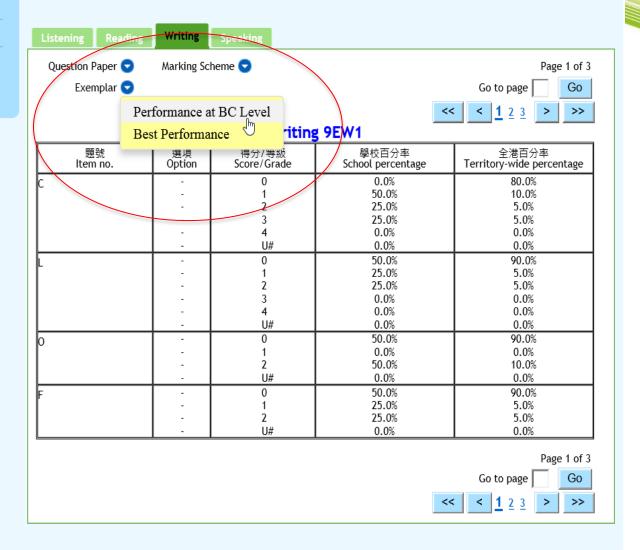
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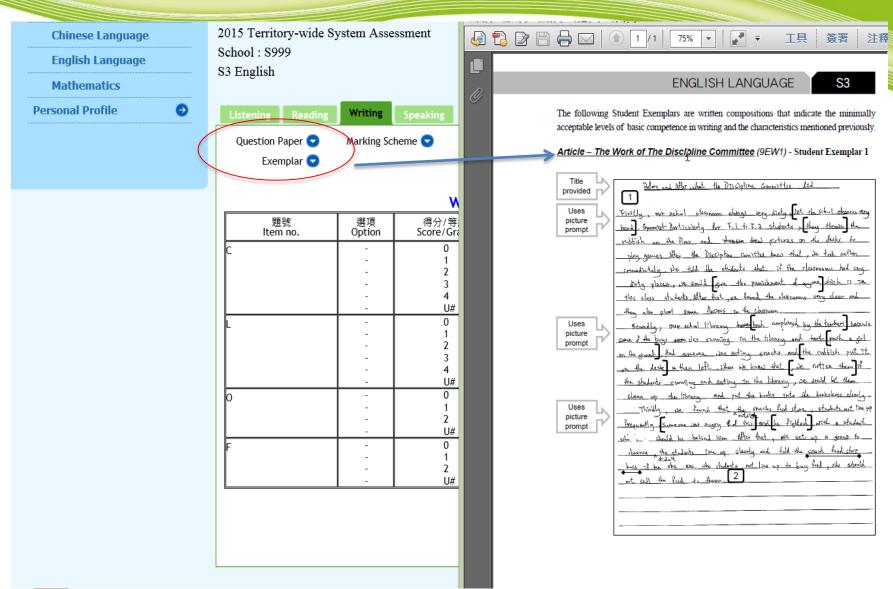


Chinese Language
English Language
Mathematics
Personal Profile

2015 Territory-wide System Assessment School : S999 S3 English









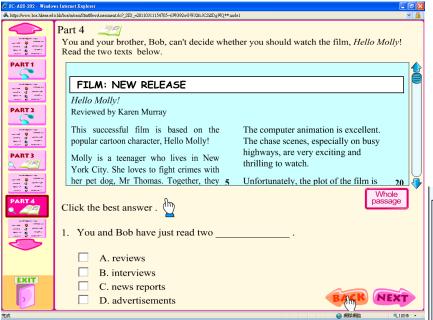
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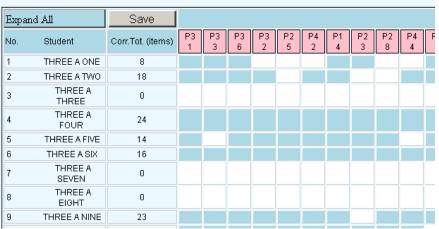
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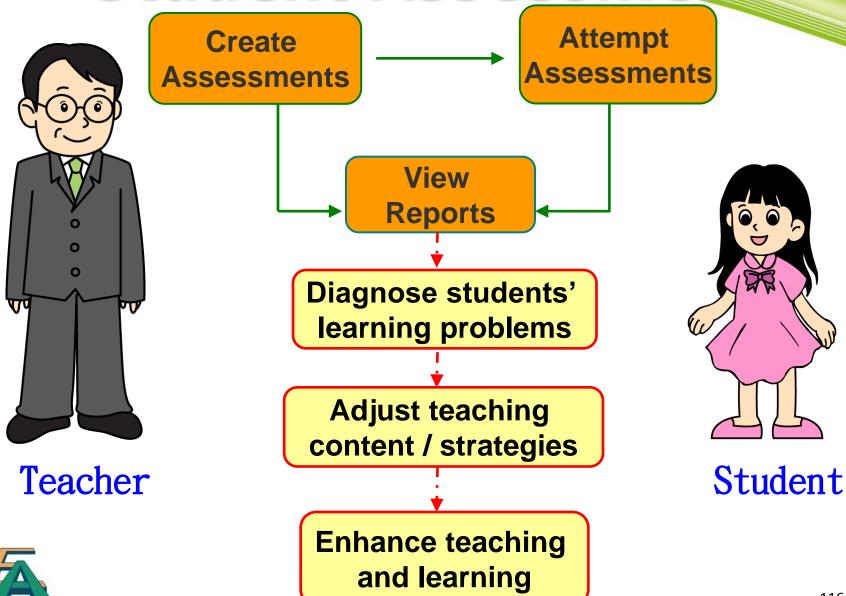
Items & Reports

Open to schools for free



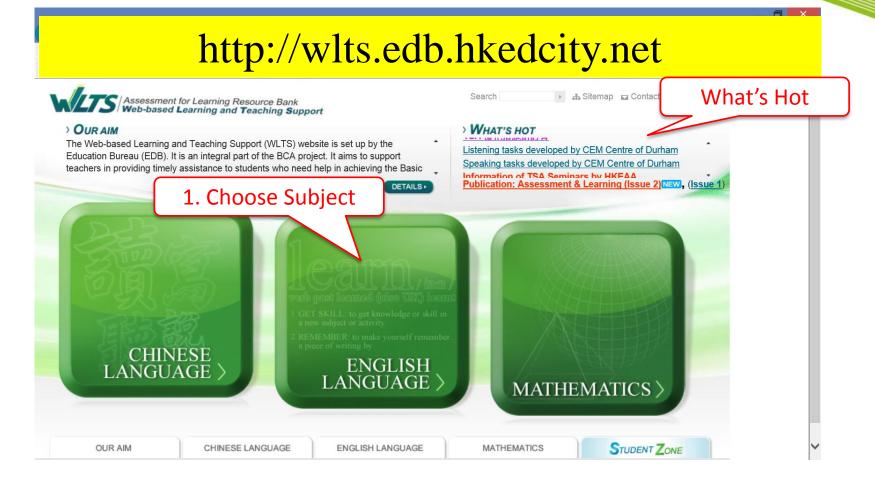


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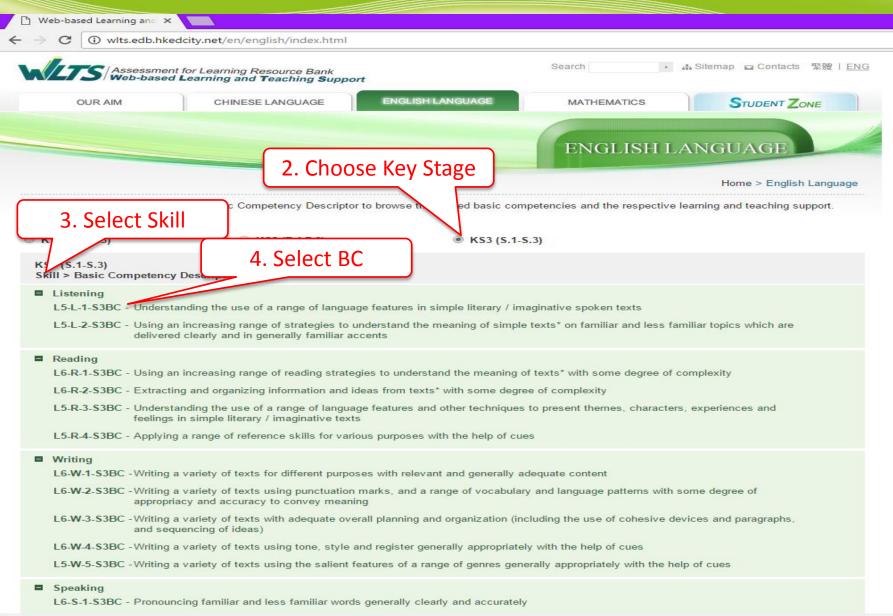




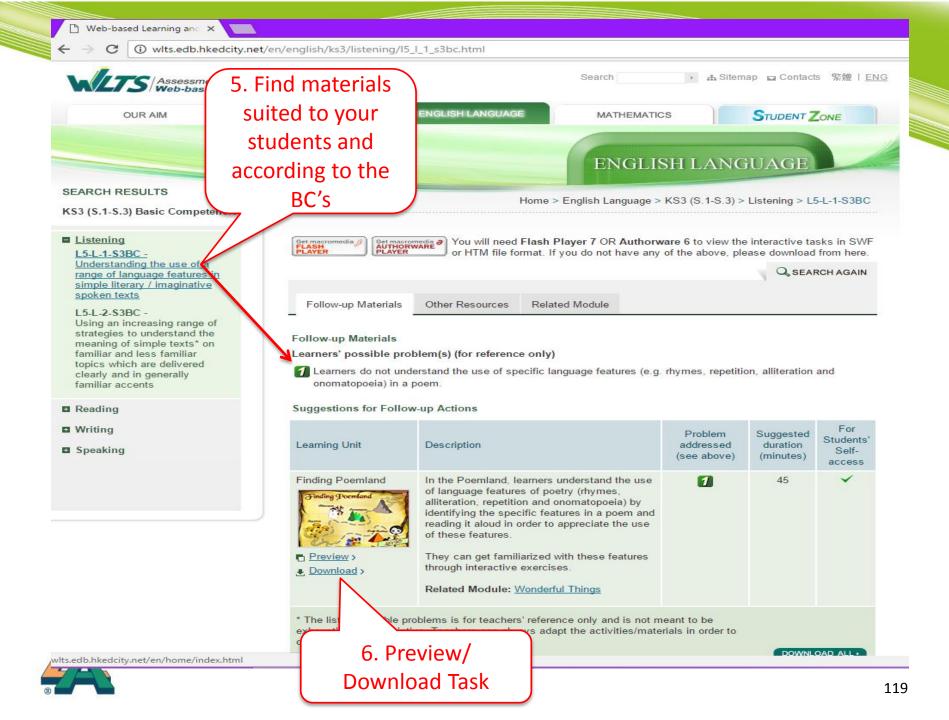
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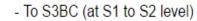
Preview – shows the level of difficulty and gives detailed information about the task.

S-S-2-S3BC: Using a range of delivery techniques (including stress, rhythm and intonation) to convey meaning generally appropriately with the help of cue

Level of Difficulty



- Preliminary to S3BC (at S1 level)





- At S3BC (at S3 level)

Activity	Description	Duration (min)	Available for Self Learning
Part 1	An Interactive Activity: 1. Knowledge building: There is a sample poem including rhymes, alliteration and repetition that help students to understand the use of the language features of poetry. 2. Appreciation: Students are asked to read the poem aloud in order to appreciate the language features that are presented in the text. 3. Understanding and comprehension: Questions are set to test students' comprehension of the sample poem. 4. Practice and application: There are exercises for students to apply or familiarize with the introduced language features of poetry (i.e. rhymes, alliteration, repetition and onomatopoeia).		~



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