

Shatin Pui Ying College
English Language
Reading Comprehension

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Passage 1

Faithful dog Hachiko

Shibuya is one of the fashion centres of Japan. There is a dog statue outside the train station. Do you know the story behind the statue?

It was about a dog called Hachiko. He was born in 1923. Later, he was kept by Professor Ueno, who lived in Shibuya. Hachiko saw his master off at the front door and then went to the station to wait for him at 3 p.m. every day. However, on 21 May, 1925, Hachiko arrived at the station at three as usual but he could not see his master. Professor Ueno had died in his office on that day.

Hachiko was very loyal. He returned to the station daily at 3 p.m. in order to meet the professor, day after day and month after month. The months finally turned to years. People took pity on him and gave him some food. The story spread across the city. Some people travelled to Shibuya to see him, feed him or gently touch his head to show their support.

Finally on March 7, 1934, almost ten years after the death of the professor, the 11-year-old dog died outside the station.

Hachiko's story was published in a newspaper. People decided to put up a statue for him. Today, the statue has become a famous place in Shibuya where hundreds of people sit and wait for their friends.



A. Complete the following short paragraph with the correct words. You may need to use your

own words or the words from the passage.

(1) _____ Ueno lived happily with his dog Hachiko. The dog was always at the
 (2) _____ to meet him at 3p.m. In 1925, the professor (3) _____
 but the dog (4) _____ to wait for him at the station every day. People felt
 (5)p_____ for him and gave him food. Some people even (6) _____ to
 the station to see him. The dog followed his master's (7) _____ in 1934. A newspaper
 (8) _____ this faithful dog's story and many people were (9) _____.
 Finally, a statue of Hachiko was (10) _____ on the exact spot where he had waited
 for his master.

B. Complete the table below using the right words from the passage. Use the basic form of the words.

	Meaning	Word
	e.g. the style of things that are popular for a time (a noun)	fashion
1.	the owner of a pet (a noun)	
2.	to become widely known (a verb)	
3.	to give food to (a verb)	
4.	to feel with your hand (a verb)	
5.	to make up one's mind (a verb)	
6.	very well known (an adjective)	

C. Read the following advice about keeping a pet. Match the sentence beginnings with the correct endings. Write the letter (A-H) in the space provided.

1.	Understand your responsibilities	_____
2.	Give your pet a comfortable place	_____
3.	Respect your pet	_____
4.	Take your pet to see an animal doctor	_____
5.	Give your pet enough food	_____
6.	Keep your pet clean	_____
7.	Never leave your pet outdoors in hot weather or the rain,	_____
8.	Your pet needs lots of time	_____

- A. and love from you.
- B. to rest.
- C. and treat it as a family member.
- D. as it will get sick.
- E. before you decide to keep a pet.
- F. and bathe it regularly.
- G. and water every day.
- H. when it is ill.

Passage 2

The Best Restaurant Guide Since 1999

You can use this guide to find and book restaurants. Restaurants in this guide have been selected by our famous local gourmet, Mr Karl Pattern, and his team of **experts**.

Featured Restaurants

Garden Kitchen

Garden Kitchen has been the place to go for good quality American food since 1970. Garden kitchen is famous for their homemade carrot cake and Buffalo wings. The restaurant is located in Shatin. You can also enjoy a 10% discount if you have made an online booking.

Tel: 68938933;

Website: www.gardenkitchen.com.hk

Opening hours; Mon-Sun 1700-2330

Average Price: \$200 per head



Grand Tea House

In Grand Tea House, you can try all kinds of Chinese dim sum, from egg custard tarts to rice dumplings. It is located in the heart of the shopping area in Causeway Bay. The atmosphere is casual and friendly. You can book their function rooms for parties and family gatherings.

Tel: 25662111

Opening hours: Mon-Sun 0900-2300

Average price: \$150 per head



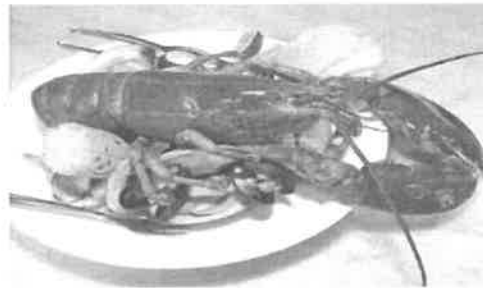
Eagle Bar

If you are a seafood lover, you must love the Eagle Bar. It is one of the best seafood restaurants in Kowloon. The food is fresh and the waiters are all very friendly. Their house dishes are lobster soup and cod pasta. A live band performance is available at weekends.

Tel: 22332230

Opening hours: 1130-0130 Daily except Mondays

Average Price: \$550 per head



A. Refer to the restaurant guide and answer the following questions. You should write in complete sentences.

1. When was the restaurant guide first published?

2. Who chose the restaurants in the guide?

3. What special offer do you have if you have made an online booking with Garden Kitchen?

4. Which one is the most expensive restaurant among the three?

5. Name two famous dishes of each restaurant:

Garden Kitchen	Grand Tea House	Eagle Bar
a.	a.	a.
b.	b.	b.

B. Read the following statements and decide which restaurant(s) they are about. Put a tick ✓ in the correct box.

	Garden Kitchen	Grand Tea House	Eagle Bar
e.g. It serves American food.	✓		
1. It opens on Saturdays.			
2. It is located on Hong Kong Island.			
3. It has a musical performance.			
4. It is a Chinese restaurant.			
5. It serves both lunch and dinner.			
6. It has a very long history.			

C. Look at the following catchphrases in the posters and match them with the correct restaurants.

a. Freshness is what we care about	b. We serve excellent American dishes	c. Fast food with unbeatable prices	d. We serve traditional Chinese dishes
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1. Garden Kitchen: _____ 2. Grand Tea House: _____ 3. Eagle Bar: _____

D. Find the right words from the passage.

1. a surrounding mood (a noun)

2. a person who enjoys and knows a lot about good food and wines (a noun)

3. the end of the week, especially the period from Friday evening to Sunday evening (a noun)

4. not formal (an adjective)

5. every day (an adverb)

Passage 3

Festivals around the world



a.

February 14 is a special day for many lovers in different countries around the world. The lovers express their love for each other. They exchange cards, chocolates, candy, flowers and other gifts. Hearts, roses and Cupid are all around. Cupid was the son of the goddess of love in Roman myth.

b.

It is celebrated on December 25. It is one of the biggest celebrations of the year in many countries. It commemorates the birth of Jesus. Therefore, it is a very important day for Christians. People sing carols, decorate the tree, hang stockings and exchange gifts to celebrate. Santa Claus is probably the most recognized symbol of it.

c.

It is also known as the Moon Festival. It falls on the 15th day of the 8th lunar month of the Chinese calendar. Traditionally, Chinese families will get together to watch the full moon and enjoy the moon-cakes. Children will play lanterns on that day. Jade rabbits and starfruit are the icons of the festival.

d.

It is celebrated on the night of October 31. On this day, children dress up in costumes. They go from door-to-door shouting 'trick or treat'. They carry a bag to collect a variety of treats, like candy, chocolates and gums. One traditional custom is to put a jack-o'-lantern in front of the window. People also decorate their homes with pictures of black cats, spiders, witches, bats, skeletons and ghosts.

A. Read the above descriptions and write down the name of each festival in the space provided.

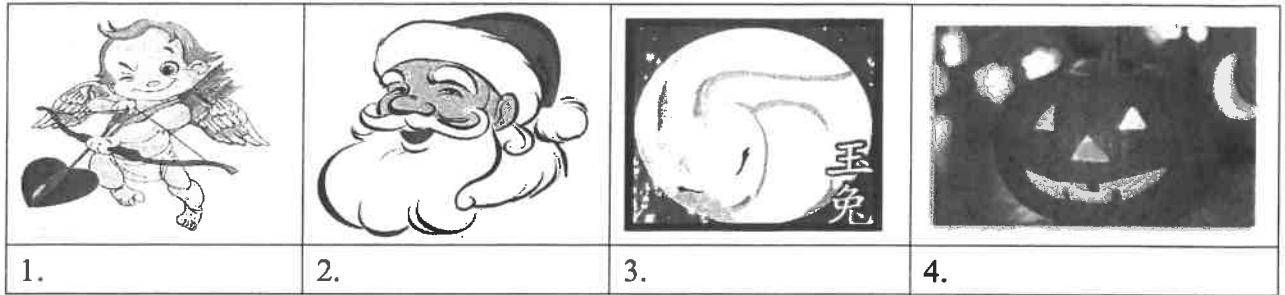
a. _____

c. _____

b. _____

d. _____

B. Look at the following traditional icons of the festivals. Refer to the descriptions in the passage and write the name of each icon in the space provided.



C. Read the four descriptions again and answer the following questions. Put the letter (a-d) in the space provided.

1.	Which festival is celebrated in the last month of the year?	
2.	Which festival is mainly celebrated by Chinese?	
3.	Which festival is more important to dating couples?	
4.	Which festival involves scary animals and characters?	
5.	Which festival is more important to religious people?	
6.	Which festival is based on the lunar calendar?	
7.	Which festival is symbolized by the colours of orange and black?	

D. Find the right words from the passage.

1. couples in love with each another (a noun)

2. to make something more beautiful by adding things to it (a verb)

3. the clothes worn by actors in a play (a noun)

4. the symbols or representations of something (a noun)

5. a practice followed by a group of people or a region for a long time (a noun)
