

Unit 2

Lorraine is writing a letter to her friend, Hailey, who is considering signing a contract with a model agency. Fill in the blanks with the phrases and sentences mentioned in P.144-145 to complete the text.

Dear Hailey,

_____ **How're you these days** _____ ? I hope you're doing well. _____ **I'm sorry that I haven't written to you** _____ until now, though I've received your letter for some time. Recently, _____ **I've been busy with** _____ assessments and tests. Luckily, it's all over now.

Anyway, thanks for telling me that you are planning to sign a contract with a model agency. I'm glad that someone else besides me is aware of how pretty and fashionable you are! However, in my view, _____ **I really want to tell you that** _____ it might not be a good idea to become a model at your age.

First, modelling is a time-consuming job. Models need to perform on stage, at public events and in front of cameras. Together, they will take up a lot of your time. You won't have as much time as you do at this moment. In fact, you'll probably need to give up your hobbies and the precious moments you share with your family and friends. You enjoy going to the movies, don't you? It'll be a luxury when you become a model.

Also, it's stressful to be a model. A model needs to stay slim and fit. You'll need to stay on diet all the time. And there would always be someone who dislikes you and says something mean to you. You'll have to endure all these. And how about your studies? I know you feel stressed sometimes because you find it difficult to keep up with the schoolwork for English and Mathematics. I'm afraid you'll be even more stressed if you have to work and study at the same time. So, the wiser decision would be to not sign the contract at this moment.

Do you want to become a model after you graduate? Will you consider doing other part-time jobs? As your best friend, I'm always here to listen. _____ **I'm looking forward to** _____ hearing from you again!

_____ **Best wishes,** _____

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Unit 4

Jessica is giving a speech to her fellow schoolmates after completing a junior working holiday programme. Fill in the blanks with the phrases and sentences mentioned in P.144-145 to complete the text.

Good morning _____ **Principal, teachers and fellow schoolmates** _____.

I am Jessica Cheng from 5A. Recently, working holiday _____ **has been the talk of the town** _____. Last summer, I joined a junior working holiday programme which allowed secondary school students to stay and work in Australia for a month. _____ **It is my pleasure to present to you** _____ my working holiday experience here.

First of all, let's talk about what I did. I stayed with a host family in Melbourne, the well-known international metropolis in South Australia. For the first two weeks, I worked on their farm as a helper, to help with tasks like fruit picking and managing crops. Then, I worked at a kindergarten nearby to teach some young children Chinese. On my day offs at weekends, my host family and I often paid visits to the scenic spots in the city, such as Flinders Street and Eureka Skydeck 88, to take pictures and make friends with the local people there. It was really fun to talk to them!

Finally, I _____ **would like to point out** _____ this programme's benefits to me. Thanks to the programme, my English has improved notably. When I was in Australia, I spent plenty of time talking with the local people. Whether I was travelling to a site or ordering food, I needed to read and speak English in order to communicate with others. It made me more confident—although my spoken English was not very fluent, the local people were very patient with me. So, when I was back in Hong Kong, my friends were surprised by my sudden loss of shyness. Besides, living with the locals allowed me to learn about the Australian culture and their way of life, which in turn broadened my horizon.

_____ **In short / To sum up** _____, the junior working holiday programme is productive and very worthwhile. If you are interested in going abroad or experiencing work life in a foreign country, I would sincerely recommend joining it.

_____ **Thank you for your attention** _____ and I wish you all a wonderful school year ahead!



Unit 5

Yannie is writing a story for a competition. Fill in the blanks with the phrases and sentences mentioned in P.144-145 to complete the text.

Ignorance Is Bliss

Once upon a time, there was an old village where an interesting competition called ‘the Champion of the Eaters’ was held annually. Every adult in the village could participate in this competition, and the winner would receive the greatest honour of the year.

Ben had just turned eighteen and it was his dream to take part in the challenge. Although he looked so thin that he might easily be taken to be starving, he in fact ate a lot every day. On the day of the competition, Ben, together with hundreds of people, gathered in the village hall. ‘Welcome y’all, fearless men and women, to the Champion of the Eaters...’ the village elder said, ‘Nine dishes will you be served, and to the very last one must you try to stay. You’re promised a surprise in the last dish. The first one to finish all the dishes, he or she will be the champ!’

‘Ben, are you sure?’ asked his friends John and Dan, who knew all about the potential difficulties as two of the village cooks. ‘Sure,’ Ben stepped forward and said, ‘No one eats faster than I do!’ Soon, the game started. When Ben was about to eat the eighth dish, he started feeling a bit full. Although most of the participants were just starting on the fifth, Ben was afraid he could not go on.

However, when the lid of the final special dish was lifted, Ben was delighted to find that it was black sesame omelette, his favourite dish! In a minute, the dish was gone, and Ben had become the new champion! Yet, all that time, he had a strange feeling that something was wrong.

‘I announce you, brave young man,’ said the elder, giving Ben a medal, ‘...to be this year’s Champion of the Eaters!’ The crowd’s cheering and handclapping filled Ben with joy. Seeing this, John whispered to Dan, ‘Do you think we should tell him that the “black sesame” was actually ants?’

‘No, why should we?’ Dan said, smiling while slightly shaking his head, ‘You know, “Ignorance is bliss!” Ever since then, the two cooks had never mentioned that legendary ninth dish which had been prepared for their dear friend.’

Unit 6

Chris is writing an article to talk about the benefits of playing tag rugby. Fill in the blanks with the phrases and sentences mentioned in P.144-145 to complete the text.

Tag Rugby—Reasonably Popular or Not?

Recently, tag rugby is gaining popularity in Hong Kong, and _____ **many people have argued about** _____ the advantages and disadvantages of playing it. In this article, I would like to present the positive side of the case. I will begin with a short introduction to tag rugby.

Tag rugby was invented in Australia in 1992. Players are required to wear a belt attached with a tag on each side of the body. A rugby ball is carried and brought to the opposite side of the ground in order to score. So far, the game is just like regular rugby. However, the defending team is not allowed to tackle the ball carrier. Instead, it needs to remove one of the ball carrier's tags and shout 'tag' so as to stop him or her from running any further.

I'll now turn to the many advantages of playing tag rugby. _____ **To begin with** _____, playing tag rugby has a relatively low chance of injury. The reason behind _____ **is not difficult to understand indeed** _____. Unlike football and regular rugby, it does not involve intense physical collisions. Players are not only less likely to get hurt, but also more likely to maintain friendship with one another.

_____ **Besides** _____, this sport is female-friendly. Some people may say it is unfair to girls if boys play in the same games with them. But this is not true for tag rugby because the skills it requires are common to both sexes. Also, mixed games are common and girls are often said to enjoy them.

_____ **Lastly** _____, playing tag rugby helps improve coordination and teamwork. Indeed, running is not everything in the game. To win, players must be quick enough to dodge attacks and snatch tags from the others. They also need to work well with their teammates.

_____ **To sum up / In short / All in all** _____, tag rugby is a great sport for everyone, since it is safe, encourages friendliness, and is a fun way to obtain skills!

Unit 8

Kenny is expressing his view on plastic surgery in a letter to the editor. Fill in the blanks with the phrases and sentences mentioned in P.144-145 to complete the text.

Dear _____ **Editor / Sir / Madam** _____,

_____ **I am writing to discuss** _____ a problem that has caught my attention recently. It is that, nowadays, more and more people are undergoing plastic surgery. A recent news article reveals that over 70% of the young people interviewed are willing to do that in order to become physically more attractive. Clearly, it is not harmless to do so.

_____ **I disagree that** _____ people should undergo plastic surgery in a casual manner and I would like to explain why here.

First and foremost, plastic surgery is expensive. A good one often costs hundreds of thousand dollars. This is a cost that most young people cannot afford. As a result, some of them have even found it necessary to raise funds for the surgery by running up huge debts. It is clear to me that it is not worth it.

_____ **Additionally** _____, undergoing plastic surgery is risky. Although the technology involved has developed rapidly, there are still risks of failure. Once it failed, there would be horrible consequences. The patient may get a deformed face, which will stay with him or her for the whole life. Infection, organ damage and even death are other possible results. The risks are just too high for anyone to take.

What is also important is that people who undergo plastic surgery may also put themselves at a social disadvantage. Most people in society hate the idea of changing one's appearance permanently in unnatural ways. They tend to label those who have undergone plastic surgery, and treat them in unfair ways. In this case, it could be regretful for them to do so and take on a bad name.

_____ **All in all / In conclusion** _____, I think that undergoing plastic surgery is not at all unproblematic, given its cost, risks and negative effects on one's social standing.

_____ **Yours faithfully,** _____

Kenny

Kenny Cheng

