

## Unit 1

Jeff is expressing his view on discrimination on the grounds of appearance in a letter to the editor. Fill in the blanks with the phrases and sentences mentioned in P. 176-177 to complete the text.

Dear Editor,

I'm writing to discuss a problem that caught my attention recently.

I noticed that some people discriminate against others because of how they look. I

strongly disagree with their behaviour. Let me share my view on this.

At the beginning of the semester, most of my classmates started to reach out to make new friends in class. However, some of them only befriended 'good-looking' individuals. This, to me, is a confusing phenomenon. To make things worse, some of them even made fun of others' appearance, which I think is unacceptable and should be discouraged.

First and foremost, it is not fair to judge people only by their physical appearance. As the old saying 'You can't judge a book by its cover' goes, more often than not a person's ability and personality are more important than his or her appearance. If an employer hires people based only on their looks, he or she would miss out on many great candidates. It would also be totally unfair to those who study and work really hard for their future.

What is also important is that attaching too much importance to one's appearance brings bad influences on teenagers. We teenagers are easily influenced by our peers. We tend to do a lot of things to avoid isolation from others. If our friends tend to value appearance over everything else, we may probably also spend a lot of time searching for fashionable clothes instead of focusing on our studies. Living such a materialistic and superficial life will only make many teenagers more depressed and fragile.

All in all, discrimination against people because of their appearance should be discouraged. I hope the general public could

be more aware of this issue. Thank you.

Yours faithfully,

*Jeff Leung*

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## Unit 5

Daniel is a fan of an Internet celebrity, Charlotte. Daniel is writing a letter to her to show his support. Fill in the blanks with the phrases and sentences mentioned in P. 176-177 to complete the text.

Dear Charlotte,

Hi, my name is Daniel. How're you these days ? I have been a huge fan of yours since you started your video channel. I always enjoy your vlogs and love to hear your opinions about life and everything else. This is the first time I write to you, as I would like to share my view on the mistake you made last week and, more importantly, to show my support.

Last Sunday, you attended a charity event that aims to raise money for poor children in Guizhou. When asked to give some comments on what to do for the needy, you made an inappropriate joke that must have offended certain people. Since then, your social media pages have been flooded with a huge amount of hateful comments.

I feel deeply sorry for you as you have to endure such terrible cyber-violence and personal attacks. Nobody should experience this kind of bullying even if he or she has said something inappropriate in public. What's more, I'm sure you did not mean to offend anyone but were just trying to liven things up on that occasion.

As your faithful fan, I have always been encouraged by your toughness and sense of humour. You often joke about your own misfortunes and shake the sadness off quickly. That's why it hurts me to see you in such a bad mood. I suggest apologising on the social media to clear yourself of suspicion. Hopefully, people will understand your good intention and stop harassing you. Besides, it might not be a good idea to read the comments on your fan page at this moment because they are largely nonsensical. I really hope you won't take them seriously and let the haters affect your well-being.

Thank you so much for reading my letter, and best of luck to you in the future!

I am looking forward to hearing from you soon!

Best wishes,

*Daniel*

## Unit 6

Shirley is writing a short story for a competition on the topic of 'A Good Lesson Learnt'. Fill in the blanks with the phrases and sentences mentioned in P. 176-177 to complete the text.

### A Good Lesson Learnt: Look Before You Leap

\_\_\_\_\_ **Once upon a time** \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ **there was** \_\_\_\_\_ a sports lover called Ted. He liked marathon, swimming and skiing, and always wanted to try something new. \_\_\_\_\_ **Suddenly one day** \_\_\_\_\_, he discovered a new sport—parkour—in a documentary. He was fascinated by how the people jump across buildings and run through the obstacles at full speed. He thought to himself, 'I have to try this sport.'

He immediately did some research on parkour. The sport indeed requires a prolonged period of intensive training. Every part of the player's body should be strong enough to perform the moves. Thus, before playing parkour, one has to prepare himself or herself by doing a lot of pull-ups, sit-ups, squats, etc. Besides, it is also crucial for the athlete to acquire skills and muscle memory that help him or her react rapidly in such fast-paced movements. Usually, parkour athletes need to practise their moves over and over. However, Ted \_\_\_\_\_ **was so** \_\_\_\_\_ lazy \_\_\_\_\_ **that** \_\_\_\_\_ he seldom did any practice. He simply found it too troublesome.

On a Sunday afternoon, Ted decided to give parkour a try in a park because he had always been doing different kinds of sports, and he thought he had already been strong and talented enough. He prepared himself only with some simple warm-up exercise before playing the sport. He then climbed up to the monkey bars in an attempt to hop across the bars and land a backflip on the ground. \_\_\_\_\_ **Unfortunately** \_\_\_\_\_, as he started to move above the monkey bars, Ted found himself unable to finish the whole course——his mind could not even respond to the steps he made! As a result, he stumbled over one of the bars, and hurt his back and ankle badly.

Lying in bed in a hospital, Ted realised that it is important to think carefully before trying to do anything dangerous. \_\_\_\_\_ **Ever since** \_\_\_\_\_ the accident had taken place, Ted \_\_\_\_\_ **had never** \_\_\_\_\_ underestimated the risks of playing sports, as he had already learnt a valuable lesson.

## Unit 8

Julie is writing a letter of complaint to the manager of a restaurant about her unfavourable experience there. Fill in the blanks with the phrases and sentences mentioned in P. 176-177 to complete the text.

Room 303, Hill View Apartment  
206 Moore Avenue, Kowloon

Customer Service Manager  
Le Banquet Restaurant  
193 Moore Avenue, Kowloon

8<sup>th</sup> September 20XX

Dear Sir / Madam,

I am writing to express my disappointment about  
the unsatisfactory service provided by your restaurant on 7<sup>th</sup> September 20XX.

My family and I went to your restaurant at 7 pm to celebrate my mother's birthday. We ordered three vegetarian sets with starters and desserts.

Unfortunately, it took nearly an hour for your staff to serve the starters, though at first we thought it was understandable because there were so many customers. However, the staff then mixed up our meals. They served us non-vegetarian food for the main courses. When I asked about it, they started making excuses instead of serving us the right food.

Besides, we saw on the webpage of your restaurant that customers on their birthday would be offered a free birthday cake. The cake for my mother eventually arrived after a long wait, but it had already gone damp and stale. A staff member denied our request for a replacement, and even told us to go to another restaurant next time! My family were totally upset by what the staff members said and did.

Your service last night was not acceptable at all. For compensation,

I am now asking for a full refund of the cost of the dinner (please see a copy of the receipt attached). Please follow up on this matter.

I can be contacted at 9123 4567. Thank you for your attention.

Yours faithfully,

*Julie Yu*

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## Unit 9

Chris watched the famous musical *Cats* at a theatre recently. He is now writing a review about it. Fill in the blanks with the phrases and sentences mentioned in P.176-177 to complete the text.

### A Light, Joyful Classic:

## Cats

I am not a typical theatre fan but *Cats* is \_\_\_\_\_ **one of the best musicals** \_\_\_\_\_

I have ever watched. It is an interesting and meaningful piece of work composed by the famous British composer Andrew Lloyd Webber. Since the premiere in London on 11<sup>th</sup> May 1981, it has become one of the most famous musicals that is shown all over the world.

\_\_\_\_\_ **It is** \_\_\_\_\_ a story about a tribe of cats that  
\_\_\_\_\_ **takes place in** \_\_\_\_\_ a large playground at midnight.

The Jellicle cats hold an annual gathering to choose the best cat. The chosen one can be reincarnated. So, every cat in the group strives to come on stage. They perform captivating singing and dancing vividly, in an attempt to be chosen. In the end, a cat named Grizabella, who has led a wandering life over the years, expresses her mixed emotions appealingly by singing the song *Memory*. She impresses all the cats eventually and finally becomes the chosen one.

Each cat in this musical has its own character. The cat I love best is Grizabella.

\_\_\_\_\_ **I am very impressed with** \_\_\_\_\_ her exquisite dancing and singing. The actress's impeccable performance has moved me deeply. \_\_\_\_\_ **To take** \_\_\_\_\_

the song *Memory* \_\_\_\_\_ **as an example** \_\_\_\_\_, I could feel the ups and downs in Grizabella's life just by listening to it: the pain she has been suffering all the years, her regrets over the time she has lost, and her longing for returning home. These mixed emotions are presented so naturally that they have struck a chord with me. It inspired me with the thought that time is invaluable and should not be idled away.



*Cats* is not only entertaining, but also filled with life philosophy. It says a lot about the human world, and gets the audience to think about how we should value our time.

\_\_\_\_\_ **If you ask me, I would say** \_\_\_\_\_  
it is a great musical that you should not miss!



## Unit 10

Natalie is preparing a debate speech for her school debate team on the motion 'Zoos should be banned'. Fill in the blanks with the phrases and sentences mentioned in P. 176-177 to complete the text.

Good morning \_\_\_\_\_ judges, principal, teachers and fellow students \_\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_ The motion of today is \_\_\_\_\_ 'Zoos should be banned'. A zoo is defined as \_\_\_\_\_ an enclosed area where different wild animals are kept so that people can go and look at them. Speaking on behalf of the affirmative team, I am for the motion because zoos are harmful to animals.

\_\_\_\_\_ Firstly \_\_\_\_\_, animals should not be taken away from their families in the wild to live in a foreign environment for the rest of their lives. Humans have no rights to deprive them of their freedom. Besides, the living conditions in the zoos are often terrible. Being kept in cages or other kinds of limited spaces, animals may develop mental and physical illnesses.

Secondly, zoos are built for exhibition and entertainment instead of animal protection. In many zoos, there are performances, in which the animals have to do whatever their trainers tell them. While audience are amused and impressed by the well-trained animals, they fail to see the fact that these animals have behaved so well simply because they wish not to be punished. \_\_\_\_\_ A recent study \_\_\_\_\_ on animal behaviour \_\_\_\_\_ shows that \_\_\_\_\_ more than 50% of animals in zoos develop mental issues as they have been mistreated or beaten by their trainers. Therefore, it is extremely cruel to use animals to provide entertainment and make profits.

Some people may claim that zoos play an important role in wildlife conservation, and they help some of the endangered species. However, the best way to save these animals is to protect their natural habitats in the first place. When wild animals are taken away from nature, their daily routines are severely disturbed, not to mention the fact that some animals cannot be bred in an artificial environment. Some zoos even pay a large sum to import rare animals with the aim of collecting and displaying something scarce and 'unique', which in turn encourages hunting. In this case, wouldn't it be hypocritical and naïve to claim that zoos are built to protect wildlife?

\_\_\_\_\_ To conclude \_\_\_\_\_, I think that zoos are doing more harm than good to animals. Therefore, zoos should be banned in our society, and today's motion must stand. Thank you!

