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READ ALONG



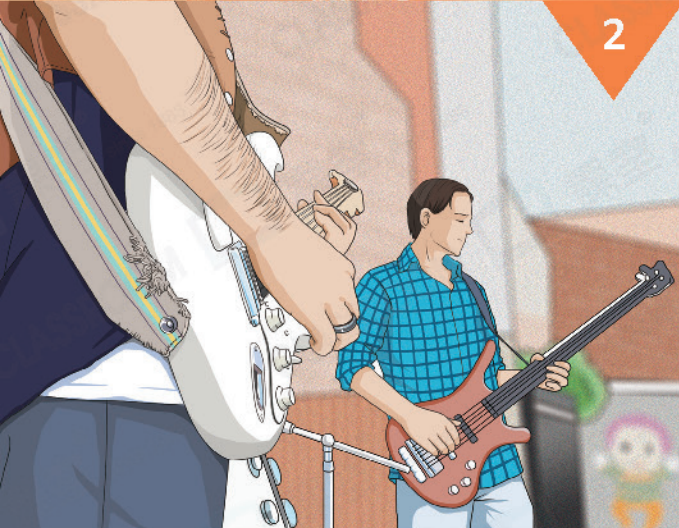
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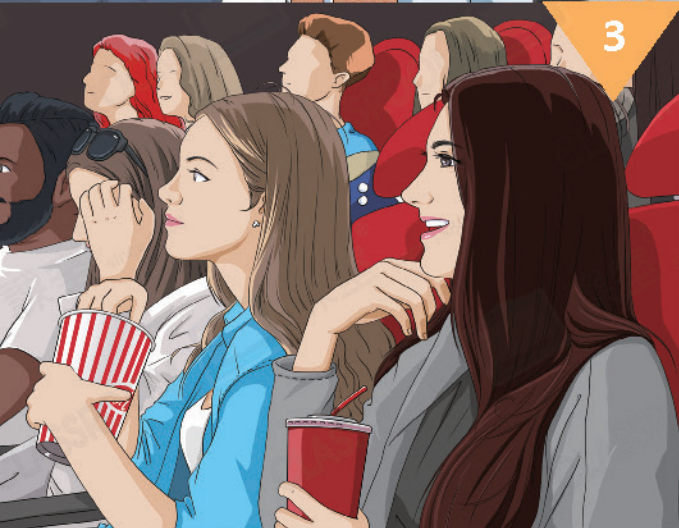
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MODULE 1 Entertainment and Showbiz

In this module, you will:

WATCH

videos about different forms of entertainment.

READ

about different forms of entertainment.

MASTER

the two targeted reading strategies:

1. Referencing
2. Detecting faulty information or misleading arguments

Pre-reading

A Look at the pictures. What do you see?

Write the numbers 1–4 to match the pictures with the forms of entertainment. Then, draw lines to match the forms of entertainment with where to see them.

_____ live streams	•	• on TV and streaming sites
_____ films	•	• on social media platforms
_____ game contests	•	• on the streets
_____ busking	•	• at cinemas

B Think and discuss the questions.

1. Which form of entertainment do you enjoy? Why?
2. How has the entertainment industry changed?



Referencing



What is referencing?

- words like *he*, *this* and *there* do not have meaning themselves; they refer to other parts of the text
- they may point back to other items in a text or—less commonly—point ahead to a later part of the text

What to note when identifying reference in the text?

- when a language unit (usually a pronoun) stands in for another unit (usually a noun or noun phrase), the two units must agree in number and meaning
- a figure of speech (e.g. heart) is used to refer to a particular concept (e.g. love), person or object

Let's look closer!

You now have an opportunity to travel to the Amazon rainforest to take part in a reality show called *Surviving in the Wild*. You have to venture into the forest and outlast other participants. Remember to act calmly and objectively. Every decision you make is critical.

There will be moments when you come across problems that you can't solve. However, there are some hidden Wi-Fi hotspots. When you find them, you can seek solutions online. Before long you'll be having so much **fun** and you'll be sharing **it** on your Instagram.

The noun preceding *it* is *fun*, which agrees with the pronoun in both number and meaning.

it: single pronoun → single reference

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DSE 2020 Part B2 Q55 Short answer

e.g. What does 'it' (line 6) refer to?

fun (content / experience)

Performers who need to memorise complicated lines is a complex subject. *Performers* itself is too general to be the answer.

Theatre actresses Katherine and Ellie used to write lines on their hands. They said, 'Actors who easily forget their lines might find this method useful. When we have long monologues or challenging scenes, we might feel nervous and panicky. It will not be a problem for performers who need to memorise complicated lines if **they** have key words written on their hands.'

they: plural pronoun → plural reference

DSE 2022 Part B1 Q31 Short answer

e.g. Who does 'they' (line 4) refer to?

performers who need to memorise complicated lines

The question word *Who* indicates that *they* refers to people instead of objects.

Let's practise!

I see improvised acting as an argument against the excessive attempts to act. As an actor, sometimes you put a lot of effort into character building and script interpretation. When you see actors go off-script, you may think that's unprofessional. It seems that they just think on their feet. However, it turns out this appeals to more audiences. They would consider your performances to be natural and are more likely to resonate with them.

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DSE 2019 Part A Q7 Short answer

- ① What does 'this' (line 4) refer to?

Before the actors landed their roles in the superhero universe, they were not yet household names. Tom worked in the theatre and Chris played small roles in Hollywood.

As two of the leading actors of an unprecedented box-office success, they got along well and became good friends because of their mutual interests in acting. Today, fans have come to love the contrast between their on-screen prickly relationship and their off-screen friendship.

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DSE 2018 Part B1 Q38 Short answer

- ② Who does 'they' (line 3) refer to?

Exam Booster

The film crew set up cameras at more than twenty locations, including one on the ceiling of the studio. Setting up so many cameras may seem like an overkill for a local small-scale film production, but doing so not only increases the efficiency of shooting, but also allows rich images. With more than twenty cameras, viewers can look forward to a visual feast.

DSE 2019 Part B1 Q37 Short answer

- ① What is the 'visual feast' (line 4)?

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Best reality competition shows

Level: 

Let's think!

1. What types of TV shows do you like?
2. Can you name some famous reality TV shows?

PLAYLIST



READ ALONG



Most unique game shows

1 Game shows are a type of TV show in which contestants compete for prizes. This kind of show has been around for a long time. Recently, there are various programmes that add a new twist to the classic game show format by introducing unique challenges or mixing different elements. The following three game shows on Netflix are very popular and worth watching.

1. *Is It Cake?*

2 *Is It Cake?* is a brand-new cooking competition show in which contestants have to bake a cake that resembles everyday objects such as a handbag,

a hamburger or even a sewing machine. In each episode, three contestants will compete by baking a cake which replicates the look of an object within eight hours. They will then present their creations next to the real objects to a panel of judges. Those who can fool the judges into thinking their cakes are the real objects win a cash prize.



3 The winner of each of the eight episodes will advance to the final. Unlike many other contest shows, the contestants support and complement one another, which gives this show a feel-good atmosphere. Moreover, they take time to explain how to achieve certain effects, so viewers can actually learn something from the show. It is no wonder that *Is It Cake?* is currently one of the most watched series of the platform.



2. *Floor Is Lava*

4 *Floor is Lava* is based on a classic children's game in which players would spread cushions, books, and other household items out on the ground. The contestants

Vocabulary

GLOSSARY



A. Complete the article below with the given words. Make sure your answers are grammatically correct.

advance (v.)

atmosphere (n.)

complement (v.)

culinary (adj.)

dynamic (adj.)

innovative (adj.)

stand out (phr. v.)

twist (n.)

vastly (adv.)

withstand (v.)

The transformation of game shows

In the most classic game shows, contestants try their best to win a prize. It can be winning a position at a Michelin restaurant with their (1) _____ skills in a cooking contest show. However, with so many game shows on TV or online platforms nowadays, it is more difficult for producers to create game shows that (2) _____ from the others.

Lately, producers are creating game shows with a different (3) _____ to the usual format. The new ones are more (4) _____ because they put less focus on the competition itself. These game shows can create a lively (5) _____ with the host's commentary and the chemistry among the contestants. How the contestants go from strangers to teammates, or even to companions is truly inspiring. When working as a team, they (6) _____ each other. When some of them cannot (7) _____ the pressure of the competition, other contestants encourage them. Seeing our favourite contestants (8) _____ to the next round, we feel so excited as if we were at the show.



Game shows are (9) _____ entertaining and often suitable to watch with our friends and family. Thanks to the creativity of the production teams, we now have more (10) _____ game shows to watch.

Words by Theme Self-assessment

Complete the article below with the given words from Units 1–4. Make sure your answers are grammatically correct.

amateur (*adj.*)busk (*v.*)contestant (*n.*)dynamic (*adj.*)elevated (*adj.*)monumental (*adj.*)opine (*v.*)overcome (*v.*)plight (*n.*)premises (*n.*)sensation (*n.*)stand out (*v.*)

All the world's a stage

'I'm truly grateful for all the love and support I've received as a new artist. I'm definitely not in a more (1) _____ position than other up-and-coming artists of this year. I will continue to work hard and (2) _____ obstacles in acting,' said Mike Cheng, the winner of the Best New Artist award this year.

Before Mike made his debut as an artist, he was a / an (3) _____ singer. He started out by (4) _____ in Tsim Sha Tsui. Two years ago, he participated in a talent competition called Hong Kong Idol. He showcased musical versatility throughout the competition. His (5) _____ performances always gave a / an (6) _____ to the audience and the panel of judges. In the end, he (7) _____ from over a hundred (8) _____ and won the competition. After that, he got a record deal with one of the biggest record labels.

Mike is already a popular singer today. Still, he sometimes busks on the street as he thinks his busking experiences have become the (9) _____ stepping stones to him. 'It is to remind myself not to forget about my passion for singing. Also, I would like to raise concern about the (10) _____ of street performers. Sometimes, they are blamed for the congestion on the streets. More (11) _____ should let buskers in to provide them a stage to show off their talents,' Mike (12) _____.



1 Common Question Formats 熱門題型

1.1 Proofreading 校對題

COMMON MISTAKES

✗ Put more ticks than the instruction asked. 考生填寫的剔號多於題目指引所需數目。

e.g. Instruction:

... In **two** of the lines, there is no mistake; put a tick (✓) in the Correction column.

題型參考: DSE 2022 Q11

Summary of a feature article about Hong Kong's illustration industry		Correction
(i)	Local illustrators <u>continue</u> to make profit because	struggle
(ii)	<u>painters</u> have easy access to free materials. People who know	readers
(iii)	how to publish works on a <u>publication</u> can call themselves	website
(iv)	illustrators. When many people talk about you on social media,	✓
(v)	you can become a traditional illustrator regardless of the quality	✓ (incorrect)
(e.g.)	of your works.	✓

Answers: (iv) ✓ (v) traditional famous

Even if candidates answer question (iv) correctly, no mark will be given for question (iv) as they put more than one tick.

即使考生答對了題目 (iv)，但若填寫的剔號超出所需數目，該題將不獲得分。

✗ Simply replace words with antonyms without understanding the context of the sentence. 沒有充分理解句意，僅直接用反義詞來取代題目的錯誤資訊。

e.g.

Summary of a feature article about Hong Kong's illustration industry		Correction
(i)	Local illustrators <u>continue</u> to make profit because	stop (incorrect)

Answer: (i) continue struggle

Instead of replacing 'continue' with its antonym 'stop', candidates should locate the relevant parts in the text—the illustration scene is struggling against the tide of free original or pirated content'. As 'the illustration scene is struggling', it means that 'illustrators' are still making a great effort to make profit. In other words, 'the free original or pirated content' are the challenges they are facing, and yet, they have not stopped making profit.

切勿用 'continue' 的反義詞 'stop' 作答。考生應在文中找相關內容 「插畫界正在努力抗衡免費原創或盜版內容的衝擊」。'The illustration scene is struggling' 意味著 'illustrators' (插畫家) 仍在努力賺錢。換言之，「免費的原創或盜版內容」是插畫家面對的挑戰，但他們並沒有因此而無法賺錢。

'Stop' is a wrong answer in terms of both meaning and grammar. 'Stop to make profit' (stop + to-infinitive) means 'stop one action and then begin to make profit', whose meaning is different from 'stop making profit' (stop + gerund).

若填寫 'stop'，則此處表達在意思和語法上皆不正確。'Stop to make profit' (stop + to-infinitive) 表示 '停止某事而後開始賺錢'，而 'stop making profit' (stop + gerund) 表示 '停止賺錢'。

ANSWERING TECHNIQUES 答題技巧

In four of the lines, there is ONE mistake. If you find a mistake, underline it and replace the word with one that expresses the correct idea. Write the word in the Correction column. Both grammar and spelling must be correct. In one of the lines, there is no mistake; put a tick (✓) in the Correction column. One has been done for you as an example.

題型參考：DSE 2020 Q14

Summary of an article on Tai Kwun		Correction
(e.g.)	The <u>final</u> exhibition held at Tai Kwun was chosen to promote	first
(i)	its new <u>private</u> role in the neighbourhood. It was staged at	public
(ii)	<u>all</u> locations around the whole construction. Named <i>100 Faces</i> ,	eight
(iii)	it told the stories of both well-known and ordinary individuals	✓
(iv)	whose lives had been <u>improved</u> by the prison and police station.	affected

Understand other possible ways of making corrections: 了解其他改正的方法：

- For each line, indicate where the missing word should be with an insert mark (^) and write the missing word in the Correction column.

Summary of an article on messiness		Correction
(i)	It is good to accept things ^ cannot be measured or organised.	that
(ii)	These usually make people anxious as they feel they have ^ control.	lost

- For each line, underline the extra word, write it in the Correction column and cross it out.

Summary of an article on messiness		Correction
(i)	Instead <u>of</u> , people like having everything planned.	of
(ii)	Such things have their benefits but the results are <u>not</u> hard to predict.	not

Steps:

1. Although the mistakes are usually about content rather than form (e.g. grammar or spelling), read the instruction and the given example carefully to see if any grammatical or spelling changes are needed.
雖然錯誤通常是關於內容而非語法或拼寫等格式方面的，但亦應仔細閱讀題目指引和例子，看是否需要改正語法或拼寫。
2. Scan the text for the key words of a specific line. Read the text to check what is different from the line.
作答某行時，在文中找出該行中的關鍵字，然後細心分析文章與該行的內容有何分別。

Module 1 Entertainment and Showbiz

Unit 1 Best reality competition shows

Vocabulary	Part of speech	Definition
advance	<i>verb</i>	to go or move something forward, or to develop or improve something
atmosphere	<i>noun</i>	the character, feeling, or mood of a place or situation
complement	<i>verb</i>	to make something else seem better or more attractive when combining with it
culinary	<i>adjective</i>	connected with cooking or kitchens
dynamic	<i>adjective</i>	having a lot of ideas and enthusiasm
innovative	<i>adjective</i>	using new methods or ideas
stand out	<i>phrasal verb</i>	to be much better than other similar things or people
twist	<i>noun</i>	a change in the way in which something happens
vastly	<i>adverb</i>	very much
withstand	<i>verb</i>	to be strong enough, without being changed or damaged by something powerful