



Visual Text
Comprehension
The Write Tribe



Visual Text Comprehension 5

Study this web page carefully and then answer questions 1 to 8.

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CHEER FOR 'CHER



Teachers' Day is coming and we would like to collect cheers for our very hardworking and dedicated teachers (or as you affectionately call them — 'Cher!). Write your tributes and email them to admin@hexagonpri.edu.sg. Our principal Mrs Lim will select and post the most meaningful tributes on our school website. She will also be reading out the three best entries to the whole school on Teachers' Day to encourage our teachers! Go ahead and give a shout-out to your favourite teachers. Your 'Chers certainly deserve a cheer!

If you need some inspiration, take a walk down memory lane and look at some of last year's submissions. But remember, these are merely for inspiration. We are sure your teachers have always told you not to copy the work of others!

Mdm Rosnah — My Teacher, My First Friend

I was transferred from another school at the start of the year. When I came to school, I had no friends. The first few days were unbearably lonely. I went for recess by myself, ate on my own and went home alone. I often wanted to cry, but somehow I managed to fight back my tears.

Mdm Rosnah was the first person to notice how lonely I was. She started spending time with me during recess and I would often bump into her in the mornings at the school gate. Those chats we had during recess helped me to feel better about coming to a new school. Since then, I have made many good friends, but I will always remember Mdm Rosnah's kindness. She will always be the first good friend I made at Hexagon Primary School!

Simone Templeton
P5-4



Mr Alfred de Cruz — The Maths Whiz

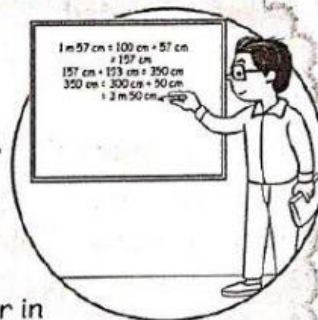
Mr de Cruz is a mathematical genius. He can solve any maths question in the world! If you have a maths question, he will be able to give you the answer in under five minutes.

But what I like best about Mr de Cruz is how he makes maths lessons so fun! I used to hate the subject when I was in Primary 1 and 2. But after he became my teacher in Primary 3, my favourite subject is now mathematics!

Mr de Cruz is very lively in class and he explains maths concepts very well. Whenever I attend his lessons, I would want to take a video to show my family and friends how great the lesson is!

I hope Mr de Cruz can be my maths teacher next year too! When I grow up, I want to be a maths teacher just like him. Then maybe we can teach together at Hexagon Primary School, helping all pupils to love Mathematics!

Jansen Lee
P3-3



Ms Sabrina Hooi — The One Who Goes the Extra Mile

More than a great teacher, Ms Hooi is a wonderful person. She cares about us so sincerely and deeply that it is impossible not to feel touched. My classmates and I are very fortunate to have her as our form teacher this year.

This is the year when we will be taking a major exam — the PSLE. Most of us feel very stressed. But on the first day of school, Ms Hooi assured us that she had designed a great study plan for us to follow, and that we should not worry.

Some of us have been diligently following Ms Hooi's plan, and we have gained confidence in our work week by week. She also creates extra worksheets to give us more practice.

Ms Hooi stays back after school every day to help some of us catch up with our work! She is truly an amazing teacher.

Fairuz Esal
P6-1



For each question from 1 to 8, four options are given. One of them is the correct answer. Make your choice (1, 2, 3 or 4) and write your answer in the brackets provided.



Identify Aim

- 1 What is the **main** aim of this web page?
- (1) to remind pupils that Teachers' Day is coming
 - (2) to warn pupils not to copy other people's work
 - (3) to encourage pupils to write something nice about their teachers
 - (4) to explain how Mdm Rosnah, Mr de Cruz and Ms Hooi are great teachers

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Supporting Information

- 2 How do we know that Simone did not like being alone during her first few days at Hexagon Primary School?
- (1) She often felt like crying.
 - (2) She was a pupil transferred from another school.
 - (3) She would eat as well as travel to and from school alone.
 - (4) She would often bump into Mdm Rosnah in the mornings.

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Opinion vs Fact

- 3 Which of the following is a fact and **not** an opinion?
- (1) Mr de Cruz makes maths lessons very fun.
 - (2) Mdm Rosnah is a kind and friendly teacher.
 - (3) Ms Hooi prepares extra worksheets for her pupils.
 - (4) All the teachers are very hardworking and dedicated.

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Contextual Clues

- 4 Which of the following tells us that Ms Hooi "goes the extra mile"?
- (1) She is truly an amazing teacher.
 - (2) More than a great teacher, Ms Hooi is a wonderful person.
 - (3) She stays back after school every day to help some of the pupils to catch up with their work!
 - (4) She cares about her pupils so sincerely and deeply that it is impossible not to feel touched.

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Purpose of Punctuation

- 5 Why is the word "Cher" in italics?
- (1) It sounds like the word "cheer".
 - (2) It is part of the title of the article.
 - (3) It is part of the website's design to make it look better.
 - (4) It is not a proper word, but an affectionate term that some pupils use.



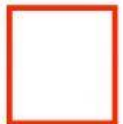
Explanation Answer

- 6 Why will the principal be reading the three best entries on Teachers' Day?
- (1) The teachers have requested that she do so.
 - (2) The teachers will be very busy on Teachers' Day.
 - (3) The principal hopes to encourage the teachers in her school.
 - (4) The principal wants to pay a tribute to her favourite teachers.



True vs False

- 7 According to the web page, which of the following is **not** true?
- (1) Fairuz Esal is no longer studying at Hexagon Primary School.
 - (2) Pupils can refer to the three examples for an idea of what to write.
 - (3) After writing their tributes, pupils should email them to the principal.
 - (4) Simone was not studying at Hexagon Primary School when she was in Primary 3.



Eye for Detail

- 8 Mr de Cruz had a great impact on Jansen's life because _____.
- (1) Jansen began to think of maths as his favourite subject although he had previously hated it.
 - (2) Mr de Cruz always prepared extra maths worksheets so that Jansen could improve.
 - (3) Jansen was able to take videos of Mr de Cruz teaching maths in class.
 - (4) Mr de Cruz was Jansen's first friend at Hexagon Primary School.



Visual Text Comprehension 6

Study this brochure carefully and then answer questions 1 to 8.

Dealing with Dengue!

Dengue fever may be caused by a really small insect — the mosquito — but it is a big problem. Every year, about 390 million people all over the world are infected by dengue. Of these, about 40 000 die from the disease. Singapore is a part of Southeast Asia, which is one of the hotspots for dengue fever in the world. That is why it is especially important for us to learn to deal with it.



Aedes mosquitoes can be identified by the white spots on their legs. Do note, however, that not all Aedes mosquitoes carry the dengue virus. This is how dengue spreads:

An infected Aedes mosquito bites a healthy human being and transmits the dengue virus to the person.

1



The infected person starts showing symptoms 4–7 days after getting bitten.

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An uninfected Aedes mosquito bites the infected person. Now the Aedes mosquito becomes infected too.

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5 This leads to a much bigger group of infected Aedes mosquitoes that is able to infect more healthy people with dengue fever.



4 An infected Aedes mosquito lays eggs, giving birth to more infected Aedes mosquitoes.

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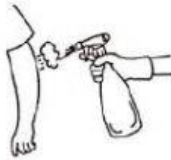


So this is what we know: A mosquito carries the virus from one human being to another. We also know that a mosquito cannot infect another mosquito unless it gives birth to it. Likewise, a human being also cannot infect another human being.

Knowing how the dengue virus is spread, what can we do to prevent the situation from getting worse? As with most viruses, prevention is always better than cure. Here are some steps we can take, at different levels:

Individual

Apply insect repellent regularly, especially when you go to areas that are prone to mosquito breeding, such as gardens and parks.



Wear clothes that cover more exposed areas, such as long sleeves and long pants. This helps to prevent mosquitoes from biting us.



Look out for dengue fever symptoms such as sudden and prolonged fever, vomiting, rashes and pain in joints. Seek medical help if dengue fever is suspected.



Community

Spray insecticide around the house, especially in dark corners.



Look out for areas at home where stagnant water can collect. Keep these areas dry. Mosquitoes find such areas very suitable for laying their eggs.



Look out for things in your neighbourhood, such as flower pots, where stagnant water may collect. Help to get rid of stagnant water. If they belong to your neighbours, ask them politely to remove the potential mosquito breeding ground.



Did you know?

Singapore has come up with a system to classify the level of dengue infections in neighbourhoods. Dengue clusters are defined as an area with 2 or more cases located within 150 metres of one another and the cases are identified within 14 days. The three dengue alert levels are:

Red: high-risk areas with 10 or more cases
Yellow: high-risk areas with fewer than 10 cases
Green: no new cases

There is an International Anti-dengue Day which falls on 15 June of each year. On this day, people around the world find out more about the dangers of dengue, as well as how it can be prevented and controlled. This very important Anti-dengue Day is responsible for raising awareness of the global fight against dengue.

For each question from 1 to 8, four options are given. One of them is the correct answer. Make your choice (1, 2, 3 or 4) and write your answer in the brackets provided.



Identify Aim

- 1 What is the **main** aim of this brochure?
- (1) to provide information on how to treat dengue fever
 - (2) to explain the importance and methods of preventing dengue fever
 - (3) to persuade the reader to visit a doctor when dengue fever is suspected
 - (4) to encourage the reader to visit his/her neighbours to fight the spread of dengue fever

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Purpose of Punctuation

- 2 Why is there an exclamation mark at the end of the title?
- (1) All titles should have exclamation marks.
 - (2) It emphasises that this is an important issue.
 - (3) It goes well with the two capital "D"s in the title.
 - (4) It promotes the methods of dealing with dengue in this article.

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Supporting Information

- 3 How do we know that dengue fever is a big problem?
- (1) Singapore has three levels of dengue infection levels.
 - (2) About 390 million people in the world have dengue fever now.
 - (3) An Aedes mosquito can infect a healthy person by biting him/her.
 - (4) About 40 000 people from all over the world die from dengue fever every year.

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Contextual Clue

- 4 What does "hotspots" in paragraph 1 refer to?
- (1) areas with more cases of dengue fever
 - (2) Aedes mosquitoes that have spots on them
 - (3) Aedes mosquitoes that have a high temperature
 - (4) areas where people get skin rashes when bitten by Aedes mosquitoes

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True vs False

- 5 According to the brochure, which of the following statements is true?
- (1) An Aedes mosquito may bite another mosquito and infect it.
 - (2) Not all Aedes mosquitoes may be infected with the dengue virus.
 - (3) A person infected with the dengue virus shows symptoms for 4–7 days.
 - (4) A person can get infected with dengue by touching the eggs of an Aedes mosquito.



Explanation Answer

- 6 Sundar is worried about the high dengue level in his neighbourhood because _____.
- (1) he does not see anyone applying insect repellent
 - (2) many people walk around in short sleeves and shorts
 - (3) he sees many trays of water lying around for stray cats
 - (4) he does not see medical help available around his neighbourhood.



Opinion vs Fact

- 7 Which of the following is an opinion and **not** a fact?
- (1) Likewise, a human being also cannot infect another human being.
 - (2) Aedes mosquitoes can be identified by the white spots on their legs.
 - (3) This very important Anti-dengue Day is responsible for raising awareness of the global fight against dengue.
 - (4) The attire (long sleeved-shirts and long pants) prevents mosquitoes from biting us.



Eye for Detail

- 8 There are 10 family members living in Jasmine's house, and they have all been infected with dengue fever at some point in time. Why is their neighbourhood not at the red level?
- (1) The infections that Jasmine's family got were not very serious.
 - (2) The level turns red only when there are more than 10 infections.
 - (3) Jasmine's family members did not get the infection at the same time.
 - (4) The infections need to happen within 150 metres, and Jasmine's family stays far apart.

