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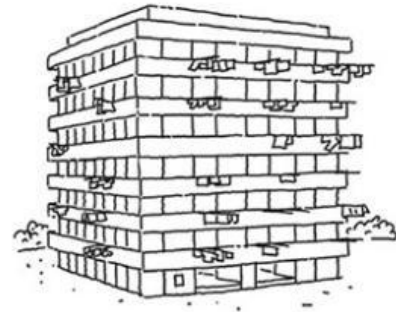


Read the description.

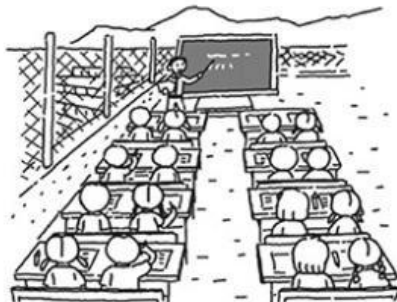
Hong Kong — Now and then

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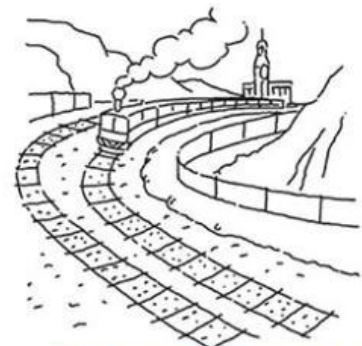
In the past, many people lived in buildings like this. There were seven floors with ten flats on each floor. The residents shared bathrooms and people used public toilets. Everybody walked up the stairs. Nowadays most people live in very tall buildings. The flats in these buildings have bedrooms, kitchens, bathrooms and living rooms. Fortunately, there are also lifts, because some buildings are 50 storeys tall!



A long time ago, children studied in schools like this. It was on the roof top of a building. Children of different classes studied and played together in one place. It was very hot in summer. Now children study in big schools. The schools have many facilities — covered playgrounds, indoor swimming pools, basketball courts and even climbing walls! There are computers and air-conditioning in the schools.



In the old days, there were no MTR trains but there was a railway. The steam trains were slow. In summer they were very hot and uncomfortable. The only way to cross the harbour was by ferry. Now there are electric MTR trains. They are fast and comfortable. People can cross the harbour by ferry, by car, by bus, by minibus or by MTR.



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B Read the description again. Write the correct headings in the boxes above the paragraphs.

Transport

Schools

Homes



C Answer the questions and blacken ● the circles.



How many floors were there? How many flats were there on each floor?

1 How many flats were there in the old building?

2 Find a word which means 'floors'.

3 Name one difference between schools in the past and schools now.

★ 4 Read the last sentence in the first paragraph. What does the writer mean?

- ☐ A. Buildings now are better.
- ☐ B. All flats with different rooms have lifts.
- ☐ C. It is good that buildings have lifts because walking up 50 storeys is not easy.
- ☐ D. Buildings with 50 storeys must have lifts.

★ 5 Which sentence about Hong Kong in the old days is NOT true?

- ☐ A. People shared the toilets with their neighbours.
- ☐ B. There weren't any lifts in the buildings.
- ☐ C. Everybody crossed the harbour by ferry.
- ☐ D. There weren't any trains.



Put a tick next to the options that are true. The one without a tick is the answer.



D Do you think life was better or worse in the past? Why? Write 2–3 sentences. Write about transport, schools or homes.
