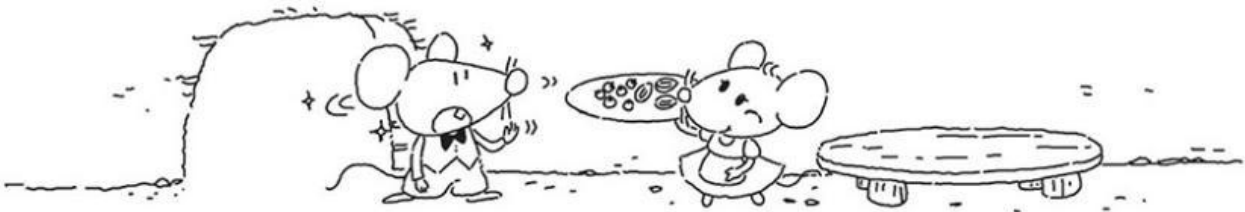


The town mouse and the country mouse

One summer, Tom the town mouse visited his cousin Kelly in the country.

'It's very quiet here,' said Tom. 'What do you like doing in your spare time?'
 'I'm very busy. I often look for food,' Kelly replied. 'Here, have some nuts. I picked
 them this morning.' 'No, thanks. I'm not hungry,' Tom said. 'Do you look for food
 5 every day?'



'Not every day,' answered Kelly, 'but I always look for food in the forest from
 Mondays to Fridays. I sometimes do karate on Saturdays and I like playing the
 flute on Sundays.' Tom yawned. 'I like doing exciting things. I like exploring new
 places. I don't like staying indoors,' he said. There was nothing to do at Kelly's
 10 house so the mice went to bed early.

The next morning Tom said, 'I have an idea! Let's go to my house in the
 town.' The mice climbed onto a farm lorry and soon arrived at a big town house.

'It's Friday today!' Tom said. 'The humans always have a big lunch on
 Fridays.' They ran into the dining room. There was a lot of yummy food on the
 15 table — roast chicken, fruit and bread. 'Wow! What a feast!' Kelly exclaimed.
 Suddenly a fat cat jumped out from behind the sofa. The mice were scared and
 ran away. They hid in a rubbish bin.



'It's dark and dirty in here! I don't like the town!' Kelly said. 'You have a lot of
 good food but it's a dangerous place!' she shouted. Kelly went home and never
 20 visited the town again.

Date: _____

**B** Read the story again and blacken ● the circles.

1 Read line 8: Tom yawned. How did he feel?



Read the sentences before and after.

☐ A. He was tired.☐ B. He was hungry.☐ C. He was excited.☐ D. He was bored.

2 What happened in the story? Arrange the sentences in the correct order.

① Tom went to the country.

② The mice went to the town.

③ Kelly returned to the country.

④ A fat cat scared the mice.

☐ A. ① → ③ → ④ → ②☐ B. ② → ① → ④ → ③☐ C. ① → ② → ④ → ③☐ D. ① → ② → ③ → ④

★ 3 Which of the following about the story is true?

☐ A. Tom lived in a big house in the country.☐ B. Kelly did not like the food in the town.☐ C. Tom liked doing outdoor activities.☐ D. Tom tried the food in the country.

You may not find the exact words in the story. Pay attention to the meaning.

**C** Answer the questions.

1 What did Kelly do on weekdays?

2 How did Tom and Kelly get to the town?

3 Why didn't Kelly visit the town again?

★ 4 What day did Tom visit Kelly?

What days of the week are 'weekdays'?



What did Tom say when he arrived at the town house? Where was he the day before?

**D** Imagine you are a mouse. Do you want to live in the town or the country? Why?

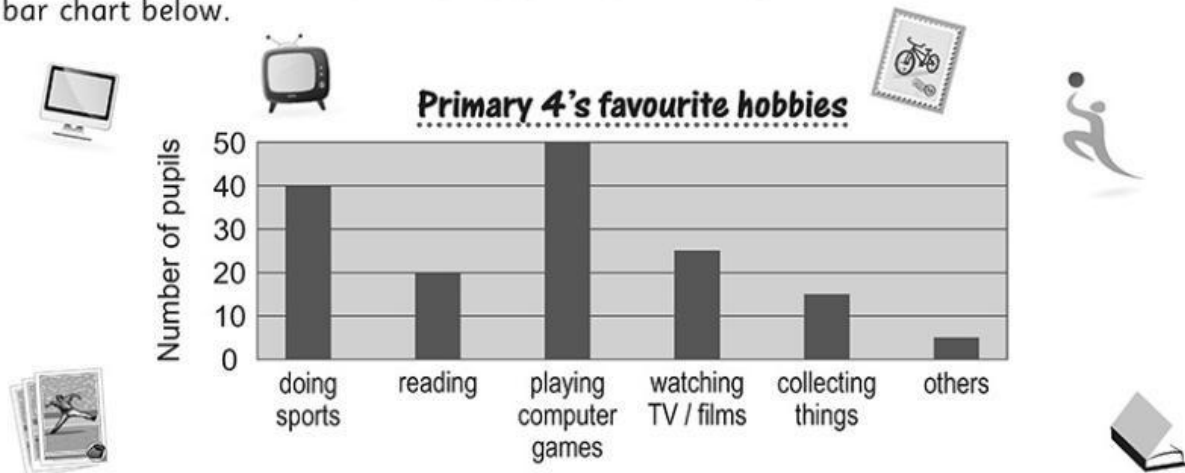
★ = more challenging question



A report on Primary 4's favourite hobbies

By Group 3, Class 4D

Last week Miss Lam told us to do a survey. Our group asked everyone in Primary 4 about the things they enjoy doing in their spare time. The results are in the bar chart below.



The most popular hobby is playing computer games. This is not a surprising result but we were surprised that a lot of pupils enjoy playing educational computer games. This means games that can help with schoolwork. This is good news for parents and teachers — we are not just shooting monsters and driving fast cars!

Doing sports is also important to pupils. Some pupils enjoy playing team sports such as volleyball or football because they enjoy working with other team members. Others like individual sports such as going swimming or ice-skating.

The other popular hobbies are watching TV or films, reading and collecting things. We like different things but we all agree that spare time is very important. We hope we can have more free time to enjoy doing things we like.



Date: _____

**B** Read the report again and answer the questions.

1 Who wrote this report? _____

2 How many children did the survey? _____

**C** Blacken ● the circles.

Add up the totals in the bar chart.

1 Which of the following is a kind of team sport?

☐ A. jogging☐ B. basketball☐ C. rollerblading☐ D. cycling

★ 2 Read the second paragraph. Which sentence is true?

☐ A. All pupils in Primary 4 enjoy playing computer games.☐ B. Parents and teachers enjoy playing computer games.☐ C. Pupils can improve their marks at school by playing computer games.☐ D. It is surprising that computer games are popular.

★ 3 What is the main idea of the last paragraph?

☐ A. Watching TV is very popular with Primary 4 pupils.☐ B. It is important to have different hobbies.☐ C. There are three kinds of popular hobbies for Primary 4 pupils.☐ D. Pupils should have enough free time to do their hobbies.**D** Where should these children's answers go? Write the letters in the boxes.

a = doing sports

b = reading

c = playing computer games

d = watching TV / films

e = collecting things

f = others

1 Kate : I often play tennis after school.

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2 Alice : I go to violin lessons on Saturdays. I enjoy them very much!

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3 Jim : I go to the library every weekend. Sometimes I buy magazines.

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4 Paul : I always exchange cards with my friends. Then I put them in my card book.

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