

Nicolas White got some thank-you cards last month. Look at the cards and answer the questions.

THANK YOU

Dear Nicolas,

We are so happy you joined us for Liam's first birthday. And thank you for the great presents for Liam. The blue vest keeps him warm during these cold days. And he loves his first toy car so much! I'm going to send you a cute picture of him playing with it.

Amber & David

Dear Mr. Nicolas White,

Every time I walk past the beautiful picture of the castle on my dining room wall, I remember the happy time of our trip there. You are good at history, and I had a great time listening to you tell the stories about the old castles.

Thank you!

Jamie Wing

Thank You

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Dear Mr. Nicolas White,

Thank you so much for helping us through the hard time. You helped us clean up our flooded house after the heavy rain. And you also brought us a hot dinner. We all enjoyed it after a tiring day. We're so lucky to have a neighbor like you.

Rex

Dear Nicolas,

Thank You

Thanks so much for the great time at your house-warming party yesterday evening. You are a great cook! We enjoyed the food. We also loved seeing your beautiful new home and sampling your mother's famous apple pie and chocolate cookies. Although I only had a bite of the pie, I'm quite sure it is the most delicious pie in our town. We all had a good time!

Josh

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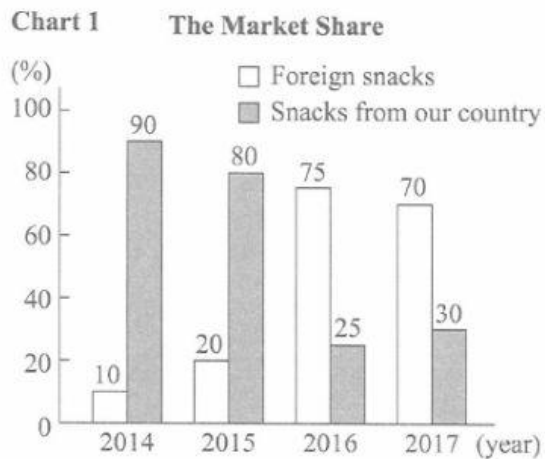
26. What does sampling mean in the reading?
- (A) Tasting a little.
 - (B) Making a change.
 - (C) Thinking about something.
 - (D) Eating lots of delicious food.

27. What do we know about Nicolas White from the cards?
- (A) His mother can paint very well.
 - (B) He joined Amber's birthday party.
 - (C) He held a house-warming party last month.
 - (D) It has been dry for a few months in his town.
28. Which is NOT true?
- (A) Rex lives near Nicolas.
 - (B) David's son Liam is ten years old.
 - (C) Jamie visited a castle with Nicolas.
 - (D) Nicolas invited Josh to his house for dinner.

Over the past two years, more and more people chose Haku as their snacks because of its low price and healthy ingredients. But the market share changed year by year.

In 2014, about 80% of the customers bought Yuki because of its beautiful color. However, in 2016, a news report said there was something wrong with the ingredients in Yuki. This surprised everyone. Supermarkets and stores stopped selling Yuki. Although later the makers changed the ingredients and made Yuki safe to eat, it did not win back all the customers' hearts. Some customers might still give Yuki a second chance, but Yuki could never be the top one again.

In 2017, the most popular star was Nimo. What's so special about it? In fact, there is nothing special. When people don't eat the food from our country, buying something from abroad may be their only pick. That's why Haku sells better and better though it is still less popular than Nimo.

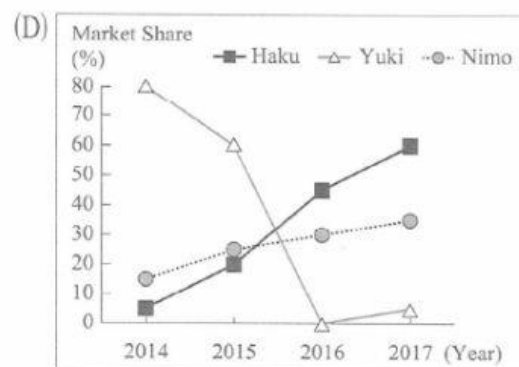
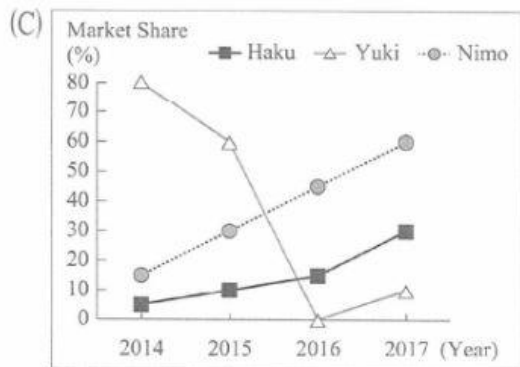
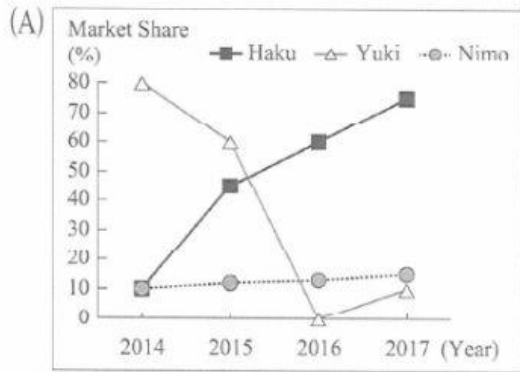


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29. Which of the following snacks may be the most popular in 2018?

- (A) Kumi. Its price is really low.
- (B) Lily. Its ingredients are good for kids.
- (C) Suki. Its smell is as wonderful as flowers.
- (D) Kobi. Its colors are as beautiful as butterflies.

30. Which may be right about the market share of the three snacks?



31. Which is true?

- (A) Most people like Yuki because of its low price.
- (B) The news report about the ingredients in Yuki was wrong.
- (C) Foreign snacks become more popular because of the low price.
- (D) Nimo becomes the top one snack just because it is from abroad.

(32-34)

Olivia Wu, Mar. 15, 2018

It's not even three full months into 2018 and there have been five kids missing in Heaven Town. Some people saw the missing kids go with strangers. They did not call the police because none of the kids called for help when they were taken away. It's not surprising that those people thought the strangers were their parents.

Fewer and fewer parents dared to let their children walk out by themselves. They tried everything they could to keep their children safe — walking their kids to school, asking teachers to send kids home after school, and even making kids stay home on weekends. However, these did not stop kids from being taken away.

People in Heaven Town also worry that this might stop people from visiting this beautiful town. Over the past ten years, many families spent their vacation here. They could enjoy delicious food and have fun at the beach at a low price. But will people still travel to this town after hearing the bad news?

“Who would visit Heaven Town if this terrible thing keeps happening?” said Mrs. Su, a shopkeeper. She is quite worried because fewer visitors mean less money. “Something needs to be done — for the kids and for our business.” To stop it from happening again, it is time to teach children how to keep themselves safe.

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32. Below are the writer's points in the reading:

- a. What parents do to keep their kids safe.
- b. Why people in Heaven Town are worried.
- c. The terrible news in Heaven Town.

In what order does the writer talk about her points?

- (A) a → b → c (B) c → a → b (C) c → b → a (D) a → c → b

33. Which idea might the writer agree with?

- (A) Businessmen should sell cheaper things.
- (B) People should start to move away from the town.
- (C) Parents should work together to catch the strangers.
- (D) Teachers should tell kids to stay away from strangers.

34. What can we learn from the reading?


- (A) The police already caught all the strangers.
- (B) Kids may not be able to have fun outside alone.
- (C) There are five kids missing over the past ten years.
- (D) People in Heaven Town didn't want to help the missing kids.

(35-38)

Dear All,

I am Peter Waterson. I've lived in Silver Pearl for over fifty years. Silver Pearl 35. once a small quiet fishing town. Thirty years ago, there were about five hundred people living here, and we had some small stores. There was a hill near the town; in spring, there were many beautiful purple flowers on the hill. My family loved taking a walk, watching the flowers or 36. a picnic there. Besides, the beaches at Silver Pearl were long and clean. My brother and I usually stayed there a whole day during summer, playing in the water or waiting for Dad to come back from fishing. Now everything is different in Silver Pearl. Several new roads were built, and they go straight to big cities. There is also a new train station in town. 37. The hill gets flat for their new tall apartments, and the purple flowers are gone. The traffic in the town gets heavy, and the nights in the town become noisy. The beaches are full of people every weekend, and sometimes they become dirty. I see fewer fish but more trash in the water. I don't like it. For me, 38. So let's stand up and do something. Come to my coffee shop "Shining Pearl" on Pearl Street at 7:00 this Saturday evening. Let's think and talk about how to make our town better.


Peter Waterson

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35. (A) is
(B) was
(C) will be
(D) was going to be
36. (A) had
(B) have
(C) having
(D) to have
37. (A) I never drive to work.
(B) Many people meet there.
(C) Students can come home early.
(D) A lot of people come and live here.
38. (A) playing water sports costs a lot
(B) Silver Pearl is not that beautiful now
(C) it is important to have nice neighbors
(D) living in a quiet, clean town is not easy

(39-41)

An old man in Tainan called his son in Taipei and said, "Jack, 39., but I have to tell you that your mother and I aren't going to stay together any longer. Fifty years is enough." "Dad, what are you talking about?" the son shouted at the other end. "Well, we're sick of seeing each other and can't stand each other even for one minute," the old man said. "I don't want to say any bad words about her, so you call your older sister in Taichung and tell her." The old man hung up. 40., so he quickly called his sister. "It looks like they're going to break up. Don't worry. I'll take care of this," she shouted on the phone. She called her father right after she hung up. "You are NOT going anywhere. Don't do anything silly before I get home. I'm calling Jack, and we'll both go back tomorrow to deal with this. Until then, don't do anything. 41." she told her dad worriedly. The old man hung up his phone and turned to his wife. "Okay," he said. "They're coming for Dragon Boat Festival. Now, let's think about what to tell them for Moon Festival."

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39. (A) I just gave your sister a call (B) your mother left a few days ago
(C) I don't want to make you feel bad (D) how's everything going over there
40. (A) The son said sorry to his mother
(B) The son was happy for his father
(C) The son wanted to surprise his sister
(D) The son was worried like having ants in his pants
41. (A) Do you hear me? (B) Stop talking to me!
(C) Seeing is believing. (D) I couldn't agree with you more.

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