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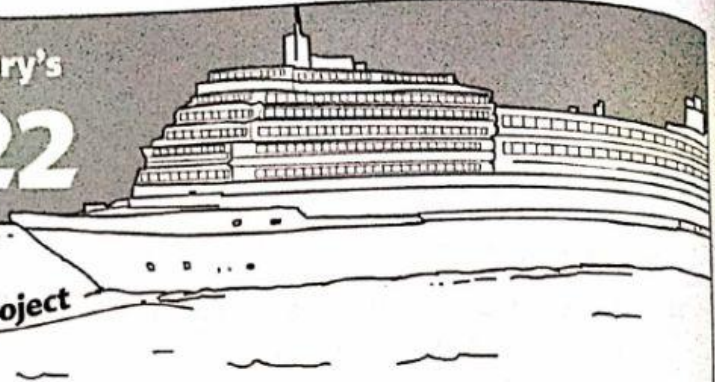


Visual Text Comprehension 11

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

Hill Valley Primary's **SHIP 2022**

School Home Improvement Project



The best kind of learning takes place when we feel comfortable. That is why at Hill Valley Primary, we want you to be comfortable — as comfortable as when you are at home. For the third year running, we are sailing the SHIP to improve your learning environment. Come on board this exciting project today!

Phase 1 — Ship In The Storm (SITS)

When great minds come together, great ideas abound. The first stage of the project is where you gather in groups to brainstorm ideas on how to improve the school's learning environment. Don't dismiss any of the ideas brought up; some of them may simply need some refining and polishing. Remember that the diamonds you see in jewellery stores were not glittering when they were first found! Have fun bouncing ideas off one another.



How to Participate

Form a group consisting of 3 to 5 members, and get the SITS entry form from the General Office. You can ask any staff member who is present to give you one.

Write and/or draw your fantastic idea on the SITS form. Remember to fill in the names and classes of your group members at the bottom of the form.

Look out for the "ship" in the General Office and drop your SITS form in it! Do this before Friday, 11 February.

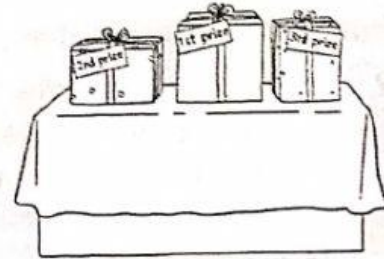
Phase 2 — Choosing Of The Ship (COTS)

People tend to flock to great ideas to support them. This is when your ideas are put to the test — the test of popularity. After we announce the top ten ideas (chosen by a team of teachers known as the SHIP committee), we invite all of you to vote for YOUR favourite idea. The top ten ideas will be posted on our school website (www.hillvalleyprimary.edu.sg) on Friday, 25 February. Your form teacher will be giving out voting slips for you to vote for your favourite idea, and collecting them in the week of 7–11 March. Be sure to cast your vote that week to help the school decide which projects to take on this year!

Voting Slip			
Idea no.	✓ your choice	Idea no.	✓ your choice
1		2	
3		4	
5		6	
7		8	
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Phase 3 — The Ship Sails (TSS)

Winners deserve a platform to shine. On our school's Founder's Day, the SHIP committee will announce the three most popular ideas. These will be the projects that Hill Valley Primary will undertake in 2022! The committee will explain to the whole school why these three ideas were chosen, as well as award prizes to the winning groups. This year, more than \$500 worth of prizes will be given out!



Let's see what some people have to say about the SHIP:

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The most rewarding part of winning the SHIP 2021 was to be able to see our idea of the indoor garden unfolding before our eyes. My group watched the construction of the garden every day, and now we spend a lot of time after school, doing our homework there. It's like a dream come true for us.”

Kandice Loh, one of the winners of SHIP 2021

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My favourite part of SHIP was Phase 2 — COTS. My classmates and I had so much fun discussing and comparing the ten finalists, especially when some of us were involved in those ideas. We had the opportunity to predict which three ideas would eventually win. It was great fun!”

Ryan Hazriq, P6 Compassion

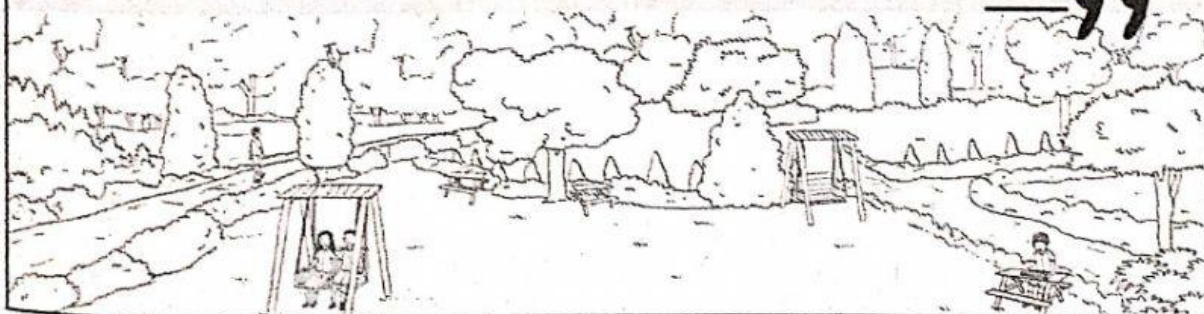
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I have worked with many teams and have seen many brilliant initiatives in my 12 years here as the principal, but the SHIP is the best.”

Ms Prema Menon, Principal of Hill Valley Primary School

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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.



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Identify Aim

- 1 What is the **main** aim of this brochure?
- (1) to explain to the pupils how to build a ship
 - (2) to tell the pupils to form groups to build a ship
 - (3) to get the pupils to think of ideas to help improve the school
 - (4) to encourage the pupils to spend more time in school than at home

Purpose of Punctuation

- 2 Why is Friday, 11 February underlined in Phase 1?
- (1) All dates in brochures have to be underlined.
 - (2) That is the deadline for the submission of ideas.
 - (3) That is the date when the "ship" will appear in the General Office.
 - (4) That is the date when the results will be posted on the school website.

Supporting Information

- 3 How do we know that the school is encouraging teamwork through this event?
- (1) The principal says that she has worked with many teams.
 - (2) Pupils have to form groups of three to five before submitting their ideas.
 - (3) Ryan Hezriq said he had a lot of fun discussing the results with his classmates.
 - (4) The brochure mentions that "People tend to flock to great ideas to support them."

Contextual Clues

- 4 In the principal's quote, what does "the best" refer to?
- (1) It refers to the best team that she has worked with.
 - (2) It refers to the best school she has been principal of.
 - (3) It refers to the best initiative she has seen in 12 years.
 - (4) It refers to her best year as principal of Hill Valley Primary.

True vs False

- 5 According to the brochure, which of the following is true?
- (1) This is not the first year that the school is organising SHIP.
 - (2) Kandice and her group helped to construct the indoor garden.
 - (3) The SITS entry form can be taken from the "ship" in the General Office.
 - (4) Pupils will be voting for the three ideas they like best during Phase 2 – COTS.
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Eye for Detail

- 6 Razali is very enthusiastic about the SHIP and will be participating in it with his classmates. What will he probably be doing on 23 February 2022?
- (1) Razali will be filling in the SITS entry form.
 - (2) Razali will be thinking of ideas with his group.
 - (3) Razali will be voting for his favourite idea out of the ten finalists.
 - (4) Razali will be hoping that his idea is selected to be one of the ten finalists.
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Opinion vs Fact

- 7 Which of the following is an opinion and **not** a fact?
- (1) When great minds come together, great ideas abound.
 - (2) Pupils should fill in their names at the bottom of the SITS form.
 - (3) This year, there will be more than \$500 worth of prizes to be given out.
 - (4) This is the first stage of the project, where you gather in groups to brainstorm ideas.
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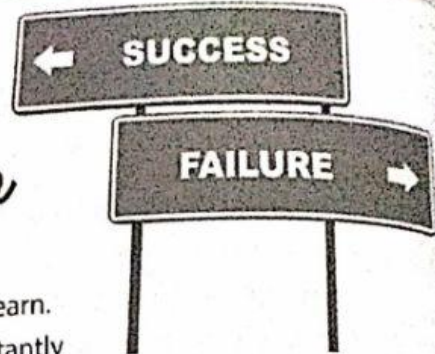
Explanation Answer

- 8 Why will the winning ideas be supported by both teachers and pupils?
- (1) Pupils will ask the teachers to vote for their ideas in Phase 1.
 - (2) Teachers will be giving out voting slips to all pupils in Phase 2.
 - (3) Teachers will be the judges in Phase 1 and pupils will be the judges in Phase 2.
 - (4) Ideas that come from teachers and pupils brainstorming together will win.
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Visual Text Comprehension 12

Study this article from a magazine carefully and then answer questions 1 to 8.

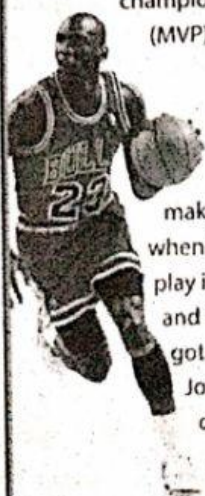
Learn to Fail — Don't Fail to Learn



Many people see failure as a terrible thing. It is not. In fact, it is a wonderful opportunity to grow and learn. Unfortunately, we live in a society where success is constantly demanded. Successful people are seen as heroes with "secrets of success" to share. Those who follow in their footsteps may also find success. But what happens when we follow their footsteps and still fail?

There is an ancient Chinese proverb that says "Failure is the mother of success". Another saying goes like this — "Failure is a stepping stone to success". Failure is something we should not avoid. In fact, it is something we should embrace because it will help us to succeed eventually. This seems to be completely different from what we have often been told. So what should we conclude? Maybe we should "ask" some of these famous people ...

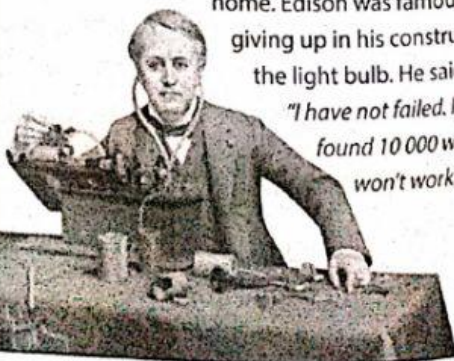
Great basketball player — Michael Jordan



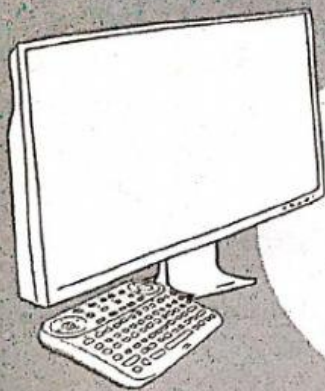
With six National Basketball Association (NBA) championships and five Most Valuable Player (MVP) awards, it is no wonder that if we google "greatest basketball player of all time", we will see the name "Michael Jordan". But not many people know that Michael did not make it into the main basketball team when he was in high school. He could only play in the junior team. But he persevered and kept practising every day, till he finally got selected for the main team. Michael Jordan said this — "I have failed over and over and over again in my life and that is why I succeed."

Great inventor — Thomas Edison

Thomas Edison held the world record of holding 1093 patents, which are documents that show one's ownership of the copyrights to a particular product or invention. Many people associate Thomas Edison with the light bulb, and he did indeed make the first electric light bulb that could be manufactured and used at



home. Edison was famous for never giving up in his construction of the light bulb. He said this — "I have not failed. I've just found 10 000 ways that won't work."



In Sweden, there is a place known as the Museum of Failure! This is where failed products and services from all over the world are exhibited. The main objective is to highlight the importance of failure in the process of innovation. The museum hopes to encourage visitors to become better at learning from their failures.



How Should We Handle Failure?

ACCEPT

The first step in successfully handling failure is to come to terms with it and not deny or avoid it. This includes acknowledging how you feel as a result of the failure.

DIFFERENTIATE

Understand that this is simply an episode in your life. No matter how big it is, the failure does not determine or define who you are.

LEARN

This is a golden opportunity for you to learn from the experience. Reflect on what went wrong and see if anything can be done better the next time.

CONTINUE

Do not allow the failure to stop you. It may be difficult, but it is also crucial that you pull yourself together and apply the lessons learnt. The only way to do so is to try again.



“ Try and fail, but don't fail to try.
- John Quincy Adams ”

“ Experience is the teacher of all things.
- Julius Caesar ”

“ Failure is only the opportunity to more intelligently begin again.
- Henry Ford ”

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 article?
- (1) to explain the dangers of failure
 - (2) to describe some famous people in history
 - (3) to encourage the reader to deal with failure positively
 - (4) to provide advice on how the reader can keep trying to fail

Explanation Answer

- 2 The article mentions that we should accept failure. What does "accept our failure" mean?
- (1) It means to deny that we have failed.
 - (2) It means to admit that we have failed.
 - (3) It means to understand that failures do not define us.
 - (4) It means to think about what went wrong and try to improve ourselves.

Contextual Clues

- 3 A patent is something that _____.
- (1) will give us a world record
 - (2) made the light bulb work for Thomas Edison
 - (3) will help us to copy a particular product or invention
 - (4) makes us the copyright owner of a particular product or invention

Opinion vs Fact

- 4 Which of the following statements from the article is an opinion and **not** a fact?
- (1) Failure is the mother of success.
 - (2) In Sweden, there is a place known as the Museum of Failure!
 - (3) Thomas Edison held the world record of holding 1 093 patents.
 - (4) Michael did not make it into the main basketball team when he was in high school.

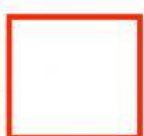
purpose of Punctuation

- 5 In the 2nd paragraph, why is the word "ask" in inverted commas?
- (1) The word "maybe" tells us that this is just a suggestion.
 - (2) There is a question mark that occurs before the word "ask".
 - (3) All quotations by famous people should be in inverted commas.
 - (4) The meaning of "ask" in the sentence is not literal, as we cannot actually speak to these famous people.
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Supporting Information

- 6 How do we know that the article encourages us to deal with our feelings when we fail?
- (1) It says we should reflect on what went wrong.
 - (2) It says that it is the courage to continue that counts.
 - (3) It says to acknowledge the feelings that come as a result of our failure.
 - (4) It says that we should understand that failure is simply an episode in our life.
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True vs False

- 7 According to the article, which of the following is **true**?
- (1) A failure will define us only if it is extremely big.
 - (2) Thomas Edison tested 10 000 different light bulbs that did not work.
 - (3) Michael Jordan is considered by many to be the greatest basketball player.
 - (4) The Museum of Failure's main aim is to boast about fantastic failures from around the world.
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Eye for Detail

- 8 Whose quote in the article tells us that the person's eventual success is due to his failures in the past?
- (1) Henry Ford
 - (2) Julius Caesar
 - (3) Michael Jordan
 - (4) John Quincy Adams
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