

Lesson 1: Reading

Read articles from websites or social media. *Real-Life Adaptation*

Practice A

(L.S. 3.1.1)

SPM-Oriented Part 4: Gapped Text

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You are going to read a blog post. Six sentences have been removed from the article. Choose from the sentences A to H the one which fits each gap (1 to 6). There are two extra sentences which you do not need to use.

The Adventure of Household Duties

Household duties. An endless cycle of cleaning, scrubbing, and organising. (1) ☐ As far as I know, it is going to be an adventurous day.

Firstly, taking a deep breath and a cup of hot coffee in hand is a must. (2) ☐ But don't worry, I have the determination and a strong laundry basket. Slowly, I separate the whites and coloured clothes, dividing them for better work. Without wasting any time, I throw them into the washing machine. Moments later, a buzzing noise of my washing machine fills the room, and I am eager to get my clean clothes back for the day.

(3) ☐ Thankfully, I am a superhero in dusting away the dirt in my house, with the help of my trustworthy duster. Besides, it is satisfying to see the dust go, revealing the hidden beauty of furniture and decor. After a while, I pat myself in the back and make my way to face my next enemy—the kitchen.

The kitchen, the beating heart of my home. It's a culinary battleground, yet revealing the unclean dishes and pots after the war. (4) ☐ In an instance, I wash away any remains of previous dinner, dish by plate, glass by glass. Wash, rinse, and repeat. Wash, rinse, and repeat. Nearing the end, the stacks shrink, I know that my kitchen will be in order in no time.

It is now time to confront my last-standing enemy, the bathroom. (5) ☐ As I armed myself with a plunger, a scour brush, and a collection of cleaning tools, the toilet, sink, and bathtub are all becoming targets for my cleaning spree. Next, I rub away the dirt, one tough spot at a time, with gloves on and resolve in my eyes. (6) ☐

At last, the war is now over, but I know I am going to meet the same enemies again in a few days.

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| A The aroma of disinfection runs through the air. | E The hot water pours over my hands. |
| B Shirts, socks, and jeans—the enormity of it all! | F Eventually, I look at the pile of dirty dishes and a mountain of clothes. |
| C In a short while, I jump straight into the mess, armed only with a sponge and a detergent. | G I'm ready to take on the dirt and grime that lurk within. |
| D The towering pile of laundry looks back at me, mocking my attempts at peace. | H Secondly, it's time to deal with the dust. |