



# *In Focus* 英語閱讀 活用五大關鍵技巧

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# Introduction 簡介

本套書依程度共分四冊，專為初中級讀者編寫。每冊包含50篇閱讀文章、30餘種文體與題材。各冊分級主要針對文章字數多寡、字級難易度、文法深淺、句子長度來區分。生活化的主題配合多元化的體裁，讓讀者透過教材，體驗豐富多樣的語言學習經驗，提昇學習興趣，增進學習效果。

字數 (每篇)	國中 1200 單字 (每篇)	國中 1201- 2000 單字 (每篇)	高中 7000 (3, 4, 5 級) (每篇)	文法程度	句子長度
Book 1 120-150	93%	7 字	3 字	(國一) first year	15 字
Book 2 150-180	86%	15 字	6 字	(國二) second year	18 字
Book 3 180-210	82%	30 字	7 字	(國三) third year	25 字
Book 4 210-250	75%	50 字	12 字	(國三進階) advanced	28 字

## 本書架構

### 閱讀文章

本套書涵蓋豐富且多元的主題與體裁。文章形式廣泛蒐羅各類生活中常見的實用體裁，包含短文、歌詞、對話、電子郵件、書序、明信片、日記、卡片、訪談等三十餘種，以日常相關的生活經驗為重點編寫設計，幫助加強基礎閱讀能力，提升基本英語溝通能力，為基礎生活英語紮根。

收錄大量題材有趣、多元且生活化的短文，範圍囊括青少年生活、家庭、教育、娛樂、健康、節慶、動物、藝術、文學、科學、文化、旅遊等三十餘種，主題多元化且貼近生活經驗，可激起學生學習興趣，協助學生理解不同領域知識。



## 閱讀測驗

每篇短文後，皆接有五題閱讀理解選擇題，評量學生對文章的理解程度。閱讀測驗所訓練學生的閱讀技巧包括：

文章中心思想  
(Main Idea) /  
主題 (Subject Matter)

支持性細節  
(Supporting Details)

從上下文猜測字義  
(Words in Context)

文意推論  
(Making Inferences)

看懂影像圖表  
(Visualizing  
Comprehension)

### 文章中心思想 (Main Idea)

閱讀文章時，讀者可以試著問自己：「作者想要傳達什麼訊息？」透過審視理解的方式，檢視自己是否了解文章意義。

### 文章主題 (Subject Matter)

這類問題幫助讀者專注在所閱讀的文章中，在閱讀文章前幾行後，讀者應該問自己：「這篇文章是關於什麼？」這麼做能幫助你立刻集中注意力，快速理解文章內容，進而掌握整篇文章脈絡。





## 支持性細節 ( Supporting Details )

每篇文章都是由細節組成來支持主題句。「支持性細節」包括範例、說明、敘述、定義、比較、對比和比喻。

## 從上下文猜測字義 ( Words in Context )

由上下文猜生字意義，是英文閱讀中一項很重要的策略。弄錯關鍵字詞的意思會導致誤解作者想要傳達的觀點。

## 文意推論 ( Making Inferences )

推論性的問題會要讀者歸納文章中已有的資訊，來思考、推理，並且將線索連結起來，推論可能的事實，這種問題的目的是訓練讀者的批判性思考和邏輯性。

## 看懂影像圖表 ( Visualizing Comprehension )

這類問題考驗讀者理解視覺資料的能力，包括表格、圖片、地圖等，或是索引、字典，學會運用這些圖像資料能增進你對文章的整體理解。



# How Do I Use This Book? 使用導覽

**1 The Unluckiest Guy in the World**


lucky

I must be the **unluckiest** guy in the world. I sat next to Julie for a whole month at the start of the semester. Every day I had a chance to say something. I would ask if she could help me with a question, or maybe to borrow a pen. She didn't say much back to me, but I would get to see that stunning smile of hers.

Of course, that all changed in the **blink of an eye**. Jimmy couldn't keep quiet during class, so the teacher made us switch seats. Just like that, he was up front and I was trapped in the back row.

That's okay, I thought. I'll just play the waiting game. I planned to ask Julie to add me on Facebook before the summer break. But then she was absent for the entire final week of class.

Where did she go? I'm still not sure. All I know is it's going to be a long summer.



**10 Welcome to the Sunnyside Dog Park!**

To enjoy the dog park fully, please pay close attention to the following rules.

- Do remove your dog's collar on entering the park. Collars get caught on fences and can cause injuries or choking.
- Do clean up after your dog. We want the dog park to be a clean environment for both dogs and people to play in!
- Do exercise your dog well before entering the dog park. Though the park is a great place for dogs to let off some steam, dogs with too much energy to start with often cause trouble!

**Questions**

- What can you learn from the notice?
  - What time is best to visit the dog park.
  - How much you have to pay to use the dog park.
  - How to behave in the dog park.
  - Why it's good to take your dog to the dog park.
- Which of the following should you do before entering the dog park?
  - Wash your dog.
  - Feed your dog.
  - Put a collar on your dog.
  - Exercise your dog.




**16 The World's Most-Visited Cities**

Paris, known as the "City of Love," is a place filled with the joy of life. It's home to the Louvre, which holds some of the greatest works of art ever made. There's also the Eiffel Tower, one of the most famous landmarks in the world. And Paris has some of the greatest restaurants and clothes shops in the world, too.

It's a city of old churches, pretty cafes, interesting little streets, and beautiful buildings. It's a city of painters and poets, philosophers and food lovers. But perhaps most of all, Paris is a city of tourists! In 2014 over 15 million people visited the French city, making it the third-most-visited city in the world.

In fact, there are many cities in which you might see more tourists than locals, especially during high season. See the graph on the next page for a list of the world's most popular cities.



## 主題多元化

題材有趣且多元，貼近日常生活經驗，包含青少年生活、教育、娛樂、科學、藝術與文學等，激發學生學習興趣，協助學生理解不同領域知識。


**24 A Christmas Card**

Dear Uncle Frank and Aunt Joan,

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

I can't believe that it's already been a year since we celebrated the holidays together. The weather here has been freezing and we missed the 40 centimeters of snow on the ground. We plan on snowboarding out to the forest this afternoon to cut down a tree. Of course the kids can't wait to decorate it! I've been keeping busy in the kitchen baking traditional Christmas treats and preparing the beef food bank. It's a busy time of year as donations of **cooked items come pouring in**. This time of year always brings out the generosity in people. We will deliver boxes of food to families with low incomes around the area a few days before Christmas. We hope you are all well and that you have a peaceful and playful holiday. Perhaps next year we will be able to fly away from the cold temperatures here and spend the holidays with you by the beach!

With love,  
Jimmy, Paul, and the kids




**26 Finding the Road to Happiness**

Growing up, it can be hard to imagine doing something different. Our parents give us goals, we work hard, and before long we're on the road to success. But does that road always lead to happiness?

In my case it did not. I studied law in university and got behind by a big fine right out of school. At 26 years old I had my own office, and it seemed my future was set in stone. But something about it didn't feel right. I couldn't stop thinking about how my best years were being wasted while I sat there chained to a desk. Practicing law just wasn't for me.

So I did what most wouldn't dare—I walked away from my job, sold my apartment, and started traveling. I had always wanted to see the world, and this was my big chance. I started writing a blog about my adventures through Africa, Asia, and South America. Now I make a living by teaching and writing.

I might not be rich, but I'm successful beyond my wildest dreams.



## 體裁多樣化

廣納生活中常見的實用體裁，包含短文、歌詞、對話、電子郵件、書序、明信片、日記、卡片、訪談等，以日常相關生活經驗設計編寫，為基礎生活英語紮根。

**48 Little Taipei**

Review—  
**Little Taipei**  
By Jeremy Cook

Little Taipei is a small, newly opened restaurant in downtown East City. Don't be fooled by the plain whitewashed walls and cold metal tables and chairs. The food here is warm, exciting, and very, very delicious.


Opened by Gary Lin last October, Little Taipei is East City's first restaurant serving real Taiwanese food.

Dishes like minced pork rice, Taiwanese meatballs, the oyster omelet, and the very popular *xiaolongbao* (steamed soup dumplings) are packed full of taste and character.

You won't find all of Taiwan's famous dishes here, however.

**Questions**

- What is the writer doing in the article?
  - Saying what he loves about Taiwanese food.
  - Saying what he thinks about a Taiwanese restaurant.
  - Teaching people how to cook Taiwanese dishes.
  - Giving people tips on how to open a Taiwanese restaurant.
- Why doesn't Little Taipei serve stinky tofu?
  - The owner doesn't like the taste of that dish.
  - Tofu is too expensive to buy.
  - The owner doesn't think locals would enjoy it.
  - It was so popular that it's all sold out.



Drink water before eating.

Drink water before taking a bath.

Drink water before and after exercise.

Drink water before you go to sleep.

**Questions**

1. What's the main idea of this article?
  - a. Water is good for your health.
  - b. You should drink water at certain times.
  - c. Always drink water before a bath.
  - d. Water can help clean your blood.
2. Which of the following is not a good time to drink water according to the article?
  - a. Before bed.
  - b. After waking up.
  - c. Before going to work.
  - d. Before and after exercise.
3. What does "this" mean?
  - a. Getting a bit of exercise.
  - b. Drinking water before exercise.
  - c. Eating less.
  - d. Drinking water before a bath.
4. Which of the following is likely true?
  - a. Drinking water can cause high blood pressure.
  - b. People who shower shouldn't drink water.
  - c. Doctors say to drink eight glasses of water a day.
  - d. You should never drink water after a meal.
5. Which of the following is likely true about exercise?
  - a. It damages the liver.
  - b. It activates your internal organs.
  - c. It cools up water.
  - d. It should only be done at night.

The Seven Coloured Earths.

So can I visit there? Or is it off limits?

You, you can visit. In fact it's one of Mauritius's most popular tourist spots. Try to get there around sunrise. That's when the colors appear brightest.

How do I get there?

It's about an hour's drive from the capital, Port Louis. But you could also join a bus tour: there are lots of them!

**Questions**

1. What might be another good title for the article?
  - a. The Seven Coloured Earths: Where It Is and How to Get There
  - b. The Strange Case of the Seven Coloured Earths
  - c. Everything You Wanted to Know about the Seven Coloured Earths
  - d. Mauritius—The World's Most Colorful Island
2. Which of these isn't one of the colors of the Seven Coloured Earths?
  - a. Red.
  - b. Silver.
  - c. Yellow.
  - d. Blue.
3. If somewhere is "off limits," what does that mean?
  - a. It's open to the public.
  - b. No one knows where it is.
  - c. You have to pay to get in.
  - d. You're not allowed to go there.
4. When is probably the most popular time to visit the Seven Coloured Earths?
  - a. At midday.
  - b. Just before dark.
  - c. In the morning.
  - d. At midnight.
5. Which of these pictures shows "twirls and patches"?
  - a.
  - b.
  - c.
  - d.

la!

Questions

international business

1. What is this article saying?
  - a. English is the most important language to learn.
  - b. Speaking Mandarin is more important than speaking English.
  - c. Mandarin and English are important international business languages.
  - d. Most business around the world is done in Mandarin.
2. Which of the following statements is true?
  - a. Most Eastern companies have their products made in North America.
  - b. Not many people try to learn how to speak Mandarin.
  - c. The English writing system is the easiest writing system to learn.
  - d. A large number of people speak English as a second language.
3. What does "It has become a huge plus" mean in the reading?
  - a. Being able to speak Mandarin is very difficult for Westerners.
  - b. Those who speak Mandarin usually make more money.
  - c. For those seeking jobs, being able to speak Mandarin is a big advantage.
  - d. These days, most companies ask employees to learn to speak Mandarin.
4. Why might people who speak Mandarin as a first language have an advantage over those with English as a first language?
  - a. Learning to write in English is easier than learning to write in Mandarin.
  - b. There is more business done in the East than in the West.
  - c. More people speak Mandarin as a second language than any other language.
  - d. There are more Mandarin speakers in the world than English speakers.
5. What does "an increasing number" mean in the reading?
  - a. More and more.
  - b. Not as many.
  - c. An equal number.
  - d. Fewer and fewer.

## 閱讀技巧練習題

左頁文章、右頁測驗的設計方式，短文後皆接有五題閱讀理解選擇題，評量學生對文章的理解程度，訓練五大閱讀技巧。

# 18 The Seven Coloured Earths

Q: Seven Coloured Earths? What's that?

A: The Seven Coloured Earths is a special place on the small island of Mauritius.

Q: What's so special about it?

A: The earth there is not like the earth in most other places, brown or black. It's multicolored!

Q: Wow! What colors?

A: Red, brown, violet, green, blue, purple, and yellow.

Q: Don't the colors all mix together? How can you tell them apart?

A: That's the cool thing. Each of the colors naturally groups together and appears in beautiful **swirls and patches**. It's quite a sight!

Q: How does that happen?

A: You know what? Nobody really knows! Also, the earth never wears away, even though the area gets some very heavy rain. Strange, right?

Each movie is different. Some are big science fiction pictures, which take place in space or have lots of crazy-looking monsters. These movies will probably spend large parts of their budgets on special effects. Other types of movies, like dramas, will have much smaller budgets and will spend much more on the actors than on special effects. Here you can see the budget breakdown for the movie *Unbreakable*, starring Bruce Willis. It had a total budget of \$74,243,106.

### Unbreakable Budget Breakdown

Category	Amount	Percentage
Other Production	\$1,942,501	2.6%
Special Effects	\$10,000,000	13.5%
Music	\$25,474	0.03%
Transportation	\$100,000	0.1%
Costume Design	\$34,368	0.05%
Production Office	\$1,300,000	1.7%
Post-Production	\$20,000,000	27%
Marketing	\$6,000,000	8%
Production Office	\$1,896,248	2.6%
Transportation	\$1,041,746	1.4%
Special Effects	\$1,000,000	1.3%
Music	\$1,300,000	1.7%

4. Bruce Willis was the lead actor in the movie *Unbreakable*. How much did he get paid?
  - a. Twenty million dollars.
  - b. Nine and a half million dollars.
  - c. Five million dollars.
  - d. Seventy-four million dollars.
5. About how much of the movie's budget was spent on music?
  - a. Thirteen percent.
  - b. Thirty-one percent.
  - c. Seven percent.
  - d. Three percent.

## 31 Fort Bragg's Glass Beach

Fort Bragg • Glass Beach

There are three beautiful and unique beaches to visit.

**Fort Bragg's Glass Beach**

Welcome to Fort Bragg, California, home of the Glass Beach!

There are three beautiful and unique beaches to visit.

**History**

From the early to the late 1960's, citizens of the coastal town of Fort Bragg didn't have a good place to throw away their garbage. Their solution was to throw all their waste over nearby cliffs. For over half a century, appliances, car parts, bottles, and other unwanted items were thrown into the ocean. Most of the garbage was washed up by the waves, but the glass remained.

Over the years, Mother Nature's turned the broken pieces of glass into smooth sea glass in many different shapes and colors.

**Activities**

**Treasure Hunt!** Search for different colors of sea glass and see how many you can find. Blue colors are most often the glass of car signals and dark blue (from medicine bottles).

**Picnic** Enjoy a packed lunch sitting on the rocks and cliffs on Beach #3, the most northern beach. *Quartz* is prohibited from taking sea glass from the beach.

## 豐富多彩的圖表

運用大量彩色圖表與圖解，搭配文章輕鬆學習，以視覺輔助記憶，學習成效加倍。

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## The Unluckiest Guy in the World

>> lucky



I must be **the unluckiest guy in the world**. I sat next to Julie for a whole month at the start of the semester. Every day I had a chance to say something. I would ask if she could help me with a question, or maybe to borrow a pen. She didn't say much back to me, but I would get to see that stunning smile of hers.

Of course, that all changed in **the blink of an eye**. Jimmy couldn't keep quiet during class, so the teacher made us switch seats. Just like that, he was up front and I was trapped in the back row.

That's okay, I thought. I'll just play the waiting game. I planned to ask Julie to add me on Facebook before the summer break. But then she was absent for the entire final week of class.

Where did she go? I'm still not sure. All I know is it's going to be a long summer.



absent



borrow



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The Unluckiest Guy in the World

## Questions

1. What is this reading about?  
a. A girl.                      b. A seat.                      c. A day.                      d. A class.
2. Which of the following is a reason why the writer is “**the unluckiest guy in the world**”?  
a. He’s at home for summer.                      b. He switched seats in class.  
c. He uses Facebook.                      d. He’s friends with Jimmy.
3. What does “**the blink of an eye**” mean?  
a. A serious eye problem.                      b. A season.  
c. A short amount of time.                      d. An important exam.
4. Where does Julie sit in class?  
a. The back row.                      b. The front row.  
c. The middle.                      d. Beside the teacher.
5. Why was Jimmy likely moved?  
a. He couldn’t hear the teacher.  
b. He liked to talk a lot.  
c. The class was too difficult for him.  
d. He was the class president.

# 2 Postcards From Taiwan



Dear Becky,

Taiwan is even cooler than I imagined. The people are friendly, the landscapes are beautiful, and the desserts are **to die for**.

Do you remember how I was so nervous about riding a bicycle? Well, that was silly. Lots of people ride their bikes around Taiwan. They call it a “huandao” here. The word means “around the island.” There are great facilities on the road, too. It’s easy to find a place to fix your bike or buy a cup of coffee. You can even spend the night in a temple **if that’s your thing**.

My favorite thing about Taiwan so far is the convenience stores. This has got to be the most convenient country on Earth. There is a store on almost every corner, and they all sell these little rice triangles. They're such great snacks after a long day of riding.

I know you should be here with me and can’t control what happened. But don’t worry: I’ll just come back with you and do it again next year!

Yours,

Linda



⤴ convenience store



⤴ rice triangles



✦ Chinese temple in Taiwan



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Postcards From Taiwan

✦ Lots of people ride their bikes around Taiwan.

## Questions

1. What is the main idea of this article?
  - a. Taiwan has temples.
  - b. Taiwan is convenient.
  - c. Taiwan is great for biking.
  - d. Taiwan has beautiful landscapes.
2. Which of the following is not something the writer says about Taiwan?
  - a. There are convenience stores.
  - b. There are places to fix your bike.
  - c. The food there is cheap.
  - d. Lots of people bike there.
3. What does it mean when Linda writes that Taiwan's desserts are "**to die for**"?
  - a. They are dangerous.
  - b. They are delicious.
  - c. They are expensive.
  - d. They are hard to find.
4. Which is most likely the reason Becky did not come on the trip?
  - a. She thought Taiwan was too far away.
  - b. She had an unexpected accident.
  - c. She decided to go to Japan.
  - d. She doesn't like biking.
5. What does Linda mean by saying "**if that's your thing**"?
  - a. If you're scared of it.
  - b. If you like doing it.
  - c. If you don't care about it.
  - d. If you don't care about it.