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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。

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| Book 1 120-150 | 93% | 7 字 | 3 字 | (國一) first year | 15 字 |
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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、簡訊、部落格、卡片、訪談、詩、食譜等三十餘種，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、勵志、健康與身體、藝術與文學、環境保育、網路或科技、心理、文化、商業、科學、政治等三十餘種，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)

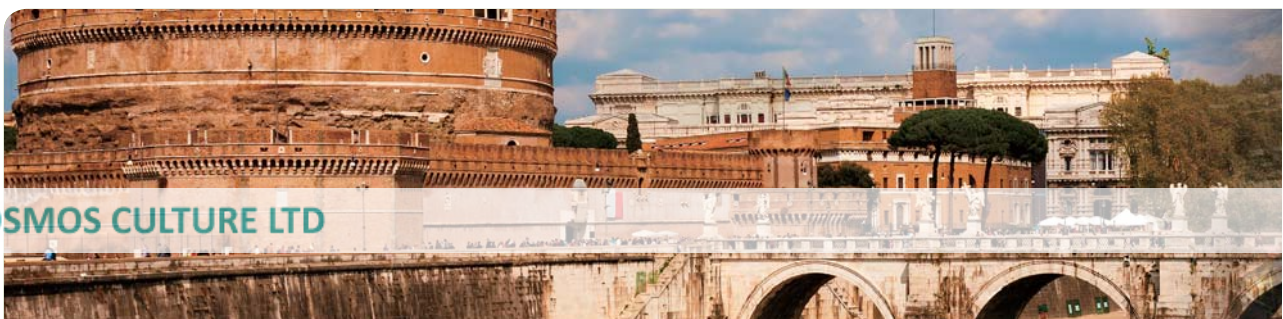
看懂影像圖表
(Visualizing
Comprehension)

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

6 Get Well Card

July 6th, 2016

Dear Kathy,

How are you?! I can't tell you how scared I was when I heard what had happened to you. I'm still really concerned, of course, but I'm glad you weren't injured even more seriously. I visited you yesterday morning, but you were still asleep and the nurse told me not to wake you up. I left a small gift for you, which I guess you've seen by now. I hope you like it, I know Snoopy is your favorite cartoon character.

Anyway, we all miss you like crazy, but me most of all. School just isn't any fun without your jokes and gossip, and after I get home I don't feel like doing anything. What's the point if my best friend isn't around? Our family is still going to the beach on Saturday, but I'm sure I'll have a terrible time without you there. We were looking forward to it so much, and then this happened. Mom and Dad have been asking about you every day, they're very sorry you can't join us.

Well, I'm running out of space, so I guess I'll have to go. I swear I'll visit you again before the weekend. Until then get plenty of rest, do whatever the doctors tell you, and most of all...

GET WELL SOON!



Your best friend forever,
Joyce

« cartoon character

31 The Wave That Changed Art

Preface

When Japanese printmaker Katsushika Hokusai made *The Great Wave Off Kanagawa*, he couldn't have known how influential it would become. After all, the print was just one in a set of 36 different views of Mount Fuji. It was also painted in the 1800s, when Japan was still isolated from the rest of the world. How could he have



The Great Wave Off Kanagawa, 1831-32

known that it would have such a big impact so far from his island's shores? After Japan opened up in the 1850s, *The Great Wave* started making waves in the art world. Here is one of the greatest stories in the history of art. A Japanese printmaking technique influences the West, giving birth to a new art style. Then Western art comes back to influence Japan once again, when art shows sweep the islands. The mood of this story is that art doesn't care about national borders; it's for all of us.

That *The Great Wave* influenced Western art and helped give birth to Impressionism is a fact. The open question, and one that this book wants to answer, is: How *did* this impact? We know that great artists like Claude Monet loved Hokusai's prints, but how did

32 Head Transplants

Young Scientist Magazine

Old Head, New Body?

This month a doctor from Italy claimed he would soon be ready to perform the first-ever human head transplant.

As this is a new operation, there are lots of questions about head transplants. We answer some of them here.

Q: What is a head transplant?

A: A head transplant is where the head from one person is attached to the body of another.

Q: Where would the bodies come from?

A: The planned operation will use the body of a brain-dead donor. However, in the future it may be possible to grow headless bodies in a lab.

Q: Who would benefit from such an operation?

A: People whose brains are healthy but whose bodies are damaged beyond repair.

Q: Will the head be able to control the new body?

A: Doctors aren't sure yet. Plans are to use a special chemical that promotes spine growth, but whether this will be enough is still unknown.

Q: Is a head transplant the same as a brain transplant?

A: No. A brain transplant is where just the brain is moved from one body

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、勵志、健康與身體、藝術與文學、環境保育、網路或科技、科學等，激發學生學習興趣，協助學生理解不同領域知識。

9 Everyone's a Movie Critic

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22 Recipe of the Week: Panda Bear Cookies

Kids will love to make these cute cookies! They're quick, easy, and great for parties. Be sure to help your children with sharp knives and hot ovens.

You will need:

1. 300 grams flour

2. 225 grams butter

3. 100 grams sugar

4. 10 grams cocoa powder

5. 1 egg

6. 1 pinch of salt

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46 SARS and MERS, Meet the WHO



In 2015, a virus called the Middle East Respiratory Syndrome (MERS) spread from Saudi Arabia to South Korea. By early June, it had infected over 1,333 people, resulting in at least 471 deaths.

This is not the first time the world has seen a dangerous new disease.

In 2002, the Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome (SARS) appeared, spreading throughout Asia and beyond. Like MERS, SARS was a coronavirus, the same kind that causes the common cold. By the time

SARS fizzled out, it had killed over 774 people.

The sudden appearance of new and dangerous diseases is a big threat. In the past, diseases could only spread as far as humans could take them. An outbreak might affect a city or region, but it wouldn't spread further because travel was so slow. Nowadays the situation is different. A person infected with MERS can fly to the other side of the world in ten hours. If he or she infects someone else on the plane, that person might fly somewhere else. In mere days we could have a global pandemic on our hands.

3D MERS virus image (in by Schaefer)

« SARS coronavirus « MERS coronavirus

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體裁多樣化

廣納生活中常見的實用體裁，包含短文、簡訊、部落格、卡片、訪談、詩、食譜等，以日常相關生活經驗設計編寫，為基礎生活英語紮根。

Yang Family Budget

■ Entertainment ■ Food ■ Home Utilities
 ■ Rent ■ Carrying Out ■ Mobile Phones
 ■ Savings

Questions

- What is this reading trying to say?
 - Some families never learn how to budget.
 - You should always save more than you spend.
 - A goal can help make a budget work.
 - Mr. Yang is scared of the dentist.
- What do the Yangs spend the most money on every month?
 - Rent.
 - Savings.
 - Food.
 - Entertainment.
- What is "nest egg"?
 - An expensive home.
 - Money saved for the future.
 - A special kind of budget.
 - A family with more than three kids.
- According to the pie chart, what is probably true about the Yangs?
 - They don't own mobile phones.
 - They do not own their apartment.
 - They don't own a car or a motorcycle.
 - They take lots of vacations.
- Which of the following do the Yangs spend the least amount of money on?
 - Home Utilities.
 - Food.
 - Entertainment.
 - Savings.

Now he's gone and I fear never coming back.
If only I had done something, and got firm on the right track.
Courage, you left me and now I am lost.

Questions

- What is this poem trying to say?
 - It's not always easy to do what's right.
 - We all need to take risks at school.
 - Bullying is becoming a big problem.
 - Courage is a force that moves history.
- Why is the writer worried?
 - He is being bullied at school.
 - A bullfight had stopped coming to school.
 - He is turning into a bully.
 - He is good friends with a bully.
- What does it mean that the writer "formed a gut"?
 - He stood up and fought the bullies.
 - He ran away.
 - He tried talking to the bullies.
 - He didn't know what to do.
- How does the writer probably feel about himself?
 - He is happy.
 - He is excited.
 - He is disappointed.
 - He is proud.
- What happened in the schoolyard last week?
 - _____
 - _____
 - _____
 - _____

artist's concept of Kepler-186f solar system

Questions

- Which is the best picture to go with the passage?
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- Which sentence is true about Kepler-186f?
 - It has seasons.
 - It is 365 years old.
 - It has mountains.
 - It is quite cold.
- What does "ours" mean?
 - Our feelings.
 - Our lives.
 - Our families.
 - Our planet.
- Why does Thomas Barclay say that Kepler-186f is an "Earth cousin"?
 - There is ice on it.
 - Nobody lives on it.
 - It is similar to Earth.
 - It is hotter than Earth.
- What does "conditions" mean in the reading?
 - Skills.
 - Scientists.
 - Weight.
 - Environment.

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。

19 A Special Evening

John and Silvia celebrated their first anniversaries by eating out at one of the city's most exclusive French restaurants. It was a lovely evening. Silvia was **dressed to the nines**, and John had an opportunity to order his favorite dessert. They had such a great time that they didn't even care about how expensive the meal was. Here is their order, and a poster advertising the restaurant.

hamburger

ice cream sundae

bottle of wine

espresso

GUEST CHECK
 1989007

Le Canard Gras
 Table: 4
 Order taken: Bernard
 Date: 07/26/2016

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| 1 | Beef bourguignon | 1,000 TWD |
| 1 | Hamburger | 800 TWD |
| 1 | Steamed mussels | 600 TWD |
| 1 | Shrimp cocktail | 600 TWD |
| 1 | Ice cream sundae | 250 TWD |
| 1 | Bottle of French red wine | 1,100 TWD |
| 2 | Espresso | 300 TWD |
| Total | | 4,650 TWD |

beef bourguignon

steamed mussels

shrimp cocktail

The Greenwood Teen Summer Survival Camp!
 content and have a wild adventure! The beach you love too...

Start's fire Trap small animals Start a waterpump shelter First-aid training water

Find your way without a compass using the sun and stars and lots more!

Camp Dates:

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| Camp 1 10-12 (10:00am-5:00pm) | Camp 2 16-17 (10:00am-5:00pm) | Camp 3 18-19 (10:00am-5:00pm) | Camp 4 20-21 (10:00am-5:00pm) |
| July 10-17 | July 20-27 | August 2-8 | August 12-18 |

What you'll need to bring:
 •Walking boots •Warm clothes •A positive attitude!
 There's only space for 20 people per camp, so sign up now!

4. The writer and his friend are 14 years old. Which camp are they attending?
 a. Camp 1. b. Camp 2. c. Camp 3. d. Camp 4.

5. Which of these is a compass?
 a. b. c. d.

To master yoga is to know better yourself.

camel pose cat/cow pose downward dog pose triangle pose

Questions

- What is this reading trying to say?
 - Yoga is very hard to learn.
 - Yoga is a state of mind.
 - Yoga is not confirmed by science.
 - Yoga is a state of mind.
- According to the table of contents, on which page would you find information about the yoga how pose?
 - 79
 - 85
 - 89
 - 11
- What does the writer mean by "the fruit of my labor"?
 - Something that makes you peaceful.
 - Something that looks hard work to create.
 - Something that is very delicious.
 - Something that makes you happy.
- "The earliest yoga teachings appeared sometime during the third century BC" in which part of the book would you find this sentence?
 - Part 1.
 - Part 2.
 - Part 3.
 - Part 4.
- If someone wants to learn more about meditation exercises, which part should he or she read?
 - Part 1.
 - Part 2.
 - Part 3.
 - Part 4.

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。

1 Inner Beauty



Beth

Hey Jessica, are you there?



Jessica

Sure I am. What's up?



Beth

I just got into a big fight with my mom. It was pretty bad; like, both of us really **took the gloves off**.



Jessica

That's awful! What were you guys fighting about?



Beth

It was the same old story. She caught me trying to leave the house wearing makeup. I was almost out the back door when she called me back inside. Then she saw my eyeliner and totally **flipped out**.



Jessica

I can imagine, especially after what happened last weekend.



Beth

She's out of her mind on this. I'm 14 years old. That's almost an adult. I mean, take you, for example. Your mom has let you wear makeup since you were 12.



Jessica

True, but have you noticed that I almost never put it on?



Beth

Actually, I *have* noticed. What's the deal with that? If my mom were that cool, I'd wear makeup all the time.



Jessica

I can see how makeup would seem like a big deal if everyone were using it except you. But there's really nothing exciting about it. In fact, it's kind of a pain in the neck.



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What do you mean?



Beth



<< wear makeup

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Putting makeup on and taking it off takes a lot of time. And we shouldn't need to wear makeup to feel beautiful. That comes from inside. It's about what kind of person you are.



Jessica



Beth

Well said! So does this mean I can have your makeup?

Questions

1. What is Jessica trying to say in the reading?
 - a. It is too much trouble to put on makeup.
 - b. Makeup makes you a good person.
 - c. Inner beauty is what really counts.
 - d. Beth's mom isn't being fair.
2. When was Jessica first allowed to wear makeup?
 - a. When she was 14.
 - b. When she was 12.
 - c. When she turned 18.
 - d. When she started middle school.
3. What does it mean that Beth and her mom "**took the gloves off**"?
 - a. They cleaned up the house together.
 - b. They forgave each other.
 - c. They ignored each other.
 - d. They argued and didn't hold back.
4. Which of the following probably happened to Beth last weekend?
 - a. Her mom warned her not to wear makeup.
 - b. She went to the mall with Jessica.
 - c. Her mom came home after a long holiday.
 - d. She had a party for her mom's birthday.
5. What does it mean that Beth's mom "**flipped out**"?
 - a. She jumped in the air.
 - b. She started to cry.
 - c. She didn't say anything.
 - d. She became very angry.

2 Yang Family Budget

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Drawing up a budget can be a great way to get your family's finances in order. Take the Yang family, for example. Mr. Yang didn't like the idea of a budget to begin with; "I'd rather go to the dentist," he said. However, when Mrs. Yang came up with a goal the whole family could agree on, Mr. Yang changed his mind. That goal was saving up for a new apartment, one where each of the Yangs' children could have his or her own bedroom.

The Yangs began by simply writing down what they spent their money on. This is a good first step in any budget, because it helps determine where your money goes. Once you know what you're already spending money on, you can make a budget for next month. The Yangs have been building their **nest egg** for years now, and soon they'll be able to buy that bigger apartment.



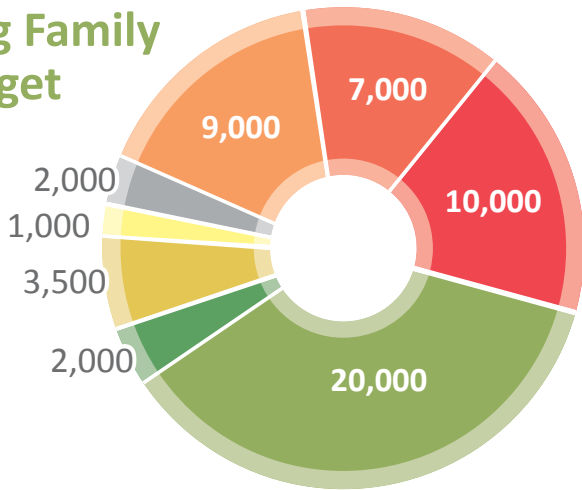
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⚡ mobile phone

⚡ entertainment

⚡ eating out

Yang Family Budget (NTD)



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| ■ Entertainment | ■ Food | ■ Home Utilities |
| ■ Rent | ■ Eating Out | ■ Mobile Phones |
| ■ Gasoline | ■ Savings | |



« home utilities



>> rent



⚡ family budget

Questions

- What is this reading trying to say?
 - Some families never learn how to budget.
 - You should always save more than you spend.
 - A goal can help make a budget work.
 - Mr. Yang is scared of the dentist.
- What do the Yangs spend the most money on every month?
 - Rent.
 - Savings.
 - Food.
 - Entertainment.
- What is a “**nest egg**”?
 - An expensive home.
 - Money saved for the future.
 - A special kind of budget.
 - A family with more than three kids.
- According to the pie chart, what is probably true about the Yangs?
 - They don't own mobile phones.
 - They do not own their apartment.
 - They don't own a car or a motorcycle.
 - They take lots of vacations.
- Which of the following do the Yangs spend the least amount of money on?
 - Home Utilities.
 - Food.
 - Entertainment.
 - Gasoline.