

## 2021-2022 1st Primary 5 Reading & Writing Test

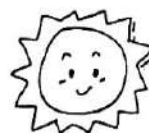
A. Brian is reading the school newsletter. Read the students' writings and give short answers. (8% @2%)

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### Share your experience

Tell us an interesting thing you did last summer!



I travelled to Thailand with my parents last summer. We went to a night market and had some local food. When Mum and I were enjoying green papaya salad, Dad came back with a bag of food. 'Ella, try some fried grasshoppers!' Dad said.

I ran away at once because the fried grasshoppers looked scary. After a while, I told myself to be brave and took a bite. To my surprise, they were salty! I fell in love with this snack and even bought some as souvenirs. My parents were surprised!

Ella Kam (5A)

Last summer, I went to New Zealand with my parents. It was snowing when we got there. It was my third time to see snow, but it was my first time experiencing winter while I was having my summer holidays! Mum told me that it is winter from June to August in New Zealand while summer lasts from December to February there.

We had a great time having snowball fights in the mountains. The most interesting part of our trip was the dog sledging tour. A team of dogs pulled us through the snow as we sat on the sledge. The dogs were lovely and friendly!

Jason Ma (5C)

e.g. What is Brian reading?

A newsletter.

1. Where did Ella go last summer?

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2. How did the fried grasshoppers taste?

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3. How many times has Jason seen snow?

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4. What did Jason enjoy most during the trip?

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**B. Brian is reading an email from his friend, Mark.**

From: Mark Lau <mark914@realmail.com.hk>  
To: Brian Cheung <brianc@realmail.com.hk>  
Subject: Hello from the US

Dear Brian,

How's life in Hong Kong? I miss you! I've been in San Francisco for three months and I'm still trying to adapt to life here.

5 There will be a Halloween activity in my school. Although it's one month away, I need to prepare my costume. I'm going to dress up as the wizard in my favourite book, *Adventure with the Magic Wand*. I hope everything will run smoothly in this activity!

10 In the US, children don't need to wear uniforms at school. At first, I was excited because I could wear my favourite clothes. After a month, I found it difficult to choose what to wear every day. Now, I think uniforms are not that bad. 😊

By the way, I'm teaching my new friend, Ben, Cantonese. His parents are from Cuba, so he usually speaks Spanish and English at home. He wants to learn Cantonese so that he can speak three languages! That's a great idea! I think I'll ask him to teach me Spanish as well.

15 My parents promised that we would spend the coming Christmas holidays in Hong Kong. I can visit my grandparents and my friends when I come back. Of course, I can't wait to see you again! We can have a Christmas party at my grandparents' home. Let's exchange presents and eat turkey together!

Write soon.

20 Best,  
Mark

Read the email. Choose the best answers by blackening ● the circles. (7% @1%)





e.g. Who wrote the email to Brian?

- ☒ A. Mark                      ☐ B. Miss Cheung  
☐ C. Mrs. Lau                      ☐ D. Ben

1. When did Brian receive this email?

- ☐ A. in August                      ☐ B. in September  
☐ C. in October                      ☐ D. in November

2. Which picture shows Mark's Halloween costume?

- ☐ A.                       ☐ B.   
☐ C.                       ☐ D. 

3. How does Mark feel about school uniforms now?

- ☐ A. He hates them.                      ☐ B. He thinks they are beautiful.  
☐ C. He has no opinions.                      ☐ D. He thinks they are convenient.

4. Where do Ben's parents come from?

- ☐ A. Cuba                      ☐ B. Hong Kong  
☐ C. India                      ☐ D. Spain

5. What is the main idea of paragraph 5?

- ☐ A. Mark likes going to parties.  
☐ B. Mark likes Hong Kong more than the US.  
☐ C. Mark wants to go to Danny's home when he is back.  
☐ D. Mark will come back to Hong Kong soon.

6. Brian is writing an email to Mark. Read the email again and help him complete the email. Use only **ONE** word for each blank. Make sure the answers are grammatically correct.

Hi Mark,

I'm glad to hear from you. Your old classmates will be excited to see you at

(i) \_\_\_\_\_. I know you want to learn (ii) \_\_\_\_\_ from

Ben. Perhaps you can teach me how to greet people in that language when you come back ...

**C. Brian and his mother are talking about stinky tofu.**

- Brian: What are you reading, Mum?
- Mum: I'm reading an article about stinky tofu.
- Brian: Stinky tofu? The kind of tofu that has a very unpleasant smell?
- Mum: Yes. I would say that it smells like dirty socks. The smell of it is really awful.
- 5 Brian: I sometimes see people selling stinky tofu at street stalls but I have never seen them in restaurants. Why?
- Mum: Imagine when a waiter puts a plate of stinky tofu on the table but some people in the restaurant don't like the smell, what will happen?
- 10 Brian: Haha ... They'll run away at once!
- Mum: Right. That's why stinky tofu is usually sold at open-air street stalls.
- Brian: When did stinky tofu first appear?
- Mum: There's a very interesting legend about stinky tofu. A man in the Qing dynasty sold tofu to make a living. One evening, there was a lot of tofu left in his shop. He cut the tofu into small cubes and put them into jars. After a few days, the tofu turned greenish and became extremely smelly. Surprisingly, he found that the tofu was very tasty. So, he started selling it at his shop and it became a great success.
- 15 Brian: I know that tofu is nutritious. Is stinky tofu healthy too?
- 20 Mum: A good question. Tofu absorbs oil very easily. People deep-fry tofu when they make stinky tofu, so it is actually very oily, just like French fries. Fried tofu is tasty but it's also very unhealthy.

Read what they say. Answer the questions in complete sentences. (10% @2%)

e.g. What is Brian reading?

He is reading an article.

1. What does Mum think stinky tofu smells like?

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2. Where can people usually buy stinky tofu?

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3. In which dynasty did stinky tofu first appear?

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4. Read line 15. What does 'them\*' refer to?

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5. Why is stinky tofu unhealthy?

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D. Brian is writing about his favourite family member. You are Brian. Write about your favourite family member in at least 80 words. Write at least three paragraphs. You may use the following ideas to help you. (15%)

