

# Unit 1

## Choosing a New Place



### Upgrade Your Reading Skills

Read the following advertisements and answer the questions.

#### **For Sale**

##### **Sunshine Villa**

45 Blue Pool Road

- 1300 s.f., 4 bedrooms
- Double car park
- Air-conditioning in all rooms
- Very good condition

Asking \$9,000,000

Contact Ms. Ma at 9565 4554

#### **For Sale**

##### **Rose Garden**

Wah Lan Road, Quarry Bay

- 700 s.f., 1 bedroom
- Large kitchen and living-room
- Air-conditioning
- Suits young couple with no children

Asking \$ 3,300,000

Call Mr. Wong at 9631 6845

#### **For Rent**

##### **Belair Monte**

Wo Mun Street, Fanling

- 800 s.f., 2 bedrooms
- Air-conditioning
- Suits young couple with no children
- 1 car park
- Balcony, swimming pool

Asking \$ 9000 (for rent)

Call Ms. Yeung at 9365 6819

1. Which is the smallest flat? \_\_\_\_\_
2. Which flat has two car parks? \_\_\_\_\_
3. Which flat is not for sale? \_\_\_\_\_

A. Fill in the blanks with words in the text. For some answers, you need to use your own words.

Jenny sent an (1) \_\_\_\_\_ to Sandy telling her about her (2) \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_. Her father said 'thirteen' is a (3) \_\_\_\_\_ number for Form 1 students.  
However, Jenny is not sure if that is (4) \_\_\_\_\_.

There will be (5) \_\_\_\_\_ classmates coming to the party. Jenny's parents will prepare  
(6) \_\_\_\_\_ and (7) \_\_\_\_\_ — Five  
Kisses for them. They will (8) \_\_\_\_\_ Uno at the party.

B. Answer these questions.

1. Which word means 'must remember it'?

\_\_\_\_\_

2. What do we need to mix 'Five Kisses'?

\_\_\_\_\_

3. How old is Jenny now?

\_\_\_\_\_

## Grammar and Usage

### 1. The use of 's' and 'of'

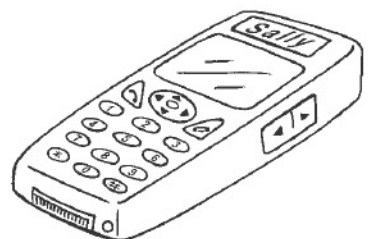
#### Top Tip

1. We use 's' with people and animals.  
e.g. **Ann's** dress is dirty.  
The **cat's** tail is long.
2. We use 'of' with things.  
e.g. **The door of this house** is very old.

A. Complete the dialogues with the help of the pictures.

e.g. Jane: Is that your mobile phone?

Tom: No, that's **Sally's**.



Dear Joanne,

My life here is full of unhappiness. I do not know why I cannot get along well with my little brother, Wesley. You know, he is really troublesome. He creates lots of problems. Let me tell you one by one.

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Please tell me what to do.

Love,

*Ashley*

## Fun with Words

Look at the picture and choose the correct answer.



**big head:** a person who thinks too \_\_\_\_\_  
(shortly / quickly / highly) of his  
importance.

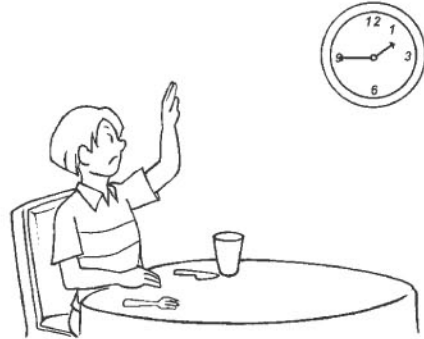
Tom is a big head. Nobody likes to talk to him.



## Upgrade Your Writing Skills

### Which is more delicious?

John Lee is writing to complain about the service of Café de Rose. The pictures show what happened to him. Can you complete the letter for him? The guiding questions and the words in brackets may help you.



### Guiding Questions

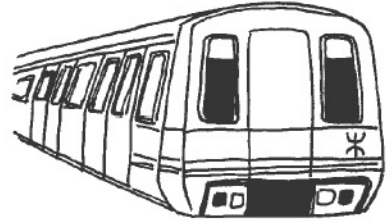
1. When did you go to the café?
2. How long did you wait for the food?
3. What happened when you looked for a waiter? (nobody approached)
4. When was the food served?
5. What food did you order?
6. What was actually served?
7. What did you ask for? (changed the food)
8. What was the waiter's response? (ridiculous)
9. How did you feel? (furious)
10. What do you want the café to do? (to improve the service)

## II. Cloze Passage

Fill in each blank with a suitable word.

Welcome (1) \_\_\_\_\_ the MTR.

The MTR (Mass Transit Railway) is the fast, modern (2) \_\_\_\_\_ efficient underground railway system that serves the (3) \_\_\_\_\_ of Hong Kong. Signs for the system can be easily (4) \_\_\_\_\_ near stations at street level. Once inside, you may buy your (5) \_\_\_\_\_ for the journey. After passing through the entry (6) \_\_\_\_\_, you can get (7) \_\_\_\_\_ the train by following the signs to the platform for your destination. On arrival, pass through the (8) \_\_\_\_\_ gate and leave the station via the street exit of your choice.



## Upgrade Your Communication Skills

Do you know how to check and clarify information?

In daily conversation, we always have to check, correct or clarify information. Put the correct letters in the appropriate columns.

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| A. Excuse me. / Sorry, I didn't hear that.    | G. Did you say ...?   |
| B. Let me (just) repeat that, ...             | H. No, not Friday. Saturday.  |
| C. Do you mean ...?                           | I. Excuse me. / Sorry, I didn't catch (your name / your class, etc.). |
| D. That's not right. It's...                  | J. ... Is that right?   |
| E. Could you tell me exactly what...?         |   |
| F. Could you repeat that more slowly, please? |   |

Correcting	Confirming	Checking and Clarifying	Asking for Repetition

## Exercise 4

### A. Telephone conversation

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Listen to a telephone conversation and fill in the blanks.

1. Who called Ben?

\_\_\_\_\_

2. Where is Ben?

\_\_\_\_\_

3. What is the man's message for Ben?

He wants Ben to \_\_\_\_\_

### B. Telephone message

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Listen to a telephone message and complete the message form.

<b>While you were out</b>	
To: _____	
From: _____	
Time: _____	Phone no. _____
Message: He cannot _____	
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# Appendix

## Useful Expressions: Invitation

### Top Tip

When you want to invite someone to do something with you, you have to make an invitation.  
When someone invites you, you have to accept or decline the invitation.



*When you are making an invitation, you should be polite and speak in a friendly tone. You can use the following expressions:*

**Would you like to + (infinitive) ... ?**

*Would you like to have dinner with me tonight?*

**I'd like to invite you to + (infinitive) ...**

*I'd like to invite you to visit us this weekend.*

**May I invite you to + (infinitive) ... ?**

*May I invite you to join our club?*

**How about + v-ing?**

*How about going to the zoo?*

**Shall we + (infinitive) ...?**

*Shall we go on a picnic?*

**Let's + (infinitive), shall we?**

*Let's go swimming, shall we?*

**Why don't you + (infinitive) ... ?**

*Why don't you join us for dinner?*