

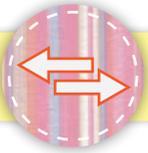


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Introduction to Exam Skills

1**Categorising**

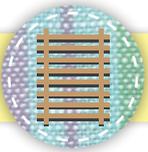
To find something in the text that belongs to the same group as one of the options.

2**Making a reference**

To find out what a specific word (usually a pronoun like 'me' and 'his') refers to in the text.

3**Understanding connection between ideas**

To find the relationship (e.g. cause and effect) between one thing in the question and another thing in the text.

4**Making an inference**

To find relevant information in a text and put it together to make a logical conclusion.

5**Guessing the meaning of unfamiliar words**

To guess the meaning of unfamiliar words in the text by paying attention to words around them.



2 Freddy's Job

Making
a reference

sample

A. Reading Trial

Read the text quickly and choose the best answer.

1 *Freddy's Job* is American filmmaker Joe Leung's latest production. **This work of**
his is a comedy filmed in Hong Kong combined with animated animals. The film is
about Freddy's adventures at Charlie's Sweets, a famous chocolate factory. Freddy is
a guard dog **there**. One night, **he** meets a cat called Fatty, some thieves and a girl at
5 the factory ...

Q: In lines 1–2, what does '**This work of his**' refer to?

- A. the sweet
- B. the film
- C. the adventures
- D. the dog

B. Exam Skill Revealed

Read below and learn more about the exam skill.

The exam skill you use here is

Making a reference

How?

- This kind of question asks about what some words refer to.
The words can be:
 - pronouns (e.g. he)
 - nouns / noun phrases (e.g. this work of his)
- In the text, locate the words that are asked in the question.
- Read the sentence before the words to get the answer.

Here, the keywords are 'This work of his' and 'refer to'.



Now, try to use the exam skill step by step and answer the questions below.

1. In line 4, what does '**there**' refer to?

Try the exam skill : Making a reference

- (a) What are the keywords in this question? _____

- (b) What information should you look for? (people/place/time) _____
- (c) Read the previous sentence. What place is mentioned?

- A. America
- B. Hong Kong
- C. Charlie's home
- D. a factory

2. In line 4, what does '**he**' refer to?

Try the exam skill : Making a reference

- (a) What are the keywords in this question? _____

- (b) What information should you look for? (people/place/time) _____
- (c) Read the previous sentence. Who is mentioned? _____

- A. Freddy
- B. Fatty
- C. Joe Leung
- D. a thief

C. Reading with Exam Skill



How much time do you need to finish this exercise?
Compare it with the suggested time on p.56!

Read the whole film review. Answer the questions on the following page.

1 Freddy's Job

Reviewer: Tony Leung

Length: 106 mins

Category: I



Freddy's Job is American filmmaker Joe Leung's latest production. This work of his is a comedy filmed

5 in Hong Kong combined with animated animals. The film is about Freddy's adventures at Charlie's Sweets, a famous chocolate factory. Freddy is a guard dog there. One night, he meets a cat called Fatty, some thieves and a girl at the factory ...

10 The funniest part of the film is when Freddy first meets Fatty the big white cat. Their conversation is funny. Together, **they** think of a clever plan to catch the thieves. The chase is exciting and the music matches **perfectly** with the scenes.

15 Actors Carrie White and Jason Brown are great as usual. The main character — the dog that plays Freddy — is smart and lovely. In fact, **that** was why I went to watch this film in the first place.

Although I had a good laugh, I think the film is too long. I think the last fifteen minutes is a bit boring. Apart from that, *Freddy's Job* is creative, funny, and worth watching. It is a film that children will enjoy.

Check it up!

Check the meanings of the words in **blue** in Vocabulary Index on p.54-55!

1. What is the film about?
- A. a girl's adventures
 - B. a guard dog
 - C. an American in Hong Kong
 - D. making chocolate

2. In line 14, what does '**that**' refer to?
- A. the dog's look
 - B. the acting
 - C. the ending
 - D. the music

Use the exam skill!

Here, 'that' refers to an idea. Which option best describes the idea mentioned in the previous sentence?

3. The writer thinks that the film _____.
- A. should end earlier
 - B. needs better actors
 - C. is not funny
 - D. has too much action

4. What kind of film is *Freddy's Job*?
- _____

Use the exam skill!

'They' is plural so it must refer to more than one person or animal.

5. In line 10, what does '**they**' refer to?
- _____

6. Tony is writing an email to his friend. Finish the email with only **ONE** word for each blank. Make sure your answers are grammatically correct.

Hi Ann,
 Yesterday I watched a great film called *Freddy's Job*. Freddy is a dog working at a (i) _____. The music is perfect. It fits well with the (ii) _____. I think you will enjoy this film. It is funny.
 Yours,
 Tony

Assessment 1

Read the email. Answer the questions on the following page.

(10 marks @2 marks)

1 To : Tony <tonyn224@coolmail.com>
 From : Lily <lilylily@coolmail.com>
 Date : 24th Sept 20XX 9.35 p.m.
 Subject : Camping

5 Hello Tony,

I went **camping** for the first time last weekend! **It** was very exciting and I would like to tell you about it.

On the first day, we walked to the **campsite**. We put our tent up near a tree. We cooked sausages and noodles for dinner. They were yummy. At night, Dad

10 played the guitar and we danced and sang. We lay on the grass to watch the **starry** sky. It was so beautiful because the stars were so bright.

The next morning, we wanted to see the **sunrise** so we woke up at 5 a.m. We took lots of photos. Then, we ate some bread for breakfast. After that, we went swimming in the river. The sun was very hot and it dried us very quickly.

15 In the evening, we packed all our things into our backpacks. They were so heavy because there was a tent, a torch, a knife, a pan, trousers, sleeping bags and T-shirts inside.

Finally, we got home at 8 p.m. I had a lot of fun but I felt like I couldn't walk any more!

20 Write back soon.

Lily



How much time do you need to finish this exercise?
 Compare it with the suggested time on p.56!

Check it up!

Check the meanings of the words in **blue** in Vocabulary Index on p.54-55!



Quick Match

You can quickly link up with these exam skills when you see these question types. The highlighted words are indicators.

Which of the following is **TRUE** about all three tours?

- A. They are at least half an hour.
- B. They are available every day.
- C. They are charged per person.
- D. They may be cancelled due to bad weather.

Analysing the information

There are _____ books at Kiki Bookshop.

- A. **1000**
- B. **2000**
- C. **3000**
- D. **4000**

Calculating

When does Tommy usually go on vacations?

- A. in spring
- B. in summer
- C. in autumn
- D. in winter

Categorising

In line 4, what does '**unusual**' mean?

- A. strange
- B. international
- C. beautiful
- D. best

Guessing the meaning of unfamiliar words