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## Skill 1

## Making a reference



## A Quick try

Let's learn some keywords about making a reference!

refer to    replace

Read the text. Write the correct letter in the box.

## Use the skill

1            When Brian was little, he wanted  
to be a lorry driver. Then he could  
travel outside of his small village in his  
lorry. Later, when he was a teenager,  
5 he changed his mind. He wanted to be a  
sailor so that he could travel to a lot of  
places like Japan and Singapore.

            In fact, Brian became a pilot when  
he grew up. Tomorrow he is going to  
10 Sydney. He is very excited about going  
to this place. He is flying to Paris next  
week too.

- 1 Read the question.  
 the keywords 'line 11', '**this place**' and 'replaced by'.
- 2 the words '**this place**' in the text.
- 3 \_\_\_\_\_ the noun (place) in the sentence before '**this place**'.
- 4 What does '**this place**' refer to?  
Draw an .

1. In (line 11), this place could be replaced by \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. Japan
- B. Singapore
- C. Sydney
- D. Paris

It is in the sentence right before '**this place**'.



Date: \_\_\_\_\_



Read the text. Answer the question in a complete sentence.

1 Mr Ming, who lives in Tai Wai, is checking the weather forecast so  
that he knows what the weather is like tomorrow. If it is sunny tomorrow,  
the Ming family will have a picnic with their dog in Tuen Mun. However,  
if it is rainy tomorrow, they will go to the cinema and watch *Moon Wars*.  
5 Mr Ming finds out that it will rain tomorrow. Therefore, he is going to buy  
four film tickets for his family.

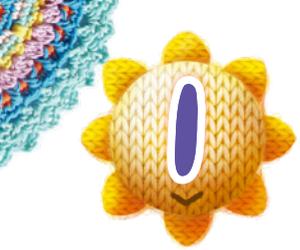
### Use the skill

- 1 Read the question. the keywords.
- 2 the pronoun 'they' in the text.
- 3 \_\_\_\_\_ the noun (the family) in the sentences before the word 'they'.
- 4 What does 'they' refer to? Draw an .

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



Who is planning for tomorrow?



# My dream job



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

1 Dear Karl,

How's your school life in Sydney? What do you want to be when you grow up?

5 I was thinking about this question today at school after the teacher asked our class. I have many ideas but I'm not sure what I want to be yet.

I don't want to be a businessman like my dad. He has to work long hours in the office and he goes back on Saturdays and sometimes on Sundays. It's also quite dull to go to the same place and do the same thing again and again. I want something different.

10 I probably can't be a social worker. Although social workers help people in need, they need to be patient and caring. I'm not so patient. If I become an architect, I can design exciting homes and buildings for people in Hong Kong. Most of them live in boring apartment blocks. However, I'm not good at drawing. What about an engineer? I'm good at Maths, but I think doing equations is a bit boring.

15 I think my dream job is to be a racing car driver. If I become a racing car driver, I can go around the world to exciting places and drive my car very fast on racetracks. I could become famous and you could watch me on TV. The problem is that my parents think it's a dangerous job. They probably won't support me to do it.

20 What do you think is a good job for me? Is there any interesting job in Australia? Tell me about your ideas.

Cheers,

Jill

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Write the correct letters in the boxes.

 1. In line 5, '**many ideas**' refers to ideas about \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. school life in Sydney
- B. Karl's dream job
- C. Jill's dream job
- D. being a businessman/businesswoman

What was Jill thinking about?




2. Which of the following is most similar to '**dull**' in paragraph 3?

- A. exciting
- B. boring
- C. interesting
- D. amazing

How does Jill describe Dad's job?




3. Why does Jill think she can't be a social worker?

- A. She is not caring.
- B. She is not very patient.
- C. She doesn't want to help people in need.
- D. She is not social enough.

Answer Q4 in a short answer.

4. How many jobs did Jill talk about?

\_\_\_\_\_

Answer Q5 and Q6 in complete sentences.

5. Name the thing Jill is good at and the thing she isn't good at.

\_\_\_\_\_

 6. In line 19, what does '**a dangerous job**' refer to?

\_\_\_\_\_



Read the story. Answer the questions on the following page. (14 marks @2 marks)

1 Ming Kwan was a famous actress. She made many action films that were very popular worldwide, but she was not a happy woman.

5 Ming would complain about everything. 'It's too hot today. It was too cold yesterday. This food tastes terrible. I don't like the colour of my house. I don't own enough cars.'

Ming did not have many friends because she was so **negative**. All she cared about was making more money, and every month she checked how much money she had in the bank.

10 One day when she was watching the news on TV, she saw a story about a **famine** in Africa. Tears rolled down her face when she saw pictures of very thin children. They had neither food nor water. Without **these**, many were dying.

She decided to visit this country in Africa. She spent one week visiting the children and seeing how difficult their lives were.

15 Ming was deeply affected by her visit. 'I've been so selfish,' she cried. 'I have so much money and I have everything I want, but I still complain so much. Those I saw in Africa have nothing, but they never complain.'

20 Ming decided to give 50% of all her money to charity to help others. She sold all of her cars and took public transport. She sold her very large house and moved into a smaller one. She stopped complaining and she started helping people at every chance.

Now Ming has many friends and she has never been happier. If you see Ming on TV, it is not because she is making films. It is because she is helping raise money for different charities around the world.

25 What a change of heart!

Marks : \_\_\_\_\_ /14

Date : \_\_\_\_\_

**Write the correct letters in the boxes.**1. Which is **NOT** true about Ming at the beginning of the story?

- A. She made a lot of complaints.                      B. She had few friends.  
C. She cared about earning money most.            D. She acted in horror films.

2. How did Ming feel when she watched the news on TV?

- A. angry    B. sad  
C. amazed    D. excited

3. Which of the following is **TRUE** about Ming's changes?

- A. She donated all of her money.  
B. She helped people in need.  
C. She moved into a larger house.  
D. She bought a new car.

4. At the end of the story, she \_\_\_\_\_ than before.

- A. had more money    B. helped fewer people  
C. was happier    D. showed up less on TV

**Answer Q5 and Q6 in complete sentences.**5. In line 11, what does '**these**' refer to?

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6. How did Ming feel after visiting Africa for a week?

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**Read the description of the story. Fill in each blank with ONE word.**

7.

Ming Kwan was a negative person before. However, she changed her  
(i) \_\_\_\_\_ completely after she came (ii) \_\_\_\_\_ from Africa.  
Now, she is happy with everything she has.