

Ch 5 Friendship

Ch 6 Memorable experiences



Vocabulary

- Ch 5** ✦ adjectives for describing a person's character
- Ch 6** ✦ adjectives for describing experiences

Text types

- Ch 5** ✦ personal recounts ✦ magazine articles
✦ acrostic poems ✦ back covers
- Ch 6** ✦ personal recounts ✦ conversations
✦ magazine articles ✦ mind maps

TASK

Writing about 'A day I will never forget'

Writing tip: Organising ideas in a mind map into paragraphs

Linking ideas using appropriate words and phrases

Adding adjectives, adverbs and extra details to make the writing interesting

Language focus

- Ch 5** ✦ Use *always* and *never* to show frequency
He is always punctual.
She is never lazy.
- ✦ Use adverbs to describe manner
I hurt my knee badly.
- Ch 6** ✦ Use gerunds to talk about experiences
Falling over was an awful experience.
- ✦ Use reflexive pronouns when the subject and the object are the same
I was (so) proud of myself.
- ✦ Use adjectives + prepositions to talk about feelings
I was (so) disappointed with him / the result.

Reading

Do you have a best friend? What do you do together? Read and find out about Clare's best friend.



My best friend


By Clare Wong

My mum and dad separated when I was six. Dad went to live in Shanghai. I remember that I waved goodbye bravely and then cried when Dad's plane left. It was very difficult. I couldn't talk to any of my other friends about it, but Ted has always been there for me. He is the most loyal friend ever.

Ted and I spend a lot of time together. Sometimes we play. Sometimes we just sit quietly. When I am feeling sad or lonely, Ted pushes his cold wet nose into my hand. He always understands how I feel. We never quarrel.



When we go to the park, other kids want to play with him. He is very popular! He always looks at me eagerly with his big brown eyes, as if to ask 'Is it OK?' before he runs off. When it is time to go home, he always comes when I whistle.

When I first met Ted, he was quite shy.

- 15 These days he is very confident – Mum says he walks around our flat like he owns it! He has been with us for five years now. He doesn't move as quickly as before. He sleeps more too, in the armchair, curled up with his nose on his paws. But every day he still waits at the door when I come home from school, until today ...



- 25 Now I am at the clinic because the vet told me last week that Ted was sick and needed an operation. My heart is breaking as I wait outside the vet's room. If the operation goes well, Ted will be full of life again, like a puppy. If the operation goes badly ... I don't want to think about it.



- Here is the vet now. She smiles warmly and gives me the thumbs up. The nurse is carrying Ted in her arms. His golden tail hangs down towards the floor. Ted lifts his head and barks weakly. Everything is going to be OK!



Who is your best friend? How do you treat each other?



Post-reading

Type and choose the best answers.

- 1 What is Ted? Type the words in the passage which tell you this.
- 2 What happened when Clare was six? How did she feel?
- 3 Why is Ted Clare's best friend?
- A. He waits at the door when she comes home from school.
 - B. He always comes when Clare whistles.
 - C. He is always there for Clare when she feels sad or lonely.
 - D. He walks around Clare's flat like he owns it.
- 4 Which sentence is true?
- A. Clare lives with her mum, dad and Ted.
 - B. Ted is getting slower.
 - C. Clare sometimes loses Ted in the park.
 - D. After the operation, Ted becomes a puppy.
- 5 Read lines 24—25: *My heart is breaking as I wait outside the vet's room.* This means that ____.
- A. Clare is ill
 - B. Clare needs an operation
 - C. Clare is very unhappy
 - D. Clare has a chest pain
- 6 In the last paragraph, how does Clare know that everything will be alright?
1. The nurse is carrying Ted.
 2. Ted's tail hangs down.
 3. The vet smiles at Clare.
 4. The vet puts her thumbs up.
- A. 1 and 3
 - B. 2 and 4
 - C. 3 and 4
 - D. all of the above

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Vocabulary

Describing a person's character

1



confident

2



diligent

3



generous

4



humble

5



loyal

6



responsible

7



punctual



Can you think of some more adjectives to describe a person's character?

My word bank
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Language focus

He is **always** punctual.

She is **never** lazy.

I hurt my knee **badly**.

We use adverbs to describe verbs.

Adjectives	Adverbs
brave	bravely
kind	kindly
warm	warmly
careful	carefully
excited	excitedly
bad	badly

Adjectives	Adverbs
angry	angrily
happy	happily
hard	hard
fast	fast

We usually add **-ly** or **-ily** to adjectives to form adverbs. Sometimes we don't:

e.g. She is fast. She runs fast.

Phonics

ore

before

Listen and say the sentence.

The food store near the shore has no more meat before next week.



Practice 1

always

never

A Complete this page from a magazine about best friends. 

diligent

responsible

loyal

Your thoughts 

What are your best friend's qualities?

Write and tell us!

My best friend is very clever but he **1** _____ never _____ boasts. He is **2** _____ humble _____. He is punctual too. In fact, he is **3** _____ late. He always watches me play football on Sundays. He is always there to support me whenever I need him. He is **4** _____ .


By Paul Chan
(age 10)



My best friend **5** _____ shares her snacks with me. She is generous. She is never lazy. She is **6** _____. She is **7** _____ late and she never forgets things. She is **8** _____ .

By Mary Lam
(age 11)



B Listen to Harry talking about his best friend Andy. Choose the best answers by blackening the circles. 

- 1 I think Andy is _____ and _____. (You can choose more than one answer.)
 A. punctual B. humble C. diligent D. smart
- 2 What do Andy and Harry usually do together at weekends?
 A. do Maths revision B. play ball games
 C. go to Disneyland D. play badminton

Practice 2

I hurt my knee **badly**.

Henry is writing about a time when a good friend helped him. Finish his writing.



excited happy angry
careful brave kind bad



ly / lly

I have a special friend called Lily. She is one year older than me. I met her when she helped me in Primary 3. It happened when some Primary 6 boys were playing football _____ in the playground. They pushed me over and I hurt my knee _____. I shouted at them _____ but they just laughed at me and ran away.



Lily saw what happened and helped me. She took me to the school nurse who cleaned my knee _____ and put a plaster on the cut. Then Lily reported the naughty boys to the principal. I thought she acted very _____. I was too scared to tell the principal about the boys.

She treated me _____ and I will never forget that. Although some bad things happened that day, I went home _____ because I made a new friend.

Lily now studies in a secondary school nearby but she always smiles warmly and says hello to me when I see her.



Tell your friends about a special person who treats you kindly.



I have a special friend ...



Activity

Write an acrostic poem using your classmate's name.

Steps

- 1 You can put the first letter of each line in an acrostic poem together to spell a word. Here is an example.



Happy
Easygoing
Lovely hair
English is her best subject
Never boring

- 2 In pairs, brainstorm words about one of your classmates. Use these questions to help you.



What is he / she like?
What does he / she look like?
What is his / her favourite food, drink, colour, activity and subject?
What do you like about him / her?

- 3 Write an acrostic poem with your classmate's name using the words you have brainstormed.



Smart
Active
Likes sports
Likes sweets and chocolate
Yellow is her favourite colour

- 4 Display your poem for your classmates to read.





Summary of the story

Comments from other people

'Swallow, Swallow, little Swallow,' said the Prince, 'will you not stay with me one night longer?'

The Happy Prince is a beautiful metal statue made of gold and jewels. He stands quietly and watches the city below. He sees poor people who have no food to eat and people who are sick. This makes him very sad.

One day, a swallow rests on the statue. He is flying to Egypt for the winter but the Happy Prince asks him to stay for a day and help him. The swallow agrees and a very special friendship begins.

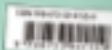
Read *The Happy Prince* to find out what happens to the swallow and the Prince.

'All children will love *The Happy Prince*. Very moving.'

Book Review

'Written by Oscar Wilde more than 100 years ago, this is still my favourite children's story.'

Amy Walker



Choose the best answers

- Why do people read the back cover of a book?
 - A. to find out the ending of the book
 - B. to find out what the back is about
 - C. to find out who wrote the book
 - D. to find out what other books the author has written
- What kind of story is *The Happy Prince*?
 - A. a funny story
 - B. a touching story
 - C. a scary story
 - D. an exciting story
- Who is Amy Walker?
 - A. the author of *The Happy Prince*
 - B. a character in *The Happy Prince*
 - C. a person who has read *The Happy Prince*
 - D. the person who drew the pictures in *The Happy Prince*

Read what Amy Walker says.

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