

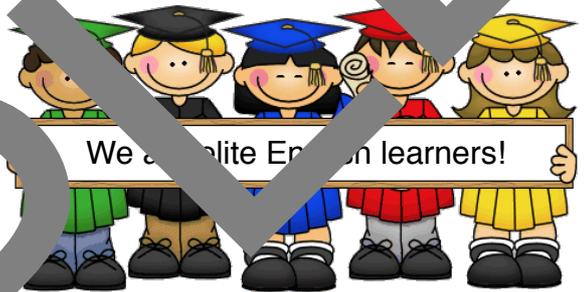
## Introduction to the elite English Drills for Skills target series

Comprehension is a key skill for students learning English and is always tested in exams from early Primary right through to pre-university public exams. These worksheets give students practice in age-appropriate but challenging comprehension similar to the exercises used in Hong Kong elite school exams. The exercises contain tricky questions.

Passages that relate to children's daily life are interesting and show how English is used in normal life. A handy hints guide is provided.

Completing these exercises on a regular basis will improve:

- ★ Comprehension skills
- ★ Question-type skills (long, short, multiple choice)
- ★ Vocabulary skills
- ★ Grammar skills
- ★ Thinking skills
- ★ Writing skills



### Instructions for parents:

1. Explain the question types to your child.
2. Print off the blank exercises and ask your child to attempt them.
3. Use a fun timer - you can find lots online or on smart devices. Allow your child to set the alarm sound - Making it fun will help your child enjoy it.
4. Check the work against the answers.
5. Give lots of encouragement and praise.
6. Provide guidance. Notice if your child is having repeated problems and practice more in that area. (e.g. using the wrong tense in the answers)
7. Reprint the worksheet for another attempt if necessary.

### Tips for tackling reading comprehension

1. Read the questions first.
2. Predict the answers (this starts the thinking process).
3. Read the passage and underline any parts that could be answers.
4. Beware of traps (e.g. where more than one answer is required).
5. Check the tense of the question.
6. Do NOT copy the verbs - they often need to change.
7. Check the grammar of the answer (tense, punctuation, agreement etc.)

## Exercise 8

Read the following text and answer the questions.

### The Princess and the Chef's Daughter

Princess Jenny loves to cook. She spends her days watching the royal chef prepare supper. She has to hide under a table to watch the chef because princesses are not allowed in the royal kitchen.

One day, Princess Jenny sees a girl who looks just like her! She has blonde hair, rosy cheeks, and a big smile. Unlike the stranger, Princess Jenny is wearing a beautiful green dress. The other girl is wearing chef's clothing. Princess Jenny thinks that she must be the chef's daughter. She has an idea! She asks the girl if they can switch their clothes. The girl is tired. She agrees to do it.

Both girls enjoy their day pretending to be each other. The chef's daughter is happy to spend her day wearing beautiful crowns and singing. Princess Jenny enjoys working in the kitchen and cooking. They become good friends and decide to do the same thing every week.



## Exercise 8 - Questions

Decide if the following sentences are true or false:

Write 'T' for true and 'F' for false.

1. Princess Jenny breaks the rules. \_\_\_\_\_
2. The chef's daughter has rosy cheeks. \_\_\_\_\_
3. Jenny hides in the cupboard to watch the royal chef. \_\_\_\_\_

Which sentence is NOT correct? (underline)

- (A) The princess wears a green dress.
- (B) They never see each other again.
- (C) Princess Jenny is not allowed in the kitchen.
- (D) Princess Jenny loves to cook.

Give short answers:

What colour is Princess Jenny's hair? \_\_\_\_\_

Is it the first time they meet? \_\_\_\_\_

Why is the girl tired? \_\_\_\_\_

Answer in complete sentences:

Why does Princess Jenny think the girl is the chef's daughter?

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\_\_\_\_\_

What do the chef's daughter do during the switch?

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Would you like to switch places with someone? Who?

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

**Exercise 9**

Read the flyer and then answer the questions.



## P1 Spring Concert

We will be holding our Spring Concert soon! We welcome parents, family and friends to join us for a night of music. All members of the lower primary orchestra will be performing. They have been

practising all year.

We hope you can come!

Details:

Date: May 12

Time: 6 p.m.

Place: Auditorium

If you have any questions about the concert or would like to volunteer to help, please email Mr. Wong.

(Snacks will be served outside the auditorium during the half-hour break.)

**Exercise 9 - Questions**

How long will the orchestra perform for?

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What time does the concert begin?

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Peter is in Primary 6. Will he perform during the concert?

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If John feels hungry during the concert, what can he do?

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Who should you email if you want to volunteer?

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Would you like to perform in a concert? Why or why not?

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## Exercise 8 - Answers

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Which sentence is NOT correct? (underline)

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- (C) Princess Jenny is not allowed in the kitchen.
- (D) Princess Jenny loves to cook.

Give short answers:

What colour is Princess Jenny's hair? **blonde**

Is it the first time they meet? **yes**

Answer in complete sentences

Why does Princess Jenny think the girl is the chef's daughter?

**Princess Jenny thinks that the girl is the chef's daughter because she is wearing chef's clothing.**

What does the chef's daughter do during the switch?

**The chef's daughter wears a beautiful crown and sings during the switch.**

Would you like to switch places with someone? Who?

**Yes, I would like to switch places with .../No, I would not like to switch places with anybody. (Accept any suitable answer)**

**Exercise 9 - Answers**

How long will the orchestra perform for?

*The orchestra will perform for two and a half hours.*

What time does the concert begin?

*The concert begins at 6 pm.*

Peter is in Primary 6. Will he perform during the concert?

*No, Peter/He will not perform during the concert.*

If John feels hungry during the concert, what can he do?

*John can go outside the auditorium and eat snacks (during the break).*

Who should you email if you want to volunteer?

*You should email Mr. Wong if you want to volunteer.*

Would you like to perform in a concert? Why or why not?

*Yes, I would like to perform in a concert because .../No, I would not like to perform in a concert because ....*

*(Accept any suitable answers)*