



4 Near and far

Reading

Lantau Collectors Race 2010

Sunday 7th March 9:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Collect the treasure below before 2 p.m. Return to Tung Chung MTR station first to win the competition!

- a map of Ngong Ping hiking trail
- a photo of houses on water
- the flower of Hong Kong
- a photo of the Big Buddha
- a salted fish

The whistle blew. All the contestants ran out of the MTR station.

'Let's go to the Ngong Ping Visitor Centre first. We can get a map there,' said Mike. 'Let's take the cable car.'

'How long does it take to get to Ngong Ping?' asked Henry.

'It takes 25 minutes,' said Kelly. 'Come on! It's quarter to ten already.'

'These views are fantastic!' said Henry. 'How far is it to Ngong Ping?'

'About 6 kilometres,' Gary replied.

The journey was over too quickly for the children. They got off the cable car and picked up a map at the visitor centre.

'The Buddha isn't far. It's about 500 metres. We can walk,' said Mike.

The others laughed. 'Look behind you! We can take the photo from here!'

They took a photo. Henry looked at the list. 'Houses on water? Boats?'



‘There are houses on stilts in Tai O. We can take a bus there,’ Kelly said.

They arrived at the bus stop, only to find a bus leaving. They tried to chase it but they were too late. ‘Oh dear! We’ve missed the bus. Now we have to wait for thirty minutes for the next bus,’ said Kelly.

They finally got to Tai O but they were lost. Luckily they saw a man. He showed them where the houses on stilts were. Gary took some photos and then bought a large salted fish.

‘How long does it take to get to Tung Chung?’ asked Mike. ‘About 50 minutes. Let’s get on the bus quickly,’ said Gary.

At quarter past twelve they ran into the MTR station.

‘Well done!’ said the competition organiser. ‘You’re the first team back ... but where is your bauhinia flower?’

Gary took a \$2 coin from his pocket. ‘The flower of Hong Kong – here you are!’

‘Hurray!’ shouted the others.



Name: _____ ()

Class: _____ Date: _____

Post-reading

Write the answers and tick (✓).

1 Where is the starting point of the race?

2 What did the children plan to do after taking a photo of the Big Buddha?

3 Where did the children get a salted fish?

4 The children laughed when Mike said *The Buddha isn't far. It's about 500 metres. We can walk. Why?*

- A. They thought it was not a good idea to walk.
- B. They thought it was a good idea to walk.
- C. They could take a photo of the Buddha without walking there.
- D. They thought the Buddha was funny.

5 What problem did the children have?

- A. The bus was too slow.
- B. They got lost in Tai O.
- C. They did not know what 'houses on water' were.
- D. They missed the bus to Tai O.

6 Which sentence is NOT true?

- A. The contestants needed to return to Tung Chung MTR Station with the treasure before 2 p.m.
- B. The children got two things from the list in Tai O.
- C. The children took two types of transport during the race.
- D. The children gave up in the end because they could not find a bauhinia flower.