

Practice 1

Making Comparison and Contrast

Amy and Betty are planning their summer trip to Europe. They are talking about which airline they want to travel with.

Read the information below about two airlines. Decide which one you will recommend to them.

New Pacific Airlines	Golden Pigeon Airlines
<ul style="list-style-type: none">* established in 1980* no accident records* over 90% of its fleet are below seven years old* operates daily flights to over 100 destinations worldwide* legroom: 0.9m (economy class cabin)* meal menu: three choices to choose from* over 60 in-flight entertainment programmes to choose from* an economy class return ticket to major European cities is \$HK5,000 during low season, and \$HK5,900 during peak season* bookings can be made through major travel agencies, during peak season the Internet and booking hotlines	<ul style="list-style-type: none">* established in 1980* accidents in 1984, 1986, 1987, 1990, 1993, 1994, 1996, 1998, 1999, 2000, 2002, 2003 causing 1234 deaths* 50% of its fleet are 15 years old* operates daily flights to over 120 destinations worldwide* legroom: 0.7m (economy class cabin)* meal menu: set menu changes every month* over 55 in-flight entertainment programmes to choose from* an economy class return ticket to major European cities is \$HK4,800 during low season, and \$HK5,500* bookings can be made through designated travel agencies

Write a short paragraph comparing the two airlines to decide which one you will recommend to Amy and Betty.

I think it is better to fly with when you travel to Europe even though it is a little more expensive and has a slightly less flexible schedule.

Practice 2

Organizing Information – Reporting Opinion Poll results

Here are the results of a survey about the main concern of teenagers.

The interviewees were from 14 to 19 years old.
1/5 – very concerned about being accepted by their peers.
60 of them – main concern was appearance and being trendy.
A quarter – main concern was to have good language abilities for further studies and to get a good job.
The rest – not care about anything.
1% – worried about HK's poor economy.
600 students were successfully interviewed.
100 – top concern was public exam results.
5% – very worried about getting a job after leaving school.
1/6 – top concern was having a good relationship with parents.
10 – main concern was to find a part time job.

Task 1

Work out the number of students who shared the same views. Complete the table below. Arrange the information in descending order of importance.

Number of interviewees	Main concern
(a quarter)	To have good language abilities for further studies and to secure a good job in future
(1/5)	Being accepted by their peers
	Public exam results
(1/6)	Having a good relationship with their parents
	Their appearance and being trendy
(5%)	Getting a job after leaving school
	Finding a part-time job
(1%)	Hong Kong's poor economy
The rest	None

Task 2

Complete the report based on the findings in Task 1. Write about 100 words.

A survey was conducted last month about the main concern of teenagers. 600 students in our school aged between 14 and 19 were successfully interviewed.