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Unit Plan

Topic: Youth issues

Background

The target group of this unit plan are students from a middle Band 1 school, in which English is used as the medium of instruction for subjects other than Chinese, Chinese History, Chinese Literature and Liberal Studies in Secondary Four. The students are supposed to have a good command of English. Nevertheless, as the school is located in the New Territories with students mainly from the grass-root families, the students seldom have the chance to use English outside school. Their exposure to English is limited to the school learning and activities. Thus many students lack confidence in speaking English. Even though they have the chance to learn social issues in Liberal Studies, they are just exposed to Chinese rather than English news and articles and engaged in presentations, discussions and writing in Chinese since Chinese is adopted as the medium of instruction in Liberal Studies lessons in senior secondary. Having such a learning environment, students' exposure to English is really not enough. No wonder they lack confidence in using the language, especially in presentation and discussions.

Text book used: Longman Elect New Senior Secondary Theme Book

Target group: SS1 students of an EMI Band 1 school

Objectives:

Students should be able to

- identify some teenage problems in Hong Kong,
- identify some causes, effects and solutions of the problems,
- > analyse the structural and linguistic features of a presentation on a youth issue,
- plan, organize and give a presentation on a particular youth issue,
- provide and respond to feedback on their presentation,
- write a letter to the editorial discussing a youth issue and suggest solutions to it.

Text types:

An editorial, an article, a news report and a problem-solving essay

English Skills to develop: reading, listening, speaking and writing

Generic skills to develop:

Information technology skills Problem-solving skills Study skills Critical thinking skills Communication skills Collaboration skills Self-management skills



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Multiple intelligences to develop:

Verbal-linguistic Interpersonal Intrapersonal Bodily-kinesthetic

Tasks:

Declarative knowledge:

Vocabulary about different youth issues Structure of a presentation Language of a presentation Structure of a letter to the editor

Reading: jigsaw reading Speaking: oral presentation Writing: a letter to the editor

Methods and Procedures

Pre-reading

- Teacher asks students to brainstorm some youth issues in Hong Kong.
- Teacher introduces some youth issues in Hong Kong by using the powerpoint showing some pictures of youth issues.
- Students discuss in groups which issue they think are most widely discussed in Hong Kong.

Reading

Jigsaw reading

- Students are divided into 4 groups (10 in each group). Each group read one text about a youth issue. Then each one pairs up with another student who reads the same text and they work together to complete the mind map showing the causes and possible solutions of the issue they read. (Stronger and weaker learners are reading texts of the same content but different levels.)
- After that, students go into groups of 4 with members reading different texts. Then they take turns to present the causes and solutions of the issue. The other three group members jot notes on the mind-map sheet.

Post-reading

- Students check what they have written down with the partner they worked with before.
- Students work in pairs to work out the effects and solutions of all the four youth issues.

Tasks

- 1. Oral presentation of a social issue
 - Students work in pairs to choose a youth issue in Hong Kong and brainstorm ideas and write on the mind map.



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- Students research the facts such as statistics and evidence for the problem and add the information to the mind map.
- Students work in pairs to complete the worksheet about the structure and language of a presentation.
- Teacher discusses the linguistic features and structure of a presentation with reference to the transcript of the presentation in the book.
- Students divide up their presentation and then write notes for the part of their own presentation on the note card.
- Students work together with another pair and take turns to give presentation to each other.
- After getting the feedback from their peers, students prepare their own notes for individual presentation of another youth issue.
- Students take turns to present the issue in groups of four.
- Students in the new group give feedback to one another by completing the peer assessment form.
- 2. Writing a letter to the editor
 - Teacher introduces the structure and linguistic features of a letter to the editor (P.98 of the textbook)
 - Students choose a youth issue they want to write about.
 - Students brainstorm ideas by using the mind map.
 - Students write the letter to the editor and complete the self-assessment form.
 - Students ask one of their classmates to compete the peer-assessment form.
 - Students modify their own letter.

Assessment

Formative assessment

Self assessment

- > Students complete the self-assessment form for their own letter to the editor.
- Peer assessment
 - Students give feedback to the presentations of their other classmates by completing the peer assessment form.
 - Students give feedback to the letter to the editor written by one of their classmates by completing the peer- assessment form

Summative assessment

> Teacher marks students' letters to the editor according to the rubric of writing for the HKDSE.



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Lesson plan for the reading and oral presentation

Level : SS4

Topic : Youth Issues

No. of lessons : 4

Learning Objectives:

Students should be able to

- identify some teenage problems in Hong Kong,
- identify some causes, effects and solutions of the problems,
- > analyse the structural and linguistic features of a presentation on a youth issue,
- > plan, organize and give a presentation on a particular youth issue, and
- provide and respond to feedback on their presentation

Total No. of lessons: 4

Procedure

Lesson	Time	Learning activities/tasks	Teaching resources (with differentiated instructions)
1-2	2mins	Lead in	
		Teacher asks students to brainstorm some youth issues in Hong Kong.	
	13	Pre-reading	PowerPoint slides
	mins	 Teacher introduces some youth issues in Hong Kong by using the PowerPoint, showing some pictures and names of youth issues (declarative knowledge of names of some common youth issues) Students discuss in groups which issue they think are most widely discussed and concerned about in Hong Kong. Each group reports one issue which they think affects the interests of Hong Kong people most. 	
	20	Jigsaw reading	
	mins	Students are divided into 4 groups (10 in each group). Each group reads one text about a youth issue. Then every student pairs up with another student who reads the same text and they work	Texts from the textbook and worksheet 1a for stronger learners
		together to complete the mind map showing the	Simplified texts and



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		causes and possible solutions or effects of the	Worksheet 1b for
		issue they read.	weaker learners
		(Glossary of each text is given to help students	
		understand the text. Weaker students will be	
		given the simplified text.)	
	20	\succ After that, students go into groups of 4 with	Worksheet 1a for
	mins	members reading different texts. Then they take	stronger learners and 1b
		turns to present the causes and solutions or	for weaker learners
		effects of the issue. The other three group	
		members jot notes on the mind-map sheet.	
	10	Post-reading	Worksheet 1a for
	mins	After that, students check what they have written	stronger learners and
		down with the partner they worked with before.	for weaker learners
		Students work in pairs to work out the effects and	Worksheet 2a for
		solutions of all the four youth issues.	stronger learners and 2b
			for weaker learners
	10	Students work in pairs to choose a youth issue in	Mind map (Worksheet
	mins	Hong Kong and brainstorm ideas and write on the	3a for stronger learners
		mind map.	and 3b for weaker
		Home assignment	learners)
		Students research the facts such as statistics and	
		evidence for the problem and add the information	
		to the mind map at home.	
3 – 4	30	Pre-oral tasks	Textbook P.101
	mins	Analyzing the structure and language of a presentation	
		Students read the transcript of a presentation on	
		P.101 of the textbook	
		Students work in pairs to complete the worksheet	
		about the structure and language of a	
		presentation.	
		Teacher discusses the linguistic features and	
		structure of a presentation with reference to the	
		transcript of the presentation in the book.	
	10	Writing notes and rehearsal	Note sheet (Worksheet
	mins	Students work in pairs. They divide up their	4a for stronger learners
		presentation and then write notes for the part of	and 4b for weaker
		their own presentation on the note card.	learners)
		Students rehearse the presentation in pairs	
	15	Group presentation	Peer-assessment form
	mins	Each pair works with another pair and take turns	(Worksheet 6a for
		to give presentation to each other.	stronger learners and 6b
		Students give feedback to the other pair by	for weaker learners)
		completing the peer-assessment form	
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25	Individual presentation	Note sheet (Worksheet
mins	 Based on the feedback given, each student prepares his/her own speech by writing notes on the note sheet. Students take turns to present the issue they have chosen in groups of four so that they can learn from each other. Students in the new group give feedback to one 	5a for stronger learners and 5b for weaker learners) Peer-assessment form (Worksheet 7a for stronger learners and 7b for weaker learners.)
	another by completing the peer assessment form.	To weaker learners.)



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Justification of the design of the unit and tasks to cater for learner diversity

When making a unit plan for a differentiated classroom, what we have to take into account are different learning styles and learning needs of the students. In a middle Band 1 school, most students are positively motivated to learn English and are able to produce work of reasonably high quality provided that clear instructions and sufficient input are given. Thus, differentiated instructional strategies are adopted to cater for learner diversity. In this school, students are streamed inexplicitly by the classes they choose. In normal circumstances, the classes which offer science subjects and commercial subjects are more popular than the pure arts class. Hence, there are usually one or two classes with some less motivated and less able students. With this in mind, two sets of materials are prepared. The design of the learning activities is characterized by differentiated input and instructions giving to students with different English proficiency but same output, like completing the worksheet for the jigsaw reading by listing the causes and solutions to the youth issue, the group and individual presentation, will be produced by all students.

In this unit, the topic 'youth issues' is chosen as this topic is related to students' real life experience and it is easy to search for information on these issues. In addition, the topic aims to prepare students for the elective module of social issues. By starting with something that students are more familiar with, they will have the interest to investigate more social issues of Hong Kong.

To cater to students' major learning needs, which is a lack of confidence in using English in presentation and group discussion, the task of oral presentation is chosen. It is f

students can apply what they have learned from the presentations in their writing. In the pre-tasks, students are engaged in reading and sharing information. Various generic skills are developed in completing the tasks.

Information technology skills can be developed as students have to surf the Internet for information about the youth issue they are going to present. When brainstorming solutions to a youth issue and working out what to include in their presentation, problem-solving skills are involved. Moreover, students have to identify relevant information when they do their research about the youth issue they are going to present and give others feedback on their presentation, study skills are required. When students employ contextual clues to interpret the meaning of sentences and words, and give feedback to their partner on various aspects of their presentation, critical thinking skills are a must. As pair and group work is involved, there are collaboration skills as well as communication skills. Before the presentation, students have to plan and gather information and practice their presentation, which involves self-management skills. This also enhances learner's autonomy as they can take control of their own learning by researching as much information as they like.

In the design of the activities, students' different learning needs are put on the top of the priority. In the two sets of materials, we can see the differentiated input and instructions given to students of different levels. The set of worksheets in which fewer graphic clues are given are for high achievers, while the set in which more graphic clues are provided to help scaffold the structure of the text and the presentation script are for the average learners. For the jigsaw reading, the high achievers will use the texts from the



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text book while the average ones will use the simplified texts of the same content, which make comprehension of the texts manageable to them.

Graphic organizers, like mind maps and flow charts, are employed in the worksheets so that students can better comprehend the content of the texts they read. If students can visualize the events, it will be easier for them to organize the points. The visual clues could also guide students to brainstorm and structure the ideas. Obviously, the average learners will be given more graphic clues than the high achievers to facilitate comprehension and scaffold the presentation.

Even though students have different language proficiency, different students have different multiple intelligences. Thus, the activities and tasks designed aim at developing different multiple intelligences. Verbal-linguistic intelligence can be developed in researching a youth issue and making notes for the oral presentation. In the sharing of information from their own text in jigsaw reading, discussing points for oral presentation in pair and giving peer feedback on the presentation, students' interpersonal intelligence can be developed. However, engaging students in searching for information and preparing for their own individual presentation, intrapersonal intelligence is needed. Lastly, doing the jigsaw reading enables students to move around to share what they have got from the text, which is suitable for those learners with bodily-kinesthetic intelligence. They can learn more efficiently when body movement is allowed in lessons.

When doing the tasks, peer assessment is conducted to help students improve their presentation. Peer feedback provides students with valuable information, which can then be used by individuals to make their own self-assessment (Boud, 1995) and followed up with actions to improve their work. The evaluative feedback given by peers enables students to learn in a less threatening environment and they offer mutual help to each other. When completing the peer assessment form, they are actually reflecting on their own performance in the group presentation. Actually the questions on the checklist for peer assessment are set based on the structure and linguistic features of a presentation. Thus, this structured evaluative feedback is really beneficial to all learners. Meanwhile, the oral presentation paves a way for learners to employ what they have learned from the jigsaw reading and presentation in writing a letter to the editor discussing a youth issue in Hong Kong.

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Jigsaw reading - Passage 1 (Longman Elect Theme Book P.88)

Sex education essential for our young Text 1 In the past two weeks, three babies have been found abandoned in public places. While the public editoria may accuse their mothers of being heartless, the incidents highlight a more serious problem: that of teenage pregnancy, as all the mothers concerned were under the age of eighteen. Here's an editorial on In Chinese society, sex is often considered taboo and this attitude is not only prevalent in the teenage pregnancy. 5 family but also in the classroom. So while teenagers can adequately name the different parts of the Patrick male and female reproductive systems, their knowledge of birth control and attitude towards sexual relationships is comparatively poor. So where do our young people learn about the subject? Unfortunately they rely on the media, which doesn't help. TV programmes like the hit Japanese drama Mother at 14 often romanticise 10 teenage parenthood, and they fail to address the financial and emotional problems that teen mothers frequently encounter. The problem of teenage pregnancy should be addressed immediately. Schools and parents should work together to establish a dialogue with teenagers about safe and responsible sexual behaviour. With both parties working together, we can be sure that our young will grow up with the right 15 knowledge and values. This should lead to fewer regrets and fewer tragedies. Here's a blog entry and some comments about acial discrimination in



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Jigsaw reading - Passage 2 (Longman Elect Theme Book P.89)



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Teen Mag Issue 25

Text 3 > article

Young night drifters in Hong Kong

A home provides shelter, love and care. It is a place to return to at the end of a hectic and tiring day. However, some young people prefer hanging out in parks, playgrounds and 24-hour convenience stores at night. Why is this? Our reporter talked to a night drifter, a parent and a social worker. Read on to find out what they said. You can learn more about young night drifters from this magazine article.

Patrick



5 When did you start hanging out with your friends at night? When I was in Secondary 3.

Why do you prefer staying out at night?

I feel bored at home. My mum usually works night shifts and my dad sleeps whenever he's at home. If they're both at home together, they always
quarrel. There's no one to talk to at home, but on the street I've got lots of friends. We chat a lot, and if I have any problems, I can talk to them.

Chris, night drifter

Don't you ever worry about getting into trouble?

No, I don't. I know a lot of people think young night drifters must be juvenile delinquents, but they're wrong. Not all young night drifters are unruly. Most, like us, just sit around and chat.



15 Does your daughter often go out late at night?

I'm not sure how often she goes out late because I'm not always at home. Last Chinese New Year, she left home on New Year's Eve and didn't come back for a week. She told me that she was staying at her friend's flat.

Do you worry about her?

20 Of course, but she always says she's fifteen and wants more freedom. She sometimes even switches off her mobile when I call her. Teenagers these days always say they want independence, but I think they abuse it.

Mrs Chan, parent

What are the causes of night drifting among young people?

Many young people say they are bored at home and go out at night looking for excitement. Others go out to avoid family conflicts or to avoid over-controlling parents.

How many night drifters are there and how old are they?

Do you think night drifters easily fall into bad ways?

We estimate that over 50,000 young people a year night drift at some time. The average age is twelve, but I've met one night drifter who was only six. 30 Some night drifters are full-time students and some are unemployed.



Gary, social worker

I think so. I've met a number of them who started out just chatting with friends, but ended up drinking, taking drugs and even getting involved in prostitution or triad activities. Peer influence is very strong among young people.

For a list of words and phrases related to **Liberal Studies**, go to Appendix 1 of the Vocabulary Book, pp. 103–104.

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Jigsaw reading - Passage 3 (Longman Elect Theme Book P.90)





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Jigsaw reading - Passage 4 (Longman Elect Theme Book P.90)

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problem-solution essay	International reports indicate that unemployment among young people is higher than the
	population average. The situation in Hong Kong is no exception. Here, the hardest hit group
Nhat do you think of	is young school leavers, who lack both the necessary skills and the experience to get a job.
the solutions proposed in this	To improve the situation, more should be done to help young people in their search for work
essay?	5 In the short term, employment opportunities for young people could be increased. One way
Patrick	to do this is to strengthen the development of various industries, such as catering, retail and
	tourism, which typically provide opportunities for young school leavers with limited
	education. Developing district-level enterprises is another effective way of increasing the job
	opportunities for young workers. Enterprises such as recycling businesses could be
	10 especially beneficial to northern districts, where there is a high concentration of unemployed
	young workers. Diove of to abilition viewed broke of the deficit and the second state of the second state
	In the long term, the government should aim to raise the level of education among young
	people. For example, young school leavers should be provided with more vocational training
You can find out about the youth	opportunities to equip them with job-specific knowledge and on-the-job experience, thus
employment	15 enabling them to find a job more easily. Tertiary education should also be expanded. Of
services provided by the	course, this should not be done at the expense of quality.
government at	As one government official has said, young people are our most valuable assets. It is hoped
http://www.yes. abour.gov.hk.	that with increasing job opportunities and improved education and training opportunities,
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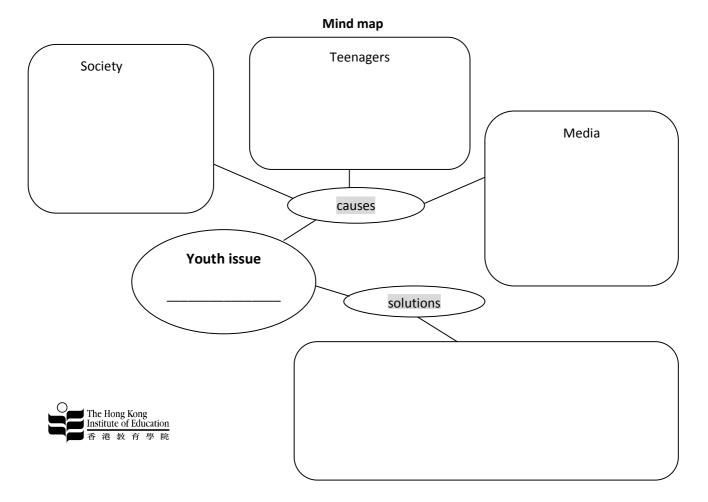
Youth Issues/ Worksheet 1a

Jigsaw reading – Passage 1

Read the assigned text and complete the mind map with your partner.

Sex Education essential for our young (P.88 Text 1)

Glossary	Part of	Meaning and example
	speech	
abandoned (line	adj	left somewhere alone by the person looking after them
1)		e.g. I read a touching story about an abandoned
taboo (line4)	adj	that is avoided because it is considered offensive or embarrassing
		e.g. In some societies, divorce is taboo.
prevalent (line	adj	something existing commonly
4)		e.g. Hunger and poverty are prevalent in many parts of the world.
romanticize (line	v	to show things in a way that makes them seem better than they really are.
9)		e.g. It is easy to romanticize the past, but it is often wrong to do so.
addressed	v	having looked at a problem in order to solve it; addressed is the past
(line12)		participle of address
		e.g. The problem of drug abuse will be addressed at the next meeting.



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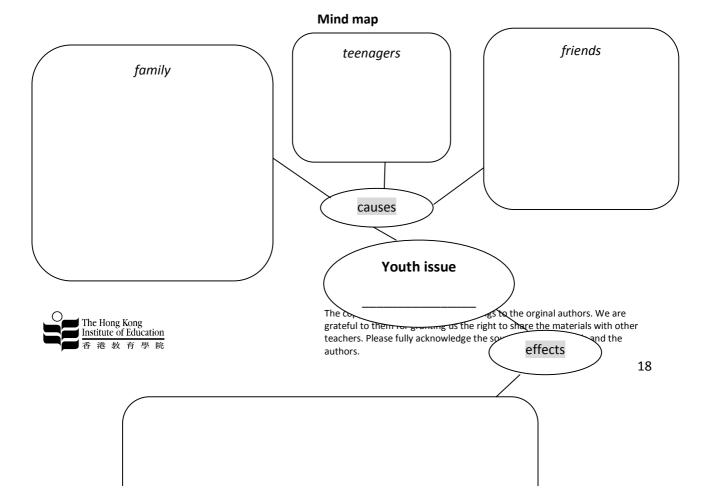
Youth Issues/ Worksheet 1a

Jigsaw reading – Passage 2

Read the assigned text and complete the mind map with your partner.

Young night drifters in Hong Kong (P.89 Text 3)

Glossary	Part of	Meaning and example
	speech	
hectic (line 1)	adj	very busy or full of activity
		e.g. Things have been very hectic at school lately.
staying out (line	ger phr	being away from home; the base form of staying is stay
7)		e.g. It would be better if you invited your friends home instead of staying
		out.
unruly (line 14)	adj	difficult to control or manage
		e.g. He struggled hard to control his unruly emotions.
over-controlling	adj	being excessively strict about what should and should not be done
(line 26)		e.g. As children grow older, they rebel against over-controlling parents.



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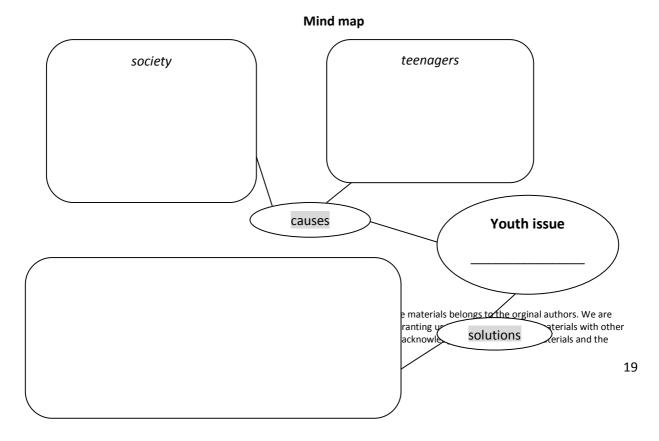
Youth Issues/ Worksheet 1a

Jigsaw reading – Passage 3

Read the assigned text and complete the mind map with your partner.

90% surge in teenagers arrested for drug offences (P.90 Text 4)

Glossary	Part of speech	Meaning and example
urge (title)	n	a sudden increase in the amount or number of something
		e.g. The recent surge in holiday-makers has put a strain on local hotels.
seizures (line 13)	n	when the police or government officers take away illegal goods, such as
		drugs; seizures is the plural form of seizure
		e.g. The police have made a number of seizures in recent weeks.
hauls (line 17)	n	a large amounts of illegal or stolen goods; hauls is the plural form of haul
		e.g. The hauls of weapons and ammunition were stored in large
		warehouses.
step up (line 21)	v phr	to increase the amount or frequency of something that is intended to
		achieve something
		e.g. We will step up the number of lessons so that you are fully prepared
		for the exam.
concern group	n phr	people who work together to better the lives of those affected by a
(line 24)		particular problem, condition or circumstance; groups is the plural form
		of group
		e.g. Local concern groups for the elderly have organized an exhibition
		this Sunday.



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Youth Issues/ Worksheet 1a

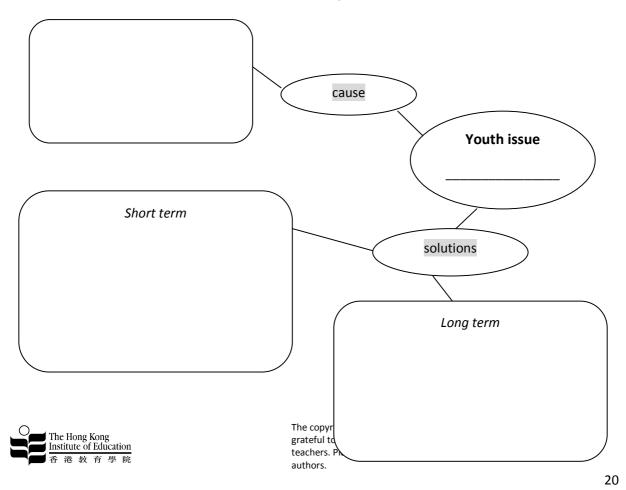
Jigsaw reading - Passage 4

Read the assigned text and complete the mind map with your partner.

How to tackle youth unemployment in Hong Kong (P.90 Text 5)

Glossary	Part of	Meaning and example
	speech	
vocational	n phr	educational sessions that prepare someone for a job
training (line		e.g. He learnt the important aspects of digital photography during his
13)		vocational training.
tertiary	n phr	education in colleagues and universities
education (line		e.g. The government has provided more funding for the development of
15)		tertiary education
asset (line 17)	n	people or things that are useful because they help to achieve or improve
		something; assets is the plural form of asset
		e.g. Justice and the rule of law are great assets to our society.

Mind map

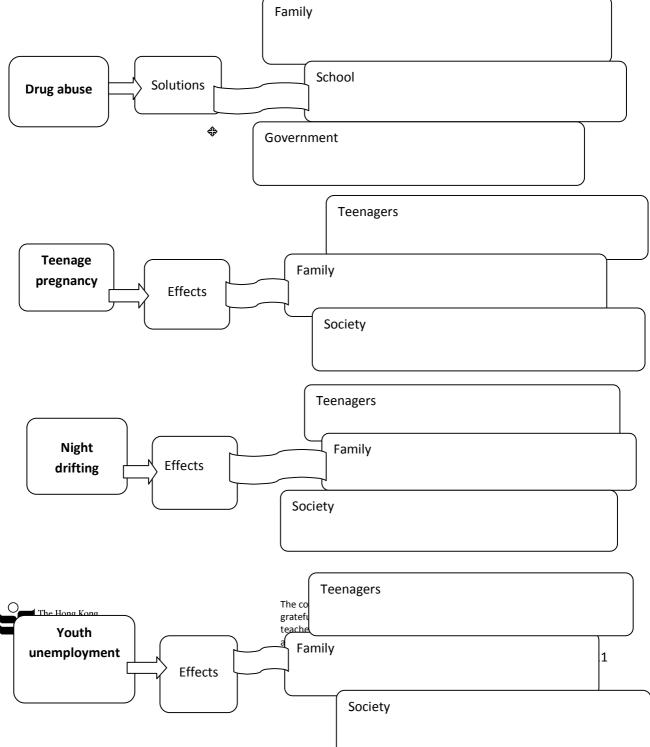


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Effects and Solutions to the youth issues

Youth Issues/ Worksheet 2a

Now please brainstorm some solutions to the drug abuse issue and some effects of the other three issues.



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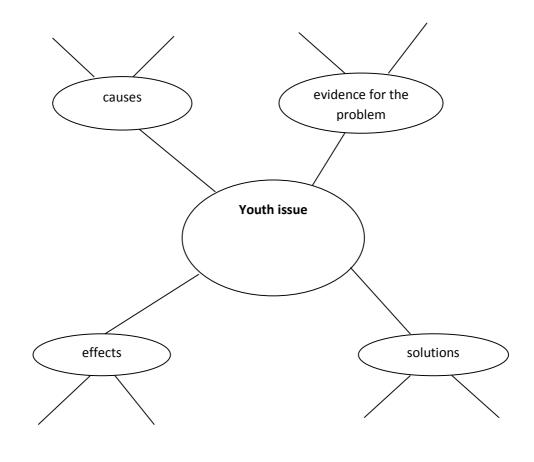
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Youth Issues/ Worksheet 3a

Preparing a presentation

A) Work in pairs. Choose a youth issue in Hong Kong that you want to raise people's awareness of. What do you know about the issue? Brainstorm ideas for the youth issue you are going to present. First, please write down the causes, effects and solutions in the mind map.

Mind map of a youth issue for oral presentation





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B) Research some facts and other information about the issue and add it to the mind map.



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Youth Issues/ Worksheet 4a

Writing up notes for the group presentation

A. You are going to give a four-minute presentation on the above topic. Decide with your partner who will give each part of the presentation. Then write notes for the presentation on the note sheet. Use your notes from the mind map to help you.

Note sheet for the group presentation

ssue :	
ntroduction :	
Body:	
Conclusion:	

- *B. Rehearse with your partner the presentation. Time your presentation as well. Check with each other whether you have enough eye contact.*
- C. Work together with another pair. Take turns to give your presentation to each other.



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D. After listening to the presentation, complete the peer assessment form and give feedback to each other.



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Youth Issues/ Worksheet 5a

Writing up notes for the individual presentation

A. You are going to give a two-minute individual presentation on a topic of your choice. Think of the information you want to include. Then write notes for the presentation on the note sheet.

Note sheet for the individual presentation

Issue :	
Introduction :	
Body:	
Conclusion:	

- *B.* Rehearse the presentation. Refer to the peer assessment form for your previous presentation to make improvements in the presentation skills.
- C. Get into groups of four and take turns to present the issue to one another.
- D. After listening to each presentation, complete the peer assessment form and give feedback to one another.



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Youth Issues/ Worksheet 6a

Peer assessment form for group presentation

After listening to the presentation of your classmates, please give some feedback to them with the help of the following assessment form. Tick one box for 1-10 and answer questions 11.

	Well done	Satisfactory	Needs improvement
1. The presentation included the important details of a youth issue in Hong Kong.			
2. The presentation was clearly structured.			
3. The transition point in the presentation was clearly signalled.			
4. The speakers used persuasive language effectively.			
5. The speakers made effectively use of pauses.			
6. The pronunciation is clear.			
7. The speakers used body language effectively.			
8. The intonation was natural.			
9. The volume and pace was appropriate.			
10. The speakers collaborated well.			
11. How can the presentation be improved?			



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Youth Issues/ Worksheet 7a

Peer assessment form for individual presentation

After listening to the presentation of your classmate, please give some feedback to him/her with the help of the following assessment form. Tick one box for 1-9 and answer questions 10.

	Well done	Satisfactory	Needs improvement
1. The presentation included the important details of a youth issue in Hong Kong.			
2. The presentation was clearly structured.			
3. The transition point in the presentation was clearly signalled.			
4. The speakers used persuasive language effectively.			
5. The speakers made effectively use of pauses.			
6. The pronunciation is clear.			
7. The speakers used body language effectively.			
8. The intonation was natural.			
9. The volume and pace was appropriate.			
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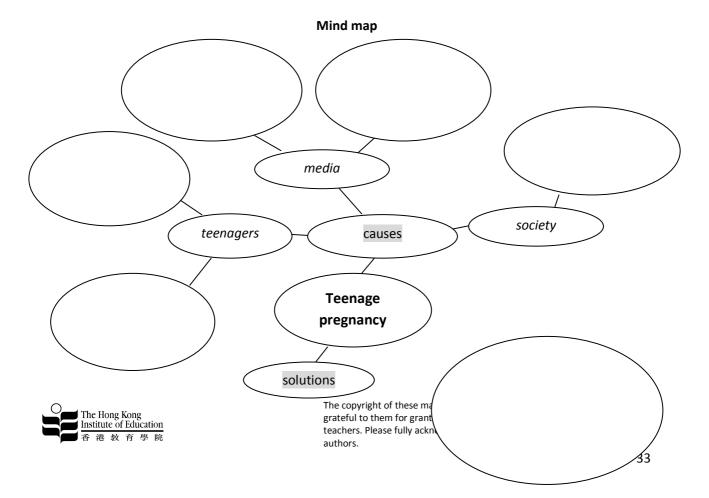
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Jigsaw reading - Passage 1

Read the assigned text and complete the mind map with your partner.

Sex education essential for our young

Glossary	Part of	Meaning and example
	speech	
abandoned	adj	left somewhere alone by the person looking after them
(line 1)		e.g. I read a touching story about an abandoned
taboo (line4)	adj	that is avoided because it is considered offensive or embarrassing
		e.g. In some societies, divorce is taboo.
romanticize	v	to show things in a way that makes them seem better than they really are.
(line 8)		e.g. It is easy to romanticize the past, but it is often wrong to do so.
parenthood	n	the state of being a parent
(line 8)		e.g. The main responsibility of parenthood is to provide good care and love for them.
address (line	v	having looked at a problem in order to solve it
8)		e.g. The problem of drug abuse will be addressed at the next meeting.
encounter	v	to experience something that is unpleasant of difficult
(line 9)		e.g. We encountered a number of difficulties in the first week of my job.



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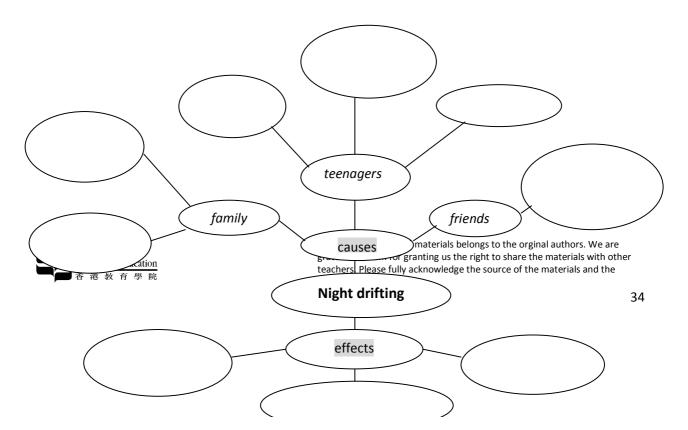
Jigsaw reading – Passage 2

Read the assigned text and complete the mind map with your partner.

Young night drifters in Hong Kong

Glossary	Part of speech	Meaning and example
hanging out (line 1)	v phrase	spend a lot of time in a place; hang is the basic form of hanging
		e.g Teenagers like to hang out at shopping malls after school.
unruly (line12)	adj	difficult to control or manage
		e.g. He struggled hard to control his unruly emotions.
independence	n	the ability to live your life without being helped or influenced by
(line17)		other
		e.g. Adolescents always want independence and they do not want to
		be controlled by others.
abuse (line 18)	v	to use wrongly or improperly
		e.g. He abused his position as supervisor by giving jobs to his friends.





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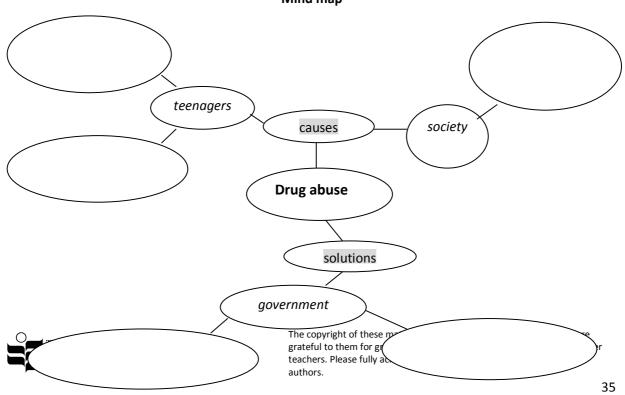
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Jigsaw reading - Passage

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90% surge in teenagers arrested for drug offences

Glossary	Part of	Meaning and example
	speech	
urge (title)	n	a sudden increase in the amount or number of something
		e.g. The recent surge in holiday-makers has put a strain on local
		hotels.
tackle (title)	v	To make determined effort to deal with a difficult problem or
		situation
		e.g. The government is determined to tackle inflation.
concern group (line	n phr	people who work together to better the lives of those affected by a
14)		particular problem, condition or circumstance; groups is the plural
		form of group
		e.g. Local concern groups for the elderly have organized an exhibition
		this Sunday.
no big deal (line 21)	n. phr	to say that something is not important or not a problem.
		e.g. If I don't win, it's no big deal.



Mind map

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Jigsaw reading - Passage 4

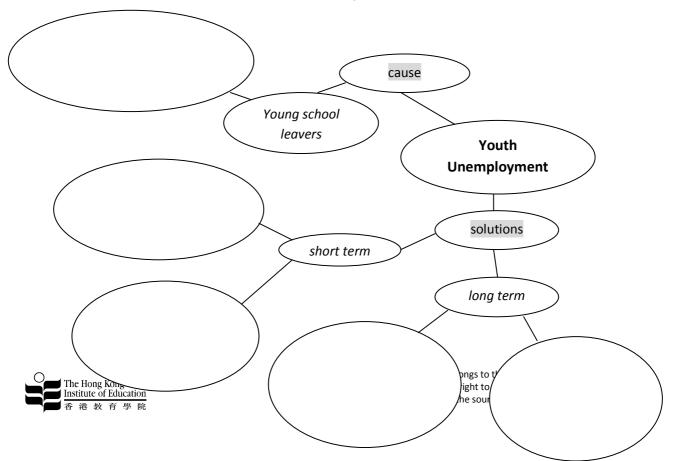
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How to tackle youth unemployment in Hong Kong

Text 5 (p.90)

Glossary	Part of	Meaning and example
	speech	
strengthen	v	to make something stronger
(line 4)		e.g. Repairs are necessary to strengthen the bridge.
catering (line	n	the work of providing food and drinks for meetings or social events
6)		e.g. Who did the catering for your son's wedding?
tertiary	n phr	education in colleagues and universities
education		e.g. The government has provided more funding for the development of tertiary
(line 10)		education
contribute	v	To help something
		e.g. The perfects contribute to school discipline by patrolling during recess time.

Mind map

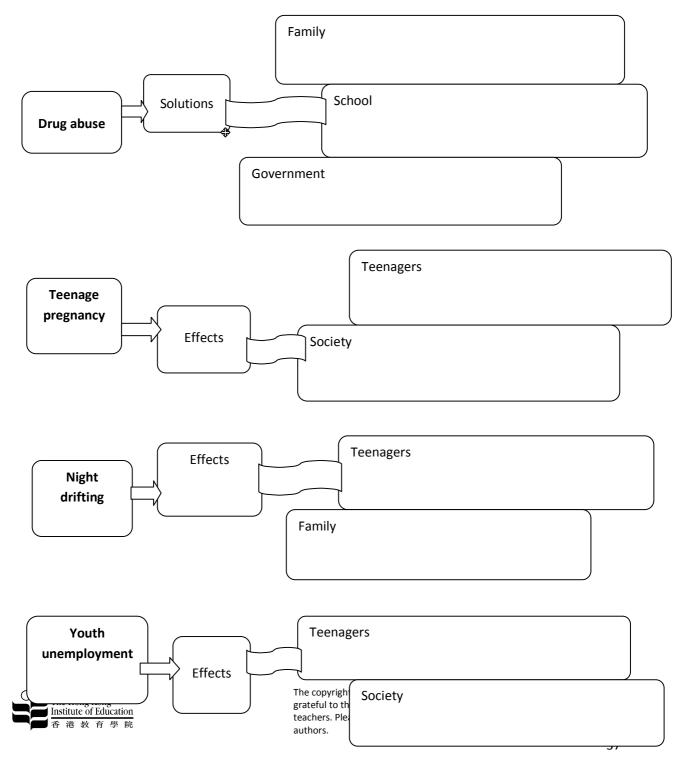


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Youth Issues/ Worksheet 2b

Effects and Solutions to the issues

Now please brainstorm some solutions to the drug abuse issue and some effects of the other three issues.



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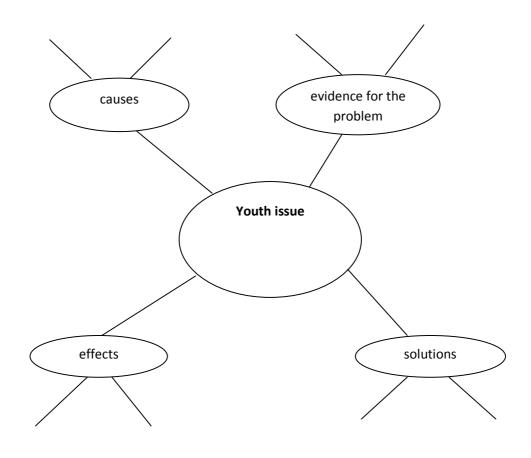
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Youth Issues/ Worksheet 3b

Preparing a presentation

C) Work in pairs. Choose a youth issue in Hong Kong that you want to raise people's awareness of. What do you know about the issue? Brainstorm ideas for the youth issue you are going to present. First, please write down the causes, effects and solutions in the mind map.

Mind map of a youth issue for oral presentation





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D) Research some facts and other information about the issue and add it to the mind map.



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Youth Issues/ Worksheet 4b

Writing up notes for the group presentation

E. You are going to give a four-minute presentation on the above topic. Decide with your partner who will give each part of the presentation. Then write notes for the presentation on the note sheet. Use your notes from the mind map to help you.

Note sheet for the group presentation

Issue :	
Greeting :	
Introduction : Evidence of the problem	
Body: Causes	
Conclusion: Solutions	
Closing:	

- *F.* Rehearse with your partner the presentation. Time your presentation as well. Check with each other whether you have enough eye contact.
- G. Work together with another pair. Take turns to give your presentation to each other.



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H. After listening to the presentation, complete the peer assessment form and give feedback to each other.



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Youth Issues/ Worksheet 5b

Writing up notes for the individual presentation

A. You are going to give a two-minute individual presentation on the issue you have just. Choose the information you want to present. Then write notes for the presentation on the note sheet. Use your notes from the mind map to help you.

Note sheet for the individual presentation

Issue :
Greeting :
Introduction : Evidence of the problem
Body: Causes
Conclusion: Solutions
Closing:

- *B.* Rehearse the presentation. Refer to the peer assessment form for your previous presentation to make improvements in the presentation skills.
- C. Get into groups of four and take turns to present the issue to one another.



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D. After listening to each presentation, complete the peer assessment form and give feedback to one another.



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Youth Issues/ Worksheet 6b

Peer assessment form for group presentation

After listening to the presentation of your classmates, please give some feedback to them with the help of the following assessment form. Tick one box for 1-10 and answer questions 11.

		Well done	Satisfactory	Needs improvement
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Youth Issues/ Worksheet 7b

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Youth Issues/ Answers

Teacher's note

Jigsaw reading

Answers to mind-maps

Passage 1: Sex education essential for our young

Youth issue: teenage pregnancy

Causes:

Society	-	sex is considered taboo
Media	-	romanticize parenthood
	-	fail to address financial and emotional problems that teen mothers frequently
		encounter
Teenagers	-	poor knowledge of birth control
	-	poor attitude towards sexual relationships

Solutions:

Family and school should establish a dialogue with teenagers about safe and responsible sexual behavior

Passage 2: Young night drifters in Hong Kong

Youth issue: Night drifting

parents quarrel), parents having night shifts and sleeping all the time
ne; want independence; look for excitement
ays chat with them

Effects: Drinking Taking drugs Getting involved in prostitution or triad activities

Passage 3: 90% surge in teenagers arrested for drug offences

Youth issue: Drug abuse Causes: Society - a free and open society

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Teenagers	-	eager to try new things
	-	like excitement

Solutions:

Government - improve law enforcement increase drug education

Passage 4: How to tackle youth unemployment in Hong Kong

Youth issue: Youth unemployment

Causes:

Teenagers - lack skills and experience

Solutions:

Short term	-	strengthen the development of industries which typically provide opportunities for
		young school leavers with limited education
	-	develop district-level enterprises
Long term	-	raise the level of education among young people
	-	expand tertiary education



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