

Dear Helen,

Thanks for your letter and the birthday blessing. I am glad to hear that you are well recently.

I am writing this letter to you because your parents told me that you did not concentrate on your study. During the school suspension, you woke up late and spent not much time on your work. They told me that you played online games all the time too. Playing online games in your spare time is fine, but do not get addicted to it. You should try your best to adjust your track right this moment.

Studying at home is a way to train up your self-learning skill. You will have self-learning subjects and do your own projects when you grow up. It is a good chance to learn this skill on this occasion.

To manage your time effectively, you can set a timetable for yourself. It gives you a whole picture, so you could make use of your time wisely. I hope that you can get rid of your bad habits and study hard from now on. I will come to Hong Kong next month. I look forward to seeing you and your family soon.

Love,

Uncle John

**A. Choose the best answer by blackening the circles.**

1. What does 'They' refer to? (Line 6)

- A. Helen's classmates  
 C. Helen's friends

- B. Helen's parents  
 D. Helen's exercises

2. Which of the following is true?

- A. Uncle John requests Helen not to play online games from now on.  
 B. Helen's parents encourage Uncle John to write this letter to Helen.  
 C. Helen should manage her time effectively.  
 D. Helen is a good student.

3. What is the meaning of "get rid of"?

- A. to eliminate  
 C. to admit

- B. to reduce  
 D. to correct

B. Answer the following questions in complete sentences.

1. What are the problems of Helen?

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2. Why did Uncle John write this letter to Helen?

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3. What do you usually do during school suspension? Why?

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C. Fill in the blanks by making use of the vocabularies that can be found in the above passage. Each vocabulary can be used once only.

Thank you for your letter. We look 1. \_\_\_\_\_ to seeing you in Hong Kong too. I will try to get 2. \_\_\_\_\_ of my bad habits from now on. I understand that I should not get 3. \_\_\_\_\_ to online games. I ought to use my time 4. \_\_\_\_\_. I will try my best to study 5. \_\_\_\_\_ also.

D. Put the nouns into the correct boxes.

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| sugar     | milk   | chicken wing | sausage | children | homework |
| policeman | energy | program      | money   | bread    | bottle   |

| Countable nouns | Uncountable nouns |
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E. Fill in the blanks by using 'a lot of', 'a few', 'a little', 'some', 'too much' or 'too many'.

Mum: We need to buy 1. \_\_\_\_\_ food now, Ken. Do you have enough time to go to the supermarket with me?

Ken: Yes, mum. I have 2. \_\_\_\_\_ time today as I finished my homework. Should we buy 3. \_\_\_\_\_ soft drinks?

Mum: We have 4. \_\_\_\_\_ soft drinks at our house. There are eight packets of soft drinks in the storeroom.

Ken: How about the rice, mum?

Mum: We have a lot too. There is 5. \_\_\_\_\_ rice on hand. Uncle John sent us 20kg of rice last week. I need to buy a bottle of oil as well because we only have 6. \_\_\_\_\_ oil left.

Ken: I want to buy 7. \_\_\_\_\_ biscuits, mum. There are 8. \_\_\_\_\_ biscuits in the bottle.

Mum: Sure. Remember not to get 9. \_\_\_\_\_, Ken. Please help me to get 10. \_\_\_\_\_ chicken wings because I want to prepare the party food for your little brother.

Ken: Ok, mum.

Mum: There is 11. \_\_\_\_\_ cheese in the fridge. Let us buy a packet of cheese now.

Ken: Should we buy 12. \_\_\_\_\_ snacks, mum?

Mum: Of course. Please not to get 13. \_\_\_\_\_, honey.

Ken: I know, mum.

Mum: Let's check the bill.

Ken: Ok.

Cashier: It is three hundred and eighty-five, please.

Mum: Here you are.

