



Excel in PRIMARY CHINESE COMPREHENSION

Three easy steps are all you need!

Many primary school pupils find Chinese Comprehension a big challenge, especially for those with limited Chinese language proficiency. The Comprehension component tests not only their linguistic skills but also their cognitive and experiential learning skills. As it takes up about 50% of weightage in the Chinese Paper 2, it is vital to equip pupils with the right skills in answering this component.

Here are three easy steps to help pupils ace the Chinese Comprehension:

Step 1: Read 读

i. Skim through the passage. Understand its contents using the 5W1H method:

Who? (谁?)	What? (做什么?)
When? (什么时候?)	Why? (为什么?)
Where? (在哪里?)	How? (怎么做?)

ii. Read the questions and find the keywords.

iii. Scan the passage again. Locate the corresponding keywords.

Step 2: Underline 划

i. Upon finding the keywords, underline the relevant sentences. Mark them out using the corresponding question numbers.

E.g.

Question 1: 听了妈妈的话, 小华有什么反应?

Sentences in the passage: 看到这一幕, 妈妈狠狠地批评了小华一顿。01听了妈妈的话, 小华红着脸, 低下头, 不好意思地说: “对不起, 妈妈!”

Answer: 听了妈妈的话, 小华红着脸, 低下头, 不好意思地说: “对不起, 妈妈!”

ii. Pay close attention to the first sentence of each paragraph. It frequently indicates the change of location or time.

Step 3: Write 写

i. Write your answers based on the underlined sentences. Here are some tips:

a. Phrase your answer based on the question structure.

E.g.

Question: 从哪里可以看出小明是一个乐于助人的孩子?

Answer: 从“……”可以看出小明是一个乐于助人的孩子。

b. Switch from first person to third person where necessary.

E.g. 我 → 作者/“我”/她/他

c. Change exclamatory sentences or questions to direct statements.

E.g. 小美怎么能不归还碗盘呢? → 小美应该归还碗盘。

ii. Finally, check all your answers carefully.

For more tips and practices on Chinese Comprehension, you may refer to the new *Step-by-Step Chinese Comprehension* series, written by teachers from EduGrove Mandarin Enrichment Centre and published by Educational Publishing House. This series aims to guide pupils through each step and equip them with skills to answer different types of comprehension questions.

