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COMPREHENSION TECHNIQUES

Vocabulary in Context

Level 1

1. Just last week, Charles and Jun Wu went cycling near the Marina Barrage. It was a popular haunt for Pokémon players in the area. Many people also brought their pets out for some fresh air during the weekends.

Which 2-word phrase tells us that many people liked to go to the Bedok Jetty?

2. Jing Yang and Jayven were running late. Immediately, they dashed to the entrance, eager to watch their much-awaited movie.

They groped their way to their seats as fast as they could. The advertisements had just ended, so they did not miss the start of the blockbuster. What a relief for them!

(a) What does the word 'eager' tell us about the way Jing Yang and Jayven felt about the movie?

(b) Which sentence tells you that Jing Yang and Jayven could not see very well inside the cinema?

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Level 2

3. Duncan sat nervously in the waiting room. As the old clock ticked away, he stole a glance at the grouchy secretary who had a look of displeasure. The cool air that was initially welcoming was now too much to bear. Realising that he was next in line, his heart pounded harder and harder, as if it was trying to escape from his rib cage. Taking a deep breath to calm himself, Duncan diverted his attention to the photographs of famous people that hung on the walls.

(a) Find and write down the words in the paragraph that are similar in meaning to each of the following words/phrases:

(i) grumpy _____

(ii) at first _____

(iii) beat _____

(b) Which does the phrase 'stole a glance' tell us about the way Duncan felt about the secretary?

(c) Which sentence tells us how truly nervous Duncan was?

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Level 3

4. As the man gave directions, the children listened intently. He was all smiles to see that the children seemed to understand her.

Leaving the information counter, they made their onerous way through the crowd to search for their mother. Mrs Keng was still at the supermarket, oblivious to the plight of her children who had wandered off and got lost in the mall.

(a) Which word tells us that the children were attentive to what the man was telling them.

(b) What does the word 'oblivious' tell us about the way Mrs Keng was shopping in the supermarket?

5. Keveane was goal-oriented. She demanded that her team members stayed with her overtime when she was working hard to complete the latest architecture model. Only when she finished what she had set out to do was she able to take a break. She was known to be such a workaholic.

What does the word 'goal-orientated' tell us about Keveane's character?
