

Tapescript

Narrator:

Part 3*Miss Wong, an English teacher, is talking to Michael about reading.*You now have 30 seconds to study the questions (*30-second music*).Now listen to the conversation. When you hear a beep (*beep*), answer the question. The conversation will be played two times. The conversation will begin now.

Miss Wong:

[Good morning, Michael. Please sit down. You wanted to talk to me about reading?

Michael:

Yes, Miss Wong. I want to be a better reader.

Miss Wong:

I'm sure you can be, Michael. What's the problem?

Michael:

I need to read a lot for my English homework. I spend more than two hours a day reading but I don't understand what most of the words mean. I don't know what to do. (*worried*)

Narrator:

Question 1: Why has Michael come to see Miss Wong? Michael wants _____ . (*beep*)(*8-second pause*)Question 2: How long does Michael spend reading every day? (*beep*)(*8-second pause*)Question 3: How does Michael feel? (*beep*)(*8-second pause*)

Miss Wong:

Michael, it'll be alright. I'll help you. So, you're having trouble understanding the meaning of words?

Michael:

Yes, I'm a slow reader because my vocabulary is not very good and I have to spend a lot of time looking up words in the dictionary. Even though I read each paragraph slowly, I still can't understand what I'm reading.

Narrator:

Question 4: What is Michael's problem with vocabulary? (*beep*)(*8-second pause*)

Miss Wong:

Just reading each paragraph slowly may not help you read better. I have some suggestions that will make reading easier for you. Before you start reading, you can use the information on the book cover and the table of contents to help you guess what the book is about. When you read, you can work out the meaning of unknown words by looking at pictures for clues. You can also use the words that you know to help you guess the meaning of some unknown words. For example, if you know the word 'care', you can guess the meaning of 'careless'.

Michael:

I see, Miss Wong. That's good advice. Thanks.

Narrator: Question 5: How could Michael read better? *(beep)(8-second pause)*

Question 6: Michael thinks Miss Wong is _____. *(beep)(8-second pause)*

Miss Wong: I think you also need more exposure to English. You must read more, not only for school but for enjoyment as well. You can read a variety of texts such as short stories, comics, newspapers and teenage magazines. You can watch more English television shows and listen to more English radio programmes. All this will definitely help you increase your vocabulary and you will enjoy English more.

Michael: All of these things will take a lot of time. But I'll try them if they'll help me read better. Thanks, Miss Wong.

Narrator: Question 7: Which of the following is **NOT** a suggestion from Miss Wong to learn English? *(beep)(8-second pause)*

Question 8: How does Michael feel about Miss Wong's suggestions? *(beep)(8-second pause)]*

Listen to the conversation again and check your answers.

Repeat [] without questions and pauses.

This is the end of Part 3.