

Education Bureau
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Secondary 3 English Language

9EL2

Tapescript Part 1 (9EL2)

Narrator *The school wants to organise overseas study tours and visits. Your teacher has asked you to attend the Tours and Trips Information Session and get information for an article for the student newsletter.*

Read the pamphlet and listen to the information session. Answer the questions in Part A and Part B. You now have 2 minutes to answer the questions in Part A and read the questions in Part B. (*music 2 mins.*)

Listen to the information session. It will be played twice. Do as much as you can the first time and answer all questions the second time. You now have 30 seconds to read the questions. (*music 30 secs.*)

The listening will begin now.

[Teacher-In-Charge of School Study Tours and Trips – Mr. Tang Good morning, everyone. Now that we can start travelling again, the school’s planning study tours and short trips for students. We’re going to prepare a booklet with information for parents and students. To get information for the booklet, we’ve invited some guests who will tell us more about the places we can visit.

Sally – member of Study Tours and Trips Group Morning, Mr. Tang. Yes, we need to plan now so that we can book early. The prices for tickets are increasing. Everyone wants to travel now.

Tommy - member of Study Tours and Trips Group Yes, you’re right, Sally. Expensive flights may make the trips too costly.

Teacher-In-Charge of Study Tours and Trips – Mr. Tang Guys, let’s worry about prices later. We have Tracey Choi here from *Trek The World*. She’s going to give us information about some hiking tours.

Tracey Choi - Rep from Trek The World Welcome, Ms. Choi. Tell us about your tours, please.

Tracey Choi - Rep from Trek The World Hi everyone. I’m the representative from *Trek The World*. We have lots of tours that are suitable for students, but today I want to tell you about our special Nepal Treks.

Sally – member of Study Tours and Trips Group (*confused*) Stop! I’m confused. I thought it was a hiking tour and now it’s a trek. What’s the difference?

Teacher-In-Charge of Study Tours and Trips– Mr. Tang Good question, Sally. I’m sure some parents will also ask this. Ms. Choi, what’s the difference?

Tracey Choi - Rep from Trek For us, hiking is usually an easy day or overnight trip. Hikers just carry a light pack with water, snacks, a camera and maybe rain gear.

The World

Sally – member of Study Tours and Trips Group

Ah yes, our hiking club members do that. So, what about a trek then?

Tracey Choi - Rep from Trek The World

A trek is much harder and longer, going on for days or weeks. Our Nepal trips just have treks. People go to Nepal mainly to trek the mountains and countryside. All of our treks use porters.

Tommy - member of Study Tours and Trips Group

What are porters, Ms. Choi?

Tracey Choi - Rep from Trek The World

Tommy, porters are people paid to carry things like bags, equipment and food. Our porters are experienced at carrying supplies and equipment.

Teacher-In-Charge of Study Tours and Trips – Mr. Tang

Ms. Choi, tell us about Nepal and how long it takes to get there.

Tracey Choi - Rep from Trek The World

Sure, Mr. Tang. Nepal is a small country in South Asia between India and China. Kathmandu is the capital city of Nepal and where all of our treks start from. The flight from Hong Kong takes six hours.

Teacher-In-Charge of Study Tours and Trips – Mr. Tang

That's not too long. Some of the flights for other tours take eight hours or longer.

Tracey Choi - Rep from Trek The World

For the Kathmandu Trek, we can meet at the airport or at school. The flight leaves at 10 a.m. If we meet at school, everyone has to be there by 6.30 a.m. If we meet at the airport, meeting time is at 7.30 a.m. The entire group has to be at the airport at least two hours before departure to check in.

Teacher-In-Charge of Study Tours and Trips – Mr. Tang

How long are your treks?

Tracey Choi - Rep from Trek The World

We have different options. They can be 6, 8, 10, 14 or 24 days.

Tommy - member of Study Tours and Trips Group

Why's that, Ms. Choi?

Tracey Choi - Rep from Trek The World

It depends on what's included in the trip. The 8-day trip has a 2-day stay in Kathmandu with tours of the city and a short 6-day trek.

Teacher-In-Charge of Study Tours and Trips – Mr. Tang

Let's start with the 8-day trip. Where does the group trek?

**Tracey Choi -
Rep from Trek
The World**

The group treks the Tamang Heritage Trail. It's an easier trek which goes through hills and traditional villages. Trekkers stay in villages along the route, so they won't need tents or sleeping bags or other equipment that would be needed on some of the longer and harder treks.

**Teacher-In-
Charge of Study
Tours and
Trips – Mr. Tang
Narrator**

I'll have to talk to the Principal and the Hiking Club Leader before we make any decisions...] *(fade out)*

Now listen to the information session again. *{Repeat []}*

Narrator

You have 30 seconds to check your answers. *(music 30 secs.)*

This is the end of Part 1.