

Tapescript Part 1 (9EL1 / 9EL3)

Narrator *You are a reporter for the sports magazine of your school. You want to introduce a water sport, scuba diving. To help you know more about this sport, your editor has prepared an excerpt of an interview for you to listen to.*

Listen to the interview and answer the questions in *Part A* and *Part B*. The interview 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 in *Part A* and *Part B*. (*music 30 secs.*)

The recording will begin now.

[Host – Peter Welcome to *Sports World HK*. I'm your host, Peter Chan. Our guest today is Ms Shirley Lee, an experienced scuba diver. Welcome, Shirley.

Guest – Shirley Hello, everyone.

Host – Peter Shirley, could you tell us what scuba diving is?

Guest – Shirley Sure. Scuba diving involves using special breathing equipment while swimming underwater. The equipment includes a cylinder of air which you carry on your back.

Host – Peter Is it the same as snorkelling?

Guest – Shirley Not really. You swim near the water surface when snorkelling. But when you're scuba diving, you dive to a certain depth underwater.

Host – Peter How long does a dive usually take?

Guest – Shirley For beginners, it takes about half an hour to an hour. But it depends on how deep you dive.

Host – Peter What does that mean?

Guest – Shirley If you make a 10-metre dive, which is considered shallow, you can spend more time underwater than an 18-metre dive. You can stay underwater longer as you use less air from the gas cylinder.

Host – Peter Now, could you share with me your diving history? How long have you been diving?

Guest – Shirley I've been diving for 12 years. I started when I was 15.

- Host – Peter** Why do you enjoy diving?
- Guest – Shirley** Oh! I enjoy seeing tropical fish, such as clownfish and angelfish. I also enjoy seeing other sea animals, like crabs and sea turtles.
- Host – Peter** What are your favourite sea creatures?
- Guest – Shirley** Well, that's a tough question... There are two sea creatures I really like – octopuses and dolphins. Octopuses change colour and shape to avoid danger, and dolphins make whistling sounds to communicate with each other.
- Host – Peter** Amazing! What is it like underwater?
- Guest – Shirley** Sometimes, I can't see anything when the water is murky. But on a good day, the water is sunlit. The experience is fascinating because I can see things clearly up to 15 metres away, like schools of fish swimming around the coral reefs.
- Host – Peter** (*excited*) Oh! That sounds exciting! How can we become scuba divers?
- Guest – Shirley** You must be over 12 years old to enrol for an 'open water diving' course. The course for teenagers lasts for 5 days, but adults can complete one in 3 to 4 days.
- Host – Peter** What will we learn in the course?
- Guest – Shirley** Both knowledge and skills. You'll gain basic knowledge about scuba diving, such as the change in pressure under water. The deeper the water you are in, the higher the pressure. This means you use more air to breathe when you go deeper.
- Host – Peter** What about the skills?
- Guest – Shirley** You'll learn basic skills like how to clear your mask and breathe under water. You'll learn these in a pool or shallow water first, then in open water.
- Host – Peter** Can we dive in open water alone during the course?
- Guest – Shirley** No, you can't. You will be supervised by your instructor throughout the course.
- Host – Peter** What are the most important safety rules?

Guest – Shirley **Safety rule number one** – Never hold your breath. If you do, the air in your lungs will expand and this can lead to serious injuries. **Safety rule number two** – Never go straight up to the water surface; you need to make safety stops, which means resting or stopping at 5 metres for 3 minutes. Otherwise, nitrogen gas will form bubbles in your body. In worst-case scenarios, you will not be able to move or you will die.

Host – Peter Oh! We must be careful! What will we get after completing the course?

Guest – Shirley After completing the course and passing the test, you'll get a certificate. Then, you can dive with a buddy up to 18 metres.]

Narrator Now, listen to the recording again. *{Repeat []}*

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

 This is the end of Part 1.