

## Reading 1



## Pre-reading

## 1 Skim the text.

What hobby is the interview about?

collecting miniatures



Quickly read the title and the first few paragraphs.

## 2 Match these words (A–C) with their meanings.

A models (n) (line 5)

C

put a message or picture on a website

B scenes (n) (line 10)

A

small copies of things

C post (v) (line 12)

B

views or pictures of a place, an activity, etc.

A reporter for a hobby magazine interviewed Selina Wu about her hobby.  
Read the interview.

# My tiny world

1 Many Hong Kong teens can't have hobbies that need lots of space at home. Daniel Chan talks to <sup>B3a</sup>Selina Wu, a teen who <sup>P1</sup>collects miniatures.

DC:

2 Selina, what are miniatures?

5 SW:

3 They're very small <sup>P2A</sup>models of things that are much bigger in real life. For example, this picture shows a real doughnut, but the people and the other objects are miniatures. The doughnut shows how <sup>A2</sup>tiny the models are. My <sup>C1</sup>hobby is collecting miniatures. I use them to create <sup>P2B</sup>scenes. My friend <sup>B3a</sup>Frankie is a keen photographer. He <sup>C2</sup>helps me take photos of the scenes. I <sup>P2C</sup>post the photos on my blog.

DC:

4 Why do you create scenes with food?

15 SW:

5 I don't always choose food. In this scene, I used a pencil and a book. I usually <sup>A3</sup>use whatever I have around at home. But I like using food because I can eat it after <sup>B3a</sup>we take enough <sup>A4</sup>snapshots!



DC: **6** When did you start <sup>B3c</sup>collecting miniatures?

20 SW: **7** <sup>A5, B1a</sup>I started in Primary Six. <sup>B3b</sup>My aunt showed me an online video about miniatures.

<sup>B3b</sup>She also bought me some miniatures.  
<sup>B3c</sup>My hobby <sup>B2a</sup>helps me feel relaxed. <sup>B3c</sup>It also <sup>B2b</sup>helps me make new friends like <sup>B1c</sup>Frankie.

25 I met him at the school Art Club. We talk about scenes that we can create and take photos together. I can <sup>B2c</sup>explore my creativity with this hobby.



DC: **8** <sup>A6</sup>Who <sup>C3</sup>inspires you to create your scenes?

30 SW: **9** A Japanese <sup>C3</sup>photographer called Tatsuya Tanaka inspires me. He creates <sup>B4</sup>unusual photos using everyday objects and miniature figures. He shares one photo <sup>C5</sup>per day in his <sup>C4</sup>online 'miniature calendar'.



### Values corner

#### Make good use of your time

Having a hobby is a good use of time? Do you agree? Why?



### Grammar in text

We can ask for information by using **wh-questions**.

... **what** are miniatures?

Can you find more examples in the text? Underline them.

# Comprehension 1



## Reading skill

### Working out the meaning of words and phrases (I)

When we read, we sometimes see words and phrases that we do not know. However, we can guess their meaning by looking for clues in the surrounding text to help us work out the meaning. Read the following paragraph. Underline the clue that helps you answer the question on the right.

Frankie is a gifted photographer. He took up photography a year ago. Last month, he won first prize at a photography competition.

What is the meaning of 'gifted'?

- ☐ A beginner  
☒ B talented

**Part A** Answer the questions using information from Reading 1. Blacken one circle only.

1 According to paragraphs 1–3, Selina Wu \_\_\_\_\_.

- ☐ A has a small model of a doughnut  
☐ B interviewed Daniel Chan  
☐ C lives in a large flat in Hong Kong  
☒ D uses miniatures to create scenes



2 In line 9, the word 'tiny' means very \_\_\_\_.

- ☐ A real  
☐ B similar  
☒ C small  
☐ D unusual

3 According to paragraphs 3–5, Selina creates scenes \_\_\_\_.

- ☐ A for Frankie's blog  
☒ B with everyday objects  
☐ C when she is hungry  
☐ D when she takes photos



4 What is the meaning of 'snaps' (line 18)?

- ☐ A books  
☐ B food items  
☐ C pencils  
☒ D photos

5 According to paragraph 7, Selina began her hobby after \_\_\_\_.

- ☐ A buying some miniatures  
☐ B joining the Art Club  
☐ C talking to Frankie  
☒ D watching a video



6 In line 28, the word 'inspires' means \_\_\_\_.

- ☐ A discusses with  
☒ B gives ideas for  
☐ C finds  
☐ D invites



**Part B** Use information from Reading 1 to answer the following questions. For multiple choice questions, blacken one circle only.

1 According to paragraph 7, are the following statements True (T), False (F) or Not Given (NG)?

	T	F	NG
a) Selina collected miniatures in Primary Four.	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
b) Selina's aunt collects miniatures.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>
c) Selina met Frankie at a school club.	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

2 According to paragraph 7, what are three reasons why Selina likes her hobby?

- a) It helps her feel relaxed. Answers can come in any order.
- b) She can make new friends. / It helps her make new friends.
- c) She can explore her creativity. / It lets her be creative.

3 What do the following words refer to in the text?

- a) we (line 18) Selina (Wu) and Frankie
- b) She (line 22) Selina's aunt
- c) It (line 23) Selina's hobby / collecting miniatures

4 Complete the following sentence using one word taken from paragraph 9.

Selina likes Tatsuya Tanaka's photos because they look unusual.

**Part C Summary cloze** Complete the following summary using words taken from Reading 1. Fill in each blank with one word only.

Selina Wu's <sup>1</sup> hobby is collecting miniatures. She creates scenes using her collection of miniatures. Her friend Frankie <sup>2</sup> helps her. Selina's ideas for her scenes often come from seeing the works of Tatsuya Tanaka. He is a Japanese <sup>3</sup> photographer. Selina likes to go <sup>4</sup> online to check out his 'miniature calender' because he posts a new photo every <sup>5</sup> day.

