P5 CURRICULUM BRIEFING ENGLISH LANGUAGE

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What We Would Like to Share With You:

- Teaching and Learning at HGS
 - Our approach and belief
 - How your child is assessed

P4 vs P5
 Key differences / the "Leap"

• What Parents/Guardians and Students can do at home to reinforce the learning

Guiding Our Approach to Teaching and Learning

Our Vision:

Every Haig Girl a **confident**, **creative and effective** communicator.

OUR MISSION:

To develop learners who are able to **use the English** Language effectively as a means to explore and understand the world, and as a tool to express themselves, thus contributing meaningfully to society.

What Do We Focus On at HGS? 5 Pillars 😳

- 1) Reading and Understanding
 - becoming a critical and creative thinker
- 2) Writing Skills
 - generating & organising ideas effectively
 - revising and editing writing skilfully

3) Oracy skills

- becoming a confident and effective communicator

And:

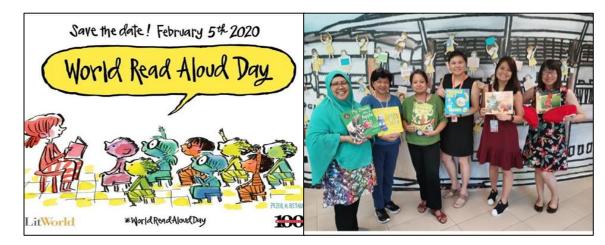
4) building <u>Grammar and Vocabulary</u> <u>knowledge</u> [to support Reading, Writing & Oracy].

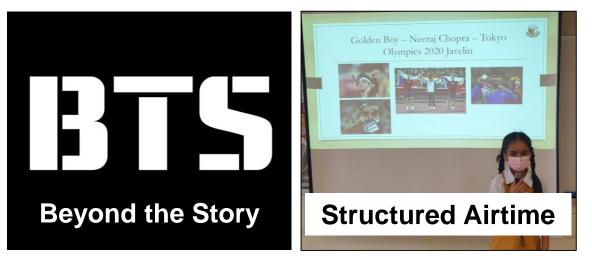
Most Importantly 😳,

5) instilling <u>a love for the language</u>, developing the <u>curiosity to read, explore and respond</u>, and to <u>influence and advocate</u>.



Making Language Literacy a Lifestyle @HGS







Language * Literacy Week



Instilling the Love for the Language

HGS Special – BTS (Beyond the Story)

What?

- Regular sharing of hot topics in the news
- Discuss and reflect on current affairs, social and ethical issues

Why?

- Grow compassionate and concerned readers/citizens
- Build students' capacity for critical thinking and perspectivetaking

In China, Kids Are Limited To Playing Video Games For Only 3 Hours Per Week WHAT? WHO? WHEN? WHEN? WHEN? WHERE? A mandate by China's National Press & Publication Administration. All under-18 gamers. Online gaming companies only to let them play 3 hrs on weekends only - Fri, Sat, Su 8-9pm. Curb wideo game addiction among children; "safegu

THE STRAITS TIMES

Not true clearing own tables will deprive cleaners of jobs: Amy Khor



Dawson SkyVille & SkyTerrace residents complain of New Year's partygoers blocking lifts a amenities

It took one resident two hours to park his can and take the lift to his flat.

https://mothership.ca/pos

Instilling the Love for the Language

HGS Special – Structured Airtime

- Full student ownership to develop their own presentations on a topic of their choice, and become confident advocates as they present to and engage their peers.
- Grow necessary skills for self-directed learners, active citizens and passionate advocates



Assessment of Language Learning

- Everyday assessment
- To check for pupils' understanding through class discussions and the use of customised materials
- The information collected is used to plan lessons to improve the children's learning
- Feedback is given to students to feed the learning forward

Assessment of Language Learning

- Weighted and Non-weighted Assessments

Term 1	Term 2	Term 3	Term 4
Term Task (NWA - 0%)	Term Task (15%)	Term Task (15%)	EOY (70%)
Expository Writing	Oral Test	Mini Paper	Papers 1, 2, 3 & 4



The Leap: P4 vs P5

	Primary 4	%	Primary 5	%
Paper 1 Writing	20m	20	55m	<mark>27.5</mark>
Paper 2 Language Use & Comprehension	50m	50	95m	47.5
Paper 3 Listening Comprehension	14m	14	20m	10
Paper 4 Oral	16m	16	30m	15
Total	100m	100	200m	100

P5 Examination Format (EL)

Paper	Component	Item Type	Marks	Weighting	Duration
1	Situational Writing Continuous Writing	OE OE	55	27.5%	1 h 10 min
2	Language Use - Grammar, Vocab MCQ - Vocab Cloze - Visual Text Compre - Grammar Cloze, Compre Cloze -Synthesis & Transformation - Compre OE	OE & MCQ	95	47.5%	1 h 50 min
3	Listening Comprehension	MCQ	20	10%	About 35 min
4	Oral Communication - Reading & SBC	OE	30	15%	About 10 min
Total			200	100%	

P5 Examination Format (FEL)

Paper	Component	Item Type	Marks	Weighting	Duration
1	Situational Writing Continuous Writing	OE OE	40	26.7%	1 h 10 min
2	Language Use - Grammar, Vocab MCQ - Punctuation - Visual Text Compre - Editing, Form Filling - Synthesis - Compre Cloze / OE	OE & MCQ	60	40.0%	1 h 20 min
3	Listening Comprehension	MCQ	20	13.3%	About 35 min
4	Oral Communication - Reading & SBC	OE	30	20%	About 10 min
Total			150	100%	

P4 vs P5: Paper 1 (Writing)

Primary 4	Primary 5
•	Part 1: Situational Writing (15m)
(20m)	Part 2: Continuous Writing (40m)

Situational Writing

- Informal or Formal letter/email

Show good
understanding of
Purpose, Audience and
Context in a given
situation

<u>Continuous Writing</u> (Composition)

- 3 pictures and a given theme
 - Use at least one picture
 - 2 guiding questions



*Students are encouraged to spend not more than 15 min on Situational Writing.

P4 vs P5: Paper 1 (Writing)

Foundation English

Situational Writing

- Informal letter/email

Show good
understanding of
Purpose, Audience and
Context in a situation

<u>Continuous Writing</u> (Composition)

- 3 pictures in a series + a question mark ending
 - Helping words provided

=1h 15min

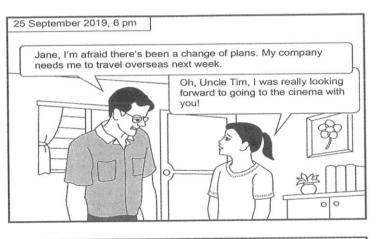
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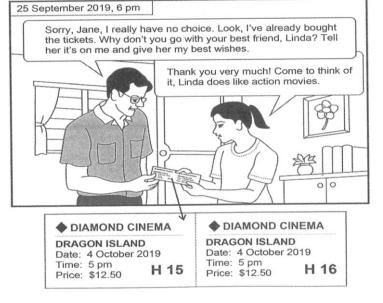
Situational Writing

A Sample (2019 PSLE)

Part 1: Situational Writing (15 marks)

1 The pictures below show a conversation between Jane and her uncle. The conversation took place in Jane's house. Study the pictures carefully.





Task:

Imagine you are Jane.

Write an email to your best friend, Linda, to invite her to watch the movie with you.

Continuous Writing

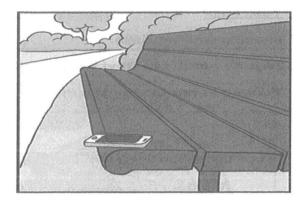
Write a composition of at least 150 words about **something that was lost**.

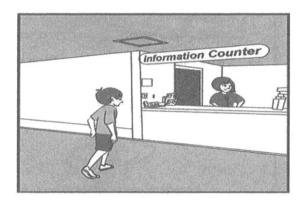
The pictures are provided to help you think about this topic. Your composition should be based on one or more of these pictures.

Consider the following points when you plan your composition:

- How did it get lost?
- Was it found?

A Sample (2020 PSLE)







How We Develop Our Students' Writing Skills

We teach them to achieve the **HGS Writing Goals:**

- write a story that the reader find believable and can relate to
- use techniques to sustain the reader's interest
- use techniques that allow the reader to imagine that they were at the scene
- make the reader feel for the characters
- make the reader embrace values such as honesty, courage, care and concern

Use of Model Texts: Analyse and Apply

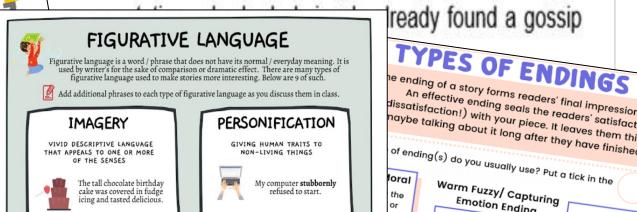
Dialogue intro "Finally, check that you have your torch – you never know when you'll need it!"

This last one almost made me laugh out loud. A torch! A torch! Everyone's got a bit of crazy in them. Miss Jane obviously had a little more than others. Who needs a torch in broad daylight? Use of humour

It was soon two hours into the gruelling hike. I was swooning with exhaustion as the hostile terrain took a toll on me. I should have attended the training sessions before the camp, I thought as I regretted my arrogance. It was too late.

"Hey, John! Hurry up, will you? I never knew you are so unfit!" my assigned buddy, Bob, taunted as his podgy face glistened with perspiration. It was an insult I found hard to swallow as I studied his big, round by "But even he had no trouble scaling the slopes. I was ready to

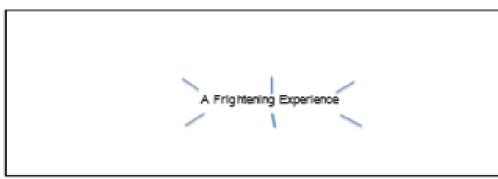
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WHAT IS IT? to suggest An author's use of in the story.	[
WHY USE IT? and rea	



(Part 1) Planning: Take 10 to 15 our writing & (ii) complete the Checklist.

Step 1: Unpack the given topic. What makes an experience frightening?

Brainstorming Time! @



Step 2: Think of a story idea for each picture - Think IPPRC!

(Introduction, Problem, Problem Worsening, Resolution & Conclusion)

Picture	ldeas		Bramatic Factor Rank them: 1, 2, 3		
1					
			of a story idea for eacl oblem, Problem Worser	_	<u>ture – Think IPPRC!</u> Resolution & Conclusion)
2		I How v	will you introduce this story	y? Ho	w did the story begin? Think 5Ws1H!
		P/PW What	is the main problem in the	stor	y? What could worsen the situation?
		R How o	did the characters react?		
3	[R Was t	he problem solved? What	was	done to make things better?
		C (Rf) What	lesson did the character le	earn?	
		C (Rf) Did th	e character reflect? What	was	his or her reflection?

How We Develop Our Students' Writing Skills

How We Provide Feedback to our Students

(Self/Peer/ Teacher)

	Cuestora	lick (*)	l eachs	er's Comments
ſ	I have answered the given qu	estions fo	ir my chosen piclur	e(3).
	 I have explained what happened and why it was 			
	frightening clearly.			
	 I have described in detail how the characters 			
	reacted to the experience.			
2	I know the pro	biem in t	ie story.	
	The experience affected the main character			
	badly. My story has a significant strong dramatic			
	tension that will make the reader want to find out			
	more.			
	I have thought of an intere			
	 My introduction is relevant to my story. 	and a second	n cy ma caraona	
	 I have used juicy balts and dropped hints to 			
	hook the reader.			
4	I have created	I vivid cha	racters.	
	 I have shown the characters' personalities by 			
	describing what they think/feel/say/do.			
5	Thave thought of good v	words/ ph	rases to describe:	
	 the place and atmosphere; 			
	 the characters' actions, thoughts and feelings 			
8	I have arranged	all the po	oints well.	
	The sequence of the events is clear and the			
	story is easy to understand.			
7	i have planned an ex	elting/Inb	eresting story.	
	The story builds up to a dramatic climax. I have			
	used juicy balts to keep the reader excited to find			
	out what happens next in the story.			
3	have written a reflecti	ve conclu	sion to my story	
-	 I have explained how the characters are 			
	affeoted/ohanged by the events in the story.			
	(Part 2) Writing (Maximum: 40 min) Reme	miller, 10, 60	op every now and i oht track.	nen – check iner

How We Develop Our Students' Writing Skills

- Mark backed away slowly from the ferocious dog, as his hands shook with fear.
- 2 As Mark <u>loomed over</u> him, Darren <u>cowered</u> and cried for help.
- 3 Darren <u>recoiled</u> as the dog brushed against his leg.
- 4 <u>Shrinking back in fear</u>, the puppies whimpered when they saw Mark.
- 5 Darren was <u>filled with dread</u> when he thought about the meeting.
- 6 Darren was undaunted by Mark's taunts.
- 7 "Don't be intimidated by Mark. He's a big bully!" Sam told Darren.
- 8 <u>Startled by the loud sound</u>, Darren screamed in panic.
- 9 Plucking up her courage, Darren approached the bully.
- 10 <u>Apprehension was written all over</u> Darren's face as he treaded slowly down the steps.

Parallel Writing Exercises

From afar, we could see the burning house, and hear screams from the amily inside. My heart banged in my chest, in my throat and between my ears, yet I told myself that I must save those people. My team leader gave me the signal, and I entered the house. My throat was so tight that I could not swallow my spit. The smoke from the flames threatened to overpower me, but I willed my body to move forward. I sucked in a ball of air, and felt my way up the stairs. My heart thumped like a drum. In one of the rooms, I found the family. One by one, I guided the family members to safety. As I did so, I looked around warily, hoping that the house would hold up. When all of them were safe inside the ambulance, I stood up straight, and allowed myself to heave a sigh of relief. The children's mother looked at me, her eyes filled with gratitude. There was a swelling in my chest as I smiled and nodded back at her, wishing her well as the paremedics closed the ambulance doors.





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What students can do at home to develop their writing skills

DAY REFLECTION

doors of her nome, Beverly stared ering what she could do, now that n her plans As she considered her opened and heavy droplets of rain signalling the end to any outdoor g in disappointment, Beverly turned for a snack. Filled with melancholy, time it was raining cats and dogs.

and stormy. Beverly was thrilled your story here, remembering to in your story]

ev?" a familiar voice brought her only to see her mother standing ig (pick one), Beverly cleared her siastically. Maybe the day would

SUGGESTED CONTENT:

- An activity that had to be cancelled or was ruined because of the rain
- A change in plans that resulted in disappointment

Parallel Writing Exercises

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What students can do at home to develop their writing skills

As they turned the corner, there he was – the sinister stranger. He glared at them through eyes as red as burning coals. The two boys shrank back in fright. He let out a demonic laugh and thrust his repulsive face with its long, hooked nose in front of them. He was so close that they could see a pulse beating behind the livid red scar on his right temple. His filthy, dishevelled hair fell over his face and he reeked of alcohol. His loose, ill-fitting clothes looked as though they had been slept in.

"Are you scared of me, little boys?" he asked, smiling repulsively at them.

Parallel Writing Exercises

P4 vs P5: Paper 2 (Language Use & Comprehension)

Primary 4 (50m)	Primary 5 (95m)
Booklet A (MCQ)	Booklet A (MCQ)
• Grammar (10m) +	 Grammar (10m) + Vocab (10m)
Vocab (6m)	 Visual Text Comprehension (8m)
Booklet B	Booklet B
• Grammar Cloze (8m)	Grammar Cloze (10m)
	• Editing (12m)
Compre Cloze (8m)	Compre Cloze (15m)
	• Synthesis & Transformation (10m)
Compre OE	Comprehension Open-Ended (20m)
1 & 2 (18m)	

Examination Skills for Paper 2: Accurately interpret clues (semantic, syntactic & contextual) to answer questions.

P4 vs P5: Paper 2 (Language Use & Comprehension)

Paper 2 (Foundation Englished	sh – 60m)
Booklet A (MCQ):	Booklet B (Written):
Grammar	Form Filling
Punctuation	Editing for Grammar & Spelling
Vocabulary	Comprehension Cloze
Visual Text Comprehension	Synthesis & Transformation
(Multiple-choice Questions)	Open-Ended Comprehension

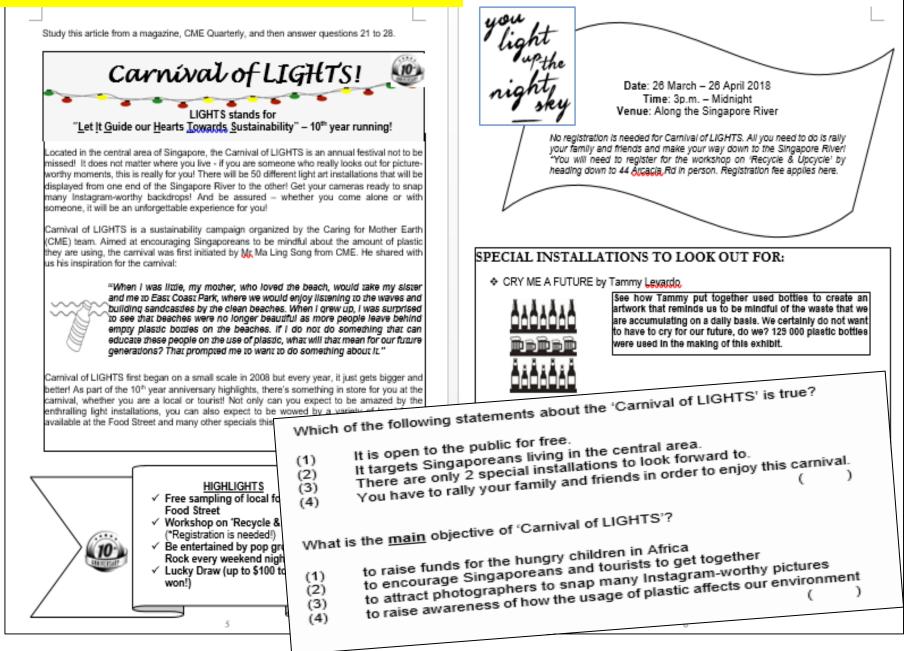
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damaged their toy (1) is (2) are (3) was (4) were	 Uncountable -> singular Past tense
 7. Please put aside all dinner. (1) this (2) that (3) these 	 books as we need to use this table for Plural Proximity (near)
 (4) those 8. The school will be given sponsored goodie bat (1) to (2) of 	ving each student a storybook in <u>addition</u>

New in P5: Visual Text Comprehension (VTC)



How We Develop Our Students' Reading Skills Comprehension: Annotation and Meaning-Making

entered the living room.

"Oh, hello, little duck," Mrs Kim said weakly. But the moment the duck saw Mrs Kim 25 lying on the floor, it quacked rapidly and hopped around flapping its wings) before flying out of the door. Mrs Kim's heart sank at the duck's abandonment of her. Now she did not even have an animal to talk to as a distraction from the pain in her ankle. (lost hope) (unexpected) (misunderstood, let down) To Mrs Kim's immense surprise and relief, the duck returned several minutes later, followed by her neighbour, Mr Amir, who had an annoyed expression on his face. Mrs Kim 30 later found out that the duck had gone to Mr Amir's house and quacked loudly and Persistent incessantly until Mr Amir came out of his house. The duck had somehow led him back to Mrs Kim. Mr Amir had intended to complain to Mrs Kim about the noisy duck, but when he saw what had happened to her, he quickly called for an ambulance.

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How We Develop Our Students' Reading Skills Feedback to feed the learning forward (Comprehension)

	True/False	Reason
The writer got his inspiration to promote kindness when he turned forty.	Falsie	The writer got his inspiration to promote kin Aness when he was forteen Fourteen.
The writer lied to Mr Simon during the interview about having a bicycle at home.	False	The writer thought of his dad's or a vicycle lying in the shed. So? What heppened?

He only found out that his father had sold the bicycle when he got home.

How We Develop Our Students' Reading Skills Feedback to feed the learning forward (Comprehension)

3. Besides being faster, why did Mr Simon think a bicycle was necessary for the job? [1m]

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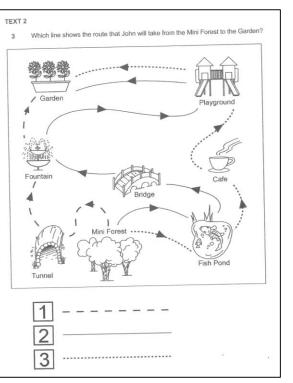
He thought <u>the newspapers</u> would be <u>too heavy</u> for <u>the writer's small frame</u>.

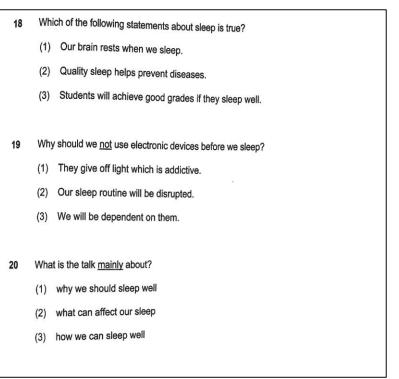
P4 vs P5: Paper 3 (Listening Comprehension)

Primary 4 (14m)	Primary 5 (20m)
14 MCQ Qns	20 MCQ Qns

To listen to texts and demonstrate the ability to comprehend information and make inferences







P4 vs P5: Paper 4 (Oral)

Primary 4 (16m)	Primary 5 (30m)
Reading (6m)	Reading (10m)
Stimulus-Based Conversation (10m)	Stimulus-Based Conversation (SBC) (20m)



Questions:

- Does this banner make you want to join this school? Why/Why not?
- What would you consider when choosing a school?

Frequent practices in class and via SLS Specific feedback to help students target their areas for improvement

Oracy:

Good Speaker **F** Can Speak Clearly + Confidently

A good speaker is one who **demonstrates substance** (critical and creative thinking) through her speech.

A Good Speaker is:

1) Learned: has good knowledge of what goes on around her (general knowledge) and knows why things happen (critical and mature thinking) the way they do.

Oracy:

A Good Speaker is also:

2) Reflective:

constantly thinking about what she has learnt and how she can help make someone's life better

3) Impressive:

able to engage others with her intelligent responses.

What students can do at home to develop their oracy skills

Exposure to Good Spoken EL:

- Radio programmes
- TV programmes
- Good speakers Oral Presentation on specific topics (e.g. TedTalks, YouTube)

Regular Practices & Reviews:

- Record and Review (Self, Peer & Knowledgeable Adults)
- '3-minute Babble' on any topic
- Good collection of ideas & useful vocabulary (A4 sized Vocab Book*)

What students can do at home to develop their oracy skills

Keeping a Good Collection of Ideas & Vocabulary (Vocab Book) Some Examples of Themes:

- Healthy lifestyle (Physical, Mental, Social, Psychological)
- Relationships & Interactions with family/friends/ neighbours
- Civic-mindedness (Good/bad behaviours in public places)
- Hobbies/passion

How You Can Help Your Child/Ward at Home

- By reinforcing the skills taught in school.
- By providing a rich language environment at home
- By monitoring your child's reading habits to ensure that she is reading <u>widely</u>
- By engaging her in meaningful talk

Thank you for joining us on this journey to develop your child/ward!

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