

閱讀 中級/中高級 理解策略

「閱讀素養」在近期英語文課綱修訂中十分受到關注。從閱讀短文開始強化學習策略、培養閱讀力，理解長篇文章就能得心應手。

我們在閱讀短文或文章時，有時必須從文中的資訊或字詞，推測作者的觀點、態度或言外之意等。以下利用 **GEPT 中級、中高級閱讀** 例題，說明如何運用推理策略，提升整體閱讀理解，不僅能閱讀「日常生活情境中出現的短文」(中級)，也能閱讀「電子郵件及報章雜誌文章」(中高級)。此外，同樣的策略亦可供學生運用於大考(例如：**學測英語科**)，有益於提升學習效能！

先來讀一讀下面這則中級程度的短文，看看它有什麼特別的地方：

Why "**WEIGHT**" for an elevator?

Yes, *that word was spelled wrong*. That was to catch your attention.

Well, why are you *waiting* for this elevator when you could take the stairs? *Stairs are one of the world's best exercise tools*, and they're free, easy to use, and available *RIGHT DOWN THE HALL*.

When you climb the stairs, you lift your body against gravity, exercising your heart, your muscles, and your bones. Not only that, you burn calories. You burn stress, too.

If you've had time to read this far and the elevator still hasn't come, walk right over to the staircase. *Climbing the stairs will save you a wait and help you take off some weight* as well!

The passage plays with the words "weight" and "wait." What is the writer's message to the reader?

- A. Don't wait. Lose weight instead.
- B. Wait, and you'll soon lose weight.
- C. Waiting will help you lose weight.
- D. Lift your weights while you wait.

(題目來源：GEPT 中級正式測驗考題)

題目則問：作者想要傳達的訊息為何？有趣的是，這則短文一開始便明講 **weight** (體重)是故意拼錯的，正確用字是「為什麼要等(wait)電梯呢？」因為「樓梯最好的運動工具之一」，所以「爬樓梯可以節省等待的時間」，還可以「幫助減輕體重」，我們可以從這些資訊歸納出作者真正想表達的意思是「不要再等電梯了，爬樓梯減重吧！」所以答案是 A. Don't wait. Lose weight instead.

閱讀中高級閱讀測驗的文章時，我們一樣可以運用上述的推理策略，從字裡行間判斷作者的觀點與立場：

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At ten, Neruda knew he was a poet, and by his teens he was editing a literary magazine and winning poetry prizes. In college, instead of finishing his education, Neruda spent his time completing his first book of poetry, *Crepusculario*. Its principal subject was the **hopeless sadness of life in the Chilean countryside**. These poems, and all of Neruda's future work, are **full of images of the natural world, particularly of death and decay**.

A traditional honor for poets of Latin American countries is appointment to government diplomatic service. Beginning at age twenty-three, Neruda served the Chilean government in several foreign countries. **He developed a passionate interest in socialist politics and his poetry reflected his feelings**. Although his opinions frequently got him into trouble with his government, Neruda declared, **"It is the poet's duty to stand with the people in their struggle to transform society."**

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According to the information in the article, which adjective seems **LEAST** appropriate for describing Neruda's work?

- A. Political
- B. Realistic
- C. Joyful
- D. Powerful

(題目來源：中高級正式測驗考題)

這篇文章是在介紹一名智利的詩人，題目問哪一個詞最**不適合**用來形容他的作品。文章中，作者說明了這位詩人的創作主題涵蓋**悲慘的鄉村生活**，其作品內容貼近現實(realistic)；詩人還描述**自然現象，尤其偏重死亡和凋零**，讀起來可能令人感傷(sad)；詩人從事公職後，就將**對社會和政治的感想抒發在詩集裡**(political)，並認為詩作應能具有改變社會的力量或感染力 (powerful)。由以上可以推斷，詩人的作品裡並沒有歡樂的氣氛，所以正確答案是 C. Joyful。

學測英語科中，也常有和判定作者態度及立場相關的題目，例如 107 年的第 52 題即為一例，此題詢問「文章作者的態度為何」，這時上述的理解及推理策略就可以派上用場，我們可從文中的字詞推測作者的態度。欲參考學測 107 年英文科試題，請至：

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