"Developing Students' Listening and Viewing Skills" Video Series - Survival -

Please refer to *The Learning Progression Framework for English* (www.edb.gov.hk/lpfenglish) for details of the eight attainment milestones (ATMs) and the respective learning outcomes.

	Suggested	Answers	When students respond to the questions appropriately, they can:
(Pre-	viewing)		
A)			ATM 2.7 (Reading)
1) cl	1) challenging/bad/unpleasant/negative (Accept any		• make predictions about the video/poem
reasonable answers.)			from the title and illustrations
2) a natural disaster (Accept any reasonable answers.)			
3) B	e able to cope with cha	llenges/adversity (Accept	
aı	ny reasonable examples	s.)	
4) B	e more resilient to or ev	ven evolve to adapt to the	
"1	new" environment (Acc	cept any reasonable	
aı	nswers.)		
B)			ATM 4.5 (Listening)
1)		C 442 CAL D	Sound Effect
	Sound Effect	Setting of the Poem (Where?)	 understand the poem by forming sensory images of the setting
			images of the setting
(a)	(i) birds chirping	(ii) the forest/countryside	ATM 6.4 (Listening)
(b)	(i) drilling/pounding	(ii) a construction site	Setting of the Poem (Where?)
(c)	(i) cars honking	(ii) a street	• deduce the setting of the poem by using semantic clues (e.g. the sound effects of
			the video)

C)

1)

Past:	In nature/the forest/countryside	
Present:	In the urban area/city/construction site	

ATM 4.5 (Reading)

- deduce the setting of the poem by using semantic and syntactic clues, e.g.
 - > Semantic clues

Past:	humid humming forests	
Present:	concrete buildings	

> Syntactic clues

Past:	The use of present perfect	
	tense ("have gone")	
Present:	The use of present tense	
	("are knocked down", the	
	air "is" foul)	

2)

(a)	Sight:	"brave" trees with stabilised roots,		
		humid forests alive with animals		
		and plants		
(b)	Hearing:	unnatural noise, humming forests		
(c)	Smell:	foul air, smells of animal and		
		vegetable life, smells of mineral		
		death		

ATM 4.5 (Reading)

 deduce the imagery by using semantic clues (e.g. the different senses related to sight, hearing and smell)

(d) A harsh living environment due to disturbance of urban development/human activities

ATM 5.2 (Reading)

- make connections between ideas not explicitly stated in the poem (e.g. the description of different urban development/human activities which contributed to the harsh living environment) by using semantic clues, e.g.
 - "where concrete buildings are constantly knocked down"
 - "a place where the air is foul and the noise unnatural"

(While-viewing)				
 D) (b) grateful Examples from the poem: "Thank you trees for being there, for staying" "How brave you are to survive" "It is good to look down a street and, amazed, to see you there" 	ATM 7.4 (Listening) ● infer the poet's gratitude and admiration for the trees by using semantic clues (e.g. "Thank you", "How brave", "It is good", "amazed")			
2) (a) (i) Slow / Fast motion in the background. (ii) Moving / Still images in the foreground.	ATM 5.5 (Reading/Viewing) ● identify the visual effects in the video (i.e. fast motion and still images)			
 (b) (i) environment (ii) threatening/harmful/detrimental/harsh (iii) stay and display strength and perseverance to grow and flourish (c) (i) contrast (ii) resilience/endurance/perseverance 	ATM 7.5 (Reading/Viewing) • understand the use of visual effects (i.e. fast motion and still images, the use of contrast) to highlight the trees' resilience/perseverance to the tough environment			
3) (a) alliteration/repetition of the same beginning sound	ATM 3.6 (Listening) ● recognise the sound effect (i.e. alliteration) in the poem			
(b) nature	ATM 4.5 (Listening) ● understand the poem by forming sensory images of nature (e.g. the melodic rhythm created by alliteration mimicking the sounds of nature)			
(c) peaceful/calm	ATM 8.2 (Listening) ● infer the mood of the poem from intonation (e.g. use of steady pace, gentle voice) and semantic clues used (e.g. "birds and butterflies", "humming")			

4)

- (loyal/reliable) friends/companions
- Reasons
 - The use of the pronoun "you" shows the close relationship between the poet and the trees.
 - ➤ The hug shows a sense of closeness and the close bond between the poet and the trees.



ATM 4.5 (Reading/Viewing)

• deduce the close relationship between the poet and the trees by using semantic clues (e.g. the gesture of hugging)

ATM 6.4 (Listening)

• deduce the close relationship between the poet and the trees by using syntactic clues (e.g. the use of the pronoun "you")

5)

(a) positive

(b)

- The use of the word "promise" conveys the sense of "faith" and feelings of "hope".
- The survival of the trees amidst adversity brings hope for a better future.

(c)

- The word "may" expresses uncertainty whereas the words "quite possibly" convey cautious optimism.
- It suggests that while the potential for a future exists, the foreseeable difficulties may also create challenges for the future, similar to the trees' experience in the past.

ATM 8.3 (Listening)

analyse the poet's attitude by using knowledge of stylistic features in the poem (e.g. the use of the word "promise" to convey the feelings of hope, the use of the hedging words "may quite possibly" to emphasise uncertainty)

(d)

- Hope
- As an urban myth, it is lucky to see shooting stars which have wish-granting power. A wish symbolises an opportunity for hope.

ATM 6.1 (Reading/Viewing)

 work out the implied meaning of the ending scene by using semantic clues (e.g. the use of shooting stars to symbolise "hope" for the future)

(Post-viewing)

E)

Accept any reasonable answers.

Underlying Principles

 support students in the development of positive values and attitudes (e.g. resilience, perseverance) through engaging students in personal reflection