

Answering Strategy

1. Text type and format – You are asked to write a letter to the radio programme host. You should use ‘Dear Lillian’ as the salutation and end with ‘Best / Regards, Chris Wong’.
2. Genre – It is an expository writing. You are expected to refer to what you have heard about the negative impact of divorce on children from the programme and describe the influences in more detail. You also need to show sympathy for divorced parents.
3. Language and formality – The letter is to reflect the writer’s opinions and views on a radio programme and is directed at the programme host, so it can be a personal letter. The use of language does not need to be very formal but the tone should be quite serious because you are talking about an important social issue. You should use the first-person pronoun.
4. Organisation – State your purpose of writing at the beginning of the first paragraph. Then try to explain the negative influences on children from different perspectives with real-life examples. After talking about the influences, show that you are, to a certain extent, sympathetic towards parents who have chosen to divorce.
5. Topic and vocabulary – The theme of this letter is divorce. You should have enough relevant ideas and vocabulary items for this topic. You can refer to the following ideas and vocabulary items.

Useful vocabulary and expressions

Verbs / verb phrases

attract	吸引
devastate	摧毀
host	主持
reach a consensus	達成共識
shoplift	店內偷竊

Nouns / noun phrases

abrupt change	突變
adverse effect	不良影響
attention	注意力
blame	指責
mental and emotional problems	心理和情緒問題
outsider	局外人

parental guidance
perception
urge

家長的教導
看法
衝動

Adjectives

abstract	抽象的
aggressive	挑釁的
harmful	有害的
motivated	有動力的
psychological	心理上的
rebellious	反叛的
unsociable	不愛交際的
unwanted	被遺棄的