

**English Oral Themes Explanation, Tips and Phrases (1128) for O Level
Preparation**

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Arts and Culture (including performances)

Words / Phrases

- See / appreciate from the lens of the artist
- Museum / concert etiquettes
- Cultivate a better understanding of the world around me
- See perspectives
- Develop creativity
- Art works promote vibrancy in a city
- Admire the finer things in life
- Enrapture the audience
- Cultivate a deeper appreciation of the arts
- Provide an avenue for expression
- Raise awareness of controversial issues / domestic concerns
- Promotes friendly exchange of cultures / ideas
- Promotes creativity and freedom of expression

A form of catharsis to allow one to release built-up tensions

Example of Exhibition



National Gallery Singapore sets record attendance with Yayoi Kusama exhibition

SINGAPORE - The National Gallery Singapore set an attendance record for its recent blockbuster exhibition, Yayoi Kusama: Life Is The Heart Of A Rainbow. The exhibition, which ran from June 6 to Sept 3, saw more than 235,000 visitors, the highest attendance for a single exhibition since the museum opened in 2015. - TODAY

Example of pursuing art



Gen Y Speaks: I was a scholar and civil servant for 12 years before opting to pursue my passion for art full-time

This is the story of how, at the age of 34, I decided to leave my civil service career of 12 years to pursue my passion in fine arts. - TODAY

Example of mural / street art



The best street art in Singapore

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Example of art as NFT



Mystery buyer of S\$93 million digital artwork reveals identity

MUMBAI - An Indian-born blockchain entrepreneur has revealed himself as the mystery buyer who paid a record US\$69.3 million (S\$93.05 million) for a digital artwork last week, describing his purchase as a shot fired for racial equality. - TODAY

TYS Questions (Arts and Culture, including performances)

2014 Day 1, Day 3

2015 Day Day 3, 6

2016 Day 3

2017 Day 1

2018 Day 1, Day 9

2020 Day 5

2021 Day 6

Examples for performances

Chingay Parade:

<https://www.straitstimes.com/tags/chingay>

Singapore youth festival:

<https://www.nhb.gov.sg/nationalmuseum/our-exhibitions/exhibition-list/syf-moe-2022>



Chingay Parade Singapore - 2023 Dates, Route, Floats and Fireworks

The Chingay Parade is without doubt one of the most important events in Singapore, and it's when street floats, clowns, dancers, acrobats, jugglers and many other performers can be seen in the celebration of the Chinese New Year. - SINGAPORE TRAVEL HUB

Reasons to watch Chingay live rather than recordings

<https://www.littledayout.com/5-reasons-why-you-should-experience-chingay-parade-2020-live/>



5 Reasons Why You Should Experience Chingay Parade 2020 Live! - Little Day Out

We got the chance to see the Chingay Parade up close and it was a dazzling display of performances, stilt-walkers, lion and dragon-dancers and floats. Here are five reasons why you should bring your kids to catch Chingay 2020 live. - LITTLE DAY OUT

Words and phrases for performances

- dazzling display of floats
- intricate props and structures
- a glimpse into the dynamism of Singapore's multi-culturalism
- a unique blend of tradition

Environment

Words / Phrases

Example of sustainable living in households



5 Practical Tips Towards Sustainable Living for Families

Sustainability is everybody's business! Global warming and climate change have disastrous impacts on people across the world, and island-states like Singapore can be some of the worst hit. The good news is that every little bit you do can make a difference in the war against climate change. - FAMILIESFORLIFE

Singapore Green Plan



Singapore Green Plan 2030 | Infographics

Infographics about the Singapore Green Plan. - GREENPLAN

Impact of Climate Change in Singapore



Singapore is not insulated from the impact of climate change. From 1980 to 2020, the annual mean temperature has increased from 26.9°C to 28.0°C. The mean sea level in the Straits of Singapore has also increased at the rate of 1.2mm to 1.7mm per year in the period 1975 to 2009. - NCCS.GOV.SG

TYS Questions (Environment)

2013 Day 2, 9

2014 Day 4

2019 Day 3

2020 Day 6

Examples

1) Activists like Greta Thunberg during the 2019 Earth Day Summit are some of youth contributions to our polluted earth

2) <https://www.straitstimes.com/singapore/parenting-education/going-green-environmental-sustainability-a-big-part-of-life-in-schools>



Going green: Environmental sustainability a big part of life in schools

SINGAPORE - After Pratibha Naidu, 16, learnt about environmental sustainability in school, she decided to make a conscious effort to reduce her carbon footprint. Read more at [straitstimes.com](https://www.straitstimes.com). -THE STRAITS TIMES

- rising sea levels
- threat to the well-being of future generations
- inculcate an eco-friendly mindset
- educate youths on the importance of climate change/3Rs
- reusable materials
- materials that decompose easily
- bio-degradable material
- recycling bins
- posters/advertisements that advocate the importance of an eco-friendly society
- doing our part for the environment
- responsible disposal of used items
- repurpose

- creating something new by reusing old materials (cloth etc.)
- workshops
- seminars & online shows that advocate the use of []

- irresponsible disposal of waste and used items
- devastating consequences
- entire ecosystems can be disrupted
- animals are forcibly removed from their homes
- damage to personal property due to floods etc
- ozone layer
- protection from radiation
- skin cancer
- greenhouse gases (carbon dioxide , carbon monoxide)
- air pollution
- rising global temperature
- melting glaciers in Antarctica leads to rising sea levels which then leads to floods etc.
- activities to encourage youths to reduce , reuse , recycle
- food security

<https://youmatter.world/en/definition/definitions-what-is-definition-deforestation-causes-effects/>



What Is Deforestation? Definition, Causes, Effects and Solutions to Stop it

What is deforestation? What is the definition of deforestation and why is deforestation happening? Let's figure out what are the causes and effects of deforestation, as well as what solutions can be adopted to stop it. Deforestation refers to the decrease in forest areas across the world that are lost for other uses such as agricultural croplands, urbanization, or mining activities. - YOUMATTER



Young envoys raise environmental awareness through innovative projects

WWW.SCHOOLBAG.EDU.SG



New \$23.5m programme launched to uncover long-term climate change impact on S'pore

This is to help guide policies to tackle such issues. Read more at [straitstimes.com](https://www.straitstimes.com/singapore/235-million-programme-to-uncover-long-term-climate-change-impact-on-singapore). - THE STRAITS TIMES

<https://www.todayonline.com/world/climate-changes-front-lines-hard-lives-grow-even-harder-1925831>



On climate change's front lines, hard lives grow even harder

FATEHGARH-SAHIB, India - When the unseasonably heavy rains flooded the fields, and then the equally unseasonable heat shriveled the seeds, it did not just slash Mr Ranjit Singh's wheat harvest by nearly half. - TODAY

National Education
Words / Phrases

NE Messages

1) Singapore is our homeland; this is where we belong.

We treasure our heritage and take pride in shaping our own unique way of life.

2) We must preserve racial and religious harmony.

We value our diversity and are determined to stay a united people.

3) We must uphold meritocracy and incorruptibility.

We provide opportunities for all, according to their ability and effort.

4) No one owes Singapore a living.

We find our own way to survive and prosper, turning challenge into opportunity.

5) We must ourselves defend Singapore.

We are proud to defend Singapore ourselves, no one else is responsible for our security and well-being.

6) We have confidence in our future.

United, determined and well-prepared, we have what it takes to build a bright future for ourselves, and to progress together as one nation.

National Day



Scaled-down NDP 2021 honours Covid-19 frontliners, showcases Singapore's spirit in overcoming adversity

SINGAPORE - It was meant to be a scaled-down party, amid a raging pandemic that saw the country's birthday bash pushed back by about a fortnight due to a surge in Covid-19 cases. Instead of a 30,000 capacity crowd, there were only 1,000 specially invited spectators. -
TODAY

What defines Singapore



NDR 2021 is a timely and needed address on what defines Singapore

In a departure from previous National Day Rally speeches, Prime Minister Lee Hsien Loong in his 17th address to the nation on Sunday (Aug 29) dwelled on the fundamental tenets of Singapore. - TODAY

Racial Harmony



Racial Harmony Day a reminder that Singapore's diversity is a strength: President Halimah, PM Lee

They also said race remains an urgent, sensitive issue, and that harmony must continue to be instilled and built up. Read more at [straitstimes.com](https://www.straitstimes.com). - THE STRAITS TIMES

International Friendship Day



International Friendship Day is celebrated in schools every year to encourage young people to connect with communities that are different from their own. It is part of a larger United Nations effort to promote a culture of peace between countries, important to small nations like Singapore as we work to safeguard our sovereignty from external threats. - WWW.SG101.GOV.SG

Total Defence Day



Total Defence | SCDF

The way war is conducted today, our limited resources, the nature of our society and the size of our country, require that our country have a Total Defence capability which involves not only the Singapore Armed Forces (SAF) but also the civilian population. - SCDF

TYS Questions (NE)

2014 Day 4, Day 10

2017 Day 6

Words/phrases

- national day parade
- cohort experience
- deeper understanding and appreciation
- living harmoniously
- diverse society
- military defence
- civil defence
- economic defence
- social defence
- digital defence
- threats against digital domain
- commitment to nation's future
- confidence in nation
- safety and basic needs
- Singapore Armed Forces
- Singapore Civil Defence Force
- Singapore Police Force
- survival and security
- co-curricular activity (NCC, NPCC, Red Cross)

Words / Phrases

- internet has made the world a global village
- IT savvy
- Phenomenal rise of social networking websites
- fastest growing communication tool on the internet
- serve as a platform to meet new friends
- virtual meeting places
- updated on happenings in friends' lives
- expand our network of contacts / social circle
- used to promote their blogs and services
- used by professionals as a medium to increase visibility
- businesses are turning to social media for advertising
- video conferencing
- engage in cyber gaming
- develop an unhealthy addiction
- spend excessively long periods of time
- neglect one's studies
- curb distractions such as online gaming
- security is a topmost concern
- risk of identity theft and fraud
- online harassment and stalking
- spread of malicious humour
- fertile ground for cyber bullying
- rapid advancement in technology
- harness the power of technology
- innovations in technology
- technology penetrates the sphere of human communication
- send text messages
- conduct online group discussions
- improve the ease of communication
- facilitate immediate exchange of ideas
- need not leave the comfort of the home
- online blog shops
- electronic books are inexpensive
- contain audio, video and animations

- provides easy access to related websites
- e-books are portable
- disseminate information more easily
- technology is advancing at a breakneck speed
- smart phones and computers become obsolete
- contamination of the environment through the release of waste gases
- enhances global warming through release of greenhouse gases
- depletion of ozone layer
- clearance of land leads to loss of habitats
- destruction of flora and fauna
- disrupt the ecosystem

TYS Questions (Technology)

2016 Day 9

2017 Day 4

2018 Day 4

2019 Day 4, Day 6

2020 Day 4

2021 Day 3

Words and Phrases

- exercising makes one physically stronger
- exercising provides positive mental health
- positive effects of exercise
- strengthens bones and tones muscles
- increases stamina and strengthens the heart
- boosts self-esteem
- less prone to depression
- exercising releases endorphins
- reduces stress and gives a positive outlook towards life
- educate public on different forms of exercise
- create awareness on the benefits of exercise
- victorious in a competition
- emerge as champion
- clinch the gold medal
- defeat the opponent
- pit one's skills against other competitors
- challenge oneself to realise his potential
- high level of coordination and teamwork
- long road of preparation
- overcome setbacks
- push himself beyond his limits
- a test of one's endurance
- develop resilience and perseverance
- undergo intensive training/ practices
- bask in the glory of winning
- feel a sense of accomplishment
- build a strong school spirit
- enhance team spirit
- boost the morale of the team
- reduce sense of individualism
- cooperate effectively as a team
- create a strong school identity
- identify with the school
- bring glory to the school

- focus on process and not results
- learn from the opponent
- demonstrate good sportsmanship
- supporters spur one to push himself harder
- competition provides yardstick to measure ability
- will be spurred to excel
- competitions provide motivation to work harder
- requires good coordination among members
- each team member's contribution is crucial
- resolve differences in an amicable manner
- stay determined and focused on the objective
- work together towards a common goal
- sense of camaraderie

Revised Guidelines Physical Activity

<https://www.straitstimes.com/sport/revised-physical-activity-guidelines-launched-by-sportsg-and-hpb>



Adults to clock 150-300 minutes of moderate-intensity activity a week under new national guidelines

Activities can be incorporated into their daily lives, such as walking to get food instead of getting it delivered. Read more at [straitstimes.com](https://www.straitstimes.com). - LAURA CHIA

Badminton Champion, Loh Kean yew



Badminton: 10 things to know about Singapore ace Loh Kean Yew

He claimed the biggest win of his career at the Badminton World Federation World Championships on Sunday. Read more at [straitstimes.com](https://www.straitstimes.com). - THE STRAITS TIMES

Sports and Character Development



Getting to the Heart of Sports Excellence

Beyond winning competitions, integrity and grit are what matters most in sports. 'It came naturally to me - I just knew it was the right thing to do,' said Lee Tai Yu, a Secondary Three student in Dunman High School who was awarded the Sportsmanship Award at this year's National School Games. - SCHOOLBAG

TYS Questions (Sports & Health)

2013 Day 1, 4

2014 Day 7

2015 Day 1, 8, 10

2016 Day 7

2017 Day 2, Day 7

2018 Day 2, Day 10

2019 Day 2

2020 Day 7

2021 Day 2, 8

Words / Phrases

- collaborate in group activities
- develop persuasive speaking skills
- develop public speaking skills
- boost their confidence
- allow students to express themselves
- provide a platform for them to present views
- provide opportunities for oral presentations
- give opinions on a variety of issues
- hands-on activities
- experiential learning
- explore and experiment
- instead of using a lecture style method
- cater to different learning abilities
- customise lessons for different learning styles
- visual/ audio/ kinesthetic learners
- using video clips and interactive games
- pitch lesson too high
- detrimental to a student's learning
- lead to restlessness and disillusionment
- avoid rote learning
- digest information from tons of notes
- break the monotony of a lecture
- capture their attention/ stimulate their interest
- lessons that appeal to teenagers
- can better absorb information
- encourage peer-learning/ peer-coaching
- lessons making use of information technology
- relate the information to authentic situations
- education is a lifelong process
- independent learning/ learner
- provide a platform for exchange of ideas
- overseas immersion programme
- overseas learning journeys
- exposed to different cultures and practices

- develop independence / self reliance
- co-curricular activities (CCA)
- community involvement programme (CIP)
- inculcate values
- acquire life skills
- nurture all-round students
- holistic education
- encourage creativity and innovation
- develop an enterprising spirit
- improves analytical thinking/ initiative
- develop leadership/ collaborative skills
- develop social/ communication skills
- nurture talents
- instil discipline
- allow students to realise their potential

Subject-Based Banding



The Big Read: As subject-based banding takes root, labels on students are fast shedding

SINGAPORE: When Jocelyn Chia scored an aggregate of 181 for her Primary School Leaving Examination (PSLE), she left the school hall, result slip in hand, feeling disappointed. The annual national examination taken by students at the end of their primary school education determines the stream and secondary school they move on to. - CNA

Holistic Education



Emphasise students' holistic growth to give them skills and values they need for life: PM

SINGAPORE - While students will continue to be given a strong academic foundation, there is also a need to emphasise their holistic development. Read more at straitstimes.com. - THE STRAITS TIMES

TYS Questions (Education)

2014 Day 1, Day 2, Day 6

2015 Day 6

2016 Day 2

2017 Day 9

2018 Day 3, Day 5, Day 8, Day 9

2019 Day

2020 Day 4

Family

Words / Phrases

- family outings
- go on a nature walk together
- spend quality time together
- engage in activities together
- explore the outdoors
- enhance family bonding
- provide opportunities to interact with the children
- strengthen ties between the family members
- hectic schedules
- spend long hours glued to the computers
- family gatherings on festive occasions
- parents serve as role models for their children
- for children to model after them
- adopt the correct attitude towards life
- grow up in a secure and stable environment
- for children to grow into useful and well integrated members of society
- should not be overly protective
- inculcate values eg. compassion, kindness
- integrity, socially responsible, filial piety
- listening ear
- supportive role
- promote harmony within the family
- close the generation gap
- help out with household chores
- facilitate communication with grandparents
- enhance understanding among the members
- perform acts of appreciation
- respect privacy of family members
- supervise children's studies
- ferry children to and from enrichment classes
- sibling rivalry
- shower love and concern on the children
- forge stronger bonds/ ties

Example of family bonding using technology



National athlete Ng Ming Wei and dad are serious about making TikTok prank videos together

SINGAPORE - Around the same time when veteran TV actor Zhu Houren's son made news for putting out a viral TikTok video with his "boomer dad", another father-and-son pair was also getting attention on the same platform with their series of "prank" videos. - TODAY

TYS Question (Family)

2013 Day 8

2018 Day 9

2019 Day 1, Day 8

Words or Phrases

- lead an active lifestyle
- mentally active
- stay mentally alert
- maintain a healthy lifestyle
- fall into depression
- reduce the risks of developing dementia
- regular exercise
- expand their social circle
- increase network of friends
- unable to do rigorous exercises
- prevent deterioration of mental health
- provide stamina for daily activities
- technologically savvy
- bond with the younger generation
- enrol in courses
- upgrade their skills
- contribute to the economy
- not void deck denizens
- not considered as burdens to society
- assets to the country
- equally valued
- aging population
- centenarian (100 years old and above)
- insufficient retirement funds
- take up part-time employment
- switch industries
- less taxing / physically demanding jobs
- service industry
- regular health checks
- impart moral values
- share rich experiences
- tap on their vast knowledge and experience
- lead a fulfilling life
- participate in voluntary work

- young at heart
- improvement in their outlook towards life
- host an activity to engage the elderly
- healthcare subsidies by the government
- affordable healthcare programme
- physiotherapy / therapist
- stimulate the limbs and fingers
- nursing homes
- eldercare centres
- prevent them from feeling alienated

TYS Questions (Elderly)

2013 Day 6

2015 Day 5

2020 Day 3

2021 Day 4

<https://www.straitstimes.com/singapore/health/successful-ageing-how-learning-new-skills-and-hobbies-keeps-this-avid-learner-active-and-connected>

<https://www.straitstimes.com/singapore/community/initiatives-to-promote-healthy-ageing-for-seniors-showcased-in-queenstown>

<https://www.straitstimes.com/opinion/how-social-media-is-opening-a-new-generation-gap>

<https://www.straitstimes.com/singapore/the-power-of-local-culture>

<https://www.straitstimes.com/asia/south-asia/money-isnt-enough-to-deal-with-an-ageing-population-kathmandu-post>

Words / Phrases for Physically Disabled

- not disabled but physically challenged
- should not discriminate against the disabled
- changes to accommodate the disabled
- travel to their destination conveniently
- resilient
- reliant on special facilities
- wheelchair bound passengers
- buses fitted with wheelchair facilities
- ramps to facilitate movement
- provision of facilities
- sink into depression
- low self-esteem
- determination to overcome obstacles
- do not want to be treated differently
- present insurmountable difficulties
- change our mentality / attitude
- more understanding and caring
- empathise with their condition
- be more empathetic towards them
- opportunity to interact with the disabled
- integrate into society
- accepting of the disabled
- not different from able bodied people
- defy conventions
- participate in Paralympics
- disabled athletes
- capable of excelling in sports
- are not alienated from society
- raise awareness of their needs/ difficulties
- lack of consideration for their needs
- change their lifestyle to accommodate the restricted movements
- overcome the disability by changing attitude
- be able to lead an independent life
- rely on someone to support them financially

- move around independently
- accepted into society
- societal values
- be perceived negatively by society
- discrimination by employers

Purpose of VIA



Values in Action programme making lasting impact on students: Ministry of Education

SINGAPORE - Almost all students who finished secondary school last year completed at least two Values in Action (VIA) projects that impacted their school or community, the Ministry of Education (MOE) said on Tuesday (Sept 18). - THE STRAITS TIMES

TYS Questions (VIA)

2013 Day 7

2019 Day 7

VIA experiences

Secondary 4

- awareness on issues in singapore that breaks the social fabric
- e.g. racism, sexism, xenophobia, discrimination against groups (disabled people, foreign workers etc)
- produce a presentation in groups to spread awareness regarding chosen issue
- activities to do in punggol community
- cycling, uncle ringo (fun fair), eating spots (tenderbest etc)
- make a video of us carrying out the activity as a group

Secondary 3

- mental issues
- e.g anger issues, anxiety, depression
- make a video and a presentation to educate classmates on signs/early detection of mental issues and how to help those who are suffering from it

Secondary 2

- SWAH(Serving With A Heart)
- caring for the elderly
- made a PowerPoint slides on ways we can care/look out for the elderly and how we can make SG more elderly friendly
- e.g. more railings for support, ramps for those in wheelchairs/walking impairments

Secondary 1

- school area cleaning
- each class are assigned to clean up an area in school(canteen, teacher's lockers, classrooms)

Articles

<https://www.schoolbag.edu.sg/story/bringing-out-the-leader-in-every-child>

<https://www.schoolbag.edu.sg/story/never-too-young-to-make-an-impact>

<https://www.straitstimes.com/singapore/community/driven-to-help-seniors-access-medical-care>



bringing-out-the-leader-in-every-child

WWW.SCHOOLBAG.EDU.SG

Words / Phrases for charity

Ways of donating:

- charity drives
- virtual fund raisers
- donate old clothes that are not used anymore
- donating daily essentials to the old folks home
- donating to the people who needs it more
- giving back to the society
- even small donations makes an impact
- helping people in need
- cultivating values
- improve their standard of living
- altruism

Transport

Words / phrases

TYS Question (Transport)

2013 Day 10

2014 Day 8, Day 9

2016 Day 1

2017 Day 5

2019 Day 5

2021 Day 1

Articles

<https://www.straitstimes.com/singapore/dissatisfaction-with-spore-public-transport-rises-in-2021-survey>

<https://www.straitstimes.com/singapore/transport/bag-down-benny-and-hush-hush-hannah-join-lta-graciousness-campaign>

<https://www.straitstimes.com/singapore/transport/smrt-rolls-out-app-to-help-visually-impaired-commuters-at-woodlands-transport-hub>

<https://www.straitstimes.com/singapore/transport/more-roadside-carpark-spaces-in-the-cbd-to-be-converted-into-bicycle-parking-facilities>



More roadside carpark spaces in the CBD to be converted into bicycle parking facilities

The LTA aims to create a total of 100 new bicycle parking spots in the CBD by this quarter.

Read more at [straitstimes.com](https://www.straitstimes.com). - KOK YUFENG

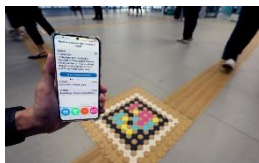
<https://www.straitstimes.com/singapore/transport/additional-15-minutes-for-travel-between-jurong-east-and-kranji-mrt-stations>



Train fault delays travel between Kranji and Jurong East stations

A train fault has added 15 minutes of travel time between Kranji and Jurong East MRT stations on the North-South Line. Read more at [straitstimes.com](https://www.straitstimes.com/singapore/transport/smart-rolls-out-app-to-help-visually-impaired-commuters-at-woodlands-transport-hub). - THE STRAITS TIMES

<https://www.straitstimes.com/singapore/transport/smart-rolls-out-app-to-help-visually-impaired-commuters-at-woodlands-transport-hub>



SMRT rolls out app to help visually impaired commuters at Woodlands transport hub

The NaviLens app directs commuters to the berth they wish to board at. - THE STRAITS TIMES

The government is making public transport more convenient and accessible to everyone, including the vulnerable and disabled people like people with vision imparity and low gross income. Apps like NaviLens and subsidies for public transport fares will significantly help low income families to travel and get to their destination in a fast and safe manner.

Local Tourism, Travelling

Words / phrases

TYS Question (Local Tourism, Travelling)

2014 Day 10

2016 Day 6

2017 Day 8

2018 Day 7

2019 Day 8

2021 Day 7

<https://www.straitstimes.com/multimedia/graphics/2021/12/hidden-gems/index.html?shell>

<https://www.straitstimes.com/singapore/environment/coney-island-park-singapores-new-nature-destination-now-open>

<https://www.straitstimes.com/singapore/parenting-education/20-students-heading-to-paris-in-jan-2023-as-nus-overseas-college-expands-into-france>

<https://www.straitstimes.com/singapore/parenting-education/schools-plan-recce-trips-to-asean-countries-ahead-of-moe-move-to-resume-overseas-excursions>

Words and phrases

- Grand Tour
- Scenery
- Tourist trap
- Sightsee
- Space tourism
- Tour guide
- Excursion
- Ecotourism
- Destination
- Luggage
- Vandalism
- Pollution
- Literacy
- Recreation
- Taxation
- Litter

- Accommodation
- Environmental
- Traditional
- Development
- Investment
- Strategies
- Destruction
- Detrimental
- Employment
- Provision
- Commerce
- Travelling is a one of the best way to learn culture
- When travelling it make us immerse in the foreign culture and learn about the culture

Other reasons for travelling:

- Purchase item at a low cost
- Purchase food in other country cannot buy locally
- Seek medical service
- Experience different weather
- However, even though when travelling the main purpose is not to earn about the culture but one will inevitably learn about the culture of the country
- Being part of the foreign culture become an integral part of an over sea travel
- Satisfy your wanderlust without leaving the country
- Bird's eye view
- Feed the country's insatiable building industry
- Hodgepodge of eating places
- Morning mist adds to the allure
- Singapore tourism board (STB)
- SingapoRediscover vouchers

<https://www.straitstimes.com/asia/australianz/australia-singapore-travel-bubble-could-be-established-within-next-week-pm-morrison>

The results indicate that the Singaporeans largely benefited from overseas visitors. Tourism helped to promote cultural diversity, a sense of cleanliness, and a feeling of pride in Singapore. It also helped improve various infrastructural facilities and quality of services in general.

<https://www.straitstimes.com/asia/se-asia/trouble-in-paradise-tourism-surge-lashes-southeast-asias-beaches>



Trouble in Paradise: Tourism surge lashes South-east Asia's beaches

KOH PHI PHI LEY, Thailand (AFP) - Hordes of tourists clamber across the white sand with selfie sticks as Thai park rangers wade into turquoise waters to direct boats charging into the cliff-ringed cove. Read more at [straitstimes.com](https://www.straitstimes.com/asia/se-asia/trouble-in-paradise-tourism-surge-lashes-southeast-asias-beaches).

THE STRAITS TIMES

<https://www.straitstimes.com/world/tourism-blamed-for-8-of-global-co2-emissions>



Tourism blamed for 8% of global CO2 emissions

BONN (AFP) - Domestic and international tourism account for 8 per cent of greenhouse gas emissions, four times more than previously estimated, according to a study published Monday (May 7). - THE STRAITS TIMES

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Tourists trample all over protected, prehistoric Peruvian hill carving

Officials also found vehicle tracks. - THE STRAITS TIMES

<https://www.channelnewsasia.com/world/top-european-hotel-chains-fight-staff-tourism-covid-19-2788281>



No experience, no resume, you're hired! Hotels fight for staff

MADRID: Top European hotel chains are hiring workers without experience or even a resume as executives admit years of underpaying staff have come back to bite, leaving them unable to meet post-pandemic travel demand. Thousands of workers left the hospitality industry when international travel shut d... - CNA

TYS Questions (ECG)

2014 Day 6

2015 Day 9

2017 Day 10

2020 Day 1

Tips on career decision

<https://www.schoolbag.edu.sg/story/tips-on-making-important-career-decisions>



Tips on making important career decisions

"A career is a series of decisions and different jobs throughout your life. It's a journey" shares Senior Guidance Specialist with the Ministry of Education, Ms Esther Tan. Here are some tips from Ms Tan to help students make important career decisions. Start early With post-secondary examination results in hand, many students find themselves asking: "So what's next?" - SCHOOLBAG

- depends on personality and interest
- finding a passion in life
- choose jobs based on interests not for money/ materiality
- specific skills required
- outspoken, detective reasoning, logical thinking, analytical, problem solving, organizational skills
- in a fast paced work environment like in hospitals or fire stations
- social work, able to work with the public and people
- enjoy speaking and conversing with patients to make their day/ feel better
- life long learning
- able to work with people of similar interest and work mindset
- civil servants
- IT and informatics is the most fast growing and important set of skill of this day and age

- computing and coding is a highly sought after skill
- technology taking over certain jobs
- university degree is becoming the bare minimum in Singapore

<https://www.schoolbag.edu.sg/story/education-and-career-guidance>

<https://www.schoolbag.edu.sg/story/bringing-the-world-of-work-to-schools>

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A former leading SIA stewardess, polytechnic lecturer and now ECG (Education and Career Guidance) counsellor, Ms Sharon Tay says of the role of ECG counsellors: “We help schools to better understand and view the world with added lenses, on top of academic ones... by linking schools to the external world of work”.

ECG counsellors give feedback and suggestions to students who are lost and unsure of what they want to be or do in the future.



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Words and phrases

- career guidance
- ambitions
- career paths
- direction
- subject matter
- strengths and weaknesses
- choosing the right career path
- identifying interests

<https://www.schoolbag.edu.sg/story/first-hand-experiences-matter>

Work attachments, having a chance to experience work



First-hand Experiences Matter

Students at Pioneer Junior College explore career options through local and overseas work attachments. - SCHOOLBAG.EDU.SG

Experience

I still remember my school invited 2 graduates back to give us sec3s a speech on career guidance. One is from JC and the other is from Poly. It was a post exam period and we took that time to learn and plan our career paths. The 2 graduates shared their experience in both institutes and what are the type of people whom are suitable for going to each. This gives us insight of what to expect and what we can do to achieve our aspiration. Following, we were taught on how to draft our EAE and DSA writeup, and told to do various researches on the courses that both institutes have to offer, to make a more informed decision.

Common ideas:

- Be open to changes
- Normal to feel confused and scared when planning for career path
- Listen to advice from others
- Make informed decision by researching

Words and vocabulary

- Nurture talents
- Build confidence
- Develop interest
- Being appreciative
- Make informed decisions
- Being committed
- Quality of a person
- Intelligent
- Easy-going
- Courageous

- Disciplined
- Resilient
- Types of career
- Accounting
- Engineering
- Law & management
- Tourism
- Media & mass communication

Shopping

Words / phrases

TYS (Shopping)

2015 Day 7

2016 Day 10

2019 Day 4

2021 Day 5

<https://www.today.com/shop/prime-day-amazon-tv-tech-deals-t258716>



We found Amazon Prime Day tech deals up to 63% off — but they won't last long

Including AirPods Pro, which are at its lowest price in years. - TODAY

<https://www.today.com/shop/amazon-prime-day-deals-what-know-t259057>

<https://www.today.com/tmrw/reckoning-my-online-shopping-guilt-t214882?search=online+shopping>

<https://www.straitstimes.com/life/this-online-store-dares-its-customers-to-trust-their-instincts-and-shop-with-their-eyes-closed>

<https://www.today.com/tmrw/how-do-i-curb-my-pandemic-shopping-addiction-t225875?search=online+shopping>

<https://www.cnn.com/2021/06/30/singapore-e-commerce-players-face-challenges-in-logistics-and-delivery.html>

Keywords & Phrases Relating To Shopping

- Inflation
- Pre-Order
- Online-tracking
- Online Scam
- Discounts
- Shipments
- Cargo
- Quality
- Bulk Orders
- Ethically-sourced/Cruelty-free

- Making my wallet bleed
- Impulse Purchases
- Cryptocurrency-based Payments
- Delivery services usually keep up to speed with the time of delivery
- Online shopping allows us to buy items from a to z



Top 5 Dangers Of Online Shopping And Precautions To Take On Cyber Monday

Before you, your family, or friends (e.g. Facebook, Twitter and LinkedIn) spend another dime online, please take a moment to mull over my “Top Five Dangers” and ways to reduce risk. How many people are really vulnerable? IMRG expects there will be 3.5 billion online shoppers globally by 2013, according [...] - FORBES

Words and phrases

- patronize
- retailers / shoppers / vendors
- shopping frenzy
- blown away by discounts
- long awaited sale
- can't miss discount
- second hand items
- ubiquitous
- accelerating a retail trend on a growth trajectory
- two-for-one offer
- e-commerce
- rise of ride-hailing apps
- logistic companies