



How are roads designed?

In Hong Kong, there aren't big differences among road types like road and street even though sometimes you may see rare names like 'Jardine's Crescent' or 'Broadcast Drive'. However, it's different in the case of the United States.

In the US, avenue, street, place, way and road are simply written as "St", "Ave", "pl", "Wy" and "Rd", and are named using numbers (such as 11th Avenue, 13th Street). But it may vary in different cities and states.

Avenues always run North to South while streets run East to West in Manhattan, the economic and cultural centre of New York City and the US. The more renowned avenues in Manhattan are 'Park Avenue' and 'Fifth Avenue' which bisect Manhattan into Eastern and Western parts. Have you been to the electronics store 'Broadway'? Its name comes from Manhattan's Broadway which is famous for Times Square and theatres.

In fact, many people agree that the road system of Manhattan is like grid. There were many alleys and the narrow roads before 1811 in New York. But then the government approved to re-plan the roads in 1807 which led to the wide and straight roads we see today.

Tunnels and bridges are also important for the transportation between the island and the rural area in New York City. Naturally, traffic disruption always occurs during rush hours, similar to the situations in Hong Kong.

There are different types of road planning and related culture around the world as well. Maybe it's a good angle to have a better understanding about other cultures. Do you know the differences in road system in Hong Kong, Kowloon and New Territories? Share your observation!

Cover story:

Cityscape

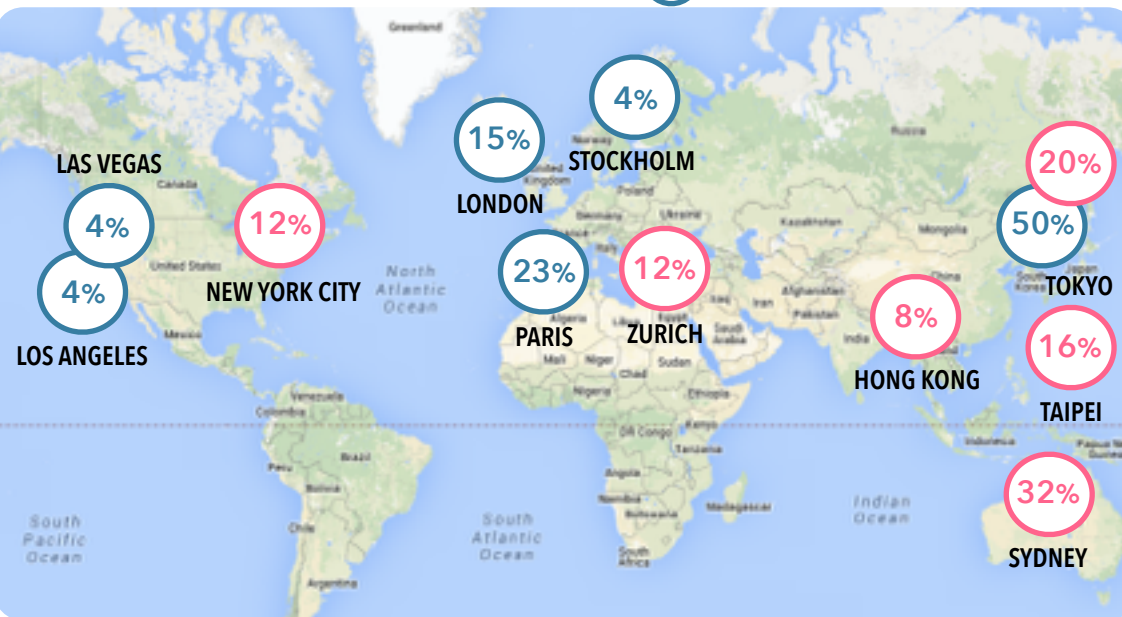
How do people like us live in cities?

We all live in a city – Hong Kong, but we are not alone in the world to live with tall buildings and busy traffic. This issue of The Salesian raises questions to explore different cities in the world to learn how people create cities and live in cities.

What do people prefer in cities?

To know what people in Hong Kong think about other cities, we have done a mini survey recently on this topic. We interviewed over 20 Shau Kei Wan pedestrians and also some teachers. Below is the data we have collected. While most are quite as expected, there are still some surprises. Do you have similar thoughts?

THE CITY PEOPLE WANT TO VISIT THE MOST (%)



Best among cities

Most liveable city (Monocle, 2013)	Melbourne
Best city for traveling (Travel+Leisure, 2013)	Bangkok
Most youthful city (YouthfulCities, 2013)	Toronto
Best student city (Quacquarelli, 2013)	Paris

CRUCIAL COMPONENT OF A CITY'S LIVEABILITY

ECONOMY	CITY PLANNING	TRANSPORTATION	LIFESTYLE	ENVIRONMENT	POLICY
\$	🏠	🚗	🍷	🌳	🏛️
36%	20%	16%	12%	8%	8%

Test your knowledge on cities:

1) Which is the most populated city in the world?	A) Tokyo, Japan	B) Hong Kong SAR	C) Mexico City, Mexico
2) Which city has never been divided?	A) Berlin, Germany	B) Jerusalem, Israel	C) Chicago, USA
3) Which is not a capital city of a country?	A) Ottawa, Canada	B) Washington D.C., USA	C) Rio de Janeiro, Brazil
4) Which city has never hosted Olympic Games?	A) Paris, France	B) New Delhi, India	C) Sydney, Australia

How do people celebrate?



Festivals are unique days we have for celebrations and I bet all of you would have chosen Christmas as your favorite. However, there are still many of those for you to discover. Here is a carnival which you should absolutely go for.

"La Tomatina", a Spanish phrase which means tomato fight. It is a festival originated from Buñol, a town in Spain. In the morning, a large greased pole is hoisted into the air with a ham placed at the end of it. And along the side street, several trucks filled with tons of scarlet

tomatoes are parked. Before it gets started, people have to get rid of the ham in order to begin the tomato fight. But no matter what, citizens in Valencia and tourists enjoyed every moment they have.

You might have thought if injuries are likely to occur? Well, possibly there might be a few but most of the tomatoes are well-cooked and soft in texture. People spread red with no precision, purely just for fun. Therefore, if you're interested, just get a move on!

Then, how's that joyful event derived from? Some people believe that during the 1940s, a band clustered at the town square. Suddenly, a horn was thrown upon the sky. And among those pedestrians, several adolescents competed with each other on whether a tomato could be thrown into the opening of the horn. It keeps on going and has finally become one of the most popular festivals in the world, and must have given remarkable experience the ones who attended the festival!

How do people travel around?

Underground railway is the blood vessel of many cities. With the birth of London Underground, the population in London has gradually increased. For example, when the Northern Line hit Morden in 1926, it was a village of 1,000 inhabitants. Five years later, its population was 12,600. This pattern was repeated throughout the system's history.

The London metro system was the pioneer for metro in most major cities in the world, as well as our home - Hong Kong. The full name of MTR is "Mass

Transit Railway", it is the rapid transit railway system in Hong Kong. The first line opened in 1979 and the first harbour crossing was made by an MTR train as Kwun Tong Line was extended to Central in 1980. Trains were extended to six cars to accommodate an increase in passenger numbers.

The MTR was immediately popular with residents of Hong Kong. Mainland China took Hong Kong as their model. Hence, metro system plays a vital role in transportation system and it's very important for the development of cities.

	London Underground	Hong Kong MTR
Proposed	1830s	1967
Opened	1863	1979
Oldest line	Circle Line	Kwun Tong Line
Reason for construction	Link the City of London with some of the railway termini in its urban centre	Solution to the growing congestion problem caused by the expansion of economy
Ace of its kind	Oldest and biggest	One of the most profitable

Where to go for lunch?

Name: A One (阿一豬扒酸辣米綫)

Location: Shau Kei Wan Main Street East
Famous dish: Shanghai noodle
Rating: ★★★★★

Specialty: Pork chop with Shanghai noodle. A large amount of noodle and a crispy pork chop in each bowl and it only costs \$30.

Name: 8way (八方雲集鍋貼水餃)

Location: Shau Kei Wan Road
Famous dish: Dumpling/wonton
Rating: ★★★★★☆

Specialty: A brand new flavour, Korean spicy dumpling, which is completely different from the original. Quite spicy but it tastes really good.

Name: Pizzapie

Location: Shau Kei Wan Road
Famous dish: Pizza/spaghetti
Rating: ★★★★★☆

Specialty: Fried chicken which is crispy outside and soft inside. Also, there are lots of flavours of pizza to choose from, and the shop provides student discount so that you can dine with an inexpensive price .

Name: Bao Dim Sin Seng (包點先生)

Location: Aldrich Street
Famous dish: Chinese buns
Rating: ★★★★★☆

Specialty: Glutinous rice dumpling. There are lots of fillings inside such as roast pork, egg, chicken and dried mushroom. It may be too greasy but you will be full with huge satisfaction after having it .

Name: Salesian School Canteen

Famous dish: Siu mai/fish ball
Rating: ★★★★★☆

Specialty: Sausage which is smeared with honey is tasty. Great location and nice staff!

Campus corner



A new year has arrived, and half of the school year has gone by. Do you have troubles at school? Our editors dig out the most commonly asked questions among our schoolmates and answer them right away!

How to show off my talents?

Have you ever participated in the English Speech Festival? This inter-school competition allows students from different schools to showcase their talents in public speaking. This year, our school is honoured to have a winning team in the Dramatic Duologue category – Alex Leung and Ben Siu from 2B, on “Messing about by the River”. Ms. Natalie Fung, the coaching teacher, is sharing some feelings and tips with us.

How do you feel about the training with Alex and Ben?

Ms. Fung: I enjoyed offering training to Alex and Ben as they took every practice seriously. Before the actual practice, they read the script thoroughly and discussed the character traits and feelings of each

character. Since they understood the script well, they could create the effect they want with a good combination of gestures, movements and facial expressions.

Can you share some tips with us on how to do well in Dramatic Duologue?

Ms. Fung: Characterisation is of utmost importance to a dramatic duologue. You have to know your character and believe that your character is real. Then, when you act, your audience will believe the same thing. Try to develop the story and communicate the thoughts and feelings of your characters to your audience. Make your story believable!

Students can visit the school website > “Everyday English Episode 10” to watch



their winning performance again. Although participating in Speech Festival requires plenty of preparation, it will be a rewarding experience to train your self-confidence and oral English skills. If you are interested in participating in the Festival, contact your English teacher from June to September each year!

Who serves in the English Corner?

We help the junior students. We contribute our time. Maybe we are not really good at English, but we have passion and the heart. Who are we? We are the English Ambassadors.

Being an English Ambassador is not an easy job. To the schoolmates, the first impression of the English Ambassadors may not be very positive. However, we try our best to help the students build up their interest in learning English by watching films, playing board games, reading etc.

It is often quite challenging for us to communicate with the junior schoolmates as they may not listen to someone who are just 1 - 3 years older than them. Some of them even come to the English corner for a stamp only but not too willing to learn. We have to chat with them and be friendly to them. Then, they will listen to us and be obedient.

We understand that it is not that our schoolmates will have very huge

improvement after coming to the English corner. In fact, We just want to let them have more chances and fun to speak and use English. Perhaps they could not speak fluent English and may make some grammatical mistakes, but everyone learns from mistakes.

No one is born to be talented. Language is something we have to learn from time to time as "Rome was not built in one day". We help our schoolmates learn English in extra time, and this is our mission.

Ms. Heusdens’ words:
I would like to encourage all students to consider becoming an English Ambassador next school year. This is a wonderful program through which you can improve your English language skills, as well as make new friends. If you have the desire to be a part of a great group of students, we look forward to seeing you sign-up as an ambassador for next school year!



What to plan for the new year?

As 2014 has arrived, it should be time for us to set up some new goals and resolution. What do our friends and teachers have as their New Year Resolution?

Max from S.2C: I hope I can earn more money from my red packets.

Kelvin from S.4C: I want to add more model cars to my ‘garage’.

Dominic from S.6A: This year I hope I can get good results in DSE.

Jonathan from S.5E: I hope I can improve my Chinese and English.

Edward from S.1D: I wish I can be healthier in 2014.

Bryan from S.3B: Next year I want to swim faster.

Ms. Emily Leung: I want to be happy every day!

Mr. Sherlock Lau: I hope I can become a better runner.

You:

How to study well?

After getting the report card, many of us must have the need to review our study skills:

✓ Taking notes

During lessons, you should take good written notes of what your teachers say. It is important as it helps you to study and memorise systematically. Taking good written notes is what you should do before class (lesson preparation), during class (pay attention to jot notes), and after class (integrate them for revision).

✓ Plan a schedule

If you do not have a schedule for study, then you will not have any way of allocating your valuable time. A good schedule should be in accordance with you need. If you can manage time suitably, you can do your work under the pressure and meet deadlines with ease.

✓ Revise in a quiet place

You can do revision to recall your memory every day and do some extra exercises to make sure you have a distinct concept of the topics. In addition, you need to study in a quiet place, such as library, study room, or your home. Don't listen to music as it will also disturb you!

Want to get a prize?

Find out all eight words from the clues on the left and the vertical magic word to get a prize from Mr. Kwan or Ms. Wong!

1. Plan a ____ to study well.

2. Ms. Fung is the coach for the ____ duologue team.

3. ____ has the oldest underground system.

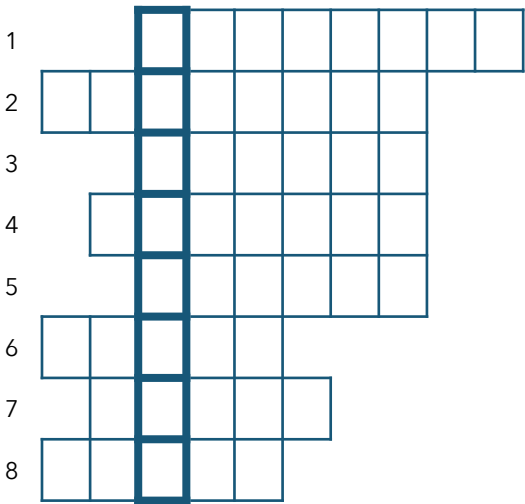
4. Manhattan is in ____.

5. Most people think ____ is the city that suits them.

6. 8way offers some Korean ____ dumplings.

7. Ms. Leung wants to be ____ every day in 2014.

8. The tomato festival takes place in ____ (town).



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We want YOU!
Ready for a big challenge?
Find Mr. Kwan or
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Talents never go unnoticed!