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Goodies

Special Stamps

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HAVE you ever received or written a letter? If your answer is 'yes', you must have met these little, thin stickers – stamps. A stamp is tiny but it carries multiple functions. It is essential for posting a letter. When it travels around on a letter, it is a little ambassador of Hong Kong!

Apart from the stamps that we normally use for postage, every year Hongkong Post issues about 11 themed special stamps. Turn over the page to see how these stamps are made!

Where can I get some stamps?

You can buy them at the post office!

Editor's Note

Last week I saw Fat Dee ... sorry I meant Big Dee. I could see he had gained weight. If he is not careful he may look like Jabba the Hut from *Star Wars* one day! I am not surprised as he is lazy and eats junk food. Most of us can stay healthy by eating the right foods and exercising regularly. You readers are young and have lots of energy, so do not waste time by sitting in front of the TV. Turn to G05 to see how Big Dee reacts to being called fat.

Simon

Vocabulary Builder

stamp



stamp (n) 郵票

• I like collecting **stamps** from used envelopes.

stamp (v) 踩

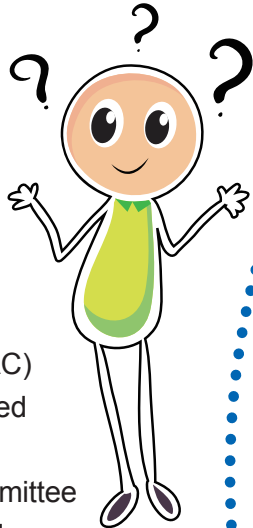
• The angry man keeps on **stamping** on the ground.

Goodies Learning Card



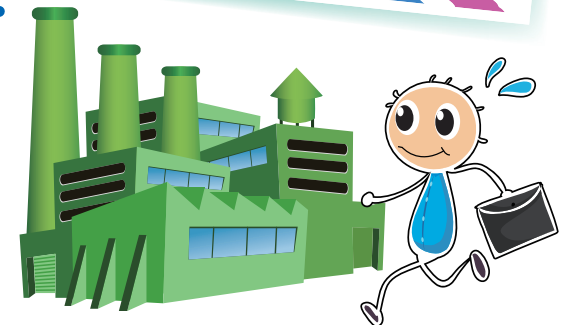
Making stamps

Making a tiny stamp involves a huge amount of effort. Let Mr Nelvin Lee from Hongkong Post explain how a stamp is made from start to finish:



- 1 The Stamp Advisory **Committee** (SAC) considers stamp theme ideas collected from organisations, government departments and the public. The committee includes local citizens, designers and government **representatives**.

- 2 Each chosen theme is **commissioned** to three designers to create a first draft.



- 3 Suitable designs chosen by the SAC are sent to special factories for printing.

Stamp collection

Special stamps have many different kinds of shapes, textures and even smells.

'Smelly' stamps



▲ Gently **scratch** the stamps and unleash the **fragrance** hidden in the stamps!

Hexagonal stamps



▲ These stamps, called 'Civic Education', are the first **hexagonal** stamps in Hong Kong. The hexagon shape is a symbol of unity and peace.

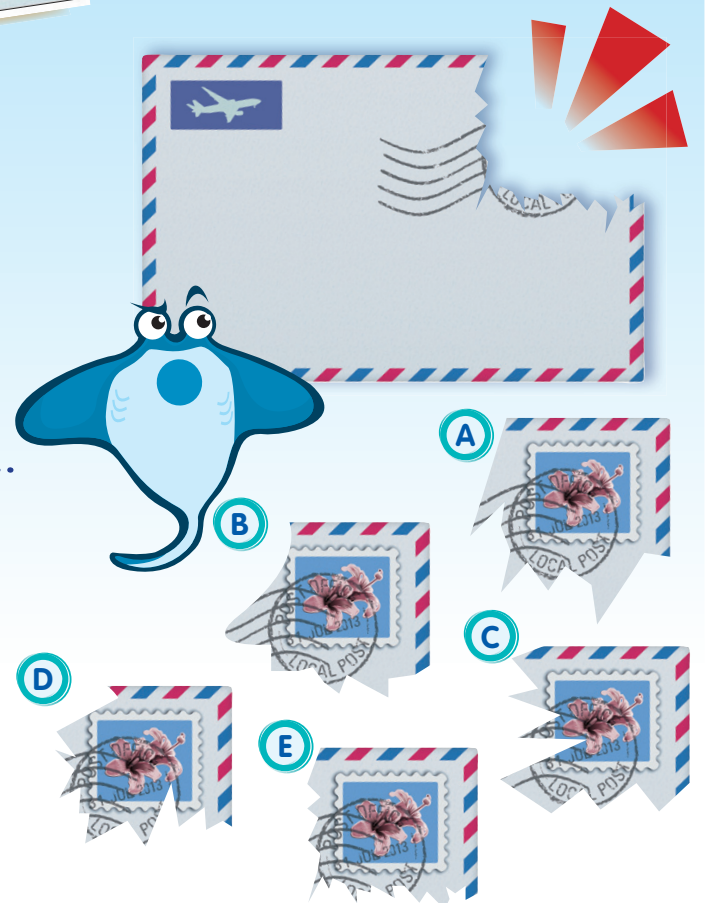
Sticky stamps



▲ About half of the pictures are printed in black and white, so you can colour in the stamps and envelopes. You can also peel them and stick them like ordinary stickers.

Game

Big Dee has received a letter, but the stamp is gone! Which is the missing piece?



Answers on G12

