

Reading

In this section, you will learn how to:

- identify the characteristic in the form of report text;
- identify the main idea and supporting idea in the form of report text.

After learning the lesson in this section, you are expected to be able to:

- know the characteristics of a report text;
- know the main idea and supporting idea in the form of report text.

Practice 1

Answer the following questions orally.

1. Do you like rock music?
2. In your opinion, how is the development of rock music today?
3. What is the difference between the rock music today and the rock music ten years ago?

Practice 2

Read the text carefully.

General
classification

Description

Rock Music

Rock music is part of popular music today. It is played and listened in almost every countries in the world. Rock and roll was the name given to the music that developed in the early 1950's. It is believed that the term *rock and roll* was first used by a disk jockey, Alan Freed.

In 1955, records of a young singer from Tennessee, Elvis Presley, were heard across the US. After he appeared on nation-wide television, Elvis Presley's singing and his performing style came to mean *rock and roll* all over the world. Then came Bill Haley and The Comets. Rock mainly became the music of the young. They understood its beat and sound, and its lyrics.

The 1970's were the time of big developments in the rock industry. Rock became a very big business, earned more money annually than any other form of entertainment including the film industry.

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Practice 3

Read the following explanation carefully.

What Is a Report Text?

The first point we should be aware of is **the general definition and the classification** of each subject that we intend to write in the form of reported text. But, do not forget that a report text is different from a descriptive text. Description text has a function to give an explanation about a specific subject.

The following are examples of a report text and a descriptive text.

Report text (more general)

Music

Music is sound put into pleasing or interesting patterns. People use music for a part of ceremonies, such as religious services, parades, and weddings. People also use music to show their feelings and ideas.

Descriptive text (more specific)

Music Box

Music boxes are small instruments that play tunes by themselves. The music-making parts of a music box are a cylinder and a row of metal teeth of different lengths. A spring or a set of wheels turns the cylinder.