



## Task 1: Cosmetic Surgery – What do Teenagers Think?

As a member of the school's public speaking team, you are asked to explore the issue of cosmetic surgery. In Part A, you will design a survey form and conduct interviews to find out what your schoolmates think about cosmetic surgery. In Part B, you will summarise the findings in a brief report.

### *Part A: Preparing a Survey Form to Gather Opinions*

In a survey conducted by a British magazine, it was found that four in ten teenage girls would consider cosmetic surgery as they thought that the operation might make them look more attractive, and become more confident and happier.

Do Hong Kong teenagers share the same opinions? At the public speaking training session, the instructor suggests that your group should explore the issue by preparing a survey form and doing opinion interviews. The information collected should help you prepare the content of your speech.

You have been given the following example statements for reference. Choose eight appropriate statements to include in your questionnaire. Add two statements of your own. Include an open question (i.e. one which cannot be answered by “yes” or “no”) to make your findings more interesting (e.g. “Do you think that cosmetic surgery is good?”).

Example statements for inclusion in your survey form (given by the training instructor)

1. If we are not happy with how we look, it is all right for us to get cosmetic surgery.
2. It is unethical to have cosmetic surgery to improve our looks.
3. We can feel emotionally better by getting cosmetic surgery.
4. We should not consider cosmetic surgery because health is more important than good looks.
5. Getting cosmetic surgery can boost our self-confidence.
6. Only insecure people undergo cosmetic surgery.
7. Cosmetic surgery can give us social advantages over other people.
8. People who have cosmetic surgery are vain.
9. Cosmetic surgery can add to our quality of life.
10. Our appearance does not affect our self-worth.
11. Inner beauty is important, but physical beauty is even more important.
12. Physical beauty cannot last forever.
13. Cosmetic surgery is not socially acceptable among young people.
14. Cosmetic surgery can change people's appearance but it cannot solve all the problems.
15. Cosmetic surgery can make us feel better about ourselves.





You are encouraged to use the following template to prepare the survey form.

**Survey Form Template**

**Survey Form**

**Cosmetic Surgery – What are Your Opinions?**

Gender of respondent: Male / Female      Age of respondent: \_\_\_\_\_  
Form level: \_\_\_\_\_

	☺ Agree	☹ Disagree	☺ Not sure
1.			
2.			
3.			
4.			
5.			
6.			
7.			
8.			
9.			
10.			
11. <i>(Write an open question here.)</i>			
_____ _____			
Additional information based on the response to:			
Item No. _____:			
Item No. _____:			





### ***Part B: Conducting a Survey and Presenting the Findings***

You are now ready to use your questionnaire to conduct a survey on your classmates' opinions of cosmetic surgery. Before you start your survey, you would like to read the following advice given by your training instructor.

#### **Conducting an Opinion Survey**

##### **Cosmetic Surgery – What are your views?**

Please follow the suggestions below:

1. Interview about 30 classmates using your survey form. Use one survey form for each classmate.
2. Start each interview politely. Describe the purpose of your survey.

*e.g. Excuse us. We're doing a survey on teenagers' opinions of cosmetic surgery. Can you answer a few questions?*

3. Write down all the answers on the survey form.
4. If you don't understand the answers, make sure you ask the speaker to explain, clarify or repeat the ideas.
5. Ask follow-up questions to gather more information.

*e.g. Really? Can you tell us why?*


6. Jot notes on the additional information on the survey form.
7. End the interview by thanking your classmates.

*e.g. Thank you very much. You've been very helpful.*





You have now finished your interviews, and it is time to present your findings in a brief report. Writing this report will help you gather relevant ideas for your public speech contest later. You are given the following writing tips at the training session for reference.

 <b>Writing Tips</b> <b>Summarising Survey Results</b>		
Beginning (Give the background)	Describe the purpose of the survey and say how many people were involved. It is useful to provide some background information about the respondents (e.g. age, form level).	<u>Sample survey report</u>  Five students from Form 4B carried out a survey of their schoolmates' favourite pastimes last week. A total of 80 students were interviewed for the poll.  Overall, the majority of the students enjoyed playing computer games. Quite a few students communicated with their friends using MSN every day, while a small number preferred talking on the phone. Very few found reading English newspapers interesting, and hardly any listened to English radio or watched English TV programmes.
Body (Summarise the results)	Summarise the results of the survey and report the findings by noting trends in the results. You can use expressions like:  <i>On the whole / overall / all in all ...</i> <i>most students ...</i> <i>a lot of students ...</i> <i>quite a few ...</i> <i>some ...</i> <i>just a few ...</i> <i>hardly any ...</i> <i>none of the students ...</i>	
Charts (Optional)	Use a bar chart or a pie chart to present the findings more clearly.	

