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Stages	Procedure	Time

Objectives	1. To practice
	   a. identifying meaning of words in context
	   b. making inferences based on comprehension of the text
	   c. discussing and responding to content of the text	

Warmer	1. Teacher plays the following video clip to the class
	 https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_BNM3TeOUHo
	 2. Teacher then asks students the following questions:
	   • Have you seen the people in the video clip?
	   • Are they famous?
	   • What makes them famous?
	 3. Elicit responses.
		3 mins

Pre-reading	1. Teacher puts students into small groups. 2. Teacher then gets students to turn to page 7. 3. Tell each group that before they read the article make a list of short points on how much they know about the 'Running Man' show. 4. Elicit points at random from different groups.	**5 mins**
While-Reading	1. Distribute **Task 1** – get students to complete vocabulary task in pairs. 2. Elicit and confirm answers. 3. Next, continue with **Task 2**. 4. Students work in their groups again to complete task. 5. Elicit and discuss answers.	**15 mins**
Post-reading	1. Next, teacher distribute **task 3** to each group. 2. Teacher plays the following video clip to the class https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=x9kSZN3J8tY 3. Each group needs to look at the picture in task 3 and read its description. 4. Students then discuss to complete task. 5. Teacher elicits and discusses answers from each group and with the class.	**15 mins**
Wrap	1. Teacher then summarises discussion and wraps up lesson.	**2 mins**

TASK 1

Context clues are words and phrases in a sentence which help you reason out the meaning of an unfamiliar word. Below are the different context clues that can help you guess meanings of words in sentences.
a) Restatement or synonym
b) Antonym or contrast clue
c) Definition or example clue
d) General knowledge *(meaning is derived from the experience/background knowledge of the reader – logic)*

Read the sentences below and write the type of context clues that help you to guess the meaning of the word in bold. Next, write the meaning of the word in bold in the space provided.

1. It is classified as an 'urban action variety' show, meaning a game show that takes place in an **urban** environment unlike other reality shows such as Survivor which takes place in the wilderness.

   Type of context clue: _____

   Meaning: _____

2. The show is so popular that it has been **fan subbed** into different languages: English, Malay, Mandarin, Spanish, Portuguese, Russian, Turkish and many more languages.

   Type of context clue: _____

   Meaning: _____

3. The main object of the show is for the **host crew**, known as the permanent cast members and the guests to compete in a series of challenges in each episode.

   Type of context clue: _____

   Meaning: _____

4. Every week there is an **assortment** of challenges but the main one is to steal each other's name plates (which are stuck at the back of their shirts) and be the last man standing.

   Type of context clue: _____

   Meaning: _____

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5. A mashup between survival and political drama, the contestants can team-up to form parties to take down stronger contestants. But after defeating the stronger opponents, teammates will then have to **turn on** each other, as there can only be one winner.

   Type of context clue: _____

   Meaning: _____

6. Jong-Kook is known as Tiger because of his **intimidating** size. He enjoys hunting and chasing other contestants.

   Type of context clue: _____

   Meaning: _____

7. Haha is well known as the comic relief he provides. He is often **picked on** in the show because of his short stature and similar appearance to popular Korean animated children's character Pororo, the Little Penguin.

   Type of context clue: _____

   Meaning: _____

8. Yet, he is also known as the 'dark horse' of the show, as he can be almost **unbeatable** when motivated, winning a match or two in a row!

   Type of context clue: _____

   Meaning: _____

TASK 2

What can you infer from these statements? Select the best inference from the list provided.

1. As such, the audience will always be constantly be entertained by the humorous antics, and outrageous betrayals by each of the 'stars'. Despite all this, the members from the main cast always remain as good friends.
   a) Audience enjoy watching the crazy and humorous drama of the 'stars' in the show.
   b) The show aims to make the main cast turn against each other but fails to do so due to their strong friendship.
   c) Producers of the show might have played a part in the crazy and humorous drama of the show, in which it is a way to attract audience.
   d) It is fun and entertaining to watch good friends turn against each other.

2. His (Yoo Jae-suk's) main rival is Kim Jong-kook due to his muscular physique, and battle tactics.
   a) Kim Jong-kook is also one of the top winners of the show.
   b) Kim Jong-kook is muscular and good with battle tactics.
   c) Yoo Jae-suk and Kim Jong-kook are enemies in the show.
   d) Yoo Jae-suk is a smart player whereas Kim Jong-kook is a strong player.

3. He (Ji Suk-jin) is nicknamed the "Race Starter" because he is the weakest player. Often, the other cast members would declare the race as "officially started" only after he is eliminated.
   a) Ji Suk-jin will officially start the race in every show.
   b) Ji Suk-jin's nickname is given to him as an amusing insult.
   c) Ji Suk-jin is the weakest player in the show.
   d) Ji Suk-jin is not a popular player compared to other players in the show.

4. Finally, we have Song Ji-hyo, who is said to be the bravest and luckiest contestant. … Her theme song when she makes her appearance on screen is the Angry Birds game song!
   a) Song Ji-hyo is also a strong player as she is determined for survival in the show like the Angry Birds.
   b) Song Ji-hyo will get angry in the show and her favourite song is the Angry Birds game song.
   c) Song Ji-hyo plays the game like other male contestants because she is brave and always lucky.
   d) Song Ji-hyo looks like the Angry Birds when she plays the games.

5. These are the seven fan favourites who have been the backbone of the Running Man show. Sadly, there have been rumours that Song Ji-hyo, and Kim Jong-kook may be leaving the show soon.
   a) The seven fan favourites are the strongest players throughout the show.
   b) The audience will be sad if Song Ji-hyo and Kim Jong-kook leave the show because they are the audience's favourites.
   c) Song Ji-hyo and Kim Jong-kook might or might not leave the show.
   d) The rating of the show might drop if the fan favourites leave the show.

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TASK 3

Look at the picture and read the description below. With reference to the article, answer the questions that follow.

In 2017, the animated version of 'Running Man' was aired to target children audience. The 'Running Man' animated series features the seven main members as animal characters. The characters consist of a grasshopper, a tiger, a giraffe, a penguin, an impala, a monkey and a cat.

Based on the article, can you match the seven main casts of the show to its animated characters? Why are they being portrayed as the above animal characters?

ANSWERS

Task 1

1. Type of context clue: **b**, meaning: town/city
2. Type of context clue: **c**, meaning: being subtitled into other languages by fan
3. Type of context clue: **a**, meaning: main/permanent team or members
4. Type of context clue: **b**, meaning: variety/different types
5. Type of context clue: **b**, meaning: attack/oppose/go against
6. Type of context clue: **d**, meaning: threatening/frightening
7. Type of context clue: **d**, meaning: being treated unfairly or unkindly
8. Type of context clue: **d**, meaning: not able to be defeated

Task 2

1. C
2. A
3. B
4. A
5. D

Task 3

Based on the article, can you match the seven main casts of the show to its animated characters? Why are they being portrayed as the above animal characters? *(Answers are open for discussion)*

1. Grasshopper – Yoo Jae-suk – due to his green outfit that he wore during his maiden television appearance and he also has the ability to escape opponents especially in race missions
2. Tiger – Kim Jong-kook – due to his intimidating size and he enjoys hunting and chasing other contestants
3. Giraffe – Lee Kwang-soo – he is the tallest member of the group
4. Penguin – Haha – due to his short stature and he looks like the Korean animated children's character Pororo, the Little Penguin
5. Impala – Ji Suk-jin – the weakest player so it's a weak prey to be hunted by others easily – he is also seen as the "Race Starter" like the impala a sprinter that only races over short distances or short time *(an inference based on the article)*
6. Monkey – Gary – he can be almost unbeatable when motivated so he might be as agile as the monkey *(an inference based on the article)*
7. Cat – Song Ji-hyo – the only female member and she is an intelligent player so a cat is usually seen with feminine characteristics and smart *(an inference based on the article)*

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