




Answer Key

Creative Writing Pre-writing Task

The Clipit film *Take Five*, focuses on the Chan family and the difficulties they have in balancing their work life with their family life.

Mr Chan works overseas and probably does not see his family often. Mrs Chan works long hours and comes home very late at night. The domestic helper looks after the children while the parents are not at home.

How is each character affected by the family situation? How do you think each character feels? Jot down your ideas in the table below.

Characters	Situation	How Characters are Affected	How Characters Feel
 <p>mother needs to work very late</p> <p>Eliza Chan</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Does homework with her helper • Goes to bed before mum gets home • Wakes up before mum on Sunday morning 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Does not see her parents very much. • On Sunday, she waits for her mother to wake up 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • lonely • bored • sad
 <p>Mrs Chan</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Works long hours • Returns home from work very late • Sleeps late on Sundays 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Does not see her husband very much • She cannot spend quality time with her children 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • exhausted • lonely • guilty • sad
 <p>absent father</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Works overseas • Gives up family time to his job 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Does not see his wife often • Does not see his children often 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • lonely • guilty • sad