



## PART 1 READING ALOUD

*In this passage, fish are discussed.*

Lily Tan was going to cook her family a special fish dinner. She rode her bicycle down to the market and made her way through the crowd to Mr Kang's fish stall. As usual, he had a wonderful looking spread of different kinds of fish for sale.

"Quite a lot of the prices seem to have gone up again," she remarked to Mr Kang as she was deciding what to buy.

Mr Kang grinned regretfully. "Yes," he said, "but I'm afraid there's not much I can do. Some of the most popular kinds of fish are getting scarcer, and it's more difficult to get good fresh supplies. Some of the fish you see here were caught five hundred miles away. Tuna, for example – some species have become rare and endangered. And these salmon are very good, but nowadays they're farmed rather than wild."

"I suppose we'll have to learn to eat different kinds of fish," said Lily. She chose some fresh sea bream and waited while Mr Kang wrapped them for her. "My elder daughter is at university studying biology," she went on, "and she feels very strongly about protecting the environment."

"Very good," Mr Kang replied. "Fish stocks certainly need more protection. My own son is a graduate now, and he's part of a team that protects coral reefs and improves the ocean environment. It's better work than selling fish – and I think of it as my family's way of putting something back into the sea."



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