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The time without money

Mary and Tom were having a one-day trip. They were on Lion Rock and decided that their next destination was Sai Kung Country Park.

Mary and Tom were walking down the mountain when Tom said with a sigh, ‘Oh, no! I forgot to research about which transport we should take.’ Luckily, an experienced hiker in blue hiking boots walked pass them. Mary asked for help politely, ‘Excuse me, how can I get to Sai Kung Country Park?’ The hiker suggested softly, ‘You should take a bus. It’s a long way from here to Sai Kung Country Park. It’s ten kilometres.’ Mary and Tom followed his suggestions and reached the bus stop. Unfortunately, there was a long queue. Mary was like a cat on a hot tin roof. Tom calmed her down and started sharing his opinion, ‘I think we should take the taxi, it’s more convenient and comfortable.’ Mary agreed with him immediately so they made their final decision – taking the taxi.

When Mary and Tom arrived at Sai Kung Country Park, they were as hungry as a stray dog. They saw a kiosk and wanted to buy some snacks, but their pockets were empty, they had no money! They used all the money to pay for the taxi fare. ‘Oh no!’ they yelled disappointedly.

Mary and Tom were filled with remorse. What’s more important, they were stuck in Sai Kung Country Park because they had no money to



go home. They racked their brains and finally found a solution. They took out their phones and called their parents to pick them up. When they got home, they were as tired as a drained battery but they were glad that they found a solution.

After facing all these difficulties, Mary and Tom learnt a lesson – they should always be thrifty and choose the best way to avoid spending money uncontrollably and unwisely.