

Comprehension Cloze Worksheets

P6 English Language SA1 2014

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Instruction

Fill in each blank with a suitable word.

P6 Comprehension Cloze - SA1 – Raffles' Girls

A huge part of the attraction of diving is the sense that you are visiting another world. When diving, I like to consider myself a ghost in this other (51) _____. I float over the bottom, I do not touch or interact with anything, I just observe. Most injuries sustained from animals while diving are the result of the animal (52) _____ itself. If you do not touch them or settle on the seabed where they might be hidden, your chances of getting harmed are greatly (53) _____.

The most dangerous animals are often beautiful and may not look dangerous at all. Unlike their larger counterparts, blue-ringed octopuses are (54) _____ enough to fit in the palm of your hand and look cute rather than deadly; cone shells look like an unthreatening snail (55) _____ their poison dart can actually kill. Research what you are likely to see when diving in a new area. You will notice far more on your dive and will also know (56) _____ the troublemakers are.

Some animals may be aggressive (57) _____ they feel threatened or are defending their territory. Most fish will first display a warning sign. For example, the lionfish will spread his fins and beautiful as it may look, it is actually telling you to back (58) _____. If something has decided that it does not want you near its territory, you may find yourself being chased away. As a general rule, (59) _____ away horizontally.

In an event when the diver is already confronted by an aggressive creature, maintain eye (60) _____ with the animal and attempt to move away. Bubbles from the secondary regulator of your oxygen tank can be used as a form of (61) _____ if the animal starts to approach. Your buddy should join you and swim with you, shoulder (62) _____ shoulder, presenting the largest outline to the animal. Move away quickly and in a controlled manner. Discard anything you may have collected (63) _____ as a spear-fishing catch because it may be attracting the animal instead.

If the animal gets very close despite persistent avoidance and is clearly aggressive rather than curious it may be necessary to strike it. It would be best not to

use your bare (64) _____. A pole, fins, camera or dive knife would be better if they are available. Aim for the delicate areas such as the eyes or gill openings. Get a good distance away from the animal before making an ascent to the (65) _____. Remember to remain observant.

Adapted from 'Asian Dive' 2012

P6 Comprehension Cloze - SA1 – Nan Hua

It is 9 a.m. sharp. In a massive gymnasium just a block from Beijing's Temple of Heaven, the Chinese women's weight-lifting team (51) _____ for duty. Within minutes, the sound of weights crashing to the ground (52) _____ in the training hall. The air grows (53) _____ with sweat and particles of chalk. It is the chalk that helps lifters get a firm (54) _____ on the bar. These athletes are the best of the best; within the (55) _____ of an hour, I see an Olympic record surpassed and a world (56) _____ nearly equalled. It's another day on the job for the squad that is ready to compete at the London Games.

Bound (57) _____ London in the 58-kg weight class, Li takes little time to exhibit her stupendous training lift, instead the 2009 world champion (58) _____ her head to the officials, then steps back to practise a minute shoulder movement (59) _____ needs perfecting.

As she steps up to a bar that holds more (60) _____ twice her body weight, Li Xueying has no idea how much she is about to lift. Numbers are the coaches' responsibility; (61) _____ is to lift unquestioningly. This is the bond of trust that develops between a coach and an athlete who starts lifting weights at the age of ten. In (62) _____ split-second burst of energy, the 22-year-old thrusts her arms into the air and a 132-kg barbell floats above her head. When Li (63) _____ the bar after the successful lift, the floor reverberates so much (64) _____. I feel the thrum in my teeth.

When I shake her hand later, her callused (66) _____ sheet of sandpaper. Her collarbone is bruised purple from the bar. The daughter of wheat farmers from central China's Henan province, Li shows little anticipation of her Olympic debut.

Adapted from the Time Magazine (The Gold Standard), July 30— August 6 2012

P6 Comprehension Cloze - SA1 – Nanyang

Lizards are four-legged reptiles that live on land. Like all reptiles, they are (51) _____ with scaly skin and are cold-blooded. This means they rely on (52) _____ from their surroundings to raise their body temperature so that they can become more active. The rainforest is an ideal place for cold-blooded animals.

(53) _____ it is warm day and night all year round. Only a few lizards, such as iguanas, feed on plants. Most of them are predators. They feed (54) _____ on insects or small mammals such as mice. Since there are more insects and other sources of food in the rainforest than in any (55) _____ habitat, lizards of all shapes and sizes (56) _____ there.

Lizards have good colour vision, and their bright, alert eyes are far enough forward in the head to (57) _____ them to judge distance and speed when (58) _____ their prey. Chameleons have unique eyes mounted on little turrets. Each eye can move independently of the other, so a chameleon can look in two (59) _____ at once. This (60) _____ it spot its prey.

Most lizards rely on (61) _____ to hide from their enemies. They can match the colours and patterns of their background. The chameleon is (62) _____ the only lizard that can change colour. Many lizards can turn darker or lighter (63) _____ to the time of day or colour of the background. Lizards like geckos have a surprise for their attackers - they can shed the end of their tail simply by contracting certain muscles. The shed tail twitches and wriggles, (64) _____ the predator from the fleeing lizard. The lizards can grow a new but weaker tail. This is a small (65) _____ to pay for their escape. Other lizards simply pretend to be dead. Monitor lizards may puff themselves up to look even fiercer than they already do to startle and frighten their attackers.

P6 Comprehension Cloze - SA1 – Tao Nan

In 2007, Gemma Sheridan and two friends set out on a voyage that was to take them from Liverpool, across the Atlantic to the Panama Canal and then onwards to Hawaii. The first stage of the (51) _____ went without incident. However, after passing (52) _____ the Panama Canal, things started to take a turn for the (53) _____. There was a storm which washed her friends (54) _____ while damaging her boat in a terrible manner (55) _____ any electronic devices, Gemma drifted for seventeen days until she was hit by another storm. This time, she was knocked (56) _____ but she was washed ashore where she came round. Needless to say, the rest is (57) _____.

Looking around, Gemma had a terrible panic (58) _____ as she wondered how she was going to survive. It was physically exhausting and it took a (59) _____ on her mentally as she could not communicate with anyone. However, her survival instincts kicked (60) _____ and she reacted by building a shelter and hunting for food. At times she was down as she imagined that she (61) _____ never be saved. Nevertheless, she picked herself up and vowed to fight to the (62) _____. Although she ended up talking to (63) _____ most of the time, she reacted by building a huge (64) _____ on the beach. After a few extremely lonely years, someone saw the sign and she was (65) _____. Although she was battered and bruised, her spirit was indomitable.

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Answer Key

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School: Raffles' Girls

51) world	52) protecting	53) reduced/decreased	54) small	55) but
56) who	57) when	58) off	59) swim	60) contact
61) distraction	62) to	63) such	64) hands	65) top / surface

School: Nan Hua

51) reports	52) reverberates	53) tense	54) grip	55) duration
56) record	57) for	58) bows	59) that	60) than
61) hers	62) a	63) drops	64) that	65) palm

School: Nanyang

51) covered	52) heat	53) as	54) mostly	55) other
56) live	57) help	58) chasing	59) directions	60) helps
61) camouflaging	62) not	63) according	64) distracting	65) price

School: Tao Nan

51) voyage	52) through	53) worse	54) overboard	55) Without
56) out	57) history	58) attack	59) toll	60) in
61) would	62) end	63) herself	64) sign	65) saved