

Comprehension Open-ended Worksheets

P4 English Language CA2 2014

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Instruction

Read the passage and answer the questions that follow.

P4 Comprehension Open-ended – CA2 – Rosyth

<p>Lightning was flashing continuously in the evening sky. Our farmhouse had survived many thunderstorms but this was by far the strongest we had ever experienced. As the storm approached, the lights went out. My mother, Zena, grabbed a torch. The sound of the storm grew louder. I felt terrified. I was with my mother and brother, Gordon. We were on the first floor of the farmhouse when the tornado hit us. The tornado sounded like a speeding train. As the walls collapsed around us, we quickly took cover under the dining table. It was an old, wooden farm table but it was able to stop the walls from crushing us.</p>	5
<p>After some time, we crawled out from underneath the table. My mother switched on the torch so that we could see where we were. We were shocked to see the farm buildings and trees gone! The landscape looked strange and unrecognisable. While our house collapsed, our neighbour's farmhouse across the street was destroyed by the flying debris. Thankfully, no one was at home.</p>	10
<p>The incident left a deep impression on me. I have studied more about tornados since then and even volunteered myself as a firefighter. This has certainly helped remove the fear in me.</p>	15

ANSWER THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS.

36. For Question 1-3, read each statement and tick (1) "True" or "False". Refer to paragraph 1 to help you. The first example has been done for you..

	Statement	True	False
Example	The lightning flashed continuously that evening.	✓	
Q1	The farmhouse was dark because the lights went out.		
Q2	The author and his family were on the second floor when the tornado struck.		
Q3	The sound from the tornado was like a speeding train.		

37. How did the author and his family avoid being crushed by the collapsing walls of the farmhouse?

38. What two words did the author use to describe the scene after the tornado had passed?

i. _____
ii. _____

39. Which word has the same meaning as 'toppled'? Circle either (A) or (B).

While our house <u>collapsed</u> , our neighbour's farmhouse across the street was (A) (A) <u>destroyed</u> by the flying debris (B)

40. From the last paragraph, what two things did the author do to remove his fear of tornados?

i. _____
ii. _____

P4 Comprehension Open-ended – CA2 – Nan Hua

<p>Thirteen-year-old Richard Turere lives with his family near the famous Nairobi National Park in Kenya. This protected area in east Africa is home to some of the continent's most exotic wildlife. While the northern end of the park is fenced off, the southern end is left open so that animals can go on their migrations without any obstacles. However, this means that they often stray out of the park to nearby areas where people have built homes. Richard's family and their neighbours have to constantly deal with predators like lions attacking their domestic animals at night.</p>	5
<p>"I grew up hating lions very much," says Richard. He added that livestock like cattle are very precious to his community. They do whatever they can to protect their cows and goats, even if it means killing the lions. As a result, many of these wild cats have been slaughtered and conservationists are worried that the park might lose all its lions soon.</p>	10
<p>Richard was sure there was an easier way to keep the lions away from his home. At first he tried scaring them away with fire. That did not work. He noted that the brightness of the blaze probably helped the lions see better in the dark.</p>	15
<p>Next, he tried using a scarecrow to trick the lions into thinking it was a human being. However, the lions were cleverer. The animals soon realised that the scarecrow was just a dummy and they started attacking the cows again.</p>	
<p>One night, Richard decided to do some patrolling. He walked up and down his compound for a long time, shining a flashlight out into the darkness. Surprisingly, no lions came that evening. It was then that the youngster made a discovery. Excited by this, he decided to design his very own 'lion lights' system. He tied some bulbs onto poles around his family's cattle enclosure and connected them to an old solar-powered car battery. He made the lights flash on and off at regular intervals. In the dark, it looked like someone was walking back and forth with a flashlight.</p>	20 25
<p>In the two years that Richard has used his 'lion lights', his home has not been bothered by the big cats at all. Seeing this, his neighbours asked Richard to install similar systems in their houses, as well. The results were the same. Richard's invention has proven so effective that it is being used in other parts of the country to keep away all kinds of predators.</p>	30

All answers must be based on the given text. Answer in complete sentences.

- (29) Why is the southern end of the Nairobi National Park not fenced off?
 (30) Which word from Paragraph one has the same meaning as 'well-known'?

- (31) Write 1, 2 and 3 in the blanks below to indicate the sequence of events that occurred in the story.

_____ Richard used a scarecrow to trick the lions.
_____ Richard invented his own 'lion lights' system.
_____ Richard realised that the lions are not afraid of fire.

- (32) Based on the passage, state whether each statement in the table below is true or false, then give one reason why you think so.

	True/False	Reason
People who stay near the Nairobi National Park kill lions to protect their animals.		
Richard discovered that fire is not an effective way to scare the lions away.		
The lions were not afraid of Richard's scarecrow as it was too small.		

- (33) What did Richard discover when he was patrolling at night with his flashlight?

- (34) What does 'the results were the same' in the last paragraph mean?

Answer Key

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- 37) The author took cover under an old wooden farm table to avoid being crushed by the collapsing walls.
- 38) i) Strange
ii) Unrecognisable
- 39) A
- 40) i. The writer read more about tornadoes.
ii. The writer volunteered himself as a firefighter.

School: Nan Hua

29. It is not fenced to allow animals to migrate without any obstacles.
30. famous
31. 2, 3, 1
32. i) True.
The people who stay near Nairobi National Park will do whatever they can to protect their cows and goats, even if it means killing the lions.
ii) True.
Richard noted that the brightness of the blaze helped the lions see better.
iii) False.
The lions were not afraid of his scarecrow as they soon realised that the scarecrow was just a dummy.
33. He discovered that no lions came and they stayed away from moving lights.
34. It means that there were no more lion attacks.