

Comprehension Cloze Worksheets

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Instruction

Fill in each blank with a suitable word.

P6 Comprehension Cloze – SA2 – Rosyth

In 1936, a reader told the editor of the London Daily Mail an amazing story. During a thunderstorm, she had seen a large, red hot ball come down from the (51) _____. It struck her house, cut the telephone wire, burnt the window frame, and then buried (52) _____ in a tub of water which was beneath the window. The water boiled for some minutes afterwards, but eventually, it (53) _____ down enough for her to search with her bare hands. To her surprise, she could find nothing in it.

What the reader had seen was "ball lightning", the (54) _____ given to the mobile glowing spheres which have very occasionally been observed during thunderstorms. There is currently no fully satisfactory or generally accepted scientific (55) _____ for ball lightning, mainly because it is so rare. When it does occur, it does not stay around (56) _____ enough to be studied. It generally has a lifespan of less than five seconds during which it floats about for a brief (57) _____ and then fades away or explodes with a loud pop. Attempts have been made to (58) _____ it artificially in the laboratory. However, an actual specimen of naturally-occurring ball lightning has (59) _____ to be captured for study. It is so mysterious and rare that many scientists still (60) _____ its existence. However, there are so many eyewitness accounts of the phenomenon that it is difficult to believe it does not (61) _____.

It is these personal (62) _____ with ball lightning that have brought about its mysterious reputation. Many who have seen it have said it moves about as if with a kind of intelligence, as if it knows where it wants to go following patterns on walls or furniture, and seeming to (63) _____ obstacles. When it enters houses, it often enters through doorways or windows and travels down hallways.

In one incident, a "ball of sparks" about the (64) _____ of a basketball entered a commercial aircraft, then proceeded to chase a flight (65) _____ up and down the aisle. She was screaming as she tried to outrun the ball lightning. It scattered quickly before it could strike her.

P6 Comprehension Cloze – SA2 – Nanyang

No one really knows how tea was first introduced to the world. However, many legends had been told to try and explain its origins. (51) _____ to one popular legend, Emperor Shen Nung (52) _____ tea while drinking a cup of boiled water in his garden. The Emperor, (53) _____ about hygiene, always insisted that water be boiled before he drank it. Some leaves (54) _____ a nearby tree fell into his cup, turning the water a deep shade of brown. The colour intrigued the Emperor, and he (55) _____ to drink the brownish water. The water tasted bitter (56) _____ he felt refreshed and pain-free after drinking it.

(57) _____ this discovery, tea became an exclusive beverage for royalty and the wealthy. It was consumed for the medicinal effects. It was only many decades (58) _____ during the Song Dynasty, that tea was enjoyed by the (59) _____ citizen. People also enjoyed tea with tea snacks in tea houses. While tea had (60) _____ popularity with the people, the way in which tea was produced remained unchanged. It was only during the Ming Dynasty that new production (61) _____ were invented.

Tea first (62) _____ its way to Europe during the Qing Dynasty when Dutch and Portugese traders (63) _____ to their homeland with tea from their travels in China. When rumours of its stimulating properties (64) _____ out to be true, the drink became popular despite its (65) _____ prices. As the tea trade and industry grew, tea became a staple of the working class in Europe as well.

(Adapted from 'Tea Culture: History, Traditions, Celebrations, Recipes & More' by Beverly Dubrin)

P6 Comprehension Cloze – SA2 – Raffles

A giant asteroid, a huge rock in space, will silently glide by Earth this week. It is a stark (51) _____ that we are not absolutely safe and there are always cosmic (52) _____ lurking nearby.

The asteroid measures about 325 metres wide. This space intruder, nicknamed "the Beast", more formally known as HQ124, has an estimated width similar (53) _____ an aircraft carrier. It will be three lunar distances (54) _____ from Earth at its closest approach on Thursday, so thankfully there is no (55) _____ to our planet.

However, it is a big asteroid and for a long time we did not notice its existence (56) _____ last month on 23 June. The National Aeronautics and Space Administration's (NASA's) Wide-field Infrared Survey Explorer (57) _____ up its movement against a fixed backdrop of stars. While it is nothing new to hear about asteroids whizzing past Earth or the moon, it is unusual to see such a large one go (58) _____ for so long.

Sky surveys have catalogued and are tracking approximately 90 percent of the potentially dangerous asteroids that are at least 1,000 metres (59) _____ diameter. Those are the ones that have the potential to destroy continents on (60) _____.

Only 30 percent of the 140 metre rocks have been (61) _____ for and in addition, less than 1 percent of the 30-metre asteroids have been detected to (62) _____. While these may not be global killers, they have the potential to damage or destroy entire cities. For example, in 2013, Russian asteroid struck the city of Urals and laid waste to an (63) _____ of more than 2700 square kilometres.

"What's upsetting is that a rocky body this large, and coming so close, should have only first been discovered much earlier. HQ124 is at least 10 times bigger (64) _____ the asteroid that injured a thousand people last year in Chelyabinsk, Siberia," said Bob Berman, an astronomer who works with Internet astronomy outreach venture "Slooh".

If it were to impact us, the energy released would be (65) _____ not in kilotons like the atomic bombs that ended World War II, but in H-bomb type megatons,"

Adapted from Watch as 'the Beast' Asteroid Sails Past Earth This Week by Andrew Fazeke

Answer Key

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Rosyth

51) sky	52) itself	53) cooled	54) term	55) explanation
56) long	57) period	58) recreate	59) yet	60) doubt
61) exist	62) recounts	63) avoid	64) size	65) stewardess

School: Nanyang

51) According	52) discovered	53) particular	54) from	55) decided
56) but	57) After	58) later	59) common	60) gained
61) methods	62) made	63) returned	64) turned	65) high

School: Raffles Girls'

51) reminder	52) rocks	53) to	54) away	55) threat
56) until	57) picked	58) unnoticed	59) in	60) Earth
61) accounted	62) date	63) area	64) than	65) measured