

Vocabulary Cloze Worksheets

P6 English Language SA1 2014

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Instructions:

For each question, choose the word closest in meaning to the underlined word(s). Make your choice (1, 2, 3 or 4).

P6 Vocabulary Cloze - SA1 – Raffles' Girls

Claire and Judy had savagely busy lives - kids, dogs, husbands and job. Topping that off would be the (21) onerous, time-consuming dedication to looking ten years younger than their actual age. They were whizzing off around in minivans, (22) perpetually, dropping off their sons at rugby practice, picking up daughters from the dentist, (23) racing across town to get to a meeting. Multitasking was an art form for them. They were accustomed to the dead seconds stuck at traffic lights to rub their calves with fake-tan wipes, they answered emails from their seats at the cinema and they baked red velvet cupcakes at midnight while simultaneously being (24) mocked by their cheeky teenage daughters. However, they would not be (25) deterred by any obstacles which might take their focus away from their aim in life - making sure there was no moment wasted.

Adapted from The Mystery of Mercy Close by Marian Keyes

21. Choose the word(s) closest in meaning to the underlined word.
(1) simple
(2) gruelling
(3) effortless
(4) complicated ()
22. Choose the word(s) closest in meaning to the underlined word.
(1) randomly
(2) constantly
(3) incidentally
(4) occasionally ()
23. Choose the word(s) closest in meaning to the underlined word.
(1) rambling
(2) dawdling
(3) scurrying
(4) lumbering ()
24. Choose the word(s) closest in meaning to the underlined word.
(1) taunted
(2) berated
(3) praised
(4) exalted ()
25. Choose the word(s) closest in meaning to the underlined word.
(1) urged
(2) trapped
(3) instigated
(4) restrained ()

P6 Vocabulary Cloze - SA1 – Nanyang

Natural disasters are one of the major problems facing humanity. Floods and earthquakes are two (21) catastrophes of nature against which man has not been able to guard himself in spite of his rapid (22) advance in Science and Technology. Enormous damages are caused by these two tragedies which are unpredictable. Even in (23) affluent countries such as the USA and England, scientists and engineers have not been able to prevent the damages.

What causes floods? Heavy rains cause flooding in the drains of our cities and towns. When these drains overflow, the flood water rises on the roads, slowing down the movement of vehicles and causing traffic jams. Cars often get stalled as water enters the working parts of the engine.

In coastal cities, the flooding is further (24) aggravated by a high tide coinciding with heavy rains. Many roads become impassable and traffic comes to a complete standstill for hours.

The greatest damage is done when continuous rain fills rivers which then overflow their banks and flood vast areas of land around. Whole towns become (25) submerged in water. Thousands of acres of cultivable land get flooded, ruining millions of tons of food.

21. Choose the word(s) closest in meaning to the underlined word.

- (1) chaos
 - (2) dangers
 - (3) calamities
 - (4) demolitions
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22. Choose the word(s) closest in meaning to the underlined word.

- (1) forward
 - (2) progress
 - (3) invention
 - (4) movement
- ()

23. Choose the word(s) closest in meaning to the underlined word.

- (1) rich
 - (2) climatic
 - (3) powerful
 - (4) established
- ()

24. Choose the word(s) closest in meaning to the underlined word.

- (1) provoked
- (2) enlarged
- (3) intensified
- (4) accumulated

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25. Choose the word(s) closest in meaning to the underlined word.

- (1) stuck
- (2) floating
- (3) moving
- (4) immersed

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P6 Vocabulary Cloze - SA1 – Rosyth

When rearing, many students have difficulty (21) identifying main ideas in non-fiction texts. This is because in order to understand and express the main idea of a passage, the reader must not only comprehend the text but also make (22) connections within the content. To further complicate the process, the reader may also have to recognise and disregard (23) non-essential information. So while this skill may come simply and (24) naturally to good readers, it is actually a two or three-step (25) process and struggling readers may trip up on any one of those steps.

21. Choose the word(s) closest in meaning to the underlined word.
(1) selecting
(2) classifying
(3) recognising
(4) acknowledging ()
22. Choose the word(s) closest in meaning to the underlined word.
(1) links
(2) joints
(3) bridges
(4) networks ()
23. Choose the word(s) closest in meaning to the underlined word.
(1) useless
(2) relevant
(3) dispensable
(4) unimportant ()
24. Choose the word(s) closest in meaning to the underlined word.
(1) typically
(2) normally
(3) frequently
(4) effortlessly ()
25. Choose the word(s) closest in meaning to the underlined word.
(1) action
(2) course
(3) operation
(4) technique ()

P6 Vocabulary Cloze - SA1 – Nan Hua

I have lived in the Canadian Arctic all my life and have spent most of my career photographing the edge where ice meets open sea. When I began working, sea ice seemed (21) invulnerable. Even in the warmest months, much ice remained.

Scarcely ten years later, things have changed. The poles are melting at an (22) alarming rate. Lancaster Sound, one of the most productive marine habitats in the world, may soon (23) witness a new chapter in maritime history. The areas around it may see a (24) significant increase in shipping. Large freighters and tankers are brought into a region they rarely travelled before as the ice (25) becomes lesser. Some scientists believe the Arctic will eventually be void of summer ice, dooming species such as polar bears to extinction.

Adapted from the National Geographic (Life at the Edge by. Paul Nicklen)

21. Choose the word(s) closest in meaning to the underlined word.

- (1) immutable
- (2) immersible
- (3) undetectable
- (4) indestructible

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22. Choose the word(s) closest in meaning to the underlined word.

- (1) appalling
- (2) appealing
- (3) unpleasant
- (4) unfavourable

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23. Choose the word(s) closest in meaning to the underlined word.

- (1) justify
- (2) confirm
- (3) observe
- (4) validate

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24. Choose the word(s) closest in meaning to the underlined word.

- (1) moderate
- (2) particular
- (3) systematic
- (4) considerable

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25. Choose the word(s) closest in meaning to the underlined word.

- (1) diminishes
- (2) disappears
- (3) deteriorates
- (4) degenerates

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P6 Vocabulary Cloze - SA1 – Tao Nan

Jane was terribly upset at what she had done. She had hurt her friend and needed to do something to (21) remedy the situation. Thinking about what had happened, Jane scolded herself as she was unable to (22) curb her terrible temper. She wished someone around her had stopped her as she might have (23) thwarted her actions. Alas, it was too late for regrets now and she would have to face the consequences of her actions. This might even result in her (24) postponing her birthday party as she could not imagine celebrating her milestone birthday without her best friend. Jane thought hard and hoped that she could act in a way which would (25) alleviate the problem. Only then would her life have a semblance of normalcy once again.

21. Choose the word(s) closest in meaning to the underlined word.

- (1) verify
 - (2) rectify
 - (3) clarify
 - (4) simplify
- ()

22. Choose the word(s) closest in meaning to the underlined word.

- (1) stop
 - (2) control
 - (3) prevent
 - (4) circumvent
- ()

23. Choose the word(s) closest in meaning to the underlined word.

- (1) foiled
 - (2) waylaid
 - (3) ambushed
 - (4) apprehended
- ()

24. Choose the word(s) closest in meaning to the underlined word.

- (1) delaying
 - (2) stopping
 - (3) impeding
 - (4) preventing
- ()

25. Choose the word(s) closest in meaning to the underlined word.

(1) ease

(2) allay

(3) placate

(4) accentuate

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Answer Key

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Paper: SA1 2014

School: Raffles' Girls

Q21	Q22	Q23	Q24	Q25
2	2	3	1	4

School: Nanyang

Q21	Q22	Q23	Q24	Q25
3	2	1	3	4

School: Rosyth

Q21	Q22	Q23	Q24	Q25
3	1	4	4	3

School: Nan Hua

Q21	Q22	Q23	Q24	Q25
4	1	3	4	1

School: Tao Nan

Q21	Q22	Q23	Q24	Q25
2	2	1	1	1