

# Comprehension Cloze Worksheets

## P6 English Language CA1 2014

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### Instruction

Fill in each blank with a suitable word.

## P6 Comprehension Cloze - CA1 – MGS

I stood on the rooftop of my campus dormitory that dusty July night in Hong Kong when Paul asked me. 'What is good about Singapore?' I wracked my brains, \_\_\_\_\_ (1) of a reply. I could sense that what Paul wanted to know was what made me feel \_\_\_\_\_ (2) to be a Singaporean.

At that time, my life revolved primarily \_\_\_\_\_ (3) studies. What I lacked was involvement outside, in the larger community. That was why I found it \_\_\_\_\_ (4) to give Paul an answer.

As the late Mr. S. Rajaratnam (Singapore's first Foreign Affairs Minister) had once said, "Being a Singaporean is not a matter of ancestry, it is a matter of conviction and choice. The Singaporean identity is civic and that is why we as individuals need to \_\_\_\_\_ (5) forward and create it. I do not think I am in the minority \_\_\_\_\_ (6) regard to this. In fact, I think I am one of the considerable number of people in my generation who have \_\_\_\_\_ (7) to venture from my comfort zone to promote the Singaporean identity.

I am glad I took a small step in this direction when Paul came to Singapore. Together with a few Singaporeans \_\_\_\_\_ (8) I had got to know through the exchange programme, we took Paul sightseeing and introduced him \_\_\_\_\_ (9) entertainment spots and, of course food. What was most \_\_\_\_\_ (10) was the fun and laughter through the course of sharing with Paul what 'the little red dot' had to offer - our Singlish, our people and our way of \_\_\_\_\_ (11). But what heartened me at the end of the whole trip \_\_\_\_\_ (12) Paul telling me that he \_\_\_\_\_ (13) miss Singapore and its people. That, to me, was \_\_\_\_\_ (14) that we had done our best. We had made Singapore a fond memory for a \_\_\_\_\_ (15). I felt happy for playing my part and was proud to be a Singaporean.

*Adapted from "Being a Singaporean"*

## P6 Comprehension Cloze - CA1 – Nan Hua

The tiger is a beautiful creature and it is certainly the most graceful of all cats. There are many (1) \_\_\_\_\_ kinds of tigers and they are all rare. Their habitat is related to their (2) \_\_\_\_\_. The small species with short fur are found in hotter climates while the larger, stronger Siberian tigers are, better suited to the (3) \_\_\_\_\_.

In common with other cats, tigers are born with their eyes closed and weigh about 908 grams at (4) \_\_\_\_\_. There are usually about two or three in a litter and they have to (5) \_\_\_\_\_ on their mother to feed and protect them. The father tiger provides (6) \_\_\_\_\_ help at all. In fact it is even known to eat its cubs!

Tigers usually live about 15 years in the (7) \_\_\_\_\_ which is their natural habitat but they can survive up to 20 years in captivity. The tiger, like the cheetah, the snow leopard and (8) \_\_\_\_\_ felines, is a solitary predator. Tigers mark out their territory. The size of that territory depends (9) \_\_\_\_\_ the amount of meat available.

Tigers love water and they even swim out to Islands in (10) \_\_\_\_\_ of food. They use their stripes as (11) \_\_\_\_\_, lying in ambush near, water-holes, waiting for the food to come to them. They (12) \_\_\_\_\_ run as fast as cheetahs and can only reach up to about 64 kilometres per hour when they are sprinting.

Tiger have been killed all (13) \_\_\_\_\_ the world for fur, trophies, or just for sport. However, there have been other (14) \_\_\_\_\_ why local people want to destroy them. If threatened, a tiger may kill a human. As a result, it may also develop a taste (15) \_\_\_\_\_ human-flesh. When this happens, the local inhabitants try to shoot the tigers to protect themselves.

*Adapted from Endangered Species by Richard Davis*

## P6 Comprehension Cloze - CA1 – Nanyang

The Great Wall of China was built over 2000 years ago by Qin Shi Huangdi, the first emperor of China during the Qin Dynasty, in order to keep out the nomadic Xiongnu tribes inhabiting Mongolia. (1) \_\_\_\_\_ then, many dynasties have maintained and renovated the wall. While China's was not the first wall built to (2) \_\_\_\_\_ this purpose, the Great Wall is arguably one of the world's (3) \_\_\_\_\_ famous and impressive man-made structures.

The Great Wall is one of the largest building projects ever completed. Construction on the wall, which is made out of several different (4) \_\_\_\_\_ including bricks, stone, grass, rock and earth was done by Chinese soldiers, criminals and commoners. This imposing structure did not come without a (5) \_\_\_\_\_, the loss of human lives. It is estimated that thousands upon thousands of Chinese workers (6) \_\_\_\_\_ building the Great Wall.

So how great is it really? There has been much dispute over the (7) \_\_\_\_\_ of the wall and some estimate that it (8) \_\_\_\_\_ from 2000 km to 8800 km.

To (9) \_\_\_\_\_ the debate once and for all, researchers recently began to survey the dimensions of the wall. Considering that the Great Wall crosses (10) \_\_\_\_\_ steep mountains, desert and grassland like a gigantic dragon, it is easy to see why this is no simple (11) \_\_\_\_\_.

(12) \_\_\_\_\_ to popular belief, you cannot actually see the Great Wall of China from the Moon. (13) \_\_\_\_\_ to scientists, trying to view the Great Wall from the Moon would be (14) \_\_\_\_\_ to a human trying to see a single (15) \_\_\_\_\_ of hair from a distance of three km. Neil Armstrong, the American astronaut who first set foot on the Moon in 1969, said that he had seen the continents, lakes and blue spots touched with red but he could not make out any manmade object on the earth from the Moon.

## P6 Comprehension Cloze - CA1 – Rosyth

I first saw 'Mina' after I arrived in Borneo, clinging to the arm of our assistant, Mr. Hamzah. As he brought (1) \_\_\_\_\_ in, Mr. Hamzah lifted his arm and unrolled her like a paper towel spilling onto the floor. She stood up, still holding onto his arm above her. Her long face was serene, the fluid brown of her eyes veiled (2) \_\_\_\_\_ thick lashes. My first (3) \_\_\_\_\_ was, "Why, she looks just like a Parisienne! A lady from Paris!"

The weeks that followed confirmed (4) \_\_\_\_\_ initial impression, Mina was lady-like. She had a gentle way about her. She never ran, she always walked. (5) \_\_\_\_\_ her squeal had the daintiness that the other orang titans lacked.

Like all orang utans, Mina was covered with dark orange hair. (6) \_\_\_\_\_ coarser and thicker than our hair, the distribution was similar. Her face, her palms and the soles of her feet were hairless, while her small naked ears protrude from the (7) \_\_\_\_\_ on her head. When Mina stood up, her long arms dangled (8) \_\_\_\_\_ her knees while her legs were proportionately shorter than ours. Mina had a round belly that made her look pregnant although at that time she was far too young to (9) \_\_\_\_\_ any offspring.

Mina looked self-contained. Orang utans, in general, are even tempered and serene (10) \_\_\_\_\_ to their volatile chimpanzee cousins. Even among members of her own tranquil species, Mina (11) \_\_\_\_\_ out as being exceptionally calm. Whatever emotions she might have been (12) \_\_\_\_\_ her brown eyes revealed nothing.

At that time Mina was about six years old, the orang titan equivalent of a young girl. Her sweetness was all the (13) \_\_\_\_\_ impressive as she had been kidnapped under what must have been brutal circumstances.

Months after I saw Mina, I heard from local people that nearby loggers had captured another young orang titan and were holding her at their camp or (14) \_\_\_\_\_ outside the reserve where I was based. Killing, capturing, or

selling a wild orang titan was (15) \_\_\_\_\_ in Indonesia. However, the law was rarely enforced: I was determined to change this.

*Adapted from Reflections of Eden by Birute MF Gaidikas*

### **P6 Comprehension Cloze - CA1 – St Nicholas**

You would be forgiven for thinking that Red Junglefowls are simply chickens that happen to be living in the wild. After all, they look very much (1) \_\_\_\_\_ regular domestic chickens! They are, however, (2) \_\_\_\_\_ the ancestors of all domestic chickens. The Red Junglefowl is (3) \_\_\_\_\_ to have been domesticated thousands of years ago, and used for cockfighting and religious ceremonies. This (4) \_\_\_\_\_ is, however, endangered in Singapore.

The Red Junglefowl can be (5) \_\_\_\_\_ from the western Himalayas to Southern China, and throughout Southeast Asia. In Singapore, it is a threatened animal, and is on the 'Endangered' (6) \_\_\_\_\_. True wild populations have been recorded in Pulau Ubin since the 1980s. Why is the Red Junglefowl (7) \_\_\_\_\_? One reason is the loss of its (8) \_\_\_\_\_ scrub, secondary forest, and mangroves. Another is that many have fallen (9) \_\_\_\_\_ to unscrupulous poachers due to the bird's ground-dwelling habit. Its numbers are further (10) \_\_\_\_\_ when they interbreed with domestic chickens.

Although Red Junglefowls (11) \_\_\_\_\_ domestic chickens physically, they are considerably bigger at 43 - 80 cm in length. The male has white facial lappets, a distinguishing white patch on the upper base of the tail and a red comb on its head. Even his (12) \_\_\_\_\_ is similar to the domestic rooster's 'cock-a-doodle-do', but with the last syllable ending abruptly.

The male and female both have grey legs and feet. The Red Junglefowl is usually found in a family group of up to twenty birds. Each group typically has a mature male, a few (13) \_\_\_\_\_ and many juveniles.

Since 2005, National Parks Board has been conducting surveys to (14) \_\_\_\_\_ the Red Junglefowl population at Pulau Ubin. The findings show that the Red Junglefowl population there has remained fairly consistent over the last four years.

They remain (15) \_\_\_\_\_ in this habitat, where they can breed and thrive. This is good news indeed for conservationists.

*Adapted from [fittpilmygreenspace.nparks.gov.sg/on-the-trait-of-the-red-junglefowl](http://pilmygreenspace.nparks.gov.sg/on-the-trait-of-the-red-junglefowl)*

## Answer Key

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Subject: Primary 6 English –Comprehension Cloze

Paper: CA1 2014

School: MGS

1) thinking 2) proud 3) around 4) difficult 5) step 6) with 7) yet 8) whom 9) to 10) enjoyable 11) life 12) was 13) would 14) proof 15) foreigner

School: Nan Hua

1) different 2) size 3) cold 4) birth 5) depend 6) no 7) wild 8) other 9) on 10) search 11) camouflage 12) cannot 13) around 14) reasons 15) for

School: Nanyang

1) Since 2) serve 3) most 4) materials 5) cost 6) died 7) length 8) ranges 9) end 10) over 11) feat, task or job 12) Contrary 13) According 14) akin 15) strand

School: Rosyth

1) her 2) by 3) impression 4) this 5) Even 6) Although 7) hair 8) to 9) bear 10) compared 11) stood 12) feeling 13) more 14) just 15) banned

School: St Nicholas

1) like 2) actually 3) said 4) species 5) found 6) list 7) endangered 8) habitat 9) prey 10) reduced 11) resemble 12) call 13) females 14) monitor 15) protected, unharmed or safe