



EDGEFIELD PRIMARY SCHOOL

Clozing the Gap

*Presented by
Christmas Lee & Jabin Lim
30 March 2017*



I couldn't believe that I could actually understand what I was reading. The phenomenal power of the human mind, according to a research at Cambridge University, it doesn't matter in what order the letters in a word are, the only important thing is that the first and last letter be in the right place.



The rest can be a total mess and you can still read it without a problem. This is because the human mind does not read every letter by itself, but the word as a whole. Azanmig huh? Yeah and I always thought spelling was important!



Rationale in Testing Comprehension Cloze

- Prior Knowledge
- Grammar Skills
- Comprehension Skills
- Vocabulary



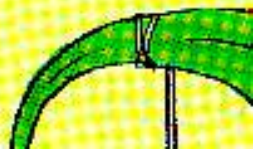
Resources for Comprehension Cloze

- The Straits Times & Little Red Dot
- Fiction Types
 - Great Expectation
- Non-fiction Text Types
 - Global Warming



No a Trap!

Plants make their own food through the process of photosynthesis. However, they also require other nutrients to grow well and these are absorbed by the roots from the soil. Carnivorous plants obtain their nutrients from the soil too. However, they have also found other ways of getting these nutrients. The extra nutrition they need comes in the form of unfortunate flies, ants, spiders and other bugs. Urgh!





A COUNTRY CHILDHOOD

From an early age, I spent most of my free time in the veld playing and fighting with the other boys of the village. A boy who remained at home tied to his mother's apron strings was regarded as a sissy. At night, I shared my food and blanket with these same boys.

I was no more than five when I became a herd boy looking after sheep and calves in the fields. I discovered the almost mystical attachment that the Xhosa have for cattle, not only as a source of food and wealth but also as a blessing from God and a source of happiness.



Grammar Clues

- Verb forms & Tenses
 - E.g. eat, ate, eaten
- Adverbs
 - Walked **slowly**
- Collocation
 - E.g. Disaster (Natural Disaster, Nuclear Disaster, etc)



EDGEFIELD PRIMARY SCHOOL

Hands On



Snakes can swallow animals bigger than themselves. How are they (51) _____ to do so?

Snakes (52) _____ greatly in thickness. Some are as thin as a cord but others, like the python, may be as (53) _____ as a man's leg. Yet, all snakes can eat prey much bigger than themselves and they always swallow their prey (54) _____. The python is one of the largest snakes in the world. A case has recently been (55) _____ of a python killing a stag (56) _____ about 56 kilogrammes and then devouring it.



Such feats are (57) _____ because the jaws of snakes are constructed very (58) _____ from our own – or even from (59) _____ of any other animal for that matter. Our lower jaw is jointed to the upper jaw at ear-level, (60) _____ snakes which have an extra bone linking the ends of the two jaws so as to (61) _____ a double joint. Their upper and lower jaws can completely separate, (62) _____ them to open their mouths very wide.



(63) _____ devouring its victim, the snake usually kills it either by (64) _____ it a poisonous bite or by (65) _____ itself tightly round the victim's body until it stops breathing. Once the snake has begun to swallow its prey, it is difficult for the snake to spit its prey out as its teeth are curved backwards inside its mouth.



EDGEFIELD PRIMARY SCHOOL

Answers



EDGEFIELD PRIMARY SCHOOL

'can' shows ability

Snakes **can** swallow animals bigger than themselves. How are they (51) able to do so?

Snakes (52) vary greatly in thickness. Some are as **thin** as a cord **but** others, like the python, may be as (53) thick as a man's leg. Yet, all snakes can eat prey much bigger than themselves and they always **swallow** their prey (54) whole. The python is one of the largest snakes in the world. A **case** **has recently been** (55) reported of a python killing a stag (56) weighing about **56 kilogrammes** and then devouring it.



Such **feats** are (57) possible because the **jaws** of snakes are **constructed** very (58) differently from our own – or even from (59) those of any other animal for that matter. **Our** lower jaw is jointed to the upper jaw at ear-level, (60) unlike snakes which have **an extra bone** linking the ends of the two jaws so as to (61) create/form a double joint. Their upper and lower jaws **can** completely separate, (62) enabling/allowing them to open their mouths very wide.



(63) Before devouring its victim, the snake usually kills it either by (64) giving it a poisonous **bite** or by (65) coiling itself tightly **round** the victim's body until it stops breathing. **Once the snake** has begun to **swallow** its prey, it is difficult for the snake to spit its prey out as its teeth are curved backwards inside its mouth.

Collocation



Reading Widely

Thematic plan – News Journal

- Accident
- Natural Disaster
- Crime
- Misadventure
- Science
- Happy Occasion
- Education
- Singapore Culture
- Singapore Achievements
- National Issues
- Sports



News Journal - Continue

- DORIS
 - Description
 - Opinion
 - Reason
 - Impact
 - Suggestion



Collocations

- Using the British National Corpus (BNC)
- <http://corpus.byu.edu/bnc>

DISPLAY ?

LIST CHART KWIC COMPARE

SEARCH STRING ?

WORD(S) ?

COLLOCATES ?

POS LIST ?

RANDOM ?

SEARCH RESET

SECTIONS SHOW ?

1 IGNORE

-
- SPOKEN
- FICTION
- MAGAZINE
- NEWSPAPER
- NON-ACAD

2 IGNORE

-
- SPOKEN
- FICTION
- MAGAZINE
- NEWSPAPER
- NON-ACAD

SORTING AND LIMITS

SORTING FREQUENCY ?

SEE CONTEXT: CLICK ON WORD OR SELECT WORDS + [CONTEXT] [HELP...]

	<input type="checkbox"/>	CONTEXT	TOT <input type="checkbox"/>
1	<input type="checkbox"/>	DISASTER	2770

0.625

SECTION: NO LIMITS

PAGE: << < 1 / 28 > >>
SAMPLE: 100 200 500 1000

CLICK FOR MORE CONTEXT		<input type="checkbox"/> [?]	<input type="button" value="SAVE LIST"/>	CHOOSE LIST	<input type="button" value="CREATE NEW LIST"/>	<input type="text"/>	[?]
1	FU6	W_fict_drama	A	B	C	and what with the audience jeering and throwing peanuts, the whole thing was a disaster ! -- he did nothing but cry all the tim		
2	CH1	W_newsp_tabloid	A	B	C	hearties ! You'll need more than a bottle of rum to get through this disaster of a voyage! Whoever was the " brains " behind C		
3	CH1	W_newsp_tabloid	A	B	C	the nation, if not the world. The truth is that the seeds of disaster were sown early on: THE Duchess spent far too much of her		
4	CH1	W_newsp_tabloid	A	B	C	Moore several months ago. MISSING: Clare, two MISSING: David, four Disaster boat clue NEW clues to the mystery sinking o		
5	CH1	W_newsp_tabloid	A	B	C	a gesture against Germany, in support of the Tory attempt to divert attention from their home-made disaster , it's pathetic. --		
6	CH1	W_newsp_tabloid	A	B	C	/ JOHN HUSBAND BRITAIN is sinking into the sea under the burden of Tory economic disaster . After two years of recession, t		
7	CH1	W_newsp_tabloid	A	B	C	, warned by his daughter not to go to work because she dreamed of a disaster . Have you any record of it? Not even for a wir		
8	CH1	W_newsp_tabloid	A	B	C	chemistry. In order to keep their appetites satisfied, in a relationship seemingly destined for disaster , they go far beyond the		
9	CH1	W_newsp_tabloid	A	B	C	, more than 6,000 jobs have been lost to prove the depth of Britain's economic disaster . And the Tory reaction to it shows the		
10	CH1	W_newsp_tabloid	A	B	C	last year, Disney World continues to do its best to distance itself from the disaster unfolding down the road. No crimes are eve		
11	CH2	W_newsp_tabloid	A	B	C	doesn't like Balmoral at the best of times. This year it was a disaster . " Yesterday's Mirror SO GLAD TO BE BACK: Smiling Di		
12	CH2	W_newsp_tabloid	A	B	C	waves crashing into the coast of Nicaragua. More than 227 people were injured in the disaster along the Central American sta		
13	CH2	W_newsp_tabloid	A	B	C	Page 6 DOZY DOC PUTS FAKE " CASUALTY " IN HOSPITAL GP is fooled by disaster " game " A DOCTOR fooled by a mock tra		
14	CH2	W_newsp_tabloid	A	B	C	GP is fooled by disaster " game " A DOCTOR fooled by a mock train disaster rushed to jab a " victim " with painkiller -- and pi		
15	CH2	W_newsp_tabloid	A	B	C	CRAZY CAN YOU GET? Train driver in " deep shock " after he stares disaster in the face 500 in miracle escape Maniacs put th		
16	CH2	W_newsp_tabloid	A	B	C	, said: " We are very fortunate we are not dealing with a major disaster . " This is the worst attempt to derail a train that I've		
17	CH2	W_newsp_tabloid	A	B	C	Barbara Bennett, of experts Trade Indemnity, forecast yesterday. Builders also warned of disaster with 9 per cent fewer hom		
18	CH2	W_newsp_tabloid	A	B	C	four-year-old twins Gavin and Beckv at their home in Huddersfield, West Yorks. when disaster struck. Mr Dav. 32. pointed da		



Feel Free to contact us

- Mr Christmas Lee
 - lee_choon_seng_christmas@moe.edu.sg
- Mr Steven Yeo
 - yeo_poh_teck@moe.edu.sg
- Mr Jabin Lim
 - lim_ming_ee_jabin@moe.edu.sg



EDGEFIELD PRIMARY SCHOOL

Thank You

ENDEAVOUR TO EXCEL