



**NAN HUA PRIMARY SCHOOL**  
**CONTINUAL ASSESSMENT 1 - 2014**  
**PRIMARY 5**

**ENGLISH LANGUAGE PAPER**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ (    )

Class: Pr. 5 \_\_\_\_\_

Date: 3 March 2014

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Total Time for booklets A and B: 1 hour 50 minutes

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**INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES**

1. Do not turn over the page until you are told to do so.
2. Follow all instructions carefully.
3. Answer all questions carefully.
4. Shade your answers in the Optical Answer Sheet (OAS) provided.

**Section A – Grammar MCQ (10 x 1 mark)**

For each question from 1 to 10, choose the most appropriate option (1, 2, 3 or 4) and shade the corresponding oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet (OAS).

1. Each of the pupils \_\_\_\_\_ asked to give an account of the incident that had happened during recess yesterday.  
  - (1) is
  - (2) are
  - (3) was
  - (4) were
  
2. The postman sent the parcel this morning, \_\_\_\_\_?  
  - (1) did he
  - (2) does he
  - (3) didn't he
  - (4) doesn't he
  
3. Donny, \_\_\_\_\_ I often take the bus home with, will be moving to Japan after this semester.  
  - (1) who
  - (2) which
  - (3) whom
  - (4) whose
  
4. "Will you be driving to Jurong all by \_\_\_\_\_?" asked James.  
  - (1) myself
  - (2) herself
  - (3) himself
  - (4) yourself
  
5. "\_\_\_\_\_ country do you prefer to go to during the school holidays?" my mother asked me.  
  - (1) Who
  - (2) What
  - (3) Which
  - (4) Where

6. Mrs Tan made Lili \_\_\_\_\_ all her homework before allowing her to play computer games.

- (1) complete
- (2) completes
- (3) completed
- (4) completing

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7. The twins \_\_\_\_\_ the piano since two o'clock in the afternoon.

- (1) is practising
- (2) were practising
- (3) has been practising
- (4) have been practising

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8. Jimmy was playing a game of soccer \_\_\_\_\_ he slipped and injured his ankle.

- (1) if
- (2) when
- (3) since
- (4) unless

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9. Robert still \_\_\_\_\_ his grandmother on Saturday evenings even though he is very busy.

- (1) visit
- (2) visits
- (3) visited
- (4) visiting

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10. Alice \_\_\_\_\_ to the side of the road as directed by the traffic police.

- (1) pulled on
- (2) pulled over
- (3) pulled back
- (4) pulled down

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**Section B – Vocabulary MCQ (5 x 1 mark)**

For each question from 11 to 15, choose the most appropriate option (1, 2, 3 or 4) and shade the corresponding oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet (OAS).

11. The children \_\_\_\_\_ inconsolably when they heard the news that their father was involved in a worksite accident.
- (1) wailed
  - (2) whined
  - (3) squealed
  - (4) screamed
- (     )
12. Climbing to the top of Mount Everest was a difficult and \_\_\_\_\_ journey but Koo Swee Chiow persisted and became the first Singaporean to conquer it.
- (1) violent
  - (2) delicate
  - (3) arduous
  - (4) sorrowful
- (     )
13. Kate's mother \_\_\_\_\_ planned every detail of her daughter's birthday party such that it was a huge success.
- (1) entirely
  - (2) exclusively
  - (3) meticulously
  - (4) continuously
- (     )
14. Pamela and I are just \_\_\_\_\_. I do not know her very well.
- (1) strangers
  - (2) confidants
  - (3) companions
  - (4) acquaintances
- (     )
15. "Yay! The examinations are over! It is time to \_\_\_\_\_!" the class cheered in exuberance.
- (1) be red-eyed
  - (2) wave a red flag
  - (3) get out of the red
  - (4) paint the town red
- (     )

**Section C – Vocabulary Cloze (5 x 1 mark)**

For each question from 16 to 20, choose the word closest in meaning to the underlined word(s) and shade the corresponding oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet (OAS).

They had finally found the cave after hiking for close to two hours. John was the first to step into the cave with Sam following closely behind. Due to the recent rainy days, the cave was damp and dark. Sunlight was not able to enter it. Walking in the darkness was a first for the boys. John and Sam moved cautiously as they ventured further into the cave. Although the boys had torches with them, they refrained from turning it on as bats are known to shy away from bright lights. The boys took a long while before they adjusted to the darkness in the cave. As tiredness started to set in, John and Sam made the most painful decision and decided to give up their search. They were disheartened as their trip had been unproductive. Before they left the cave, the two boys still did not manage to spot any bats.

16. (1) wearily  
(2) carefully  
(3) suddenly  
(4) tirelessly ( )
17. (1) stopped  
(2) avoided  
(3) prohibited  
(4) prevented ( )
18. (1) altered  
(2) adapted  
(3) amended  
(4) accommodated ( )
19. (1) deterred  
(2) dissuaded  
(3) determined  
(4) disappointed ( )
20. (1) futile  
(2) empty  
(3) barren  
(4) hopeless ( )

For each question from 21 to 28, choose the most appropriate option (1, 2, 3 or 4) and shade the corresponding oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet (OAS).

21 The main purpose of the River Safari flyer is to \_\_\_\_\_.

- (1) attract visitors to River Safari
- (2) raise funds for Wildlife Reserves
- (3) generate publicity for *Friends of River Safari* membership
- (4) increase sales at participating shops and Mac Donald's Restaurant at River Safari

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22 River Safari is under the charge of \_\_\_\_\_.

- (1) National Parks
- (2) Wildlife Reserves Singapore
- (3) Singapore Tourism Promotion Board
- (3) Singapore Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (SPCA)

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23 Which word in the **first paragraph** of the flyer has a similar meaning to **storage places**?

- (1) boats
- (2) zones
- (3) habitats
- (4) repositories

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24 According to the flyer, the Australian lungfish is a rare living fossil because \_\_\_\_\_.

- (1) it grows very slowly
- (2) it is able to refill its lungs
- (3) it is related to the dinosaurs
- (4) its life is dated back to the days before the dinosaurs

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25 Which of the following statements is true about the Amazon boat ride?

- (1) There is no height limit.
- (2) Boat rides will only take place at 9am and 5.30pm.
- (3) Passengers must be able to alight and board the boats on their own.
- (4) As members of *Friends of River Safari*, there is a 5% discount for the ride,

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**Section D – Visual Text Comprehension (8 x 1 mark)**

Study this flyer carefully and then answer questions 21 to 28.

## ***River Safari***

Visit Asia's First and Only  
River-Themed Wildlife Park!

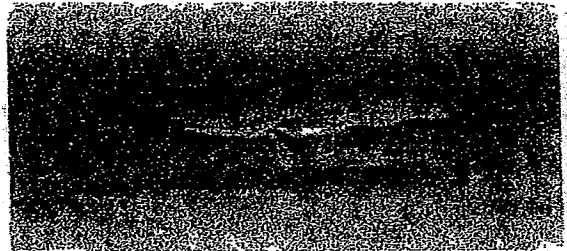
Newly  
Opened!

Embark on a journey of discovery into one of the world's largest repositories for river dwelling animals. Let your curiosity run wild across two zones in the park – Rivers Of The World and Wild Amazonia. Dive in to a whole new wildlife adventure to uncover over 5,000 amazing land and aquatic animals representing 300 species! The River is Calling...

### **RIVERS OF THE WORLD**

#### **Mississippi River**

Begin your journey with nature's greatest architect, the beaver, and witness this busy builder in action! Venture on to discover the unusual spatula-snouted Mississippi paddlefish and the alligator gar, a prehistoric-looking river monster that's been around for 100 million years.



#### **Murray River**

Check out the wonders of Down Under, including the Murray cod, Australia's largest freshwater fish. It has a varied diet of other fish, spiny freshwater crayfish, shrimp, freshwater mussels, frogs, water fowl, tortoises and other reptiles.



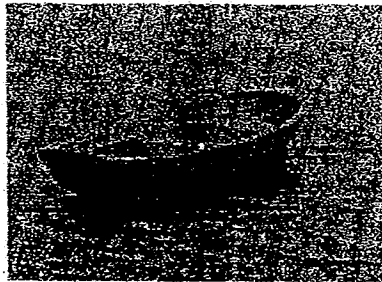
Look out for the Australian lungfish. It is one of the oldest specimens found in the river. The Australian lungfish is a rare living fossil with ancestors that are older than the dinosaurs! It can survive during periods of low dissolved oxygen such as in stagnant pools during drought by breathing air from the surface every 30 to 60 minutes. When the lungfish rises to the surface to swallow air into its lung, it makes a sound like that of a small bellows. The Australian lungfish is a very long-lived, slow-growing fish.

## WILD AMAZONIA

### Amazon River Quest

The Amazon rainforest comes alive in this boat ride!

Look out for close to 30 animal species including the jaguar, Brazilian tapir, two-toed sloth, maned wolf and others lurking amidst the lush tropical foliage. All on board!



- First departure at 9am
- Last departure at 5.30pm
- Boat departs at 30 minutes interval
- Passengers must have a minimum height of 1.06m
- Passengers must be able to transfer to the boat unaided

### Amazon Flooded Forest

Be amazed by the world's largest freshwater aquarium which showcases the annual flooding of the Amazon rainforest. Witness over 18 majestic animal species like the graceful manatee, striking red-tailed catfish and the arapaima with colourful, armour-like scales.

You'll also find the giant manatee the first time in Asia, in the exhibit designed to resemble its natural riverbank habitat.

For an added bite, come face-to-face with the fearsome red-bellied piranhas!

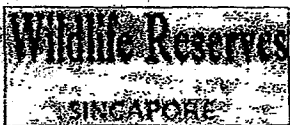


### Friends of River Safari

- Free admission to River Safari
- Free boat rides on Amazon River Quest
- 5% discount at participating shops and Mac Donald's Restaurant
- Free quarterly Wildlife Conservation magazine

- Approach us at the Visitor Services Counter (located at River Safari's entrance plaza) to apply to be Friends of River Safari today
- If you have any queries, you may call Ms Steffi at 65-62425411
- More information can be found at [www.RTWP.com.sg](http://www.RTWP.com.sg)

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26 Wildlife Conservation magazine is published \_\_\_\_\_ times a year.

- (1) six
- (2) four
- (3) three
- (4) twelve

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27 What does the word 'its' under the subheading **Amazon Flooded Forest** refer to?

- (1) catfish
- (2) piranha
- (3) manatee
- (4) arapaima

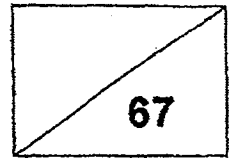
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28 To apply to be Friends of River Safari, James should \_\_\_\_\_.

- (1) call Ms Steffi at 65-62425411
- (2) visit the website at [www.RTWP.com.sg](http://www.RTWP.com.sg)
- (3) approach the staff at the Visitor Services Counter
- (4) wait for the staff at the River Safari's entrance plaza

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**Booklet B**

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**Section E – Grammar Cloze (10 x 1 mark)**

There are 10 blanks, numbered 29 to 38, in the passage below. From the list of words given, choose the most suitable word for each blank. Write its letter (A to Q) in the blanks. The letters (I) and (O) have been omitted to avoid confusion during marking.

(A) also	(D) besides	(G) how	(K) the	(N) where
(B) after	(E) but	(H) into	(L) through	(P) while
(C) as	(F) from	(J) or	(M) whenever	(Q) who

A hobby can be almost any activity a person enjoys doing and does regularly during his or her leisure time for pleasure. It can be \_\_\_\_\_ intensive and extreme as bungee jumping \_\_\_\_\_ as relaxing and peaceful as reading. \_\_\_\_\_ range of activities is very broad. Most hobbies can be categorised \_\_\_\_\_ one of the following activities: learning, collecting, doing or making things. For example, people \_\_\_\_\_ enjoy gardening may read books or articles on \_\_\_\_\_ to make a plant grow faster and healthier. \_\_\_\_\_ providing enjoyment, hobbies also offer benefits such as opportunities to build and increase knowledge. Many hobbies are known to have a calming effect. This can be especially welcomed for people who feel overwhelmed by work or responsibilities and need to take a break \_\_\_\_\_ their busy schedules. Some people have developed close friendships \_\_\_\_\_ their hobbies while others have learnt to take it easy \_\_\_\_\_ a hard day's work. Finding a hobby is not always easy but once you get started, you will not know when to stop!

**Section F – Grammar Cloze (12 x 1 mark)**

Each of the underlined words contains either a spelling or grammatical error. Write the correct word in each of the boxes.

Anthropologists study people who are no longer living items those people left

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behind when they died tells anthropologists a lot. Sometimes even their words survive.

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(41)

Experts beleave that a discovery in Mexico is the oldest exempel of writing ever found in

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the Americas. The people who created it propabli lived 3,000 years ago.

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Workers digging in a stone quarry happened to noticed a stone block with marks

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carved onto it's surface. They found the large piece of serpentine stone in Cascajal in

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Veracruz, Mexico, near the kapitel city of an ancient people called the Olmec

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"There are signs on the block that seem to show reljious objects used by the

Olmec," says Dr. Stephen Houston, an anthropologist with Brown University in Rhode

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Island. "There is a pointy sign that looks very seemeler to something they used for blood-

(48)

letting, and another that looks like a throne," he explained.

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Houston, an expert at the writing systems from ancient cultures, says the discovery

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is exciting because "it makes clear that the Olmec are literate, that they could read and

write. It's like hearing voices from the past," he says.

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**Section G – Comprehension Cloze (15 x 1 mark)**

**Fill in each blank with a suitable word.**

Eastern chipmunks belong to a chipmunk species that are reddish brown. They are mostly found \_\_\_\_\_ Canada. These white-bellied \_\_\_\_\_ can be identified \_\_\_\_\_ the stripes that stretch across their backs. Being a small species, an eastern chipmunk reaches only about 30 centimetres in \_\_\_\_\_ from its head to tail.

Chipmunks got their name from the "chip" \_\_\_\_\_ that they make when they gather to sing or to make noise. \_\_\_\_\_ this is not the most distinctive part about them. They also have special cheek pouches inside their mouths for the storage of food. When these pouches are \_\_\_\_\_ they can be as large as the chipmunks' heads.

Chipmunks are good at burrowing and \_\_\_\_\_ for food. They leave the safety of their burrows every day in the late mornings and afternoons to eat and collect food. The food they collected is \_\_\_\_\_ in special tunnels in their burrows for winter. The food that chipmunks store in the tunnels is nuts and cones which do not turn \_\_\_\_\_ easily. Chipmunks do not hibernate the entire winter. They will \_\_\_\_\_ sleep for two weeks before waking up to eat the stored food and continue to sleep for another two weeks before waking up again.

Chipmunks fall \_\_\_\_\_ to most forest animals which include predators such as hawks, foxes and snakes. It is \_\_\_\_\_ to find them as they spend \_\_\_\_\_ of their time in the well-hidden dens, only coming out when they need to look for food. These dens are often located in rocky areas and shrubs for the

chipmunks to \_\_\_\_\_ cover from their predators. Eastern chipmunks are a  
(65)  
small forest species which are fun to watch as they scamper around.

**Section H – Synthesis and Transformation (5 x 2 marks)**

**For each of the following questions, rewrite the given sentence(s) using the word(s) provided. Your answer must be in one sentence. The meaning of your sentence must be the same as the meaning of the given sentence(s).**

66. You should raise your hand only if you want to answer the question.

Unless \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

67. This is the school library. We often do our homework here.

\_\_\_\_\_ where  
\_\_\_\_\_

68. The haze was very bad. We could not go to the playground.

\_\_\_\_\_ because  
\_\_\_\_\_

69. Grandma will be very upset. You do not visit Grandma regularly.

If \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

70. The pupils laughed loudly. It was the funniest joke they had ever heard.

\_\_\_\_\_ as if  
\_\_\_\_\_

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**Section I – Comprehension Open-ended (20 marks)**  
**Read this passage and answer the questions that follow.**

Dark clouds loomed as Henry sprinted out of the school gate and raced along the pavement. Thunder reverberated overhead and he knew that a downpour was imminent. He usually took the bus home from school, but today he decided to take an alternative route by using a short-cut through the sheltered areas.

Suddenly, Henry tripped over a bump and stretched out his arms to break his fall. As he fell, he heard a yelp. His right elbow hit the concrete pavement and the pain was so excruciating that he cried out loudly. Blood started to drip slowly down his arm from the wound. He lay on the ground, clutching his elbow in pain. He opened his eyes when he felt something soft and wet licking his cheeks. A pair of friendly brown eyes was staring at him.

Henry sat up, his throbbing pain forgotten as he gazed at the creature. It had shiny brown fur and it was wagging its bushy tail. Henry wanted to pat it but resisted as he recalled what his mother had said about humans catching fleas from stray animals. As much as Henry wanted to bring the creature home as a pet, he knew could not do so. His mother was allergic to animal fur. So, he got up, reluctantly took his eyes off from the creature and continued his journey home.

As Henry was about to unlock the front door of his house, he heard a familiar yelp. He turned around and caught sight of the creature looking at him, its tail wagging happily. "Perhaps it's hungry," Henry thought.

"I can't let you enter the house. Stay here and I will bring you some food," he instructed. The creature put its head on one side and thumped its tail. Henry thought the creature might have actually understood what he was saying. He opened the door and in the blink of an eye, the creature zoomed into the house. Henry was caught off-guard and that instant, his mind went blank.

"Oh, no!" Henry exclaimed. "Mum's going to get mad when she sees the creature." He immediately kicked off his shoes, threw his bag on the couch and began searching for the mischievous creature. He knew he had to find it before his mother returned home. He searched the whole house frantically but the creature was nowhere to be seen. Minutes passed and Henry felt a chilly panic grow in him. He had to think of a way to entice the creature to come out from its hiding place. An idea struck him and he fetched a huge, tasty bone from the refrigerator.

Dangling the bait in front of him, Henry walked round the house calling out to the creature. He was still at it when he heard the dreaded sound – a key turning in the front door lock. Then his mother shouted, "Henry! I'm home!"

71. In paragraph 1, why do you think Henry was running? (2m)

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72. Which three-word phrase from paragraph 3 tells you that Henry did not remember the pain he was experiencing? (1m)

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73. Choose words from paragraph 2 and 3 which have similar meanings to the words below. (3m)

looked	
unbearable	
unwillingly	

74. How did the creature find its way to Henry's house? (2m)

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75. Why did Henry feel a chilly panic grow in him? (2m)

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76. What does the word "it" in line 33 refer to? (2m)

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77. What animal do you think the creature was?  
Support your answer with 1 evidence from the passage. (1m)

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78. Based on the passage, state whether each statement in the table below is true or false, then give one reason why you think so. (3m)

	True / False	Reason
Henry did not sustain any injuries from his fall		
Henry heard a yelp when he was outside his house.		
Henry instructed the creature to enter his house.		

79. Write 1, 2 and 3 in the blanks below to indicate the order in which the events occurred in the passage. (1m)

\_\_\_\_\_ Henry had a fall and injured himself.

\_\_\_\_\_ Henry tried to lure the creature with a bone.

\_\_\_\_\_ The creature managed to enter the house.

80. Do you think Henry's mother would allow him to keep the creature as a pet? Support your answer with 2 reasons from the passage. (3m)

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# Answer Key

## **EXAM PAPER 2014**

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**SUBJECT : ENGLISH**

**TERM : CA1**

Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q5	Q6	Q7	Q8	Q9	Q10	Q11	Q12	Q13	Q14	Q15	Q16	Q17
3	3	3	4	3	1	4	2	2	2	1	3	3	4	4	2	2

Q18	Q19	Q20	Q21	Q22	Q23	Q24	Q25	Q26	Q27	Q28	Q29	Q30	Q31	Q32	Q33	Q34
2	4	1	1	2	4	4	3	2	3	3	C	J	K	H	Q	G

Q35	Q36	Q37	Q38
D	F	L	B

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|-----------|------------|-----------------|--------------|--------------|
| 39)tell   | 40)believe | 41)example      | 42)probably  | 43)notice    |
| 44)its    | 45)capital | 46)religious    | 47)similar   | 48)explains  |
| 49)of     | 50)were    | 51)in           | 52)chipmunks | 53)by        |
| 54)length | 55)sound   | 56)Nevertheless | 57)full      | 58)searching |
| 59)stored | 60)bad     | 61)just         | 62)prey      | 63)hard      |
| 64)most   | 65)take    |                 |              |              |

- 66)Unless you want to answer the question, you should not raise your hand.
- 67)This is the school library where we often do our homework.
- 68)We could not go to the playground because the haze was very bad.
- 69)If you do not visit Grandma regularly, she will be very upset.
- 70)The pupils laughed loudly as if it was the funniest joke they had ever heard.
- 71)He wanted to get back home before it rained.
- 72)throbbing pain forgotten
- 73)gazed  
excruciating  
reluctantly
- 74)The creature followed Henry.
- 75)He had to find the creature before his mother returned home.
- 76)It refers to Henry dangling the bait in front of him and calling out to the creature.
- 77)The creature was a dog. The sound it makes is a yelp.
- 78)False = Henry sustained a wound on his right elbow and blood dripped slowly down his wound.  
True = Henry heard a yelp when he was unlocking the front door of his house.  
False = The creature dashed into Henry's house when he opened the door without Henry allowing it to enter the house.
- 79)1 , 3, 2
- 80)No. His mother was allergic to animal fur and was worried about humans catching fleas from stray animals.