



**RED SWASTIKA SCHOOL**  
**2014 SEMESTRAL ASSESSMENT 1**  
**ENGLISH LANGUAGE – PAPER 2**  
**LANGUAGE USE AND COMPREHENSION**  
**PRIMARY 5**

Name : \_\_\_\_\_ (      )

Class : Primary 5 / \_\_\_\_\_

Date : 7 May 2014

**BOOKLET A**

**28 Questions**

**28 Marks**

**Duration of Paper: 1 h 50 min**

**Note:**

- 1. Do not open this booklet until you are told to do so.**
- 2. Read carefully the instructions given at the beginning of each part of the booklet.**
- 3. Do not waste time. If a question is difficult for you, go on to the next one.**
- 4. Check your answers thoroughly and make sure you attempt every question.**
- 5. In this booklet, you should have the following:**
  - a. Page 1 to Page 9**
  - b. Questions 1 to 28**

For each question from 1 to 10, shade your answer (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet.  
(10 marks)

1 Is there \_\_\_\_\_ fruit in the refrigerator?

- (1) any
- (2) few
- (3) much
- (4) many

2 I have decided not to go out \_\_\_\_\_ my mother comes home.

- (1) so
- (2) yet
- (3) until
- (4) although

3 I enjoy talking to Mary \_\_\_\_\_ I have known for many years.

- (1) who
- (2) whom
- (3) which
- (4) whose

4 I heard the baby \_\_\_\_\_ as I walked past the room.

- (1) screams
- (2) screamed
- (3) screaming
- (4) is screaming

5 Ahmad came to the hospital to \_\_\_\_\_ me when he heard that I was sick.

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

6 She seems to be dissatisfied \_\_\_\_\_ what she has been given.

- (1) at
- (2) by
- (3) of
- (4) with

7 All types of stationery \_\_\_\_\_ sold in this shop.

- (1) is
- (2) are
- (3) was
- (4) were

8 I wish I \_\_\_\_\_ be as clever as Jonathan.

- (1) must
- (2) could
- (3) would
- (4) should

9 Dewi likes listening to classical music, \_\_\_\_\_ ?

- (1) did she
- (2) does she
- (3) didn't she
- (4) doesn't she

10 "Didn't you \_\_\_\_\_ the document safely?" Mrs Lee asked her husband.

- (1) keep
- (2) keeps
- (3) kept
- (4) had kept

For each question from 11 to 15, shade your answer (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet.  
(5 marks)

11 The pain from the knife wound was so \_\_\_\_\_ that he passed out.

- (1) morbid
- (2) heinous
- (3) inevitable
- (4) excruciating

12 Sir Edmund Hillary's \_\_\_\_\_ spirit led him to be the first man to reach the summit of Mount Everest.

- (1) desirable
- (2) abominable
- (3) indomitable
- (4) responsible

13 The people suffered under the \_\_\_\_\_ of the ruthless king for a decade before he was finally overthrown.

- (1) tyranny
- (2) prejudice
- (3) influence
- (4) possession

14 Ali has a \_\_\_\_\_ appetite. He just ate two plates of chicken rice and now he is hungry again.

- (1) vivacious
- (2) victorious
- (3) voracious
- (4) voluptuous

15 The tests will give the parents a \_\_\_\_\_ of how the pupils are doing.

- (1) gag
- (2) gaze
- (3) gauze
- (4) gauge

For each question from 16 to 20, choose the word(s) closest in meaning to the underlined word(s). Shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet. (5 marks)

"We've made it!" exclaimed Mei Hua as the last member of her team appeared at the summit of Mount Kinabalu. The 17-year-old team leader and twelve other girls from the (16) Subang Youth Club had realised their dream. It was an amazing feat as none of the girls had looked like the type one would associate with mountain climbing. That was the feeling Mr Taha, (17) (18) a trainer from the Sports College, had when he first saw them.

Mei Hua and her teammates embarked on a four-month-long physical training regime to (19) build their stamina for the expedition. Mr Taha had warned them that the climb would be extremely challenging but they were undeterred. (20)

16. (1) foot  
(2) path  
(3) peak  
(4) height
- 17 (1) concur  
(2) connect  
(3) confuse  
(4) collaborate
- 18 (1) query  
(2) effect  
(3) impact  
(4) impression

- 19** (1) started  
(2) landed  
(3) journeyed  
(4) commuted

- 20** (1) unharmed  
(2) undecided  
(3) unaffected  
(4) unexpected

Study the following flyer carefully and then answer questions 21 to 28.

# Kidz Wushu Academy

## **Simple reasons why you should start your child on Wushu:**

- **Wushu is a safe activity to help your child grow up stronger and healthier**  
Wushu is a non-contact, whole-body workout. It uses body weight as resistance and improves psychomotor skills.
- **Wushu helps your child become a better learner**  
Wushu fundamental drills help to improve focus. Children become better listeners and observers.
- **Wushu builds character**  
Children learn discipline, perseverance and goal-setting as they go through Wushu training.
- **Wushu builds confidence**  
Wushu as a display sport strongly emphasises body posture and technique. Children also learn to perform in front of an audience.

## ***The Number 1 reason you should start your child on Wushu...***

- **Wushu is a social activity**  
Children learn to make friends, play and have fun together.



**Call us today and arrange for a visit to our school!**

Hotline: 68805538

Enquiry email: [info@kidzwushu.com](mailto:info@kidzwushu.com)

Website: [www.kidzwushu.com.sg](http://www.kidzwushu.com.sg)

*Kidz Wushu Academy is Singapore's largest fully-equipped martial arts academy specialising in martial arts (Wushu) classes for children and pre-schoolers.*

*We are located along Upper Changi Road and situated inside Bedok Sports Complex.*

## **Here are some testimonials from our parents and pupils**

"Not only did Mingli become stronger after taking up Wushu, he became a more patient child. He has shown more perseverance in his studies since then."

- Mrs Tan, parent

"Wushu has become my favourite thing to do since I joined this school. I have become more focussed, stronger and healthier due to the training."

- Karen Wu, 12

"I love Wushu. I used to do it for fun, but now I am training seriously and want to be great at it. At first I thought I wasn't going to be good, but now I'm getting better and I'm so proud of myself. I just hope to be amazing and do high jumps and flips too."

- Samuel Wong, 8

"As the company believes in the importance of character development, they focus on teaching our pupils important life skills such as respect, discipline, resilience and excellence through a fun, inspiring and challenging Wushu curriculum."

- Mr Jeremy Woo, Principal of Cross Primary School

**Engage your child meaningfully this June holidays! Enrol today!**

### **DAILY CLASS SCHEDULE (Valid from 1/6/2014 to 25/6/2014)**

<u>Time</u>	<u>Age Group</u>	<u>Level</u>
9.00am-10.30am	Primary	Beginners
10.00am-11.30am	Pre-school	Beginners
11.30am-1.00pm	Primary	Intermediate
3.00pm-4.30pm	Primary	Intermediate
4.00pm-5.30pm	Primary	Beginners
5.00pm-6.30pm	Primary	Intermediate
7.00pm-8.30pm	Pre-school	Beginners
8.00pm-9.30pm	Primary	Beginners



**You may register for the classes via our website.**



For each question from 21 to 28, shade your answer (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet.

(8 marks)

**21** The main purpose of this flyer is to \_\_\_\_\_.

- (1) organise visits to the school
- (2) educate people about martial arts
- (3) promote healthy living for children
- (4) encourage parents to enrol their children for Wushu classes

**22** Based on the flyer, which of the following statements is true?

- (1) Mr Lim can email the school to register for his daughter.
- (2) Classes in June are not open to secondary school pupils.
- (3) Wushu classes will help you improve your school tests results.
- (4) Kidz Wushu Academy is the only fully-equipped martial arts school.

**23** Based on the flyer, which is the most important reason for children to learn Wushu?

- (1) Children become better listeners and observers.
- (2) Children learn to perform in front of an audience.
- (3) Children learn discipline, perseverance and goal-setting.
- (4) Children learn to make friends, play and have fun together.

**24** The purpose of showing the testimonials is to \_\_\_\_\_.

- (1) provide feedback for the school
- (2) give the school a positive image
- (3) encourage children to lead a healthy lifestyle
- (4) show the daily class schedule for the June holidays

**25** How many class/ classes is/are offered to beginners who are in primary school?

- (1) one
- (2) two
- (3) three
- (4) four

- 26 The flyer states that *'Kidz Wushu Academy is Singapore's largest fully-equipped martial arts academy specialising in martial arts (Wushu) classes for children and pre-schoolers.'*

The purpose of putting the word 'Wushu' in brackets is to \_\_\_\_\_

- (1) explain that the type of martial arts the school is offering is Wushu
- (2) highlight that Kidz Wushu Academy is a fully-equipped sports academy
- (3) show that Kidz Wushu Academy offers classes for adults and teenagers too
- (4) emphasise that Wushu classes are only available for children and pre-schoolers

- 27 The exclamation marks are used in 'Enrol today!' to \_\_\_\_\_.

- (1) shock the readers
- (2) create a sense of urgency
- (3) warn the parents to engage their children
- (4) show that the closing date is approaching soon

- 28 Kit Leong joined the beginner class for primary school pupils last year. He should enrol in the \_\_\_\_\_ class this June.

- (1) 9.00am - 10.30am
- (2) 11.30am - 1.00pm
- (3) 4.00pm - 5.30pm
- (4) 7.00pm - 8.30pm



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**BOOKLET B**

52 Questions

67 Marks

In this booklet, you should have the following:

- a. Page 10 to Page 21 (including 1 blank page)
- b. Questions 29 to 80

BOOKLET	OBTAINED	POSSIBLE
BOOKLET A		28
BOOKLET B		67
TOTAL		95

Parent's Signature : \_\_\_\_\_

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 blank. The letters (I) and (O) have been omitted to avoid confusion during marking. (10 marks)

**EACH WORD CAN BE USED ONLY ONCE.**

(A) a	(D) be	(G) have	(K) over	(N) to
(B) an	(E) for	(H) or	(L) seems	(P) when
(C) as	(F) has	(J) our	(M) their	(Q) would

Everything that is alive needs sleep to survive. Even your dog \_\_\_\_\_, cat curls up for  
(29)

naps. Animals sleep \_\_\_\_\_ the same reason you do — to give \_\_\_\_\_ bodies a  
(30) (31)  
tiny vacation.

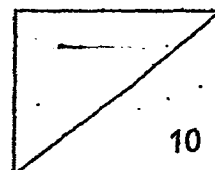
Not only is sleep necessary for your body, it is also important for your brain. Though no  
one is exactly sure what work the brain does \_\_\_\_\_ you are asleep, some scientists think  
(32)  
that the brain sorts through and stores information, replaces chemicals, and solves  
problems while you snooze.

When your body does not \_\_\_\_\_ enough hours to rest, you may feel tired or cranky,  
(33)  
or you may be unable \_\_\_\_\_ think clearly. You might have \_\_\_\_\_ hard time  
(34) (35)  
following directions, or you might have an argument with a friend \_\_\_\_\_ something  
(36)  
really stupid. A school assignment that normally \_\_\_\_\_ easy may feel impossible.  
(37)  
You may even feel clumsy playing your favourite sport or instrument.

One more reason to get enough sleep: If you do not, you may not grow \_\_\_\_\_ well.  
(38)

Thus, we should all sleep enough to keep ourselves healthy.

Adapted from [http://kidshealth.org/kid/stay\\_healthy/body/not\\_tired.html](http://kidshealth.org/kid/stay_healthy/body/not_tired.html)



Each of the underlined words contains either a spelling or grammatical error. Write the correct word in each of the boxes. (12 marks)

The bright morning sun shone down mercilessly on me. Perspiration

(39)

(40)

trikkled down from my face. With each running stride I took, my foot sank rapid

(41)

into the 'quicksand'. I could barely run, even after only a couple of kilomeeters

(42)

However, what I had goes through was just a mere fraction of what Chin Wei

(43)

Chong and Ian Lye will be ekspiriensing next week – when they take on the

gruelling 250km Marathon Des Sables, in the Sahara Desert. They are taking

(44)

(45)

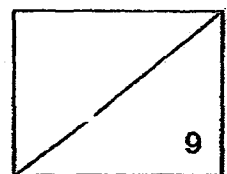
up this arduous race to raise funds and aware for 'Save Our Street

(46)

Dogs'. This is a Singapore Charity of the purpose of pursuing a better change

(47)

for these innocence dogs.



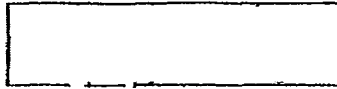
Today, I joined in one of their training sessions on the sand at East Coast

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Park, to have a taste on what running in the Sahara Desert would be like. I also

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talked to the runners about their prehperayshuns and expectations of the race. I

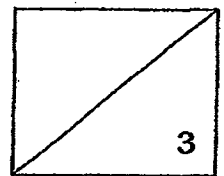
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was filled with edmiraytion for these two young men. They were very determined

indeed.

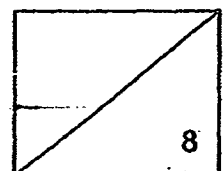
*Adapted from <http://www.prischew.com/running/marathon-des-sables-sahara-desert/>*



The battle against the multi-million dollar crime network that is killing rangers and wild animals has just begun. On 16 January 2014, the Singapore Customs \_\_\_\_\_ (51) \$1.5 million worth of smuggled black rhinoceros horn from a man \_\_\_\_\_ (52) was in transit back to his native Vietnam. Illegal wildlife trade is spreading \_\_\_\_\_ (53) rapidly than ever, killing wildlife and rangers that protect them. Singapore is at the centre of it, ranking among \_\_\_\_\_ (54) world's top 10 illegal wildlife smuggling hubs.

Southeast Asia is a wildlife crime hotspot fuelled by an increase \_\_\_\_\_ (55) disposable income. The surging demand for animal \_\_\_\_\_ (56) such as horns, organs and hide, is threatening to wipe out entire species. It \_\_\_\_\_ (57) not help that

Singapore's fast and efficient transportation network is exploited by criminal organisations to smuggle endangered wildlife species and by-products \_\_\_\_\_ (58) the region.



It is hard to \_\_\_\_\_ as we sit in our peaceful homes that every four days a  
(59)

wildlife ranger is killed in the line of duty while \_\_\_\_\_ the natural world and wildlife.  
(60)

Many of \_\_\_\_\_ deaths are needless as they come face-to-face with armed and  
(61)

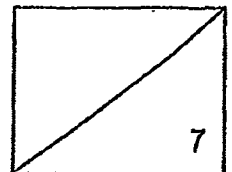
ruthless poachers. \_\_\_\_\_ wildlife ranger Taweesak Chomyang was shot and  
(62)

killed in the Khao Yai Tiger Reserve, there was no compensation \_\_\_\_\_ his wife  
(63)

and young child. World Wildlife Fund offered emergency assistance and \_\_\_\_\_  
(64)

able to provide his family \_\_\_\_\_ a one-year worth of his salary.  
(65)

*Adapted from <https://earthhourblue.crowdonomic.com>*





For each of the questions 66 to 70, 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). (10 marks)

66 Although that old man looks very fierce, he has a heart of gold.

\_\_\_\_\_ but  
\_\_\_\_\_

67 The boy's dog died in an accident. The boy was traumatised.

\_\_\_\_\_ whose  
\_\_\_\_\_

68 Lina prefers jogging to swimming.

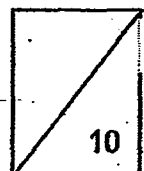
\_\_\_\_\_ would rather \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

69 Kenny likes playing soccer. His classmates like playing soccer too.

\_\_\_\_\_ along with \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

70 The labourers need to work on Sundays. They also need to work on public holidays.

Not only \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_



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I was only thirteen that bright summer afternoon, but what my father said to me then has often come back to me in vivid memory.

A tall, skinny girl shaped like a pipe cleaner, I was poised on the diving board of a bayside resort near our home in Connecticut. It was Regatta Day.

I had reached the finals in the diving contest. The other finalist had just dived into the lake. She was not only a splendid performer but also one with the proportions of a contemporary Venus. I noted with dismay that she was now getting all the applause – all I was getting was nettled. The whistles and cheers that greeted her as she emerged from the water betrayed the appreciation of more than a good dive. I felt miserable and inadequate to the competition.

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At that moment, with everyone's eyes upon me, the key button on my bathing suit popped off! Instead of asking for time out to change into another suit, I used the incident as an excuse to quit. Holding my suit to my chest, I jumped off the board feet-first into the water and automatically forfeited the contest.

My father, who was waiting for me in a small boat even before my dive, pulled me in. He said without preamble, "Rosalind, you're going to have to learn one thing: A quitter never wins and a winner never quits!"

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My father never had to repeat those words.

"A quitter never wins," I muttered while trying to prove myself the equal of the neighbourhood boys. I broke my leg jumping out of a treehouse, sprained my wrist falling off a high wall and twisted my ankle tripping over a kerb. However, I got a stubborn sort of satisfaction from doing my best.

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One day, ten years later, I was in a dingy New York rehearsal studio. I was taking a dancing lesson, trying to prepare myself for a musical-comedy role. The routine was so difficult I felt I would never master it. "I'm afraid this tempo is too fast for your long legs," the teacher said impatiently.

25

I blushed angrily, picked up my jacket and started to leave, when suddenly I remembered that moment on the diving board. I put my jacket back, took my place and

practised until my feet were almost numb. In the end, I mastered the dance.

Like most simple truths, my father's words took on more profound meaning than 30  
ever. After I had reached Hollywood and had achieved a measure of success, my **career**  
**took a turn for the worse**. I was continually cast as a career woman even though I felt  
my real future lay in comedy. No one would let me try any other role.

One afternoon, I felt I could no longer stand the frustration. I went to confront my 35  
producer. "I've played this role umpteen times and I'm sick of it," I protested. "I have no  
chance to learn anything more from it. Please let me try another role." Unfortunately, he  
was not listening.

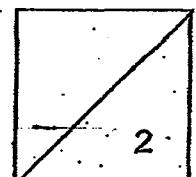
Then I got my chance as a comedienne. Time and again I had begged for a certain 40  
role; finally, to quieten me, a test was ordered. I played the part four different ways, as the  
director instructed. Then I said, "May I play it, just once, my way?"

'My way' was a characterisation I had worked on for weeks before my 45  
dressing-room mirror, even though I had been assured that I would never get a chance to  
play the role. When I finished the test, the director said, "Ros, you've got something." He  
gave me the part of Sylvia in *'The Women'*. It **established a whole new career** for me.  
Not only was I no longer typecast, I received a steady stream of offers for comedic roles.

*Adapted from Readers' Digest 2012*

71 What do you think is the author's occupation? [1m]

72 Which three-word phrase from paragraphs 1 and 2 shows that the author could 50  
remember what her father said to her clearly? [1m]



- 73 Write 1, 2 and 3 in the blanks below to indicate the order in which the events occurred in the story. [1m]

\_\_\_\_\_ The button on Rosalind's bathing suit popped off.

\_\_\_\_\_ Rosalind prepared to dive.

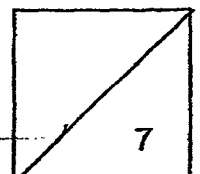
\_\_\_\_\_ Rosalind's father waited for her in a small boat.

- 74 Based on the story, state whether each statement in the table below is true or false, then give one reason why you think so. [3m]

	True/False	Reason
Rosalind felt that she could beat her competitor.		
The dance routine was so difficult that Rosalind could never learn it.		
Rosalind managed to get the role she wanted.		

- 75 Choose words from paragraphs 8 and 9 which have **opposite** meanings to the words below. [3m]

forgot	
easy	
gradually	



- 76 Rosalind injured herself thrice due to some reckless activities when she was growing up. What did she do and what were the injuries that resulted from them? [3m]

	Action	Injury sustained
1		
2		
3		

- 77 Why did Rosalind feel that her 'career took a turn for the worse' (lines 31- 32)? [2m]

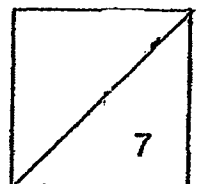
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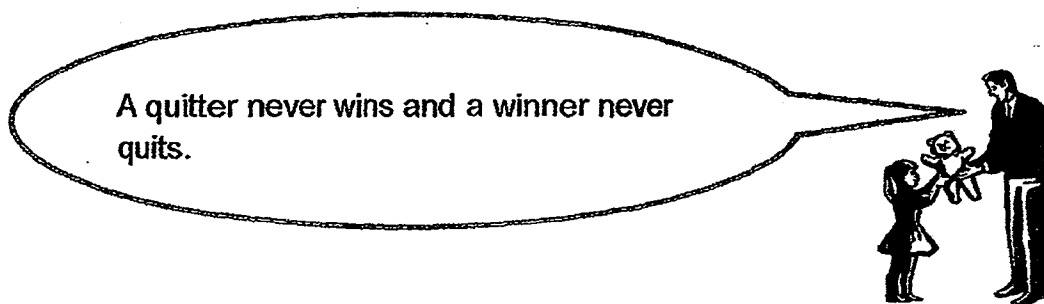
- 78 Why did Rosalind confront her producer? [2m]

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79 What Rosalind's father had said had a profound effect on her.



Compare and contrast how Rosalind's attitude had changed before and after her father's advice. (2m)

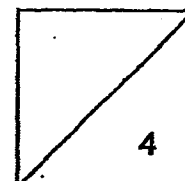
	Problem	Rosalind's solution
Before	The button on Rosalind's bathing suit popped out before her competition.	
After	The first time Rosalind went to her producer for a change in role, he did not listen.	

80 What did the writer mean when she said that the role of Sylvia had 'established a whole new career' (line 44) for her? [2m]

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# Answer Ke

## **EXAM PAPER 2014**

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Q18	Q19	Q20	Q21	Q22	Q23	Q24	Q25	Q26	Q27	Q28	Q29	Q30	Q31	Q32	Q33	Q34
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A	K	L	C

39)trickled    40)rapidly    41)kilometers    42)gone    43)experiencing

44)on    45)awareness    46)with    47)innocent    48)of

49)preparations    50)admiration    51)confiscated    52)who

53)more    54)the    55)in    56)parts    57)does    58)into

59)believe    60)protecting    61)these    62)After/ When/ Although

63)for    64)was    65)with

66)That old man looks very fierce but he has a heart of gold.



**67)The boy, whose dog died in an accident, was traumatized**

**68)Lina would rather jog than swim.**

**69)Kenny along with his classmates, likes playing soccer.**

**70)Not only do the labours need to work on Sunday, they also need to work on public holidays.**

**71)actress**

**72)in vivid memory**

**73)3, 2, 1,**

**74)False = She felt miserable and inadequate to the competition after hearing the whistles and cheers that greeted her competitor.**

**False = In the end, she mastered the dance.**

**True = The director gave her the part of Sylvia in 'The Women'.**

**75)remembered**

**difficult**

**suddenly**

**76)1)She fell off a high wall.**

**2)She jumped out of a tree house.**

**3)She tripped over a kerb.**

**She sprained her wrist.**

**She broke her leg.**

**She twisted her ankle.**

**77)After she had achieved a measure of success, she was continually cast as a career women as no one would let her try any other role, even though she felt her real future lay in comedy.**

**78)She wanted to ask the producer for another role of a comedienne.**

**79)Before )She used the incident as an excuse to quit.**

**After ) Time and again, she had begged for a certain role.**

**80)She was no longer typecast as she received a steady stream of offers for comedic roles after acting the role of Sylvia.**