



# Extra Training

## Reading Task 474

For questions 1-13, read the text below and decide which answer best fits each gap.

It goes without **1** \_\_\_\_\_, that our world is a truly weird and wonderful place. The Earth's forests, deserts and seas contain countless **2** \_\_\_\_\_ of creatures - all diverse and all amazing in their own unique way. Let's take a **3** \_\_\_\_\_ at a strange little reptile from 'The Land Down Under' commonly **4** \_\_\_\_\_ to as the Frilled Lizard.



The Australian Frilled Lizard can grow to as much as one metre **5** \_\_\_\_\_ length and weigh about half a kilo. It gets its **6** \_\_\_\_\_ from the large frill of skin located between its head and neck. The **7** \_\_\_\_\_ of the frill is to scare off enemies - it's constructed in such a **8** \_\_\_\_\_ that when the lizard becomes frightened the frill flares out showing **9** \_\_\_\_\_ its brightly-coloured scales.

**10** \_\_\_\_\_ from the Frilled Lizard's unusual appearance, its movements too are rather curious. **11** \_\_\_\_\_ the lizard usually gets around on all four of its legs, when it is alarmed, it rises onto its **12** \_\_\_\_\_ legs and flees to the nearest tree. It then quickly climbs up into the top branches of the tree and takes **13** \_\_\_\_\_ until the danger has passed.

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|-----|-------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| 1.  | 1. telling  | 2. talking    | 3. saying     | 4. speaking   |
| 2.  | 1. amounts  | 2. masses     | 3. quantities | 4. numbers    |
| 3.  | 1. look     | 2. glance     | 3. glimpse    | 4. stare      |
| 4.  | 1. referred | 2. considered | 3. called     | 4. known      |
| 5.  | 1. at       | 2. for        | 3. of         | 4. in         |
| 6.  | 1. make     | 2. brand      | 3. name       | 4. label      |
| 7.  | 1. purpose  | 2. aim        | 3. use        | 4. goal       |
| 8.  | 1. mode     | 2. method     | 3. means      | 4. way        |
| 9.  | 1. through  | 2. off        | 3. up         | 4. into       |
| 10. | 1. Addition | 2. Apart      | 3. Except     | 4. Besides    |
| 11. | 1. However  | 2. While      | 3. Despite    | 4. As         |
| 12. | 1. behind   | 2. end        | 3. rear       | 4. hind       |
| 13. | 1. security | 2. safety     | 3. cover      | 4. protection |

