

PRACTICE 3

Read the text below and choose the best word for each space.

The Hornbill of Sarawak

Sarawak—Malaysia's largest state—is also known as the 'Land of the Hornbills'. (0) _____ having eight out of 54 species in the world, the bird has been chosen as the state (1) _____. The bird has strong cultural (2) _____ to the indigenous people of Sarawak.

The giant bird can grow over one metre and weigh several kilograms. It has strange, double-decked bill. (3) _____ their size, hornbills can be elegant and graceful (4) _____ gliding from their nests high in the treetops. They are monogamous as a couple will spend almost their entire lives (5) _____. They also share food with their family members.

Hornbills are (6) _____ to bring good luck to the local (7) _____ when one flies over the house. The birds are believed to have (8) _____ powers. Some Ibans wear the yellow-orange beak on a necklace. They believe it will give them power and influence.

Since 1998, the bird has become a protected species in Sarawak. Strict punishments are meted out to those who hunt or keep the bird as a (9) _____. With the gradual loss of their (10) _____ through deforestation and hunting, the elegant birds have become endangered.

0. A By
B With
C At
D Through

1. A symbol
B sign
C bird
D logo

2. A history
B stories
C links
D heritage

3. A Despite
B Apart
C Instead
D Beside

4. A as
B when
C by
D while

5. A apart
B separately

6. A expected
B supposed
C sure
D considered

7. A everyone
B community
C customs
D life

8. A mysterious
B misty
C mythical
D missing

9. A pet
B hobby
C food
D bird

10. A hideout
B habitat
C shelter
D safety