



HOLIDAY HOMEWORK (TERM 1 2025)

English Year 5: Cloze Passage

Read the passage below and fill in the blanks with one suitable word provided in the box.

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Most Singaporeans would have heard of the Istana. However, most people are unaware that the Istana might not be where it is today, (1) _____ not for a swarm of beetles. The present Istana estate was a large nutmeg plantation (2) _____ the 1860s, when the plantation was wiped (3) _____ by a large number of beetles. This terrible destruction caused the plantation owner to give (4) _____ the land. The colonial government took (5) _____ the land to build the Government House, as the Istana was (6) _____ called. The main building of the Istana, consisting of three storeys, (7) _____ completed in 1869. (8) _____ Singapore gained internal self-government in 1959, the building renamed the Istana, (9) _____ means 'palace'. (10) _____ became the official home of Singapore's presidents. State visitors are also entertained there.

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