

20 BÀI ĐỌC TIẾNG ANH LỚP 4 NÂNG CAO

PART 1: READING PRACTICE (THỰC HÀNH ĐỌC HIỂU)

Bài đọc 1: The Amazing Chameleons

(Chủ đề: Animals - Dạng bài: Multiple Choice)

Chameleons are very special lizards. Many people think that chameleons change their skin color to hide from their enemies. However, this is not entirely true. They change color depending on their mood and the temperature. For example, a chameleon might turn dark to absorb more heat when it is cold. When it is angry or frightened, it might show bright colors like red or yellow.

Chameleons also have amazing eyes. Their eyes can move in two different directions at the same time! This helps them look out for danger and find delicious insects to eat without moving their heads. When a chameleon spots an insect, it shoots out its long, sticky tongue to catch its meal in a blink of an eye.

Questions:

1. Why do chameleons usually change their skin color?
 - A. Only to hide from other animals.
 - B. Because of their mood and the weather.
 - C. To attract insects.
 - D. Because they want to sleep.
2. What color might a chameleon turn when it is cold?
 - A. Red
 - B. Yellow
 - C. Dark colors
 - D. Green
3. How do a chameleon's eyes help it hunt?
 - A. They can see in the dark.
 - B. They can move in different directions at once.
 - C. They shoot out to catch insects.
 - D. They are very big and scary.

Bài đọc 2: A Trip to the Red Planet

(Chủ đề: Space - Dạng bài: True/False)

Mars is the fourth planet from the Sun in our solar system. It is often called the "Red Planet" because its surface is covered in iron oxide, which is like rust. Mars is very cold and rocky, with giant volcanoes and deep canyons. The largest volcano on Mars is called Olympus Mons, and it is three times taller than Mount Everest!

Scientists are very interested in Mars. They have sent many robots, called rovers, to explore the planet. These rovers take pictures and collect rocks to send information back to Earth. In the future, astronauts hope to travel to Mars, but it will take a very long time, about seven months just to get there!

Decide if the statements are True (T) or False (F):

1. Mars is called the Red Planet because it is very hot. [____]
2. Olympus Mons is much taller than the highest mountain on Earth. [____]
3. Human astronauts are exploring Mars right now. [____]
4. It takes less than half a year to travel from Earth to Mars. [____]

Bài đọc 3: The Clever Crow

(Chủ đề: Fables - Dạng bài: Fill in the blanks)

It was a hot, dry summer. A thirsty crow flew over the fields looking for water, but the rivers and lakes were dry. Suddenly, he saw a tall glass pitcher under a tree. He flew down quickly. There was some water at the bottom of the pitcher, but the crow's beak was too short to reach it.

He tried to push the pitcher over, but it was too heavy. The crow was very tired, but he didn't give up. He looked around and saw some small pebbles on the ground. He had a brilliant idea! He picked up the pebbles one by one and dropped them into the pitcher. Slowly, the water level rose higher and higher. Finally, the water reached the top, and the clever crow could drink.

Fill in the blanks with ONE word from the story:

1. The crow could not drink the water at first because his _____ was not long enough.
2. The pitcher was too _____ for the bird to push over.
3. The crow dropped _____ into the pitcher to make the water rise.
4. The lesson of this story is that if you don't give _____, you can solve difficult problems.

Bài đọc 4: The Ancient Pyramids of Egypt

(Chủ đề: History - Dạng bài: Multiple Choice)

The Pyramids of Giza are some of the most famous monuments in the world. They are located in Egypt, near the Nile River. These giant structures were built thousands of years ago as special tombs for pharaohs, who were the kings of ancient Egypt. The largest one is called the Great Pyramid.

The pyramids were built using millions of huge stone blocks. Even today, scientists and historians are still amazed at how the ancient Egyptians could move such heavy stones and build these perfect shapes without modern machines or electricity. Inside the pyramids, the pharaohs were buried with many treasures, food, and beautiful paintings for their journey to the afterlife.

Questions:

1. What were the pyramids built for?
 - A. To be beautiful palaces for living kings.
 - B. To be special tombs for the pharaohs.
 - C. To store food and water for the city.
 - D. To be a place for people to study stones.

2. Where are the Pyramids of Giza located?
 - A. Near the Nile River in Egypt.
 - B. In the middle of the ocean.
 - C. On top of a high mountain.
 - D. Inside a deep canyon.
3. Why are scientists today still amazed by the pyramids?
 - A. Because they are filled with water.
 - B. Because they have very bright colors.
 - C. Because they were built without modern machines.
 - D. Because they change color in the sun.

Bài đọc 5: The Sweet History of Ice Cream

(Chủ đề: Inventions - Dạng bài: True/False)

Ice cream is a popular treat all over the world, but it wasn't always so easy to make or buy. Long ago, before refrigerators and freezers were invented, ice cream was a very special dessert only for rich people and kings. The earliest form of ice cream was made by mixing mountain snow or ice with fruit juice and honey.

Many people believe that the famous explorer Marco Polo brought a recipe for a milk-based ice cream from China back to Europe in the 13th century. From there, it spread to other countries. Today, thanks to modern machines, we can easily go to the supermarket and choose from hundreds of different flavors like chocolate, strawberry, and vanilla!

Decide if the statements are True (T) or False (F):

1. Everyone, both rich and poor, could easily eat ice cream long ago. [___]
2. The earliest ice cream was made with snow, fruit juice, and honey. [___]
3. Marco Polo brought an ice cream recipe from Europe to China. [___]
4. Today, we need to climb mountains to get snow for ice cream. [___]

Bài đọc 6: Protecting Our Oceans

(Chủ đề: Environment - Dạng bài: Fill in the blanks)

Our oceans cover most of the Earth and are full of wonderful life, like colorful fish, playful dolphins, and giant whales. However, the oceans are in danger. Every year, humans throw millions of tons of plastic bags, bottles, and trash into the water.

This pollution is very harmful to sea animals. For example, sea turtles might eat plastic bags because they look like jellyfish, their favorite food. Eating plastic can make the animals very sick. We must protect our oceans by recycling our plastic, using fewer plastic bags, and keeping the beaches clean. If we all work together, we can save the ocean animals!

Fill in the blanks with ONE word from the story:

1. Humans throw a lot of trash and _____ into the ocean every year.
2. Sea turtles sometimes eat plastic bags because they think the bags are _____.
3. Eating plastic is very _____ to sea animals and makes them sick.
4. We can help protect the oceans by keeping the _____ clean.

Bài đọc 7: The Invention of the Telephone

(Chủ đề: Science & Technology - Dạng bài: Multiple Choice)

Before the invention of the telephone, it was very difficult for people to communicate if they were far away. They had to write letters, which could take weeks or even months to arrive. In 1876, a smart inventor named Alexander Graham Bell changed the world.

Bell was trying to find a way to send human voices through an electrical wire. After many failed experiments, he finally succeeded. The first words ever spoken on a telephone were, "Mr. Watson, come here, I want to see you." He said this to his assistant who was in another room. Today, telephones have evolved into smartphones, allowing us to talk, send messages, and even see each other on video from anywhere in the world!

Questions:

1. How did people usually communicate before the telephone was invented?
 - A. By sending text messages.
 - B. By calling each other.
 - C. By writing letters.
 - D. By traveling on airplanes.
2. Who invented the first successful telephone?
 - A. Mr. Watson
 - B. Alexander Graham Bell
 - C. Marco Polo
 - D. Thomas Edison
3. What were the first words ever spoken on a telephone?
 - A. "Hello, how are you?"
 - B. "Mr. Watson, come here, I want to see you."
 - C. "Can you hear me now?"
 - D. "The experiment is successful."

Bài đọc 8: The Life of a Honey Bee

(Chủ đề: Insects & Nature - Dạng bài: True/False)

Honey bees are incredible insects that live together in large groups called colonies. Inside a colony, there are three types of bees: the queen, the workers, and the drones. There is only one queen bee in each colony, and her main job is to lay thousands of eggs.

The worker bees are all females. They are very busy insects! They clean the hive, take care of the baby bees, and fly out to collect nectar from flowers. They turn this nectar into sweet, delicious honey. Honey bees are also very important for the environment because they help pollinate plants, which allows flowers and crops to grow. Without bees, we wouldn't have many of the fruits and vegetables we eat every day.

Decide if the statements are True (T) or False (F):

1. There are usually many queen bees in a single colony. [___]
2. The worker bees are responsible for collecting nectar from flowers. [___]
3. Worker bees are male insects. [___]
4. Honey bees help plants grow by pollinating them. [___]

Bài đọc 9: The Mystery of the Dinosaurs

(Chủ đề: Prehistoric Life - Dạng bài: Fill in the blanks)

Millions of years ago, long before humans existed, dinosaurs ruled the Earth. Some dinosaurs, like the Tyrannosaurus Rex, were fierce meat-eaters with sharp teeth. Others, like the Brachiosaurus, were peaceful plant-eaters with very long necks that helped them reach leaves on tall trees.

Scientists learn about dinosaurs by studying fossils. Fossils are preserved bones, footprints, or eggs of ancient animals hidden deep in the rocks. About 65 million years ago, all the dinosaurs suddenly died out. Many scientists believe that a giant asteroid crashed into the Earth, changing the climate completely and making it impossible for dinosaurs to survive.

Fill in the blanks with ONE word from the story:

1. The Tyrannosaurus Rex was a fierce dinosaur that ate _____.
2. The Brachiosaurus used its long _____ to eat leaves from tall trees.
3. Scientists study _____ to learn about how dinosaurs lived.
4. Many people think a giant _____ crashed into the Earth and caused the dinosaurs to disappear.

Bài đọc 10: A Day in Tokyo

(Chủ đề: World Cultures - Dạng bài: Multiple Choice)

Tokyo is the capital city of Japan and one of the biggest cities in the world. It is a fascinating place where old traditions meet modern technology. In Tokyo, you can see ancient temples next to tall, shiny skyscrapers.

People in Tokyo travel mostly by train. The train stations are incredibly busy, but the trains are always clean and on time. A popular food to eat in Tokyo is sushi, which is made of rice and fresh fish. In the spring, the city becomes very beautiful when the cherry blossoms bloom. Millions of people go to parks to have picnics under the pink flowers, a tradition known as "Hanami".

Questions:

1. What makes Tokyo a fascinating city according to the text?
 - A. It is very quiet and peaceful.
 - B. It mixes old traditions with modern technology.
 - C. It has no tall buildings.
 - D. People only eat sushi there.
2. How do most people travel around Tokyo?
 - A. By train
 - B. By car
 - C. By bicycle
 - D. By airplane
3. What do people do during the "Hanami" tradition?
 - A. They build tall skyscrapers.
 - B. They catch fresh fish.
 - C. They have picnics under cherry blossom trees.
 - D. They drive trains.

Bài đọc 11: The Water Cycle

(Chủ đề: Science & Nature - Dạng bài: Fill in the blanks)

The water cycle is the process of how water moves around the Earth. First, the sun heats the water in rivers, lakes, and oceans, turning it into an invisible gas called water vapor. This process is called evaporation.

The water vapor rises high into the sky, where the air is colder. As it cools down, it turns back into tiny liquid drops and forms clouds. This is known as condensation. When the clouds get too heavy and full of water, the drops fall back to the ground as rain, snow, or hail. This is called precipitation. The water goes back into the oceans and rivers, and the cycle begins all over again.

Fill in the blanks with ONE word from the story:

1. When the sun heats the water, it turns into a gas called water _____
2. The process of water turning into gas is called _____.
3. When water vapor cools down in the sky, it forms _____.
4. Rain and snow falling back to the ground is called _____.

Bài đọc 12: A Visit to the Zoo

(Chủ đề: Daily Life - Dạng bài: True/False)

Yesterday, Emily's class went on a field trip to the city zoo. They saw many fascinating animals in different enclosures. First, they visited the mammals, including lions, tigers, and elephants. The zookeeper explained that mammals have hair on their bodies and drink milk when they are babies.

Next, they went to the reptile house where huge snakes and crocodiles were sleeping under warm lamps. The guide told the children that creating a good habitat is very important. A habitat is a natural home for the animals. If the habitat is clean and has enough food and water, the animals will stay healthy and happy.

Decide if the statements are True (T) or False (F):

1. Emily went to the zoo with her family. [___]
2. Lions and elephants belong to the mammal family. [___]
3. The crocodiles were swimming fast in the cold water. [___]
4. A habitat is a natural home where animals live. [___]

Bài đọc 13: The Great Wall of China

(Chủ đề: World History - Dạng bài: Multiple Choice)

The Great Wall of China is a massive and famous structure. It was built by different Chinese emperors over many centuries. The main reason they built it was to protect their empire from invaders coming from the north.

The wall is so long that it stretches across tall mountains, vast deserts, and green grasslands.

It was constructed using earth, wood, bricks, and stones. Walking along the wall today is very popular. Millions of tourists from all over the world visit the Great Wall every year to admire its history and take beautiful photographs.

Questions:

1. Who built the Great Wall of China?
 - A. Modern engineers.
 - B. Different Chinese emperors.
 - C. Tourists from all over the world.
 - D. Invaders from the north.
2. Why was the Great Wall built?
 - A. To create a beautiful park.
 - B. To protect the empire from invaders.
 - C. To connect different cities together.
 - D. To stop the wind from blowing.
3. Which materials were used to build the wall?
 - A. Glass and plastic.
 - B. Only wood.
 - C. Earth, wood, bricks, and stones.
 - D. Only bricks and steel.

Bài đọc 14: How Plants Grow

(Chủ đề: Botany & Nature - Dạng bài: Fill in the blanks)

To grow a healthy plant, you need a few very important things. First, you must dig a small hole and plant the seed deep in the rich soil. The soil gives the seed the nutrients it needs. Then, you need to water it regularly, but not too much!

The plant also needs plenty of sunlight. Leaves use sunlight to make their own food in a special process called photosynthesis. After a few days of getting enough water and sunlight, the seed will open, and you will see a tiny green sprout coming out of the ground. With time, it will grow into a big, strong plant with beautiful flowers.

Fill in the blanks with ONE word from the story:

1. You must plant the seed deep in the rich _____.
2. Plants need _____ to make their own food.
3. The process where leaves make food is called _____.
4. When the seed opens, a tiny green _____ comes out of the ground.

Bài đọc 15: The Olympic Games

(Chủ đề: Sports - Dạng bài: True/False)

The Olympic Games is the most famous sports festival in the world. It actually started in ancient Greece thousands of years ago. At that time, only men were allowed to participate.

Today, things are very different. The modern Olympics are held every four years in a different city around the world. Both male and female athletes from over 200 countries come to compete in many exciting sports, such as swimming, gymnastics, and running. The athletes train very hard because the winners receive special gold, silver, or bronze medals for their countries.

Decide if the statements are True (T) or False (F):

1. The Olympic Games started recently in America. [___]
2. In ancient Greece, women were not allowed to participate. [___]
3. The modern Olympic Games happen every five years. [___]
4. Athletes compete to win gold, silver, or bronze medals. [___]

Bài đọc 16: The Solar Eclipse

(Chủ đề: Astronomy - Dạng bài: Multiple Choice)

A solar eclipse is a rare and exciting event in the sky. It happens when the Moon moves exactly between the Earth and the Sun. When this occurs, the Moon blocks the bright sunlight and casts a dark shadow on our planet.

During a total solar eclipse, it can get very dark in the middle of the day. The temperature drops slightly, and you might even see stars in the daytime sky! However, it is very dangerous to look directly at a solar eclipse. You must always wear special protective glasses to keep your eyes safe from the strong solar rays.

Questions:

1. When does a solar eclipse happen?
 - A. When the Sun moves between the Earth and the Moon.
 - B. When the Earth is perfectly round.
 - C. When the Moon moves between the Earth and the Sun.
 - D. Only at nighttime.
2. What happens to the weather during a total solar eclipse?
 - A. It gets very hot.
 - B. It starts to rain heavily.
 - C. The temperature drops slightly.
 - D. It becomes very windy.
3. What must you wear to watch a solar eclipse?
 - A. Normal sunglasses.
 - B. A warm hat.
 - C. Special protective glasses.
 - D. Nothing, it is safe to look.

Bài đọc 17: The Ant and the Grasshopper

(Chủ đề: Fables - Dạng bài: Fill in the blanks)

During a warm summer, a busy ant worked very hard to gather food for the upcoming winter. A grasshopper, however, just played his violin and laughed at the ant. "Why do you work so hard on such a beautiful day?" the grasshopper asked.

The ant didn't listen and continued to prepare. When winter finally came, the ground was covered in thick snow. There was no food left in the fields. The foolish grasshopper began to starve and felt very cold. He went to the ant's house to beg for food, but the ant was already inside, warm and well-fed.

Fill in the blanks with ONE word from the story:

1. The ant worked hard to _____ food for the winter.
2. The grasshopper played his _____ instead of working.
3. In winter, the ground was covered in thick _____.
4. The _____ grasshopper had no food and began to starve.

Bài đọc 18: Living in an Igloo

(Chủ đề: World Cultures - Dạng bài: True/False)

An igloo is a special type of shelter made entirely out of snow. It was traditionally built by the Inuit people, who live in very cold regions like the Arctic. To build an igloo, they cut large, solid blocks of hard snow and arrange them carefully in a circle.

You might think that a house made of snow would be freezing cold, but the snow actually helps to insulate the inside. This means the snow traps the body heat of the people inside, keeping them warm and safe from the freezing icy winds blowing outside.

Decide if the statements are True (T) or False (F):

1. An igloo is a shelter made from ice and wood. [____]
2. The Inuit people live in very hot places. [____]
3. Igloos are built using large blocks of hard snow. [____]
4. The snow helps to keep the inside of the igloo warm. [____]

Bài đọc 19: The Invention of the Airplane

(Chủ đề: Inventions - Dạng bài: Multiple Choice)

For a long time, humans dreamed of flying high in the sky like birds. In 1903, two brothers named Orville and Wilbur Wright made this impossible dream come true. They built the first successful airplane with a small gasoline engine.

Their very first flight happened in North Carolina, USA. It only lasted for 12 seconds and covered a short distance, but it was a historic moment. These brave pioneers proved that humans could fly. Their amazing invention changed the way we travel, making it possible to fly across the world in just a few hours today.

Questions:

1. What was the dream of many humans for a long time?
 - A. To swim like fish.
 - B. To fly like birds.
 - C. To run like cheetahs.
 - D. To live on the moon.
2. Who built the first successful airplane?
 - A. Alexander Graham Bell.
 - B. Thomas Edison.
 - C. Orville and Wilbur Wright.
 - D. Marco Polo.

3. How long did the first airplane flight last?
- A. 12 minutes.
 - B. 12 hours.
 - C. 12 days.
 - D. 12 seconds.

Bài đọc 20: Saving the Rainforests

(Chủ đề: Environment - Dạng bài: Fill in the blanks)

Rainforests are incredibly important for our planet. They are often called the "lungs of the Earth" because the millions of trees produce a lot of fresh oxygen for us to breathe. They are also home to more than half of the world's plant and animal species.

However, rainforests are in grave danger due to deforestation. People and big companies are cutting down thousands of trees every day to make space for farms and to get wood. If we don't stop cutting down the trees, many amazing animals will lose their homes and might disappear forever. We must work together to protect these beautiful forests.

Fill in the blanks with ONE word from the story:

1. Rainforests produce a lot of fresh _____ for us to breathe.
2. Rainforests are home to many plants and animals _____.
3. The cutting down of trees is called _____.
4. If trees are cut down, animals will lose their _____.

PHẦN 2: TỔNG HỢP TỪ VỰNG

Bài 1: The Amazing Chameleons

- Chameleon (n): Tắc kè hoa
- Absorb (v): Hấp thụ
- Frightened (adj): Hoảng sợ
- Spot (v): Phát hiện ra

Bài 2: A Trip to the Red Planet

- Iron oxide (n): Ô-xít sắt (rỉ sét)
- Canyon (n): Hẻm núi
- Rover (n): Xe tự hành
- Astronaut (n): Phi hành gia

Bài 3: The Clever Crow

- Pitcher (n): Bình đựng nước (cổ cao)
- Beak (n): Cái mỏ chim
- Pebble (n): Viên sỏi
- Brilliant (adj): Thông minh, xuất sắc

Bài 4: The Ancient Pyramids of Egypt

- Monument (n): Đài kỷ niệm, công trình kiến trúc lớn
- Tomb (n): Ngôi mộ
- Pharaoh (n): Vua Ai Cập cổ đại
- Afterlife (n): Thế giới bên kia

Bài 5: The Sweet History of Ice Cream

- Treat (n): Món ngon, phần thưởng
- Refrigerator (n): Tủ lạnh
- Dessert (n): Món tráng miệng
- Recipe (n): Công thức nấu ăn

Bài 6: Protecting Our Oceans

- Pollution (n): Sự ô nhiễm
- Harmful (adj): Có hại
- Plastic (n): Nhựa
- Recycle (v): Tái chế

Bài 7: The Invention of the Telephone

- Communicate (v): Giao tiếp
- Inventor (n): Nhà phát minh
- Assistant (n): Trợ lý
- Evolve (v): Tiến hóa, phát triển

Bài 8: The Life of a Honey Bee

- Colony (n): Bầy, đàn (côn trùng)
- Hive (n): Tổ ong
- Nectar (n): Mật hoa
- Pollinate (v): Thụ phấn

Bài 9: The Mystery of the Dinosaurs

- Fierce (adj): Hung dữ
- Fossil (n): Hóa thạch
- Preserve (v): Bảo quản, giữ gìn
- Asteroid (n): Tiểu hành tinh

Bài 10: A Day in Tokyo

- Fascinating (adj): Hấp dẫn, lôi cuốn
- Tradition (n): Truyền thống
- Skyscraper (n): Tòa nhà chọc trời
- Blossom (n): Hoa (đang nở)

Bài 11: The Water Cycle

- Evaporation (n): Sự bay hơi
- Condensation (n): Sự ngưng tụ
- Precipitation (n): Lượng mưa / Sự kết tủa
- Vapor (n): Hơi nước

Bài 12: A Visit to the Zoo

- Enclosure (n): Khu vực rào kín (chuồng thú)
- Mammal (n): Động vật có vú
- Reptile (n): Động vật bò sát

- Habitat (n): Môi trường sống

Bài 13: The Great Wall of China

- Emperor (n): Hoàng đế
- Invader (n): Kẻ xâm lược
- Structure (n): Cấu trúc, công trình
- Massive (adj): To lớn, khổng lồ

Đáp án Bài 14: How Plants Grow

- Nutrient (n): Chất dinh dưỡng
- Photosynthesis (n): Quá trình quang hợp
- Sprout (n): Mầm cây
- Seed (n): Hạt giống

Bài 15: The Olympic Games

- Athlete (n): Vận động viên
- Compete (v): Cạnh tranh, thi đấu
- Medal (n): Huy chương
- Ancient (adj): Cổ đại

Bài 16: The Solar Eclipse

- Eclipse (n): Nhật thực / Nguyệt thực
- Block (v): Che khuất, chặn
- Shadow (n): Bóng tối
- Rare (adj): Hiếm có

Bài 17: The Ant and the Grasshopper

- Gather (v): Thu thập, gom góp
- Starve (v): Chết đói
- Prepare (v): Chuẩn bị
- Foolish (adj): Ngốc nghếch

Bài 18: Living in an Igloo

- Igloo (n): Lều tuyết
- Insulate (v): Cách nhiệt
- Shelter (n): Nơi trú ẩn
- Region (n): Khu vực

Bài 19: The Invention of the Airplane

- Engine (n): Động cơ
- Pioneer (n): Người tiên phong
- Historic (adj): Mang tính lịch sử
- Gasoline (n): Xăng dầu

Bài 20: Saving the Rainforests

- Rainforest (n): Rừng mưa nhiệt đới
- Oxygen (n): Khí oxy
- Deforestation (n): Nạn phá rừng
- Species (n): Loài (động/thực vật)