CLOSE-UP

UNIT 8:
TIME TO SPARE

READING
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Your respond will be recorded as PBD Reading Assessment: 3.1.3 Guess the meaning of unfamiliar words from clues provided by other words and by context on an increased range of familiar topics

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Type which word could fits in the blanks based on the options given.

Tips

Reading around the gap

- Read the text quickly to get a general understanding of it.
- Then re-read the sentences with gaps and try to think of a word that could fit before you look at the answer options.
- Read the answer options, start by eliminating the obviously wrong answers, and then focus on the options that are left.
- Sometimes, two answers seem possible, so read 'around' the gap so you understand the complete sentence.

1	A used	B has	C is	D was
2	A which	B where	C who	D when
3	A as	B if	C even	D though
4	A dress	B costume	C equipment	D outfit
5	A cap	B scarf	C hoodie	D helmet

DEEP INTO DARKNESS

Deep underground, darkness surrounds you. Where are you? You're inside one of Earth's millions of caves. Why are you there? You're a caver and you want to explore its twisting tunnels, study its strange rock formations and look for the animals that live in it.

MEET A CAVER

Stephen Alvarez is a caver. He travels the world exploring and photographing caves. He (1) _____ to climb mountains to reach some caves or dive deep down to search for underwater caves. He has photographed some very impressive caves including the longest in the world, Mammoth Cave in the USA, (2) _____ has 580 kilometres of tunnels.

UNDERGROUND DANGER

People sometimes ask Alvarez (3) _____ caving is dangerous. It is. 'Caves are dangerous if you don't know what you're doing,' he says. Staying safe is important. Alvarez goes into caves with other cavers, never by himself. That way, team members can look out for each other.

Cavers carry the right (4) _____ for all situations. Knee pads and gloves are important, and they must wear a (5) _____ to protect the head. Most cavers use headlamps to provide light. This leaves their hands free to climb and crawl. They also carry extra torches and they know how to use them.

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Decorations

There are fantastic shapes to see in caves. These shapes are called decorations and they form when rainwater drips onto stone. Examples of these are stalactites, which hang down from a cave ceiling, and stalagmites, which grow upwards from the cave floor. But Alvarez says there are many (6) _____, including some that look like popcorn and some that look like a nest of eggs.

Cave Creatures

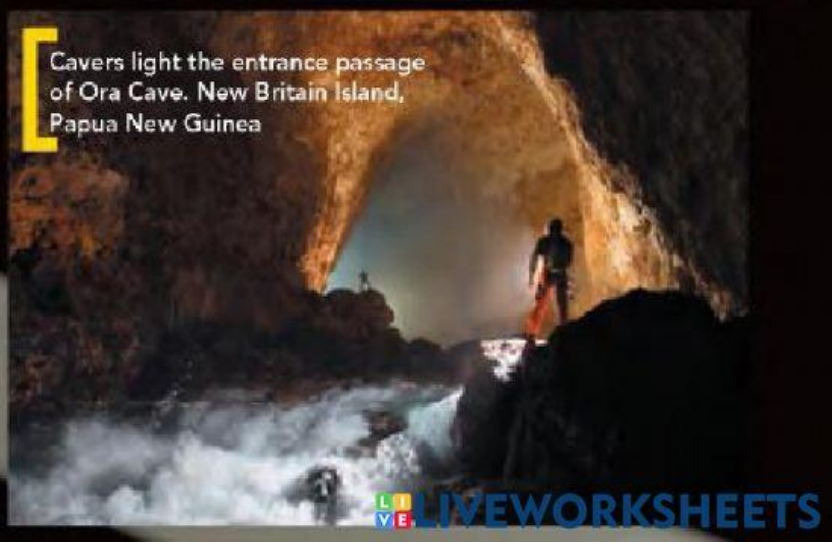
Beautiful cave decorations are not all that you'll see in caves. Animals live in caves, too. Many of (7) _____ are eyeless. They don't need eyes because there is no light in the cave. Alvarez has seen fish and spiders without eyes. Because they can't see, these creatures can hear, touch or smell very well. They can move around and they know what's nearby. They can capture their food without ever seeing the victim!

Cave Threats

Explorers like Alvarez know how important it is to (8) _____ caves. Pollution is one threat. Polluted water from farms or businesses can flow into caves, destroying decorations and killing animals. Human visitors can also be a threat. A (9) _____ caver can destroy in minutes what took thousands of years to form. That's (10) _____ responsible cavers say, 'Take nothing but pictures. Leave nothing but footprints. Kill nothing but time!'

6	A amounts	B other	C also	D others
7	A these	B this	C their	D that
8	A save	B protect	C rescue	D defend
9	A casual	B messy	C fast	D careless
10	A how	B because	C why	D so

Ben Caddell descends into Majlis al Jinn cave in Oman



Cavers light the entrance passage of Ora Cave. New Britain Island, Papua New Guinea

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Find these words in the text and use them to complete the definitions below. **Type your answer in the box.**

capture crawl destroy explore flow surround

1 To _____ means to be all around something or someone.

2 To _____ means to damage something completely.

3 To _____ means to catch someone or something.

4 To _____ means to travel around an area to learn about it.

5 To _____ means to move slowly along the ground on hands and knees.

6 To _____ means to move easily in one direction.

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