

Activity Sheet

Activity 1 Conclude the rules

- 1) Answer the questions in PPT according to your knowledge
- 2) Apply the rules to finish the rational cloze in 5 minutes.

Kim Cobb, a professor at the Georgia Institute of Technology in Atlanta, is one of a small but growing minority of academics 56. _____ are cutting back on their air travel because of climate change. Travelling to conferences, lectures, workshops, and the like—frequently by plane—57. _____ (view) as important for scientists to get together and exchange information. But Cobb and others 58. _____ (be) now questioning that idea—pushing conferences to provide more chances to participate remotely and 59. _____ (change) their personal behavior to do their part in dealing with the climate change crisis. On a website called No Fly Climate Sci, for example, 60. _____ (rough) 200 academics—many of them climate scientists—61. _____ (promise) to fly as little as possible since the effort started two years ago.

Cobb, for her part, started to ask conference organizers who invited her to speak 62. _____ she could do so remotely; about three-quarters of 63. _____ time, they agreed. When the answer was no, she declined the 64. _____ (invite). That approach brought Cobb's air travel last year down by 75%, and she plans 65. _____ (continue) the practice. "It has been fairly rewarding," she says— "a really positive change.

Activity 2 Practise sentence awareness

- 1) Sentence meaning

1. I had been a passive _____ (admire) of the work done by him and gardeners.
2. I had a deep _____ (admire) for the work done by him and gardeners.
3. I made it when my son was talking about the _____ (high) of the dinosaur.
4. The _____ (high) cell attachment rate is about 60%.
5. The topic of "light meals" was _____ second hottest topic on Sina Weibo on Tuesday.
6. The 83-year-old with two Tough Mudder races to her name just competed in _____ third one.
7. The Grand Canal forms a vast inland waterway system in China, running from the capital Beijing in the north _____ Zhejiang Province in the south.
8. Fewer people desire to live in the north _____ the country.

Conclusion: _____

- 2) Sentence pattern

A. Similar sentence structures

1. I could imagine the difficulty I would have _____ (quit) it.
2. I could imagine how difficult it would be _____ (quit) it.
3. I now have about 15 tomato plants on my balcony in different stages of

_____ (grow).

- You may drink, smoke, be overweight and still reduce your risk of _____ (die) early by running.
- It is fair _____ (say) that times have changed.
- It _____ (say) that his child is lost.

B. Long and difficult sentence structures

- The unmanned Chang'e-4 probe – the name was inspired by an ancient Chinese moon goddess _____ (touch) down last week in the South Pole-Aitken basin.
- They kept their collection at home until it got too big _____ until they died, and then it was given to a museum.
- Though it is the only unnatural thing on your way up the mountain, still it highlights the whole adventure _____ offers a place where you can sit down to rest your aching legs.
- I got on the bus and found a seat near the back, and then I noticed a man sitting at the front, he _____ (pretend) that a tiger toy was real and giving it a voice.

Conclusion: _____

3) Practice

- _____ pengjing, Suzhou gardens wouldn't be as charming as they are today.
- _____ pengjing, Suzhou gardens today are still as charming as they were previously.
- A fall in unemployment will help to restore _____ (consume) confidence.
- The average daily _____ (consume) of fruit and vegetables is around 200 grams.
- Great Wall E-tour, co-produced by the China Foundation for Cultural Heritage Conservation and Internet giant Tencent, among others, _____ (go) online on June 11, 2022 to mark the annual national Cultural and Natural Heritage Day.
- The Grand Canal reached a new peak in the 13th century, providing an inland shipping network consisting of more than 2,000 km of artificial waterways, _____ linked five of the most important river basins in China, including the Huanghe River and the Changjiang River.
- Legend says that in 1445, an Olney woman _____ (make) pancakes to use up some of her sugar and cooking fats before the holiday.

Activity 3 Evaluate the questions

Find out the inappropriateness and reasons why it is inappropriate

Sentence

- Only when they are enjoyed by general **consumers** (consume) can they benefit from being part of people's wider modern artistic taste.
Reason: _____ (change twice)
- Besides, the family will be friendly and make you **feel** (feel) at home.

Reason: _____ (fill the same word)

3. **However**, the main core of the company performed outstandingly.

Reason: _____ (however is a adverb)

Passage

4. While reading, we tend to meet with many sport idioms (1)**challenging** (challenge) us, which make language more colorful and (2)**impressive**(impress). “Scoring an own goal” means you make a bad mistake which harms your own interests (3)**accidentally**(accident). When we talk about rough estimates, we can use the (4)**expression**(express) “in the ballpark”. “Throw someone a curve ball” means putting sb in an (5)**unexpected** (expect) and tough situation that is difficult (6)**to respond**(respond) to. “Three strikes and you are out” refers to the situation that you fail after (7)**wasting**(waste) three chances. “Throwing in the towel” means the (8)**admission** (admit) of defeat and giving up. For example, when a boxer is losing badly and is too tired or (9)**confused**(confuse) to give up on his or her own, the coach will throw a towel into the ring to end the fight. Sport is challenging, (10)**as** is the study of English language.

Inappropriate answers and reasons: _____

Activity 4 Set questions in the passage

Requirements: set 6 blanks including the answers with following parts: “predicate (1),non-predicate(1), noun(1), adjective or adverb(1), conjunction(1), article(1)

This aging of the population is driven by two factors. The first is declining birthrates, which means old generations are large compared to younger generations, and so, on average, the population becomes older than before. This is particularly true in the US. The second reason is that people are living longer. A child born in the US today has a very realistic chance of living beyond 100 and needs to plan accordingly.

People tend to focus on the first factor. However, greater attention should be placed on longevity. It isn't just that people are, on average, living longer. It's also that they are on average healthier and more productive for longer. Therefore, they can work for longer, consume more and in general be a boost to the

economy.

Comments: _____

Homework

1) Exchange your work with other students and give some comments on the questions.

2) Finish the self-assessment table

Items	Excellent	Good	Satisfactory	Fair	Improvement required
1. I can understand the rules in a rational cloze and use these rules to finish a rational cloze					
2. When filling blanks, I have the awareness to analyze the sentence meaning and pattern.					
3. I can evaluate the questions set in a rational cloze.					
4. I can set proper questions in a rational cloze.					