

For each question from 1 to 10, write your answer (1, 2, 3 or 4) in the brackets provided.

- 1 Peter and John, who are both members of the school's soccer team, _____ playing soccer together after school today.
- (1) is
(2) are
(3) was
(4) were ()
- 2 I was looking forward to going swimming at the pool today, _____ it started raining heavily, which made it impossible.
- (1) or
(2) so
(3) but
(4) and ()
- 3 The mischievous little cat, which often hides in unusual places, is currently hiding _____ the table in the dining room.
- (1) in
(2) over
(3) under
(4) between ()
- 4 Neither of the girls, who are both in the same class, brought _____ books to school today because they forgot them at home.
- (1) her
(2) hers
(3) their
(4) them ()
- 5 Out of all the cakes I have tried, this chocolate cake is definitely the _____ one I have ever tasted in my life!
- (1) delicious
(2) very delicious
(3) more delicious
(4) most delicious ()
- 6 If she _____ hard enough and focuses on her studies, she will most likely pass the final exam with flying colours.
- (1) work
(2) works
(3) worked
(4) working ()

- 7 While shopping at the market, my mother bought _____ apple for me, knowing that it is my favourite fruit.
- (1) a
 - (2) an
 - (3) the
 - (4) some
- ()
- 8 You can have your favourite ice cream for dessert _____ you finish your dinner and eat all your vegetables first.
- (1) if
 - (2) unless
 - (3) although
 - (4) because
- ()
- 9 The book that is currently _____ on the table belongs to me, and I have been reading it for the past few days.
- (1) lying
 - (2) lies
 - (3) laid
 - (4) lay
- ()
- 10 That blue bag over there is not yours; it is actually _____, and I bought it just last week.
- (1) my
 - (2) hers
 - (3) ours
 - (4) mine
- ()

For each question from 11 to 15, write your answer (1, 2, 3 or 4) in the brackets provided.

- 11 The firefighter _____ entered the burning building, aware of the dangers that lay ahead.
- (1) hastily
 - (2) blindly
 - (3) bravely
 - (4) reluctantly
- ()
- 12 The engineer came up with an _____ solution to fix the problem.
- (1) faulty
 - (2) typical
 - (3) obvious
 - (4) ingenious
- ()
- 13 The _____ rain continued without a break all day.
- (1) heavy
 - (2) sporadic
 - (3) persistent
 - (4) occasional
- ()
- 14 The project was delayed because the team members didn't see _____ on how to proceed.
- (1) the light
 - (2) eye to eye
 - (3) the big picture
 - (4) through the roof
- ()
- 15 She was _____ when she heard she had won the competition.
- (1) elated
 - (2) puzzled
 - (3) frustrated
 - (4) indifferent
- ()

For each question from 16 to 20, choose the word(s) closest in meaning to the underlined word(s). Write your answer (1, 2, 3 or 4) in the brackets provided.

Beneath the ocean waves lies a hidden world full of life. Coral reefs, known as the "rainforest of the sea," are among the most **16) diverse** ecosystems on Earth. These reefs are built by tiny animals called polyps, which form hard skeletons that gradually **17) accumulate** to create the reef structure.

The bright colors of coral reefs are due to a **18) relationship** between the coral and algae called zooxanthellae. The algae live within the coral's tissues and provide food through photosynthesis. In return, the coral gives the algae a safe environment and access to sunlight.

Unfortunately, coral reefs face threats from climate change and human activities. Rising ocean temperatures cause coral bleaching, where the coral **19) expels** the algae, losing its color and potentially dying. Pollution and overfishing also harm these ecosystems. However, efforts to **20) conserve** and restore coral reefs are ongoing, with marine protected areas and the development of resilient coral species offering hope for the future.

- 16 (1) varied
(2) similar
(3) limited
(4) common ()
- 17 (1) gather
(2) scatter
(3) remove
(4) decrease ()
- 18 (1) isolation
(2) argument
(3) interaction
(4) competition ()

- 19 (1) grows
(2) absorbs
(3) protects
(4) releases ()
- 20 (1) waste
(2) ignore
(3) protect
(4) destroy ()

Study the information on this poster and then answer questions 21 to 28.

CLAY SCULPTURES FOR BEGINNERS!

Welcome to the world of clay sculpting! Shape your imagination and unleash your creativity.

Here are some tips to help you pick the right clay and improve your technique.



What type of clay should you use?

There are several types of clay used for sculptures, depending on how you can handle them and the type of finished product you would like to have.

1. **Oil-based modelling clay**
 - appears rough and does not dry out like water-based clay
 - tricky to work with as it requires heat to soften and mold
2. **Polymer-based modelling clay**
 - soft and does not dry out, making it easy to mold
 - baking is needed and a slight smell will emit during the process
3. **'Firing' clay**
 - water-based clay
 - easy to sculpt with this clay to create different shapes and designs
4. **Walter E. Disney clay**
 - water-based clay
 - used by entertainment professionals

Using water-based clay is the best for beginners to practise sculpting techniques at home. It is by far the easiest to use to create shapes using simple tools and it can be cleaned up easily with soap and water.



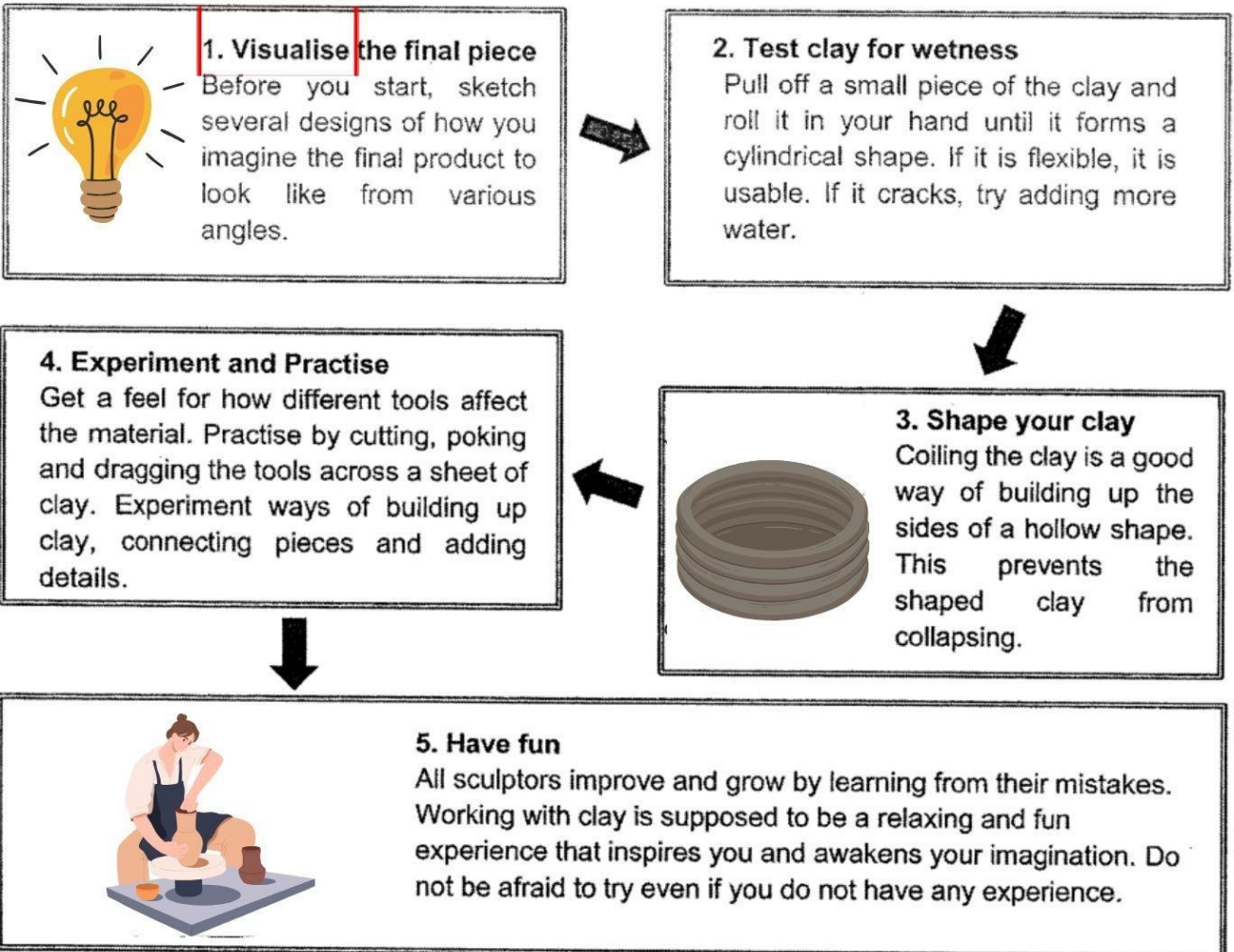
You can create your own sculpture in the comfort of your home too!

Set up an organised workspace by doing the following:

1. Adjust your chair and table to a suitable height to prevent hunching. Set them up near a window so that you can see the fine clay details under natural light.
2. Protect your work area with aluminum foil as clay may stain the surfaces of furniture.
3. Store tools within reach or add shelving above your table so you can grab them with ease.

How to start sculpting?

Follow the five useful tips below to make clay sculptures.



Sign up for Clay Crafters sculpting workshop 2024

Create your own piece of clay sculpture in any shape you like! Learn the skills of making clay sculpture from an expert. It is a great place to learn the fun way!

SIGN UP AT WWW.CLAYCRAFTERS.COM BEFORE 30 SEPTEMBER 2024 TO GET A GOODIE BAG.

Date of workshop: 30 October 2024

Last day of registration: 25 October 2024

Requirement: Participants will sketch their preferred design during the workshop

Fee: \$80 per child (all learning materials, including the clay, are provided.)

For more information, please call our hotline at 6222 4444.

Thoughts about clay sculpting:

"I was so engaged during the clay sculpting workshop last year! Now, I can create my own unique sculpture. My dream is to become a professional sculptor and I hope to conduct classes for others when I am free."



10-year-old Su Lin

For each question from 21 to 28, write your answer (1, 2, 3 or 4) in the brackets provided.

- 21 Which type of clay is best for beginners?
- (1) "Firing" clay
 - (2) Walter E. Disney Clay
 - (3) Oil-based modeling clay
 - (4) Polymer-based modeling clay ()
- 22 Which statement is true about setting up a workspace at home for clay sculpting?
You should _____.
- (1) store your tools away
 - (2) set up away from a window
 - (3) protect your workspace with plastic
 - (4) adjust your chair to a suitable height to prevent hunching ()
- 23 What is the main purpose of this poster?
- (1) For readers to learn more about different types of clay
 - (2) To promote Clay Crafters sculpting workshop
 - (3) For readers to learn how to do clay sculpting at home
 - (4) For readers to be interested in clay sculpting ()
- 24 If a reader would like to take up clay sculpting, he should first _____.
- (1) coil the clay to ensure its flexibility
 - (2) use different tools to shape the clay
 - (3) add water to ensure the clay is thoroughly wet
 - (4) come up with sketches on how his final design to look like ()
- 25 What should Siti do if she would like to join the Clay Crafters workshop?
- (1) Call the hotline to register
 - (2) Sign up by 25 October 2024
 - (3) Bring her own clay and tools
 - (4) submit a sketch of her final product before the workshop ()
- 26 According to the flyer, 10-year-old Su Lin _____.
- (1) was bored during Clay Crafters clay sculpting workshop
 - (2) wants to make ordinary sculptures
 - (3) wants to be a professional sculptor
 - (4) wants to conduct free lessons. ()

- 27 What does the word “visualise” in the flyer mean?
- (1) see
 - (2) take
 - (3) envision
 - (4) describe
- ()
- 28 How can readers find out more about the clay sculpting workshop?
- (1) Visit the website; www.claycrafters.com
 - (2) Call the hotline number at 6222 4444
 - (3) Go down to Clay Crafters shop
 - (4) Ask previous participants
- ()

There are 10 blanks, numbered 29 to 38, in the passage below. From the list of words given, choose the most suitable word for each blank. Write its letter (A to Q) in the blank. The letters (I) and (O) have been omitted to avoid confusion during marking.

EACH WORD CAN BE USED ONLY ONCE

(A) is	(D) would	(G) describe	(K) flows	(N) protect
(B) are	(E) have	(H) has	(L) continues	(P) should
(C) will	(F) left	(J) working	(M) save	(Q) discovered

The Amazon rainforest is one of the most important places on Earth. It **(29)** _____ home to many plants and animals, some of which have not yet been **(30)** _____.

The rainforest covers a very large area and is found in nine countries in South America.

The Amazon River, which **(31)** _____ through the middle of the rainforest, is one of the longest rivers in the world.

Scientists **(32)** _____ the Amazon as the "lungs of the Earth" because it produces about 20% of the world's oxygen. However, the rainforest is in danger because of deforestation. Large areas of the forest **(33)** _____ being cut down each year for farming, logging, and mining. This is bad for the plants and animals, and it also affects the climate.

Many people are **(34)** _____ together to protect the Amazon rainforest. They are trying to find ways to use the forest without destroying it. Some areas of the forest **(35)** _____ been made into protected zones where cutting down trees is not allowed.

The future of the Amazon rainforest depends on what we do today. It is important that everyone **(36)** _____ to help and save this special place. If we are successful, the Amazon **(37)** _____ continue to be a healthy home for plants, animals, and people for many years. By protecting the Amazon, we also **(38)** _____ our planet for future generations.

Each of the underlined words contains either a grammatical or spelling error. Write the correct word in each of the boxes.

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Emily was excited about the school camping trip. She had packed her bag carefully,

making sure not to forget anything important. The campsite was located near a lake, and

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Emily couldn't wait to go for a swim. As soon as they arrived, the teacher announced that

everyone should set up their tents before exploring the area.

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Emily and her best friend, Sarah, worked together to put up they tent. It was harder than

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they thought, and at one point, the tent poles fell down with a loud crash. "This is tricker

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than I expected," Emily said, laughing. Finally, after several try, they managed to get the

tent standing.

After setting up the tent, the girls decided to take a walk by the lake. The water looked so

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clear and refreshing that they immediately wanted to jump in. However, they knew they had

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to wait for the teacher's permission. "Let's ask Miss Tan if we could go for a swim now,"

Sarah suggested.

When they found Miss Tan, she was helping other students with their tents. "We'll go

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swimming after lunch." Miss Tan said with a smile. "In the meantime, why don't you two

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help gathering some firewood for the campfire tonight?"

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The girls agreed and went off to collect sticks and branches. It was'nt long before they had

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gathered enough firewood. They felt proud of they efforts and couldn't wait for the

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evening's activities. That night, as they sat under the campfire, Emily thought about how

fun the day had been and how much she was looking forward to the rest of the trip.

Fill in each blank with a suitable word.

The Great Wall of China is one of the most famous landmarks in the world. It was built over two thousand **(51)** _____ ago to protect China from invaders. The wall stretches about 21,000 kilometers and goes **(52)** _____ northern China.

The construction of the wall **(53)** _____ a long time and involved millions of workers. It was made from **(54)** _____ materials, including earth, wood, and stone. In some areas, the wall was built on **(55)** _____ hills and mountains, which made the work even harder. The Great Wall was not a single continuous wall but a series of **(56)** _____ connected together.

Many parts of the Great Wall have **(57)** _____ over the centuries due to weather and erosion. Some sections have been **(58)** _____ to preserve them for future generations. The wall also served as a symbol of China's **(59)** _____ and determination.

Today, the Great Wall is a popular travel destination. Millions of **(60)** _____ visit each year to see its impressive structure and learn about its history. It is **(61)** _____ one of the greatest architectural achievements in human history.

The wall also **(62)** _____ a key role in supporting the Silk Road, an ancient trade route that connected China with other parts of Asia and Europe. Merchants used the route to **(63)** _____ goods such as silk, spices, and precious metals.

In addition to its historical significance, the Great Wall is an **(64)** _____ of architectural innovation. Engineers and builders used their skills and knowledge to create a structure that could withstand the test of time. The Great Wall remains an **(65)** _____ reminder of China's rich history and cultural heritage. Efforts to protect and restore the wall continue, ensuring that future generations can appreciate its grandeur.

For each question from 66 to 70, rewrite the given sentence(s) using the word(s) provided. Your answer must be in one sentence. The meaning of your sentence must be the same as the meaning of the given sentence(s).

66 “The children are excited about the school trip,” said Mrs Lim
Mrs Lim said that _____

67 The thief stole the car when the owner was not looking. He confessed to it.
The thief confessed to _____
_____.

68 Desmond was reluctant to complete his homework. It upsets his mother.
Desmond's _____
_____.

69 Angela explained the situation. Uncle Joe ignored it.
_____ ignored Angela's
_____.

70 Ahmad improved steadily in swimming. It earned him praises from his coach.
Ahmad's _____
_____.

Read the passage below and answer questions 71 to 80.

In the quiet town of Jetsonville, there was a small, family-run bakery known for its delicious and unique pastries. The bakery, "Sweet Delights," had been a cherished part of the community for over thirty years. **Its** warm, inviting aroma often drew people in from the streets, where the scent of freshly baked bread and sweet confections wafted through the air.

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The bakery was owned by the Patel family, who had inherited the business from their grandparents. Mrs Patel, the head baker, was renowned for her exceptional skills in creating pastries that were both visually appealing and delectable. She had a special recipe for her famous chocolate éclairs, which were a favourite among the locals. Every morning, **she** would prepare these éclairs with meticulous care, ensuring each one was perfectly crisp and filled with a rich, creamy chocolate custard.

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One day, the bakery faced an unexpected challenge. A major construction project in the town caused significant disruptions, including a temporary road closure that made it difficult for customers to reach the bakery. Sales dropped, and the Patels were worried about the future of their beloved shop. Despite the difficulties, Mrs Patel remained hopeful and decided to think creatively to keep the business afloat.

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She started offering home delivery services, allowing customers to place orders online and have **their** favourite pastries delivered right to their doorstep. Additionally, Mrs Patel introduced a new line of seasonal pastries that featured local fruits and flavours, which quickly became popular among customers who were eager to try something new. The bakery also began hosting small baking workshops on weekends, where people could learn the art of pastry making from Mrs Patel herself.

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The community responded positively to these new initiatives. The delivery service and workshops not only helped increase sales but also strengthened the bakery's connection with **its** customers. People appreciated the effort Mrs Patel put into adapting to the situation and supporting the local economy. Gradually, "Sweet Delights" regained its popularity and continued to be a beloved spot in Jetsonville.

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As the construction project was completed and the roads reopened, the bakery thrived even more than before. The experience taught the Patel family valuable

lessons about resilience and innovation. They were grateful for the support of the community and proud of how they had navigated the challenges to keep their family legacy alive.

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- 71 From the first paragraph, which word showed that the community loves the bakery, "Sweet Delights" ? [1m]

- 72 How do you know that Mrs Patel was known for her skill in creating pastries? [2m]

- 73 Was Mrs. Patel concerned about the future of the bakery due to the construction project? **Provide evidence from the passage.** [2m]

- 74 Look at the table below. What do the words in the left column refer to in the passage? Write your answers in the column on the right. The first one has been done for you. [3m]

Word(s) from the passage	What the word(s) refer to
Its (line 3)	the bakery
she (line 11)	
their (line 21)	
its (line 29)	

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- Choose words from lines 14 - 33 which have similar meanings to the words below. [3m]

surprising	
adjusting	
flourished	

- 76 Write 1, 2, and 3 in the blanks below to indicate the order in which the events occurred in the story. [1m]

- _____ Mrs. Patel introduced new seasonal pastries and started home delivery services.
- _____ The bakery faced disruptions due to the construction project.
- _____ The bakery regained its popularity and continued to thrive.

77 Which phrase suggests that Mrs Patel's efforts helped the bakery recover successfully?

[1m]

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78 Based on the story, list two ways Mrs Patel used her creativity to overcome the challenges faced by the bakery.

[2m]

(i)
(ii)

79 Which two words from lines 15 - 20 show that Mrs Patel was determined to keep the bakery successful despite the difficulties?

[2m]

	and	
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80 Based on the story, state whether each statement in the table below is true or false, then give one reason why you think so.

[3m]

	True/False	Reason
The bakery was closed temporarily due to construction.		
Mrs Patel started offering home delivery services.		
The community did not support the bakery's new initiatives.		

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