

# Cloze Reading

READING LEVEL 4

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# INTRODUCTION

The cloze procedure is incorporated into this unit as a springboard for comprehension. When students complete a cloze passage and have the opportunity to discuss their responses, more significant growth in the comprehension takes place. The students not only gain a greater understanding of concepts, but they expand their vocabulary, as well. This unit uses the cloze procedure for comprehension and it includes a series of questions for discussion of each selection. This added feature insures that the student has a broad understanding of the story by incorporating thinking skills as well as recall activities. The questions involve inference, prediction, and relationship.

The words in this passage have not been deleted at random. Care was taken to include all of the parts of speech and an effort was made to avoid deletions that would confuse the student. For deletions within each passage, answers are selected from the words in the box. This procedure eliminates the frustration that many students encounter because they are more likely to experience success.

The stories featured in this unit have unusual content, which should make them highly interesting to students. The selections are presented in gradually increasing length and difficulty. When students are gradually exposed to more challenging material, their reading skills generally grow.

The cloze format is equally valid for testing. The selections may also be used to assess the student's readability level.

**Suggestions:** After students complete Cloze Reading, a second reading before answering questions is recommended.

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Name \_\_\_\_\_

## Do Snakes Fly????

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Do snakes fly? In India there \_\_\_\_\_ a type of snake known as  
\_\_\_\_\_ "flying snake." It can glide through \_\_\_\_\_  
air from a tree to the \_\_\_\_\_. It flattens out its body and  
\_\_\_\_\_ itself straight. This position lets the \_\_\_\_\_  
"fly" and land in safety. Experts \_\_\_\_\_ that the snake uses this means  
\_\_\_\_\_ travel only in emergencies.

1. What is the name of the country where the "flying snake" is found?

\_\_\_\_\_

2. How does the snake hold its body when it is "flying"?

\_\_\_\_\_

3. When does the "flying snake" use this strange means of travel?

\_\_\_\_\_

4. Do snakes really fly? What does this unusual snake do?

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

5. Name at least three animals and tell how each animal travels.

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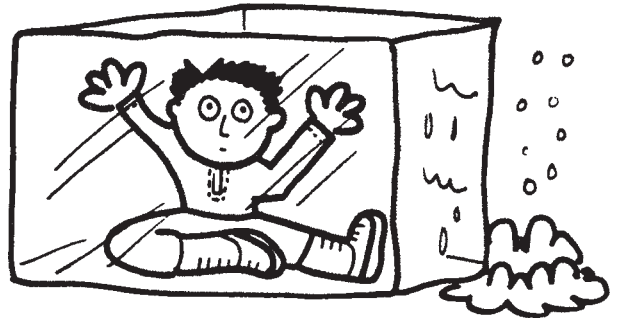
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Name \_\_\_\_\_

## Deep Freeze

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Strange things happen in very cold \_\_\_\_\_. In Siberia, a record temperature of \_\_\_\_\_ degrees below zero was recorded. At this \_\_\_\_\_, ice is like stone. Snow is \_\_\_\_\_ hard as table salt. A person \_\_\_\_\_ outside without the right clothing would \_\_\_\_\_ as hard as a rock. However, \_\_\_\_\_ is impossible to get a cold \_\_\_\_\_ the air is too cold for the germs to live.

1. What was the record low temperature recorded in Siberia?

\_\_\_\_\_

2. What happens to ice? What happens to snow?

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

3. What would happen to you if you didn't wear the proper clothing?

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

4. What is the proper clothing for very cold climates?

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

5. Name a group of people that live in a very cold climate and tell how they dress.

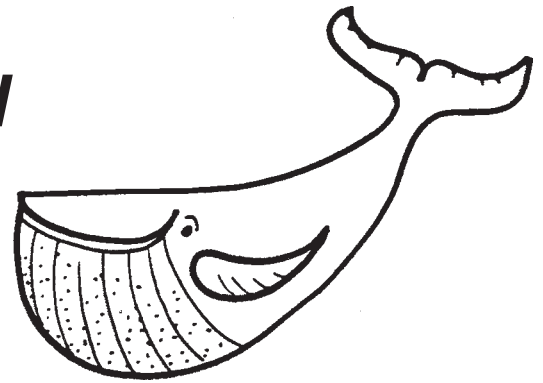
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# ***The Largest Living Animal***

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The blue whale is the largest \_\_\_\_\_ animal in the world. A full-  
\_\_\_\_\_ whale may sometimes grow as long \_\_\_\_\_ 100  
feet. It may weigh as \_\_\_\_\_ as 120 pickup trucks. Even an elephant  
\_\_\_\_\_ small beside a whale. However, the \_\_\_\_\_ of the  
blue whale is only \_\_\_\_\_ or 10 inches wide. So, you won't  
\_\_\_\_\_ swallowed if you should meet a blue whale!

1. What is the largest living animal in the world?

\_\_\_\_\_

2. How much may the whale weigh when it is full-grown?

\_\_\_\_\_

3. What animal is small beside a whale?

\_\_\_\_\_

4. How wide is the throat of the blue whale?

\_\_\_\_\_

5. Why would it be difficult for the blue whale to swallow you?

\_\_\_\_\_

6. Name the smallest animal you can think of without naming an insect.

\_\_\_\_\_