



ST NICHOLAS COLLEGE
HALF YEARLY PRIMARY EXAMINATIONS
February 2013

YEAR 4

ENGLISH (LISTENING COMPREHENSION)
TEACHER'S COPY

TIME: 30 mins

Guidelines for the conduct of the Listening Comprehension Examination
ALL INSTRUCTIONS ARE TO BE GIVEN IN ENGLISH

- a) 4 minutes - First reading aloud of text by teacher
- b) 4 minutes - Teacher reads out the questions
- c) 4 minutes - Second reading aloud of text by teacher
- d) 8 minutes - Students answer the questions
- e) 4 minutes - Third reading aloud of text by teacher
- f) 6 minutes - Final revision of answers by students

Resources

Teacher: Reading Text and Questions
Each student: Pen and Examination Paper

Introduction

The teacher in charge distributes the examination papers to the students and asks them to write their name, surname and class on the front cover.

THE TEACHER TELLS THE STUDENTS TO FOLLOW THE INSTRUCTIONS ON THE FRONT PAGE OF THE EXAMINATION PAPER (STUDENT'S COPY) AS S/HE READS.

INSTRUCTIONS

1	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Listen carefully as I read a text about <i>Roly-Poly Pill Bugs</i>.• Do not answer the questions or write anything while I am reading.
2	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Open the examination paper and look at the questions.• I will read the questions to you once.
3	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Close the examination paper and listen carefully.• I will read the text a second time.• Do not write anything while I am reading.

4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> You have eight minutes to answer questions 1 to 12. In questions 1 to 11 tick only the correct answer. In number 12 (a to c) tick to show whether each sentence is True or False.
5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> I will read the text to you a third time. You may complete any unanswered questions as I read.
6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> You have now six minutes to check your answers and complete any unanswered questions.

Questions 1 to 10 (1 mark each) = 10 marks

Question 11 (a to f) (1 mark each) = 6 marks

Question 12 (a to c) (1 mark each) = 3 marks

TOTAL: 20 MARKS

Roly-Poly Pill Bugs

Some people are afraid of bugs like spiders or beetles. But there is one bug that a lot of children like - **the roly-poly pill bug**. If you ever pick one up, you will know why it is called "roly-poly". This bug becomes a little ball when you touch it because it is afraid of you!

It has hard skin, which is divided into rings and can be either grey or brown in colour. It has seven pairs of legs. This bug does not like to move too much. It does not like light and it does not like dry places. In fact, it stays in wet places, under wet objects or anywhere you find water. They just need to stay moist. One of their favourite homes is under flower pots. If pill bugs go into a building, they will often dry out and die. So to keep pill bugs away from your room, keep it clean and dry.

Did you know that pill bugs are also like kangaroos? After their eggs hatch, the mother pill bug carries her little ones in a pouch under her belly. The little pill bugs stay there until they are big enough to be on their own.

Pill bugs are also like snakes. Just as snakes change their skin when they grow too much, pill bugs do that too. This is called "moulting". A pill bug moults about five times until it is an adult.

Pill bugs are a little like owls too. Like owls, they like the night. They do not like to sleep during the night. They prefer to look for food when it is dark. They like eating dead plants and vegetables that are going bad. Just like earthworms, pill bugs help keep the soil healthy. The soil needs them. Pill bugs aren't just nice bugs. They are also interesting ones!

Tick (✓) the correct answer.

1. Pill bugs are also called "roly-poly" because they like to

- a) exercise.
- b) roll into a ball.
- c) swim.
- d) jump up and down.

2. A lot of children like

- a) spiders.
- b) beetles.
- c) ants.
- d) pill bugs.

3. Pill bugs like staying

- a) in dry places.
- b) in the sun.
- c) under flower pots.
- d) in buildings.

4. The colour of the pill bug can be

- a) red.
- b) purple.
- c) grey.
- d) white.

5. A pill bug is like a kangaroo because of the way it carries its

- a) feet.
- b) babies.
- c) ears.
- d) food.

6. *Moulting* means

- a) growing up.
- b) changing skin.
- c) playing.
- d) resting.

7. Pill bugs like the

- a) night.
- b) morning.
- c) day.
- d) afternoon.

8. Pill bugs eat

- a) meat.
- b) fish.
- c) eggs.
- d) plants.

9. Earthworms and pill bugs

- a) keep soil healthy.
- b) eat ice cream.
- c) like spiders.
- d) scare kids.

10. Pill bugs have

- a) eight legs.
- b) fourteen legs.
- c) three legs.
- d) seven legs.

11. Put a tick (✓) to show whether each sentence is TRUE or FALSE.

		True	False
a)	A lot of children prefer spiders to pill bugs.		
b)	Pill bugs are not afraid of people.		
c)	The skin of pill bugs is hard.		
d)	Pill bugs prefer to look for food at night.		
e)	Like owls, pill bugs like the day.		
f)	To keep pill bugs away from your room, keep it dry and clean.		

12. Fill in the blanks using the correct words.

- a) Pill bugs have _____ pairs of _____.
- b) These bugs stay away from _____ places.
- c) Besides grey, pill bugs can also be _____ in colour.

END OF PAPER