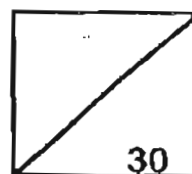




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**Booklet A**

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3. Answer **ALL** the questions and shade the correct ovals on the OAS provided.

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Study the advertisement and answer Questions 1 to 5. (5 marks)

## THE LEARNING BAZAAR

Event Hall 5, Singapore Expo  
10 – 14 Sep 2007  
Time : 9am to 9pm



### HIGHLIGHTS

#### THE LEARNING PAVILLION

Visitors can look forward to an enjoyable & informative visit.



- *Town Square* – the nerve centre of the bazaar, focusing on the mission, vision & goals of education in Singapore.
- *Arts in the Park* – emphasising the aesthetic development of the child.
- *Enterprise Hub* – featuring activities that develop the spirit of innovation & enterprise.
- *Techno Plaza* – showcasing programmes that prepare the child for the IT world.
- *Heartland* – focusing on the nurturing of moral values & healthy habits in the child.
- *Questlink* – featuring the quest for knowledge through collaboration.

#### THE MARKET PLACE

Suppliers of IT & other educational products take centre stage in *The Educationists' Shopping Place*. *The Learning Arcade* showcases overseas educational institutions and publicises their various courses & training programmes.

*Each sector offers many interactive activities and lots more!*

Let The Learning Bazaar be your guide to new teaching & learning experiences in the 21<sup>st</sup> century!

Don't miss out on Singapore's largest educational event in this century!  
Admission is free!

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Education Foundation



Career Tech Company

1. Where will 'The Learning Bazaar' be held?

- (1) Singapore Expo
- (2) The Learning Arcade
- (3) The Learning Pavillion
- (4) The Educationists' Shopping Place

2. 'The Learning Bazaar' is sponsored by \_\_\_\_\_.

- (1) NUS and Vsearchmedia Pte Ltd
- (2) NUS and Open Source Education Foundation
- (3) Open Source Education Foundation & Career Tech Company
- (4) Vsearchmedia Pte Ltd and Open Source Education Foundation

3. Ken wishes to further his studies abroad. He should visit \_\_\_\_\_.

- (1) Town Square
- (2) Techno Plaza
- (3) Enterprise Hub
- (4) The Learning Arcade

4. Mr Tan is interested in buying some educational CD-Roms for his son. He should patronise \_\_\_\_\_.

- (1) Heartland
- (2) Enterprise Hub
- (3) The Learning Arcade
- (4) The Educationists' Shopping Place

5. Which of the following statements is true?

- (1) The bazaar caters to the needs of the educationists only.
- (2) One can undergo different learning experiences at the bazaar.
- (3) One can visit the bazaar after purchasing an admission ticket.
- (4) The bazaar is one of the largest exhibitions held in Singapore.

For each question from 6 to 12, four options are given. One of them is the correct answer. Make your choice (1, 2, 3 or 4). Shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet.  
(7 marks)

6. Neither the pupils nor their teacher \_\_\_\_\_ arrived yet. They will be late if they don't leave for the concert in fifteen minutes.

- (1) has
- (2) had
- (3) have
- (4) having

7. Pete refused to turn up for the training \_\_\_\_\_ Tom was coming along. They had agreed to participate in the sessions together.

- (1) except
- (2) unless
- (3) despite
- (4) because

8. A number of interesting suggestions \_\_\_\_\_ made by the committee at the meeting. *They have decided to place a fountain at the entrance*

- (1) is being
- (2) has been
- (3) have been
- (4) were being

9. Living in a multi-cultural country like ours, we ought to learn to be more tolerant \_\_\_\_\_ the religions and practices of the various ethnic groups.

- (1) of
- (2) to
- (3) with
- (4) about

10. The burglar had made \_\_\_\_\_ with some computer softwares at the headquarters before the police arrived.

- (1) up
- (2) off
- (3) out
- (4) away

11. He has two aunts both of \_\_\_\_\_ were lawyers in the 1990s. They have retired ever since.

- (1) who
- (2) whose
- (3) whom
- (4) which

( )

12. When Mrs Tan arrived home from work, she realised that her maid \_\_\_\_\_ the room.

- (1) swept
- (2) has swept
- (3) had swept
- (4) has been sweeping

( )

For each question from 13 to 15, choose the correct punctuation to complete the passage. Shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet.

(3 marks)

"I watched this competition on TV," Paul told his father. "You have to phone this number in England and give the answer. Then your name will be entered in a lucky draw for a million pounds. Can I phone this number (13) He showed his father a British phone number which started with 0905.

"No, I'm sorry but you can't," Mr Lim said. "I very much doubt whether anybody has a million pounds to give away."

"But there are hundreds of other prizes too (14)" Paul explained.

"Yes, there may be," his father told him (15) but you won't win one worth having. The phone call will cost you at least \$2 a minute and the person at the other end will ask you many questions to make the phone call a long one."

13. (1) [ , " ] comma and inverted commas  
(2) [ . " ] full stop and inverted commas  
(3) [ ? " ] question mark and inverted commas  
(4) [ ! " ] exclamation mark and inverted commas

( )

14. (1) [ : ] colon  
(2) [ , ] comma  
(3) [ . ] full stop  
(4) [ ! ] exclamation mark

( )

15. (1) [ : " ] colon and inverted commas  
(2) [ , " ] comma and inverted commas  
(3) [ . " ] full stop and inverted commas  
(4) [ ! " ] exclamation mark and inverted commas

( )

For each question from 16 to 20, four options are given. One of them is the correct answer. Make your choice (1, 2, 3 or 4). Shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet.  
(5 marks)

16. Our pioneers went through grave \_\_\_\_\_ to ensure the survival of our country.
- (1) perils  
(2) turmoils  
(3) encounters  
(4) experiences
- ( )
17. In spite of the torrential downpour, our players' spirits were not \_\_\_\_\_. They went on to clinch the trophy.
- (1) drowned  
(2) destroyed  
(3) dampened  
(4) diminished
- ( )
18. The tsunami at Phuket caused such \_\_\_\_\_ damage that all efforts to rebuild the town had to be abandoned.
- (1) extensive  
(2) enormous  
(3) expansive  
(4) tremendous
- ( )
19. You did not write too well for this essay because there were too many \_\_\_\_\_ details.
- (1) substantial  
(2) superfluous  
(3) surreptitious  
(4) superstitious
- ( )
20. The hunter \_\_\_\_\_ his listeners with his vivid account of his encounters with the wildlife in Africa.
- (1) enthused  
(2) engrossed  
(3) enthralled  
(4) enraptured
- ( )

For each question from 21 to 25, choose the word(s) closest in meaning to the underlined words. Shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet. (5 marks)

The Aurora Borealis, or the Northern Lights, is nature's most beautiful light show. Encyclopedias define it as a colourful light phenomenon, which shows itself when charged particles, carried by (21) solar winds, hit the upper parts of the Earth's atmosphere. These lights usually perform at a height of 100 kilometres. There are enormous changes in colour and form. One can easily observe the (22) Northern Lights as beams of light 'swaying' across the sky. Some observers pointed out that the (23) Northern Lights also make sounds as they blaze across the sky. This however has not been scientifically proven. In order to see a proper showing of the spectacular Northern Lights, one (24) should spend at least one week in Lapland, Finland. The most anxious "Northern Lights tourists" (25) are the Japanese. They believe that the Northern Lights bring happiness to their family. Many guest groups in Lapland ask the night porters of hotels to wake them at any time of the night if the Northern Lights are to appear.

21. (1) depict ( )  
 (2) discuss  
 (3) describe  
 (4) determine
22. (1) spot ( )  
 (2) peer  
 (3) notice  
 (4) perceive
23. (1) claimed ( )  
 (2) declared  
 (3) affirmed  
 (4) confirmed
24. (1) right ( )  
 (2) decent  
 (3) precise  
 (4) suitable
25. (1) eager  
 (2) ardent  
 (3) nervous  
 (4) apprehensive

Read the passage below and answer questions 26 to 30.

Danelle Ballengee, 35, was a world-class endurance athlete who had run in over 500 long-distance competitions through deserts and mountains around the world.

Up ahead, Taz disappeared, but Danelle did not worry as she scrambled along a remote rocky trail to the top of a ridge of deep-coloured red rock. Near the summit, her foot hit a patch of ice. She scraped over solid stone as she fell over a steep cliff. She slammed feet first onto a narrow rock ledge and collapsed. 5

She could wiggle her toes but when she tried to stand, pain shot through her. Her pelvis and several of her vertebrae were shattered. The lower half of her body was a useless, dead mass.

Danelle looked at her watch. It was noon. She estimated she was ten kilometres from her truck and trapped high on a hidden desert ledge in winter. Alone. Then she heard Taz. 10

He ran down from the summit and huddled over her. Danelle stroked his thick coat. If she remained still, her pain subsided, and she could think her way out of this trap. She would follow Taz down the path to the canyon floor and crawl back to her truck.

She rolled onto her stomach and screamed so loudly Taz jumped. The canyon floor was hundreds of metres below, down a rocky path. Taz went ahead of Danelle who began clawing forward over rocks and patches of snow. Taz trotted down the trail, then back, wondering why Danelle was not running alongside him. Willing herself through the pain, she concentrated on her task. 15

Five hours later, Danelle reached the canyon bottom, scraped and bruised. She was 500 metres closer to her goal. She flopped onto her back, exhausted. Then she noticed an ice-covered hole. She leaned into the hole and drank deeply. She would need water if she was going to crawl out tomorrow. Danelle dipped her empty water bottle into the pool, but it came out full of silt. She used the lid to slowly scoop water from the surface. It took over 50 scoops to get enough. She finally stopped as spills were freezing her fingers. Danelle reached out to her companion and he curled into a ball next to her. Putting her arms around him, she felt his warmth, and held on. 20

As the hours wore on, Danelle tried to distract herself from the pain and cold. Danelle stared into the clear night sky, talked to Taz and counted shooting stars with him. It hurt incredibly to move but if she didn't, her core temperature would drop and she would die of hypothermia. So she flexed her muscles, tapped her feet and lifted her head off the rock in a small sit-up. Pain nagged constantly. She continued a series of crunches. Her abdomen ached. Throughout the night, she took sips of water, realizing that if she drank too much, she'd urinate and the liquid would freeze on her legs. 25

At Thursday's first light, Danelle turned over and dragged herself forward. She was barely moving now. She pushed hard, scraping her finger, knuckles and knees till they bled. She crawled from first light to 4pm but became dehydrated and had to return to the water hole. The day had been wasted. 30

As darkness and temperature fell, pain and hunger started to take their toll. Danelle was afraid of predators and called to Taz to stay close. 40

Adapted from *Rescue Dog* by Tom Hallman, Jr



For each question from 26 to 30, four options are given. One of them is the correct answer. Make your choice (1, 2, 3 or 4). Shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet.  
(5 marks)

26. Which evidence from the 1<sup>st</sup> paragraph tells us that Danelle was an experienced athlete?

- (1) She always trained with her dog.
- (2) She could endure many hardships.
- (3) She had taken part in many competitions.
- (4) She had trekked through deserts and mountains.

27. What was Danelle's 'task' (Line 19)?

- (1) It was to get to her truck.
- (2) It was to walk down the rocky path.
- (3) It was to follow Taz out of the forest.
- (4) It was to run to the foot of the canyon.

28. What does 'It' (Line 24) refer to?

- (1) It refers to Danelle's bottle which was full of silt.
- (2) It refers to Danelle using her bottle lid to scoop water.
- (3) It refers to Danelle dipping her water bottle into the pool.
- (4) It refers to the number of scoops of water needed to fill Danelle's bottle.

29. How did Danelle cope with her pain and cold?

- (1) She held on to Taz for protection.
- (2) She counted the stars and talked to Taz..
- (3) She flexed her muscles and tapped her feet.
- (4) She did a few crunches and drank some water.

30. Which of the following statements is false?

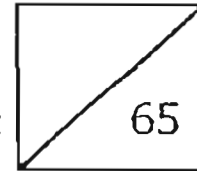
- (1) Taz was her constant companion.
- (2) Taz led her to the bottom of the canyon.
- (3) Danelle fell when she was reaching the summit.
- (4) Danelle had to drink a lot of water to prevent dehydration.



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## Booklet B

### Instructions to Pupils:

1. Do not open this booklet until you are told to do so.
2. Read the questions and follow all the instructions carefully.
3. This booklet consists of 50 questions (Questions 31 to 80).
4. **Answer ALL the questions and write all the answers in this booklet.**

\* This booklet consists of 10 pages altogether. (    including this page)

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There are 10 blanks, numbered 31 to 40, 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. (10 marks)

**EACH WORD CAN BE USED ONLY ONCE.**

- |              |            |          |           |           |
|--------------|------------|----------|-----------|-----------|
| (A) above    | (D) before | (G) for  | (K) of    | (N) whose |
| (B) also     | (E) but    | (H) in   | (L) or    | (P) while |
| (C) although | (F) by     | (J) into | (M) still | (Q) when  |

Water on the Earth is turned into water vapour or steam by the Sun. The water vapour rises \_\_\_\_\_ the air and condenses into tiny droplets, forming clouds.

The droplets are \_\_\_\_\_ too small to fall – they float in the air – but as they

rise higher \_\_\_\_\_ the earth, the droplets group together, forming larger drops.

That is \_\_\_\_\_ they fall back to the Earth as rain. It takes many thousands of

water droplets to form together \_\_\_\_\_ this can happen.

Precipitation is the word used to describe all the various ways \_\_\_\_\_ which

water falls to Earth. Some of the moisture comes as dew or frost, \_\_\_\_\_

other forms are snow, sleet and hail.

These different forms \_\_\_\_\_ precipitation will be welcomed by farmers with

parched crops waiting for life-giving rain but cursed \_\_\_\_\_ the unfortunate

ones \_\_\_\_\_ houses, crops or cars are damaged by the icy hailstones that

plummet to the Earth like sheets of icy bullets and miniature bombs. Water can build as well as destroy.

Correct each word in bold for spelling and each underlined word for grammar. Write the correct word in the relevant box. (10 marks)

The bell rang and Daud picked up his bag and went down to the school field. Today

(41)

was football training and tomorrow there was the big match - the semi-final in the

Inter-schools competition.

(42)

Daud got changed and went out to the football pitch. A crowd of boys was loitterring

(43)

around the field, waiting for Mr. Mok, the sports teacher's arriving.

(44)

They kicked the ball around and praktized shots on goal. They had a really good goalie

(45)

(46)

called Warren. He looks like a stick insect, but he was phinomennal at stopping goals.

(47)

Barry Woon was the centre forward. He was an oportunisttic

(48)

teacher of goals. But only Barry wasn't so big-headed. Of course he was bigger and

(49)

stronger and faster than everyone else because that did not give him a reason to make fun of everyone else.

Daud really hated him.

Goal..!

(50)



Barry Woon sent another accurately placed shot into the back of the net. Daud didn't like him but he had to admit he was a good player.

Fill in each blank with a suitable word.

(15 marks)

Samy flapped his wings nervously. It was a long way \_\_\_\_\_ to the

(51)

beach. Everything was set. The feathers were glued on pretty well. The wooden struts were strong. But could he fly?

"Go on," said Jing Hui. "There's only one \_\_\_\_\_ to find out."

(52)

Dino barked loudly and ran around their legs, waiting \_\_\_\_\_ the fun

(53)

to begin. As if by magic, the canine stopped 'playing' and moved furtively to the side, waiting

patiently for whatever drama was going to \_\_\_\_\_

(54)

"It's all right for you," said Samy. "You're not going for the competition."

Suddenly he ran towards the edge of the stone wall facing the waters and jumped. He plunged

into mid air and flapped his arms furiously. Panic \_\_\_\_\_ his face. He flapped

(55)

\_\_\_\_\_ harder. "No!" he yelled.

(56)

He plunged down, rolled \_\_\_\_\_ in the sand and lay still.

(57)

Jing Hui ran down to meet him. "Are you okay?" he shouted.

Samy lifted up a sandy face, spat up some granules of sand and nodded. He undid both

\_\_\_\_\_ and very calmly and deliberately left \_\_\_\_\_ on the sand.

(58)

(59)

"It'll never work," said Jing Hui. "You'll never win the Birdman competition like that.

You can't jump off the \_\_\_\_\_ of a jetty in those. You'll just drop

(60)

\_\_\_\_\_ a deadweight. An awfully wet deadweight," Jing Hui unsuccessfully

(61)

tried to stifle a giggle. Samy looked down at the ground as if in \_\_\_\_\_ but then

(62)

an almost eerie winning smile formed on his lips.

"It doesn't \_\_\_\_\_," said Samy. "I'm going to pick up my Uncle Jeremy's hang-glider

(63)

this afternoon. A real one. You watch me fly over the waves \_\_\_\_\_

(64)

get that. This year my archrival Ji Wei isn't going to win for once.

My uncle's aerodynamic and lightweight 'flyer' will beat Ji Wei's and anybody else's entry.

Nobody will stand a \_\_\_\_\_

(65)

Ding barked once as if in agreement.

For each of the questions 66 to 70, rewrite the given sentence(s) using the word(s) provided.  
Your answers must be in **one** sentence. The meaning of your sentence must be the same as  
the meaning of the given sentence(s). (10 marks)

66 Hairul lost the cross country race. He trained all year.  
\_\_\_\_\_ despite  
\_\_\_\_\_

67 If the guest of honour arrives late, the concert will not begin as scheduled.  
Unless \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

68 "What time are we beginning our class party tomorrow?" Hui Han asked.  
Hui Han wanted to know \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

69 The pupils' safety during the hill climb is the chief instructor's responsibility.  
\_\_\_\_\_ for  
\_\_\_\_\_

70 Guna attended the week long seminar. He had been nominated to train his  
department in new business strategies.  
\_\_\_\_\_ who \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_



Read the passage below and answer questions 71 to 80.

(20 marks)

Jewell New excelled in persuading lions to ride motorcycles. New took six months coaxing his favourite lion, Kenneth, to join him on his bike. "At first the cat wouldn't go near the bike," he said, "then he wouldn't get off."

Kenneth was a mature four and a half year old specimen when he began to learn riding pillion. New was just beginning his career and did not have money to buy a suitable flashy motorcycle. He had to trade in his watch collection and a spare tyre in part exchange. Kenneth showed a *natural sense of balance* as New roared around the ring on the motorcycle, but his master sometimes complained of back strain after supporting the 190 kilo beast's head and paws on his shoulders.

New would spend the winter months in Florida training 15 male lions to go *through their paces* for a 10 minute act that he presented during the summer season for The Greatest Show on Earth, the showcase of the Ringling Brothers and Barnum and Bailey. New always denied exploiting lions. "I take all the risks they do," he said.

This came home to him at a *ticklish moment* with another lion, Buddy. Although Buddy had been bottle fed by New from the age of two days, he proved less tractable than Kenneth. He turned awkward at the climax of the act, when New put his head inside his jaws.

"He just kept it there," New recalled. "He didn't bite me, he just held me in place with his teeth. When he decided at last to let me go, my groom asked me why I'd kept my head in there for such a long time." New decided in future to use a different lion for that particular trick.

New became fond of animals while working on his family's farm. His experience as a keeper at the city zoo in Dallas as a university student enabled him to find jobs with different jungle theme parks in the country after he graduated. New only learned lion taming by experiment after joining Ringling Brothers Circus World in Florida. "The first day I asked the groom to let them in the cage with me," he remembered, "and we got acquainted. I soon figured out what to look out for."

He *took to the road* for the first time with Ringling Brothers and Barnum and Bailey's 108<sup>th</sup> annual tour. He said that he felt more nervous in front of a circus audience than in a cage with a dozen Nubian lions. But his first triumph with Kenneth would always be the high point of his life.

For each of the questions 66 to 70, rewrite the given sentence(s) using the word(s) provided.

Your answers must be in one sentence. The meaning of your sentence must be the same as the meaning of the given sentence(s). (10 marks)

66 Hairul lost the cross country race. He trained all year.

\_\_\_\_\_ despite  
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\_\_\_\_\_ who \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

ALL ANSWERS MUST BE IN COMPLETE SENTENCES.

71. What word in the first paragraph tells us that New was very good at his job?

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72. How do we know that Kenneth enjoyed his ride on the motorcycle?

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73. Explain clearly how Kenneth's 'natural sense of balance' (L7) helps New's motorcycle act.

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74. What does it mean for the lions to "go through their paces"(L10 -11)?

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75. Did all patrons who saw New's lion act approve of it? How do you know?

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76. Why did New remain in Buddy's jaws for so long without making any attempt to escape?

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77. What 2 experiences in New's life prepared him for his circus work with the lions?

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78. What does the phrase "took to the road" (L28) tell you about the circus New worked with?

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79. What does the fact that he felt more nervous in front of people than in a cage with a dozen Nubian lions tell you about New?

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80. What does the phrase "ticklish moment" (L14) tell us about New's feelings/attitude towards his encounter with Buddy?

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- End of Booklet B -

# Rosyth Primary School

## Primary 6 English SA2 (2007)

### Answers Key

Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q5	Q6	Q7	Q8	Q9	Q10
1	3	4	4	2	1	2	3	1	2
Q11	Q12	Q13	Q14	Q15	Q16	Q17	Q18	Q19	Q20
3	3	3	2	2	1	3	1	2	3
Q21	Q22	Q23	Q24	Q25	Q26	Q27	Q28	Q29	Q30
3	4	1	2	1	3	1	2	2	4
Q31	Q32	Q33	Q34	Q35	Q36	Q37	Q38	Q39	Q40
J	M	A	Q	D	H	P	K	F	N

41 of	46 phenomenal	51 down	56 even	61 like
42 loitering	47 opportunistic	52 way	57 over	62 defeat
43 arrival	48 If	53 for	58 wings	63 matter
44 practiced	49 but	54 unfold	59 them	64 and
45 looked	50 accurately	55 filled	60 edge	65 chance

66. Hairu lost the cross country race despite training all year.
67. Unless the guest of honor arrives late, the concert will begin as scheduled.
68. Hui Huan wanted to know what time they were beginning their class party the next day.
69. The chief instructor is responsible for the pupil's safety during the hill climb.
70. Guna who had been nominated to train his department in new business strategies attended the week long seminar.
71. The word is "excelled".
72. Kenneth did not want to get off the motorcycle after the ride.
73. New would be able to go on a higher speed.
74. It means the Lion practice the performance a few times.
75. No. Some of the patrons think that he is exploiting the lions.
76. New was afraid Buddy might hurt him.
77. Working on his family's farm and was a keeper at the zoo in Dallas.
78. The circus moves from place to place
79. He is shy person.
80. New took it good naturedly.