

LINGO

Multiple Choice Cloze Passages



A Lesson Interrupted

ANSWER KEY: A = beach, B = bright, C = warm, D = flapped, E = weakness, F = technique, G = move, H = body, I = yelled, J = trying, K = moment, L = business, M = rowdy, N = splash, O = surface, P = boring, Q = teacher.

Directions: There are some words missing from the passage below. Luckily, each absent word can be found by selecting the term that *makes the most sense* from three corresponding choices to the right. Fill the blank spaces by writing the correct words in order to complete the story.

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“I’m scared,” chirped the small, brown-haired kiwi bird, *Nestor*. He floated inside an air-filled tube in the choppy, shallow surf near the A . The sky was a B blue and the temperature felt unseasonably C . “I’m not sure I want to learn how to swim.”

An overbearing penguin by the name of *Xavier* D his thick flippers in the water while holding onto the kiwi’s floatation device. “Oh!” said the penguin. “But, you simply must learn to swim. We birds that cannot fly, have to balance such a E with a good swimming ability. Now, let’s see you practice your paddling F .”

Nestor sighed and began to G his clawed feet back-and-forth. Yet, he became angry at once. “This is never going to work!” the nervous kiwi bird shouted. “Even if I can paddle with my legs, I still don’t have a very buoyant H and my wings are so tiny that they’re basically useless!”

The penguin gasped when Nestor I . But, Xavier was distracted from the tirade by some shouting that was echoing from the rocky shore.

“Are you J to drown that poor, little guy?” bellowed a husky voice from afar.

It took Xavier a K , but he eventually recognized the owner of the words as *Gretta*—one of the top seals in the area. “I don’t see how that is any of your L ...” Xavier started to say. But, his speech was cut short by *Gretta*’s diving display.

“ Cannonball!” screamed the M seal as she rolled her bulbous frame from the rocks and fell into the ocean with a giant N .

“Do you mind?” asked Xavier when *Gretta* bobbed to the O . “This is a swimming lesson.”

“Is that what you call it?” asked *Gretta*. “It seems pretty P to me. Swimming should be about having fun. That’s what I tell my students.”

Nestor looked at the penguin and squawked, “No offense, but I’d like her to be my Q .”

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A	monster	moon	beach
B	noisy	bright	stupid
C	scary	sharp	warm
D	flapped	licked	forgot
E	weakness	love	talent
F	flight	dance	technique
G	panic	move	freeze
H	spirit	body	brain
I	yelled	laughed	drowned
J	trying	paying	checking
K	moment	year	forever
L	money	business	fruit
M	quiet	respectful	rowdy
N	headache	splash	ball
O	surface	forest	boat
P	boring	beautiful	wet
Q	enemy	student	teacher