英閱大視野 E

It's Raining Iguanas!

by Coach Jeff

Iguanas are the largest type of **lizards** that live in North America. They look like mini dinosaurs with spikes on their backs, long tails, and sharp teeth. In Florida, in the southern part of the United States, **wild** iguanas are an invasive species: people brought them from Central and South America, but then they were set **free**. They can live in many different habitats. In Florida, iguanas like to **hide** in trees.

The weather in Florida is usually warm, but in the winter, the temperature can sometimes **drop** below zero. **When** temperatures drop, so do iguanas! **Because** they are **cold-blooded** animals, their bodies stop working **when** they are not warm enough. Iguanas in trees start falling to the ground. The National Weather Service even posted on Twitter, "Falling Iguanas Possible Tonight!" **If** you love lizards, don't **worry**! They usually **survive** the cold temperatures **until** the sun warms them up again.

下鬣蜥雨！

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鬣蜥是北美洲最大型的蜥蜴。他們看起來像背上長刺、有著長尾巴和尖牙的迷你恐龍。在美國南邊的佛羅里達州，野生的鬣蜥是外來入侵的物種：人們把牠們從中南美洲帶到這裡，然後放生。牠們能存活於許多不同的棲息地，而在佛羅里達州，鬣蜥喜歡躲在樹裡。

佛羅里達的天氣通常都很溫暖，但在冬天，氣溫有時候會降到零度以下。氣溫下降時，鬣蜥也會跟著掉下來！因為牠們是冷血動物，牠們的身體不夠暖和時，就會停止運作。一動也不動的鬣蜥就會從樹上掉到地上。美國國家氣象局甚至在推特上發文：「今晚可能下起鬣蜥雨！」假如你很喜歡蜥蜴，不用擔心！牠們通常能活過寒冷的氣溫，直到太陽再次溫暖牠們。

一、實用文法

好用的從屬連接詞，像是，"**when**"表達時間關係、"**because**"表達因果關係以及"**if**"表達假設關係。

二、小試身手

從 a、b、c、d 的選項中，選出最適合的答案完成句子。

1. If you really want to learn about lizards, _____
2. Because my email address is very long, _____
3. When people cut onions, _____

a. I'll write it down for you.	b. eating them is really a great idea.
c. their eyes often fill with tears.	d. you can find books about them in the school library.

閱讀能力測驗

1. What is the article discussing?
   A. What happens to some cold-blooded animals
   B. Where you can find iguanas on rainy days
   C. Why iguanas can't survive in Florida

2. Why are iguanas called "an invasive species"?
   A. They were brought to Florida from other places.
   B. They are cold-blooded lizards.
   C. They can live in many different types of habitats.

3. The word "**survive**" in the second paragraph means
   A. drop
   B. live
   C. start

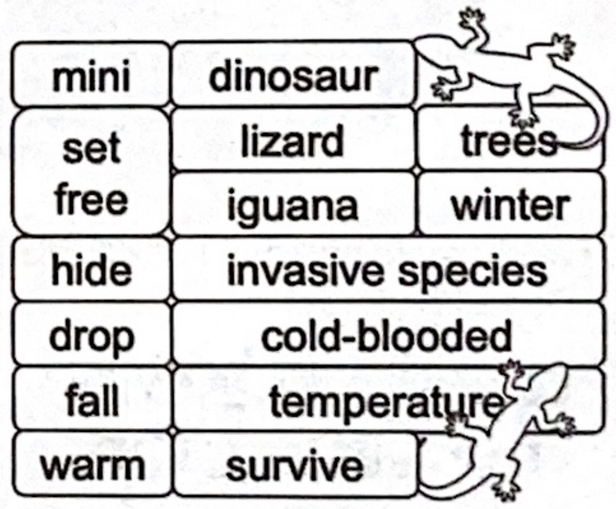
國中2000字

wild 野生的
free 自由的
hide 躲
drop 下降
worry 擔心
until 一直到

補充單字

lizard 蜥蜴
cold-blooded 冷血的

Mind Maps 單字心智圖



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「閱讀能力測驗」解答：A, A, B

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The Power of Eye Contact

眼神接觸的力量

What happens when we look into another person's eyes?



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Looking into someone's eyes is a **normal**[1] part of daily life. We make judgments based on how long or short a person makes eye contact. In movies, **locking eyes** is often **romantic**, but if someone looks at us for too long, it can make us _(1)_. This is because it appears that we're different or not normal.

Researchers are studying the **unconscious**[2] reactions that happen when we make eye contact. They have found that making eye contact makes us less _(2)_ of what is happening around us. We become more focused on the person looking at us. Eye contact also increases brain activity and makes us more **self-conscious**. Researchers have found that even looking at a painting that appears to be making eye contact can also affect areas of the brain _(3)_ to thinking about ourselves and other people.

Studies have also shown that it is harder for people to _(4)_ when someone is looking at them. This form of eye contact **interferes with** our **imagination**[3] and even our working memory. These study results suggest that it may be better to look away from the other person when you need to focus, _(5)_ when answering a question. The next time you lock eyes with someone, **take note of**[4] how you feel and see if it's more difficult to focus.



注視某人的眼睛是日常生活中正常的一部分。我們根據一個人進行眼神交流的時間長短來做出判斷。在電影中，眼神對視常讓人覺得浪漫，但要是某人注視我們太久，就會讓我們「感到不適」，得知 (D) 應為正選。

研究人員正對我們在眼神交流時所發生的潛意識反應進行研究。他們發現，進行眼神交流會使我們比較不注意周遭發生的事。我們變得更加專注於看著我們的人。眼神交流也會增加大腦活動，讓我們更加不自在。研究人員發現，即使是看著一幅看似在進行眼神交流的畫作，也會影響與思考自己和他人有關的大腦區域。

研究還表明當有人看著他們時，人們更難集中注意力。這種眼神交流會干擾我們的想像力，甚至影響我們的工作記憶。這些研究結果表明，當你需要集中注意力（例如在回答問題）時，最好將視線從對方身上移開。下次你與某人對視時，注意一下你的感受，看看是否更難集中注意力。

(1) (A) remain calm	(2) (A) aware	(3) (A) relate	(4) (A) participate	(5) (A) as for
(B) sound natural	(B) proud	(B) related	(B) concentrate	(B) in case of
(C) look impressive	(C) innocent	(C) relating	(C) hesitate	(C) such as
(D) feel uncomfortable	(D) capable	(D) be related	(D) graduate	(D) by means of

答案：1. (D) 2. (A) 3. (B) 4. (B) 5. (C)

I Got It

1. 第一題空格應選 (D) feel uncomfortable

理由：

a. (A) 保持鎮定
(B) 聽起來很自然
(C) 看起來令人印象深刻
impressive [ɪmˈprɛsɪv] a. 令人印象深刻的
Amy's performance was very impressive.
艾咪的演出令人印象深刻。
(D) 感到不適
uncomfortable [ʌmˈkʌmfətəbl] a. 不舒服的
John felt uncomfortable in his new suit.
約翰覺得穿著新西裝很不舒服。

b. 根據語意，在電影中，眼神對視常讓人覺得浪漫，但要是某人注視我們太久，就會讓我們「感到不適」，得知 (D) 應為正選。

2. 第二題空格應選 (A) aware

理由：

a. (A) aware [əˈwɛr] a. 知道的，察覺的
No one was aware of Jim's drinking problem until recently.
直到最近才開始有人發現吉姆的酒癮問題。
(B) proud [praʊd] a. 驕傲的
(C) innocent [ˈɪnəsənt] a. 無罪的，無辜的
AI insisted that he's innocent of the murder.
艾爾堅稱他並沒有犯下這起謀殺罪。
(D) capable [ˈkepəbl] a. 有能力的

b. 後一句提到，眼神交流會讓我們變得更加專注於看著我們的人，得知進行眼神交流會使我們比較不「注意」周遭發生的事，故選 (A)。

3. 第三題空格應選 (B) related

理由：

a. 本句原為：**... can also affect areas of the brain which are related to thinking about ourselves and other people.**

b. 在限定修飾的形容詞子句中（即關係代名詞前無逗點），若關係代名詞作主詞時，則該形容詞子句可化簡為分詞片語。即：將關係代名詞 **which** 刪除，再將 **are** 變成現在分詞 **being** 後予以省略，故選 **(B) related**。

4. 第四題空格應選 (B) concentrate

理由：

a. (A) participate [parˈtɪsəˌpet] vi. 參加，參與
(B) concentrate [ˈkɑnsənˌtret] vi. 專注，專心
I am trying to concentrate, so please keep it down.
我正試著集中精神，所以請小聲一點。
(C) hesitate [ˈhezəˌtet] vi. 猶豫，遲疑
Julia was still hesitating about whether to get married or not.
茱莉亞還在猶豫是否要踏上婚姻這條路。
(D) graduate [ˈgrædʒuˌet] vi. 畢業

b. 本段皆在說明眼神交流與注意力的關係，故本句語意應為：研究還表明當有人看著他們時，人們更難「專注」，故選 **(B)**。

5. 第五題空格應選 (C) such as

理由：

a. (A) as for... 就……而言，至於……
(B) in case of... 以防／倘若……
In case of an emergency, dial 119.
如果發生緊急情況，請撥打 119。
(C) such as... 像／例如……
We ordered a lot of dishes, such as fried rice and peppers with beef.
我們點了許多菜，像是炒飯和青椒炒牛肉等。
(D) by means of... 藉由……方法／手段

b. 根據語意，當你需要集中注意力（「例如」在回答問題）時，最好將視線從對方身上移開，故選 **(C)**。

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Extra Words& Phrases 補充字詞

* **lock eyes** 眼神對視
* **romantic** [rəˈmæntɪk] a. 浪漫的
* **self-conscious** [ˌsɛlfˈkɑnʃəs] a. 不自在的
* **interfere with...** 干擾／妨礙……
interfere [ˌɪntəˈfɪr] vi. 干擾，妨礙

Words & Phrases 單字片語

★號為全民英檢初級必背單字

1. **normal** [ˈnɔrml] a. 平常的；正常的
It's normal to feel nervous before taking a test.
考試前感到緊張是正常的。

2. **unconscious** [ʌnˈkɑnʃəs] a. （想法或感情）潛意識的，無意識的
It is said that touching our faces is an unconscious way of dealing with stress.
據說觸摸臉部是我們處理壓力的潛意識行為。

3. **imagination** [ɪˌmædʒəˈneʃən] n. 想像力
You need to exercise your imagination when reading this novel.
你讀這本小說時需要運用到你的想像力。

★4. **take note of...** 注意……
You should take note of the stranger over there.
你應該留意那邊的那個陌生人。