

Cloze Practice 2

Read the passage carefully and write a suitable answer in the space provided.
(10 x 1 = 10 marks)

It was extremely dark in the cave. Jonathan took out a candle and lit it. Immediately, queer shadows jumped all round the cave.

"I wish we could have a fire," grumbled Joyce as she started to feel the **1** _____.

"No, we can't. The fire would smoke us out. There's no chimney here," replied Thomas.

"Yes, there is!" exclaimed Edward, **2** _____ to a hole in the roof. "If we light a fire just **3** _____ that hole, it would act as a chimney, wouldn't it?"

Thomas looked at it thoughtfully. "I still don't think so. We would be **4** _____ by the smoke in the cave. Then we wouldn't be able to sleep."

"Can we light a fire at the entrance of the cave then?" argued Joyce who was beginning to **5** _____ from the cold. "My father said a fire helps to keep out the wild animals that might be prowling **6** _____ the area."

Everyone laughed. "All right, Joyce. We'll make a fire just for you!" said Anne.

The children **7** _____ some sticks from the back of the cave. They lit the fire at the entrance of the cave. The dry sticks **8** _____ easily. The children went back to their sleeping bags, lay down and watched the orange flames leap about, making a **9** _____ sound. The glow from the fire lit up the cave.

"This is lovely, isn't it?" murmured Joyce, her eyelids growing heavy. Soon, all the children were **10** _____ asleep.

Answers:
1. chill
2. pointing
3. under / below
4. stifled / suffocated
5. shiver
6. around
7. collected / gathered
8. burned / burnt
9. crackling
10. fast