

Reading Syllabus for Exam

Grade 6

Section A:

Creatures under the sea and their relatives.

From what you know about sea horses, what are the relatives of these sea creatures?

- 1) Flat fish
- 2) Cuttle fish
- 3) Pipe fish

Section B:

Match the bold word or phrase in each sentence to its meaning. Look up any words you don't know in a dictionary.

I don't know how, but somehow we've **got lost!**

mobile phone signal

And of course you, always **obey** the rules, don't you, Kamran?

worried

And you're always so **bossy**, Danny.

responsibility or blame for something

Maria starts to look **anxious**.

do what you are told to do

We shouldn't **split up**.

make a noisy, scary sound

There's no **reception**. I keep trying it.

not know where you are

This is all your **fault**, Danny.

break away from a group


Offstage, the wind **howls** eerily.

always telling people what to do

Section C: Read the following paragraphs.

Parrots, with their colourful plumage and big personalities, have been popular pets for many years. You might think that, by now, pet parrots would all be bred in captivity – but hundreds of thousands of parrots are taken from their jungle habitats every year. One third of parrot species are close to extinction, partly because of the pet trade.

The death rate of captured parrots while they are being transported is very high. Baby parrots may be stuffed into tubes to hide them, or have their beaks taped shut to keep them quiet. Some estimates say that 75% of parrots die before they can be sold as pets.



I listen to them talking
When we all go out to play
And my mind is full of lots of
Clever things I want to say.
I wait for the right moment
And I open up my mouth;
I line the words up ready ...
But no clever things come out.

I listen to them joking
As we're walking home from school
And the words inside my head
All sound so funny and so cool.
I shouldn't over-think it;
I should really jump right in –
But instead I walk in silence
And the jokes are trapped within.

THE SAD CASE OF THE SLOW LORIS



The slow loris, from Indonesia, is in danger of extinction. Its big brown eyes and small size are very appealing, and thousands of these little primates are poached from the wild for the pet trade.

However, lorises are nocturnal. Just being in a bright room hurts their eyes. They also like to travel long distances, so they can never meet their exercise needs in captivity.

Even worse, poachers usually clip off or pull out their teeth because a slow loris's bite is venomous. As well as being very painful, this can kill the lorises. About half of all lorises caught die during transportation.