ENGLISH · YEAR 8

Grammar-Focused Cloze Passage

Name _____ **Date** _____

Complete each numbered gap in the passage. Use the matching cue below to help you choose the correct verb form, preposition or conjunction. Write your answer on the numbered line; some answers need more than one word.

01 · READ A Courtyard Comes to Life

Last spring, our Year 8 class _____(1) to turn the unused courtyard behind the science block into a wildlife garden. Before we started, Ms Khan _____(2) how a healthy habitat works. She said insects need shelter, _____(3) food and water.

For our first meeting, we looked _____(4) a plan and talked _____(5) where to put each plant. While one group cleared fallen leaves, the others _____(6) the space for three raised beds. The ground was hard, _____(7) we loosened it with garden forks. We carried rainwater _____(8) a barrel beside the greenhouse, then chose native flowers _____(9) bees could find plenty of nectar.

Some seeds _____(10) at first because nights were still cold. Instead of giving up, we covered the trays _____(11) old sheets. A week later, green shoots _____(12) through the soil. Everyone cheered _____(13) Ms Khan announced that the first flowers would soon bloom.

Since then, we _____(14) how to care for the garden. Each team is responsible _____(15) one bed, and we check _____(16) weeds every Friday. If we keep working together, the garden _____(17) healthy all year, and more birds and insects _____(18) the courtyard.

02 · COMPLETE Grammar cues & answer lines

Write one answer on each matching line.

1 · Verb: decide (past simple) _____

2 · Verb: explain (past simple) _____

3 · Conjunction: add an item _____

4 · Preposition: with “look” _____

5 · Preposition: with “talk” _____

6 · Verb: measure (past simple) _____

7 · Conjunction: show a result _____

8 · Preposition: movement into _____

9 · Conjunction: show purpose _____

10 · Verb: grow (negative, past simple) _____

11 · Preposition: covering material _____

12 · Verb: appear (past simple) _____

13 · Conjunction: introduce a time _____

14 · Verb: learn (present perfect) _____

15 · Preposition: after “responsible” _____

16 · Preposition: after “check” _____

17 · Verb: stay (future with will) _____

18 · Verb: visit (future with will) _____

☐ Before you finish, reread the passage and check that your choices make sense in each sentence.