

In-text Grammar

We can use **'very little'** and **'very few'** to talk about a very small quantity. We use **'very little'** for uncountable nouns and **'very few'** for countable nouns. We use **'not enough'** to express the amount of something is less than we need.

e.g. There is **very little** space in the refugee camps in Pakistan.

e.g. There are **very few** schools in some remote villages in China.

e.g. There was **not enough** food for the victims of the earthquake.

Linda is reading a newsletter about a school programme.

Green Hill Primary School

Newsletter

April, 20XX

Primary 6 Students Visit Bama, China

Last month, eight Primary 6 students joined a six-day tour to Bama county, Guangxi, as part of the 'See the World' programme. Miss Chu was the teacher in charge who led the students to visit the remote village.

'I don't think Bama is a common travel destination, so I told myself that I wouldn't miss the opportunity to visit such a special place!' said Sharon Lai from Class 6C.

Bama county is one of the 'longevity villages' in the world. There are very few modern amenities. There aren't even any hospitals. However, the residents in Bama seldom have diseases. Some of

them believe they live healthy lives in Bama because of its fresh air and clean water, while some believe exercise is the key. Most villagers go farming in the fields and cook every day for themselves. There are now more than 80 villagers who are 100 years old or above. These **centenarians** are happy, healthy and still active in Bama.

Susan Poon from Class 6B said, 'Their lifestyles are simple. They don't really get stressed about anything. They always stay positive. I hope we can all learn from them!'



Topic of next month: The Water Rocket Competition

**Choose the best answers by blackening the circles.**

1. How often is the newsletter published?

- A. daily B. weekly C. monthly D. annually



2. Which is Sharon Lai's opinion?

- A. People normally don't go to Bama for travelling.
 B. Visiting Guangxi province is a special experience.
 C. Bama people live a simple life.
 D. Bama people like cooking at home.

3. Susan Poon _____ the lives of the residents in Bama.

- A. dislikes B. criticises C. admires D. understands



Q3

What did Susan say?

Fill in the blanks with the correct words.

4. In which month did the Primary 6 students visit Bama?

The Primary 6 students visited Bama _____.



Q4

Pay attention to the issue of the newsletter.

5. What are the two things in Bama that the residents believe are the reasons for their good health?

The residents believe the _____ and _____ in Bama are the reasons for their good health.

6. In the newsletter, what does the word 'centenarians' mean?

It means 'people who are _____'.

Fill in each blank with ONE word from the newsletter. Change the word form when necessary.

Living in a ⑦ _____ (adj.) place is very inconvenient because of the lack of basic ⑧ _____ (n.). You may need to rely on yourself for food by growing your own fruit and vegetables. However, farming outdoors may help reduce the ⑨ _____ (n.) of everyday life and relax your mind and body!



Q7

Read paragraph 1 for the answer.