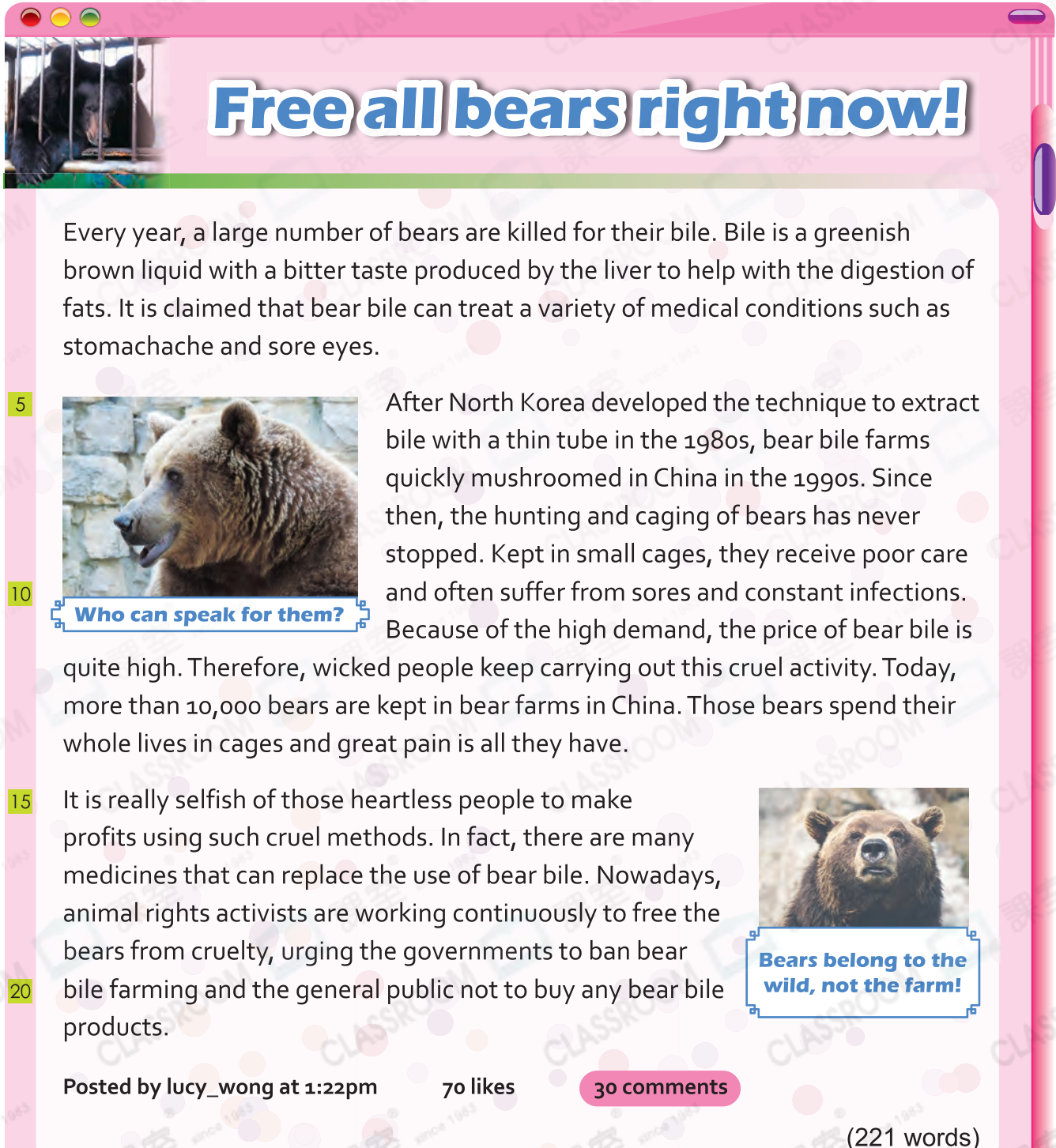


Revision 4

Listen!




You are Fiona. You are reading a blog entry about bear bile extraction.




Free all bears right now!

Every year, a large number of bears are killed for their bile. Bile is a greenish brown liquid with a bitter taste produced by the liver to help with the digestion of fats. It is claimed that bear bile can treat a variety of medical conditions such as stomachache and sore eyes.

5  After North Korea developed the technique to extract bile with a thin tube in the 1980s, bear bile farms quickly mushroomed in China in the 1990s. Since then, the hunting and caging of bears has never stopped. Kept in small cages, they receive poor care and often suffer from sores and constant infections.

10 **Who can speak for them?** Because of the high demand, the price of bear bile is quite high. Therefore, wicked people keep carrying out this cruel activity. Today, more than 10,000 bears are kept in bear farms in China. Those bears spend their whole lives in cages and great pain is all they have.

15 It is really selfish of those heartless people to make profits using such cruel methods. In fact, there are many medicines that can replace the use of bear bile. Nowadays, animal rights activists are working continuously to free the bears from cruelty, urging the governments to ban bear bile farming and the general public not to buy any bear bile products.

20  **Bears belong to the wild, not the farm!**

Posted by lucy_wong at 1:22pm 70 likes 30 comments

(221 words)

Part A

Answer the following questions using the information from the blog entry. Choose the **BEST** answer and blacken **ONE** circle only.

1. What do people use to extract bear bile?
 - A. a liver
 - B. a thin tube
 - C. a needle
 - D. a cage
2. According to the writer, more than 10,000 bears are kept in bear farms because _____.
 - A. bear bile can treat a variety of medical conditions
 - B. people can cruelly extract bear bile from them
 - C. nothing can replace the use of bear bile
 - D. animal rights activists are against bear bile farming
3. Which of the following is **NOT TRUE** about bears that are kept in small cages?
 - A. They suffer from severe pain.
 - B. They have constant infections.
 - C. They are given loving care.
 - D. They lose their freedom.
4. Which of the following is **TRUE**?
 - A. China developed a technique to extract bear bile.
 - B. The number of bear farms sharply increased in the 90s.
 - C. Bears are released back into the wild when they are old.
 - D. Bear bile is the only thing that can treat sore eyes.
5. The writer of the blog entry is probably _____ the idea of adopting stricter laws against bear bile farming.
 - A. doubtful about
 - B. against
 - C. worried about
 - D. in support of

Part B

Answer the following questions using the information from the blog entry. Write your answers in the spaces provided.

1. Fill in each blank with no more than two words.

Bear bile is _____ in colour and tastes _____.

2. According to paragraph 2, which three things make bears in bear farms suffer?

(a) _____

(b) _____

(c) _____

3. According to the writer, which two things do animal rights activists do to help the bears?

(a) _____

(b) _____

4. If you were now in a debate, what argument would you present to show that bear bile farming is not necessary at all? Explain in your own words.

5. Complete the following leaflet by filling in each blank with one word.

Save the bears!

Wild Animals Fund (Asia)

Nowadays, more than ten thousand bears are kept in the bear farms in

(a) _____. They are kept in limited space. They experience great

(b) _____ from the cruel extraction process. We have been working

very hard to (c) _____ the bears from suffering of all sorts. Please

donate and support us!

Part C Vocabulary

Complete the letter by filling in the blanks with the words provided. One of the words is not used.

monarch butterfly stop deforestation use public transport save energy
snow leopard blue whale pesticide exhaust fumes wings

Dear Elaine,

How're you? Today I attended a talk about some global environmental issues. It made me realise how selfish humans can be! Many animals are suffering due to the different sorts of environmental pollution. Whether those living in the sea like the ❶ _____ or those living on the land such as the ❷ _____, they have been negatively affected by human activities. Even insects that fly like the ❸ _____ suffer. The host played a video of a bird struggling to fly. Its ❹ _____ had been cut by some sharp, pointed rubbish so it couldn't fly or find food. It was heartbreaking to watch!

I felt really ashamed after the talk. Therefore, I've promised myself that I will play my part in preserving our environment. For example, I will ❺ _____ at home. I will also tell my family members that we should ❻ _____ more often because the ❼ _____ that come out of cars are harmful both to our health and to the environment. Also, I will be more active in joining activities and campaigns related to environmental protection, for example next month's 'Trees for Tomorrow', a campaign that calls for different sectors to ❽ _____. Would you like to follow suit? Please write back soon!

Love,
Liza

