



NAN HUA PRIMARY SCHOOL  
SEMESTRAL ASSESSMENT 1 – 2011  
PRIMARY 6  
ENGLISH LANGUAGE PAPER 2

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ ( )

Class: Pr. 6 \_\_\_\_\_

Date: 10 May 2011

Booklet A	/ 30
Booklet B	/ 65
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Parent's Signature & Date

Total Time for Booklets A and B: 1 hour 50 minutes

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**INSTRUCTION TO CANDIDATES**

1. Do not turn over the page until you are told to do so.
2. Follow all instructions carefully.
3. Answer all questions carefully.
4. Shade your answers in the Optical Answer Sheet (OAS) provided.

# DOUBLE DUTCH DELIGHT @ THE OASIS! 12 to 20 Jun 2011

Skip & Hop into  
Double Dutch Delight  
for a week jam-packed  
with DJ showcases,  
Japanese-POP & Hip Hop  
Jump Rope culture!

Join us for the rope skipping game that is played  
when two people twirl ropes in opposite directions  
like a eggbeater. Do a solo or get a group of friends  
to join in the fun and show off your most fanciful  
footwork, gymnastic and break-dancing moves!

Watch how the pros do it at the  
Double Dutch Show performed by  
CAPLIORE from Tokyo, Japan!

**Double Dutch show:**  
12 to 20 Jun 2011 (excl. 14 Jun 2011),  
6pm & 8pm

**DOUBLE DUTCH DELIGHT**  
@ West Coast Plaza  
12 to 20 June 2011



Spend \$30 in a single receipt and enjoy a  
session of Double Dutch workshop #  
conducted by CAPLIORE plus a session of  
Zero Point workshop# to learn how to make  
rubber band ropes and get the chance to  
take part in the Zero Point challenge to win  
fantastic prizes!

**Double Dutch workshop:**  
15 to 18 Jun 2011, 5pm

**Zero Point workshop:**  
17 & 18 Jun 2011, 4pm

**Zero Point Challenge:**  
**1st Prize:**  
\$300 West Coast Plaza vouchers

**2nd Prize:**  
\$250 West Coast Plaza vouchers

**3rd Prize:**  
\$150 West Coast Plaza vouchers

**2x Consolation Prizes:**  
\$100 West Coast Plaza vouchers

# Registration starts 30 mins before the start of the session. Limited to the first 30 registrations per session, on a first-come first-served basis. Participants must be at least 7 years old. Limited to one redemption per shopper per day regardless of total spending. Please proceed to the Customer Service Counter at Basement 1 for the full terms and conditions.

For each question, four options are given. One of them is the correct answer. Make your choice and shade the corresponding oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet.

1. The Double Dutch Show will last for \_\_\_\_\_ days.
  - 1) 8
  - 2) 2
  - 3) 9
  - 4) 4
  
2. If Ken wants to attend the Double Dutch Workshop, he must be at the workshop venue at \_\_\_\_\_.
  - 1) 4.30p.m.
  - 2) 5.00p.m.
  - 3) 5.30p.m.
  - 4) 6.00p.m.
  
3. How many prizes will be given away at the Zero Point Challenge?
  - 1) 6
  - 2) 5
  - 3) 3
  - 4) 4
  
4. Mrs Lee's Primary Three daughter would like to attend the Double Dutch Workshop. What must Mrs Lee first do? She must \_\_\_\_\_.
  - 1) queue up at the registration counter
  - 2) spend \$30 in a single receipt at West Coast Plaza
  - 3) register thirty minutes before the start of the workshop
  - 4) proceed to the Customer Service Counter at Basement 1
  
5. Based on the advertisement, which one of the following statements is true?
  - 1) As long as one is a child, he or she can sign up for the Double Dutch Workshop.
  - 2) Shoppers can only sign up for either the Double Dutch Workshop or Zero Point Workshop.
  - 3) The Double Dutch Workshop is available only to the first thirty registered participants.
  - 4) There is no limit to the number of redemptions shoppers can make in order to attend the Double Dutch Workshop.





**Section D – Vocabulary ( 5 x 1 ) marks**

**For each question from 16 to 20, one of the four options is the correct answer. Make your choice and shade the corresponding oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet.**

16. Ben's interest in rugby has begun to \_\_\_\_\_ ever since his friends introduced him to soccer which he has now developed a passion for.
- 1) drop
  - 2) wane
  - 3) vanish
  - 4) plunge
- (     )
17. The progress of the rescue operations at the site of the earthquake in Japan was \_\_\_\_\_ by the heavy snowfall.
- 1) inflicted
  - 2) impeded
  - 3) impinged
  - 4) influenced
- (     )
18. The office girl resigned because she could no longer tolerate her manager's \_\_\_\_\_ behaviour.
- 1) overriding
  - 2) overarching
  - 3) overbearing
  - 4) overwhelming
- (     )
19. My teacher has high hopes in me but I may not be able to \_\_\_\_\_ her expectations.
- 1) live up to
  - 2) face up to
  - 3) put up with
  - 4) keep up with
- (     )
20. Mei Ling is like \_\_\_\_\_. She did not keep the secret I shared with her.
- 1) a fish out of water
  - 2) a dog with two tails
  - 3) a fly in the ointment
  - 4) a snake in the grass
- (     )

**Section E – Vocabulary Cloze ( 5 x 1 ) marks**

For each question from 21 to 25, choose the word(s) closest in meaning to the underlined word(s). Shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet.

Newspapers are popular for advertising commercial products. The more attractive and striking the advertisement, the more likely it is to reach the (21)possible buyers of that product.

Most newspaper advertisements have three main purposes: the first is to attract attention, the second is to (22)keep up interest and the third is to persuade the buyer to buy the product. All successful advertisements must attract attention. Advertisers often achieve this by using a striking (23)illustration. Once the reader's attention has been gained, the headline and the information about the product that follows must be interesting enough to maintain that attention. This may be possible if the product is shown to fill a need in a reader's lifestyle.

It is only a short step from having the need to own the product to having the (24)wish to buy it. Therefore, in the advertisement, there must be some way in which the reader can act on his or her wish to buy – a telephone number, a store to visit, or perhaps a cut-out coupon to send off. Sometimes an (25)immediate response may mean a discount or even a gift! However, what one fails to notice is that advertisements try to make buyers purchase things that they do not really need.

*Adapted from Enjoying English: Newspaper Advertisements*

21. 1) potential  
2) privileged  
3) preferable  
4) precarious ( )
22. 1) foster  
2) uphold  
3) nurture  
4) sustain ( )
23. 1) picture  
2) portrait  
3) sample  
4) specimen ( )
24. 1) desire  
2) appeal  
3) passion  
4) insistence ( )
25. 1) exact  
2) instant  
3) efficient  
4) informal ( )

**Section F – Comprehension MCQ ( 5 x 1 ) marks**

**Read the given passage below and answer questions 26 to 30.**

Singapore has always taken pride in having one of the lowest crime rates in the world. Each year, only about 700 crimes per 100 000 people are reported, and this is in great contrast to the rates experienced in other developed countries. Japan, for example, has a rate three times higher than Singapore's, while the people of the United States of America experience a crime rate eleven times that of Singaporeans. 5

Though Singapore has one of the lowest crime rates in the world, it may appear rather strange that Singapore also has one of the highest prisoner population rate in the world. Out of every 100 000 Singaporeans, close to 400 people are imprisoned, more than ten times the rate of our neighbour Indonesia. Why is this so? Experts explain that several factors cause this curious phenomenon: Firstly, the criminal justice system in Singapore is renowned for being efficient and effective. Criminals who are arrested end up in court in a space of weeks and they are usually sentenced after a swift trial. In many countries around the world, criminals usually take years before they are convicted. Secondly, the Singapore Police Force thoroughly investigates all crimes that are reported and they have one of the highest crime-solving rates in the world. This might surprise you, but many crimes in many countries around the world are not investigated as the police force is untrained, understaffed, or corrupt. 10 15

Besides punishing offenders and ensuring that they pay their dues for their crimes, the Singapore government also tries to reform those who have been convicted. A government body, the Singapore Corporation of Rehabilitative Enterprises (SCORE), helps inmates and former offenders to become more employable by offering them skills training and job-placement services. In 2010, 2444 former convicts were either given skills training or were hired by companies based in Singapore upon their release. One former convict who has benefited from the programme is Mr Abdul Rahim Daud, who was jailed for vehicle theft in 2009. He had been worried about how long it would take to get a job upon his release, but SCORE arranged for a job interview for him with a logistics company. The company employed him and Mr Rahim's boss even praised him for his good attitude and performance. 20 25

Crime certainly does not pay. However, for various reasons, people still commit crimes. For them, the society must ensure that they pay for their crimes, but we have to ensure that they do not go back to their criminal ways again by helping them once they are out of prison. The best way that we can contribute to helping them is to give them a second chance. After all, like us, they are only human. 30

*Adapted from The Little Red Dot, 22 February 2011*

For each question from 26 to 30, four options are given. One of them is the correct answer. Choose the correct answer and shade the corresponding oval on the Optical Answer Sheet (OAS) provided.

26. Based on the text, which of the following statements is true?

- 1) Singapore has one of the highest crime rates in the world.
- 2) At any one time, 400 out of every 100 000 Singaporeans are imprisoned.
- 3) Out of every 100 000 Singaporeans, about 700 have experienced a crime.
- 4) Indonesia has more than ten times the rate of people imprisoned than Singapore. ( )

27. What does the "curious phenomenon" in line 10 refer to?

- 1) The fact that Singapore has a lower crime rate than Indonesia.
- 2) The fact that Singapore has a higher imprisonment rate than Indonesia.
- 3) The fact that Indonesia has a high crime rate and a low imprisonment rate.
- 4) The fact that Singapore has a low crime rate and a high imprisonment rate. ( )

28. Which of the following is NOT a reason why crimes in countries around the world are not investigated by their police force?

- 1) The courts take too much time to sentence the criminals.
- 2) Offenders give bribes to police officers to let them go scot-free.
- 3) The police officers do not receive sufficient training in investigation work.
- 4) There are not enough officers in the police force to investigate all the crimes which are reported. ( )

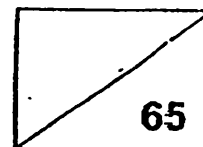
29. How does SCORE help prison inmates and offenders?

- 1) SCORE trains them in skills for employability.
- 2) SCORE ensures that criminals pay for their crimes.
- 3) SCORE tries to reform the convicts by counseling them.
- 4) SCORE gives them jobs in Singaporean-owned companies. ( )

30. Which of the following is one of the writer's attitudes towards crime and criminals?

- 1) People must be soft on crime.
- 2) Criminals should not be punished.
- 3) The crimes committed by a person must not be forgotten.
- 4) When convicts leave prison, they should be given a second chance. ( )

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Booklet B

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**Section G – Grammar Cloze ( 10 x 1 ) marks**

There are 10 blanks, numbered 31 to 40 in the passage below. From the list of words in the box, choose the most suitable answer for each blank and write its letter ( A to Q ) in it. "I" and "O" have been omitted to avoid confusion in marking.

Use each word only **ONCE**.

A) a	D) below	G) from	K) that	N) were
B) above	E) by	H) in	L) the	P) when
C) before	F) down	J) on	M) was	Q) which

Finally, the day arrived. We left Singapore (31) \_\_\_\_\_ a Singapore International Airlines flight to Lake Toba in Medan. The magnificent view from the plane was so breathtaking (32) \_\_\_\_\_ I do not know how to describe it. We touched (33) \_\_\_\_\_ at the grand Medan International Airport an hour later. My uncle was waiting to take us to (34) \_\_\_\_\_ beautiful town of Parapat one hundred and seventy-six kilometres away.

(35) \_\_\_\_\_ the time we reached Parapat, it was already late. Lake Toba's moonlight was absolutely mesmerising. As Lake Toba is nine hundred and ten metre (36) \_\_\_\_\_ sea-level, I enjoyed the fresh mountain air. We checked (37) \_\_\_\_\_ at a huge bungalow-type hotel.

The next morning, we rose early to watch the sunrise. Our cameras clicked frequent to capture the beautiful scenery (38) \_\_\_\_\_ us. We also enjoyed many other activities such as swimming, boating, fishing and water-skiing. In fact, there (39) \_\_\_\_\_ so many things to do that I could not decide (40) \_\_\_\_\_ try first.

**Section H – Editing for Spelling and Grammar ( 10 x 1 ) marks**

Correct each word in bold for spelling and each underlined word for grammar. Write the correct word in the relevant box.

Penny, 24, is one of eleven divers who take turns to handfeed a family of sharks in the world's largest sea aquarium at Sydney's Darling Harbour. Her charges include grey nurse  
41) \_\_\_\_\_ 42) \_\_\_\_\_  
and carpet sharks and feeding time often becomes a braul. It was a relieve for Penny to be  
43) \_\_\_\_\_  
able to come face in face with a fish which was not the least interested in having a delectable  
44) \_\_\_\_\_  
diver for its next meal. The former student, who turned **profashional** three years ago, said  
people have a mistaken fear of sharks. In fact, the only Melbourne diver, at the aquarium  
45) \_\_\_\_\_ 46) \_\_\_\_\_  
**akleimed** by the Guinness Book of Records, said that there had never a shortage of divers  
who wanted to feed the sharks.

47) \_\_\_\_\_  
Penny said, "Most sharks are probably more afraid of people than people are with  
48) \_\_\_\_\_  
them." She added about her diving experience, "I love every minute of them down there, they  
49) \_\_\_\_\_  
are really quite friendly. But you still have to be careful since even though the sharks know  
50) \_\_\_\_\_  
the divers are just there to feed them, the **revanus** creatures might decide they want a bit  
more." Even this dare-devil admitted her job had its drawbacks too.

*Adapted from Penny's Work Can Have a Real Bite to It by Shane Burke*

**Section I – Comprehension Cloze ( 15 x 1 ) marks**  
**Fill in each blank with a suitable word.**

September 9 is Mr Wil Yong's birthday, but he has not been in the mood to celebrate it since 1999. That year, on the (51)\_\_\_\_\_ he turned 44, his daughter was kidnapped and held for three nights. Mr Yong's daughter, then a 14-year-old student, had left their Bukit Timah bungalow (52)\_\_\_\_\_ dinner to buy a present for him. She did not return home in time for the meal, but the family was not worried, believing she was (53)\_\_\_\_\_ her time to shop.

The awful truth reached them via a telephone call at 9p.m. The caller said that the girl had been kidnapped and demanded a (54)\_\_\_\_\_ of \$500,000. Mr Yong thought it was a hoax and slammed the telephone receiver down and went back to the dining table. He said, "I didn't believe him. I thought someone was trying to (55)\_\_\_\_\_ a prank on me." However, as doubt gave way to unease, he decided to call the police. Unknown to Mr Yong at that time, his daughter had fallen (56)\_\_\_\_\_ to a most unlikely mastermind: a graduate with a double degree in Mathematics and Finance, who used to counsel troubled youths. Vincent Lee, then 33, was a bankrupt (57)\_\_\_\_\_ had failed in the printing business. He turned to the stock market to recover his losses, but chalked up \$65,000 in losses instead. Desperate (58)\_\_\_\_\_ cash, he roped in two Chinese nationals to kidnap Mr Yong's daughter.

At around 4.45p.m. on September 9, Lee was driving a rented van (59)\_\_\_\_\_ he spotted Mr Yong's daughter, who was just seven houses away from home. Lee drove up to her as his accomplices opened the door and bundled her into the van before she could even shout or put (60)\_\_\_\_\_ a struggle. They blindfolded her and bound her arms and legs with adhesive tape. Lee then (61)\_\_\_\_\_ about 3km to a terrace house which he had rented a fortnight before.

As police tried to pinpoint her whereabouts, Mr Yong and his wife feared the  
(62) \_\_\_\_\_ for their daughter. Everything was  
(63) \_\_\_\_\_ the kidnappers' mercy. Three days passed, and more than  
thirty telephone calls (64) \_\_\_\_\_ exchanged between the kidnappers and  
Mr Yong. Mr Yong was instructed to leave the cash in a black bag on the grass verge near  
(65) \_\_\_\_\_ overhead bridge in Tampines. His daughter was freed the next  
morning.

*Adapted from The Sunday Times Special Report, 20 Mar 2011*

**Section J - Synthesis / Transformation ( 5 x 2 ) marks**

**For questions 66 to 70; rewrite the given sentence(s) using the word(s) provided. Your answer must be in one sentence. The meaning of the sentence must be the same as the given one(s).**

66. "Have you taken your lunch today?" my mother asked Ken.

**My mother asked Ken** \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

67. The kitchen is dirty. The kitchen is in a mess.

\_\_\_\_\_ **apart from** \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

68. Mr Tan was with his son. They went into the supermarket.

**Together with** \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

69. Janet is constantly anxious. This makes her frown all the time.

**Janet's constant** \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

70. The blouse that Mary bought was expensive. The blouse was unattractive too.

\_\_\_\_\_ **neither** \_\_\_\_\_  
**nor** \_\_\_\_\_

**Section K – Comprehension ( 10 x 2 ) marks**

**Read the passage below and answer the questions that follow.**

**“If I have to come in here again, you’re going to be in trouble. Now, go to sleep!”**

I heard my bedroom door slide shut. I guess Dad was not kidding this time. After the sound of the footsteps grew silent, I peeked out from underneath the blankets. With my flashlight on low beam, I read the hands on my desk clock: 12.55A.M. Whew – a close one. Dad had made three walkthroughs already this evening. How did he know I was still awake? I had taken the usual precautions: door closed, curtains pulled, nightlight unplugged, no squirming around on the bed. In fact, I was hardly making a sound. Maybe all fathers have X-ray vision or something. But sleep now? No way! In a few hours, we would leave for a week’s vacation at my favourite place: Palomar. 5

Palomar Mountain State Park in Southern California offered my family the perfect getaway, with its majestic sugar pines, observatory, and fish that were always hungry. The best camping spot was the one closest to Cresta Pond, where I only had a short hike to the fishing hole. This little pond provided the best trout fishing I had ever seen. Well, that was what my dad always said, and I agreed with him. We always filled our stringers when we fished at Palomar. 10 15

Dad even allowed me to explore the park by myself, as long as he or Mum could see my location. Besides, there was no way to get lost. I could view the trail, campground, and pond from almost any angle. Although I was only seven at the time, I could not have felt more secure.

One afternoon, I rushed down to the fishing hole to stake out a good spot for Dad and me before the evening crowd showed up. I had made the trip from the campsite a dozen times without any problems, so I hardly needed to look twice. Catching a limit of fish was easy for a disciplined angler like me. My Eagle Claw pole and Mitchell reel assured my success. With any luck, I would have a stringer full of fish by the time Dad showed up. 20 25

About the time I should have reached the pond, I realised something was wrong. It was nowhere in sight. When I glanced back over my shoulder, I noticed the campground had disappeared as well. Now I had a problem. I was lost!

I knew better than to keep walking. My father had always said, “If you ever get lost, just stay where you are and wait. I’ll be along directly.” Using a nearby post as a backrest, I sat down and waited. I was still waiting as the sun dipped low on the horizon and the evening chill crept in. 30

Finally, a forest ranger drove by in his patrol truck. He stopped in front of me.

“Hey kid, have you seen a boy about your age?” he asked. “Well, he’s missing and his family is worried about him.” 35

Smiling back at the ranger, I shook my head in a silent “no”. Before I could think of anything else to say, the pickup rambled down the road and disappeared into a trail of dust. Since I considered myself lost already, it was fortunate the ranger did not enlist my help with the search. Still, I wondered why he never asked if I were the boy for whom he was searching. 40

It was almost dark when a big man rounded the corner with a slow but steady pace. It was Dad. My father came looking for me just as he said he would. That night, I felt so secure as we headed back to camp, his arm wrapped tightly around my shoulder.

I found out later that the park ranger did not believe anyone could get lost sitting by a signpost that read "Cresta Valley Campground". My dad only grinned when he saw me by a sign pointing the way back to our campsite. He never laughed about it though, because I had patiently waited as he instructed. 45

Dad is gone now, and I never got to thank him for rescuing me that night. I guess some cancers work that way, taking fathers away unexpectedly. The chaplain at the funeral service said my dad went on to a better place. I am no expert on all this hereafter stuff. Still, from what I hear, Heaven is a pretty big place. It might take a while for newcomers to get their bearings sorted out. So Dad, if you are feeling a little lost up there, just sit down by one of those pillars and wait. One of these days, I will be along directly. 50

*Adapted from Chicken Soup for the Soul (Thanks Dad): Just Wait by Charles E. Harrel 55*

For each question from 71 to 80, write your answer in the space provided. All answers must be in complete sentences.

71. What does "here" in line 1 refer to?

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72. Explain why the author was still awake at 12.55a.m.?

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73. "Maybe all fathers have X-ray vision or something." (line 8). Referring to lines 1-8, explain clearly why the author had made that comment about his father?

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74. What was the condition that the author had to agree to before he was allowed to explore the park by himself?

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75. Quote the sentence from the fifth paragraph that suggests the author was very familiar with the place near the fishing hole.

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76. Give two pieces of evidence to show that the author was lost.

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77. According to the passage, why did the author not tell the forest ranger that he was lost?

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78. Which three-word phrase in paragraph 11 showed that the author was in an emotionally 'safe' state?

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79. Explain clearly why the forest ranger did not ask the author if he was the missing boy?

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80. What was one regret that the author had when his father passed away?

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**End-of-Paper**

# **ANSWER SHEET**

**EXAM PAPER 2011**

**SCHOOL : NAN HUA PRIMARY**  
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**TERM : SA1**

Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q5	Q6	Q7	Q8	Q9	Q10	Q11	Q12	Q13	Q14	Q15	Q16	Q17
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Q18	Q19	Q20	Q21	Q22	Q23	Q24	Q25	Q26	Q27	Q28	Q29	Q30	Q31	Q32	Q33	Q34
3	1	4	1	4	1	1	2	2	4	1	1	4	J	K	F	L

Q35	Q36	Q37	Q38	Q39	Q40
E	B	H	C	N	Q

- 41) brawl      42) relief      43) to      44) professional      45) acclaimed  
 46) was      47) of      48) it      49) because      50) ravenous  
 51) day      52) before      53) taking      54) ransom      55) play  
 56) prey/victim      57) who      58) for      59) when      60) up  
 61) drove      62) worst      63) at      64) were      65) an

- 66) My mother asked Ken if he had taken his lunch that day.  
 67) The kitchen is in a mess apart from being dirty.  
 68) Together with his son, Mr Tan went into the supermarket.  
 69) Janet's constant anxiety makes her frown all the time.  
 70) The blouse that Mary bought was neither cheap nor attractive.  
 71) It refers to the authors bedroom.  
 72) The author was so excited about the vacation to his favourite place Palomar, that he could not fall asleep.  
 73) The author had taken usual precautions about not letting his father know that he was still a wake but his father seemed to know he had not slept.  
 74) The author had to agree not to wander out of his parents' sight.  
 75) It is " I had made the trip from the campsite a dozen times without any problem ,so I hardly needed to look twice".  
 76) He should have reached the pond but it was not there and the campground was also not in sight.  
 77) The forest ranger had gone away before the author could of anything to say.  
 78) It is " felt so secure".  
 79) The author was sitting by a signpost that pointed the way back to the campsite where his parents were.  
 80) The author regretted not thanking his father for rescuing him that night.

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