

Box 7.2.4a: Paired cloze

Version A

Exploring new places is exciting and challenging, but it can also be extremely dangerous. It can even result in death.

The American pilot, _____ [first name] Earhart, for example, disappeared in 1937. Earhart was trying to fly around the world from west to east. She took off from _____ [place], California, in a two-seater plane, and flew across the South Atlantic, Africa, Arabia and _____ [area]. After arriving in New Guinea, she set off for an island in the mid-Pacific nearly 4,100 km away, and was never seen or heard of again.

Another disappearance happened in Himalaya in _____ [country] in 1924. Two British climbers, _____ [first name] Mallory and Andrew Irvine, reached a point about _____ [number] metres from the top of Mount Qomolangma, the highest mountain in the world, and then disappeared. Other climbers reached the top of Qomolangma in 1953, but no trace was ever found of Mallory and Irvine¹.

There were also disappearances in the 19th century. For example, in 1845, two British ships, the _____ [name] and the _____ [name], left England to explore the area north of Canada. The ships, which had a total crew of _____ [number] men, were commanded by Sir John Franklin, one of the most famous explorers of the time. They were last seen by another ship near the coast of _____ [country], and then they vanished. In 1851, two ships were seen on a huge floating island of ice. Then, in _____ [year], a search party found a message under some stones on an island north of Canada. It said that _____ [people] might still be alive.

¹ Since this text was written, George Mallory's body has been found.

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