

Box 7.2.4b: Paired cloze

Version B

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

The American pilot, Amelia Earhart, for example, disappeared in ____ [year]. Earhart was trying to fly around the world from west to east. She took off from Oakland, California, in a two-seater plane, and flew across the _____ [ocean], Africa, Arabia and south-east Asia. After arriving in New Guinea, she set off for an island in the mid-Pacific nearly _____ [number] km away, and was never seen or heard of again.

Another disappearance happened in Himalaya in Nepal in _____ [year]. Two British climbers, George Mallory and _____ [first name] Irvine, reached a point about 300 metres from the top of Mount Qomolangma, the highest mountain in the world, and then disappeared. Other climbers reached the top of Qomolangma in _____ [year], 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 *Erebus* and the *Terror*, left _____ [place] to explore the area _____ [location]. The ships, which had a total crew of 120 men, were commanded by _____ [name], one of the most famous explorers of the time. They were last seen by another ship near the coast of Greenland, and then they vanished. In 1851, _____ [things] were seen on a huge floating island of ice. Then, in 1857, a search party found a message under _____ [things] on an island north of Canada. It said that 105 of the men might still be alive.

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

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