**Lesson 1** **A puma at large**

**Target vocabulary 目标词汇**

1. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ puma **A.** to stick or adhere to something tightly
2. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ accumulate  **B.** free or escaped, often used to describe a fugitive or criminal
3. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ spot **C.** to trap or confine someone in a tight or difficult situation
4. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ evidence **D.** in an unspecified or unclear manner

5. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ oblige **E.** to gather or collect something over a period of time

6. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ corner **F.** a series of tracks or marks that follow a person or animal

7. \_\_\_\_\_\_ trail **G.** proof or information that supports a claim or belief

8. \_\_\_\_\_\_ cling **H.** to see or notice something, often quickly or unexpectedly.

9. \_\_\_\_\_\_ somehow **I.** to make someone feel obligated or compelled to do something

10. \_\_\_\_\_ at large **J.** a large, carnivorous mammal native to the Americas, also known

as a mountain lion or cougar

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**Reading passage 阅读文章**

**Question: Where must the puma have come from?**

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**Reading comprehension 阅读理解**

1. What sparked the investigation into the wild puma sightings?

A. The report received by London zoo. B. The frequent movements of the puma.

C. The consistency in people’s statements. D. The witness of the puma by a businessman.

2. What convinced the experts that a puma had been spotted in the village?

A. The absence of any other animals. B. The woman’s detailed description.

C. The animal’s ability to climb a tree. D. The distinctive roar of the animal.

3. What remained a mystery for the experts to solve?

A. How the puma was able to catch its prey. B. Why the puma never attacked any humans.

C. Where the puma had originally come from. D. How the puma was able to move so fast.

**Summary writing 摘要写作**

1. What sort of reports were received by London Zoo?

2. Were the reports similar in nature or not?

3. Who saw it first?

4. Did it stay in one place or did it move from place to place?

5. What did it leave behind it?

6. Were paw prints and puma fur found as well or not?

7. What was heard at night?

8. Was the animal seen up a tree or not?

9. Were experts now sure that the animal really was a puma or not?

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**Occasion describing 场景描写**

Mrs. Stone had spent the whole morning \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

It was nearly lunch time, so she decided \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

She was just \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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Then she saw an animal which \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

She knew it was not a cat because \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

The animal suddenly \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

and she thought it was going to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

She dropped her basket and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

Hearing the sound, the animal \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

after which, Mrs. Stone \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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**Story development 读后续写**

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*Several days later the police station received a call from the private collector*. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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*The police went together with the private collector to look for the puma*. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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**Vocabulary reinforcement 词语巩固**

**A. Word spelling 单词拼写**

1. The police finally c\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the criminal and arrested him.

2. You mustn’t miss that film. It’s e\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ amusing.

3. A group of experts have been sent to i\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the cause of the accident.

4. We can find no e\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ that he ever worked for the company.

5. It is d\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to think that the sheep haven’t enough food for the winter.

6. He could have finished it on schedule, but s\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ he fell behind.

7. I try to c\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ him of the reality of the danger.

8. The bus left a t\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of black smoke behind it.

9. Luckily, the drowning man was s\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and rescued by a passing ship.

10. Police have launched a nationwide h\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ for the missing children.

**B. Gap filling 短语填空**

at large a number of in possession of take … seriously leave behind

cling to complain of extraordinarily similar feel obliged to on a trip

1. Her father kept a grocer’s shop for \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ years.

2. On a rainy morning, she set off \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ across Europe.

3. Don’t \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ anybody. This is an act of God.

4. Each citizen \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to bring up the young and take care of the old.

5. If you ask the fast runner to set the pace, then most of them will be \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

6. He was sent to prison because he was \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ some illegal drugs.

7. The two paintings were \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, with the same color.

8. Two of the escaped prisoners are still \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. The search proves to be rather difficult.

9. The girl \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ a piece of wood from the broken boat and managed to rescue herself.

10. When word came in the city that there would be an earthquake in the area, it was not \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.