
Cloze 1

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On your Answer Sheet, write the letter which corresponds to the correct word to 'fill in the gaps' and complete the passage below with the most appropriate word from the Word Bank. You may use each word from the Word Bank only ONCE and you must NOT use any word more than once.

Ceanothus

WORD BANK				
A	B	C	D	E
baskets	evergreen	autumn	grows	hundreds
F	G	H	J	K
metres	leaves	reach	gardens	flowers

Ceanothus is a shrub that is common in British (1)_____. Like many shrubs, it flowers in the spring, with some variants flowering as early as March. Certain variants continue flowering even into the early (2)_____. The overall shape of the plant depends on how it is pruned, so *Ceanothus* sometimes appears as a bush, 0.3-0.5 metres tall, and sometimes as a tree up to about 7 (3)_____ high. The individual (4)_____ are tiny but hundreds group together in flower heads. The colour of the petals also varies: they can be blue, lilac, mauve or purple, depending on the variety. Each flower head is a few centimetres long. Some varieties are (5)_____, keeping their leaves all year round, whereas some are deciduous, and lose their (6)_____ in the autumn.

Ceanothus has many common names, including California lilac, wild lilac, New Jersey tea and soap-bush, the different common names being used in different places. The name *Ceanothus* comes from the Greek words meaning "spiny plant".

Ceanothus is native to north and central America, with its greatest abundance in the west of the Rocky Mountains. It (7)_____ well on dry, sunny hillsides, coastal scrub-lands and open forest clearings in which conditions it can (8)_____ up to 3000 metres. The dried leaves of the *Ceanothus* have been used for (9)_____ of years for making a herbal tea. Its flexible stems and branches have been used for weaving into (10)_____.

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ANSWER SHEET

- (1) _____
- (2) _____
- (3) _____
- (4) _____
- (5) _____
- (6) _____
- (7) _____
- (8) _____
- (9) _____
- (10) _____



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ANSWERS (Ceanothus)

In addition to the corresponding letter, the correct word has also be specified here to assist you when reviewing the answers with your child. However the student was asked to only provide the corresponding letter and he/she does not need to have written out the word.

- (1) J (gardens)
- (2) C (autumn)
- (3) F (metres)
- (4) K (flowers)
- (5) B (evergreen)
- (6) G (leaves)
- (7) D (grows)
- (8) H (reach)
- (9) E (hundreds)
- (10) A (baskets)