



Activity: Wacky Clauses

Materials needed: A Mad Lib-type text with incomplete adjective clauses. One has been provided on the following page.

Description: In pairs, students complete the text. One student has the cloze version of the text and tells the other student to provide the necessary phrases or parts of speech. The student should not provide any context for his or her partner, just saying, for example, “Give me *a place*.” When all the blanks have been filled in, the person who held the cloze text can read the complete text to his or her partner. The goofy results are amusing!

With the blanks now filled in, both students can look at the text and identify the completed adjective clauses.



Dangers of the Goliath Bee Sting



A sting from the Goliath Bee, which is a flying insect found mainly in _____, can be very dangerous. The first rule of cure is prevention.
(a place)

People who _____ in/to _____ should take care not to anger
(simple present verb) (same place)

Goliath Bees. One thing especially makes a Goliath Bee very angry: Never

_____ a bee that _____. The danger of
(imperative verb + prep if necessary) (verb in present perfect progressive)

the Goliath Bee sting is in the poison. The bee injects a poison that contains _____
(a liquid)
into its victim's body. A person who is stung in the _____ has only a 50-50
(body part)

chance of survival. But a person who is stung in the _____ will be OK if
(another body part)

treatment is given immediately. First, smash the stinger by hitting it with a
_____ that has been rolled in _____. Next, the victim needs to
(noun) (a food or drink item)

_____ while at the same time repeating
(a household chore)

“ _____ ” ten times.
(a simple sentence including a prepositional phrase)

Finally, victims need to find a place where they can _____,
(adverb) (base form verb)

and do this until the swelling goes down. Be aware that a person whose ability

to _____ has been affected may never _____ again.
(verb) (a skill or talent)