



NAN HUA PRIMARY SCHOOL  
2017 SEMESTRAL ASSESSMENT 1  
PRIMARY 5

ENGLISH LANGUAGE

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ ( )

Class: Pr. 5 \_\_\_\_\_

Date: 5 May 2017

Booklet A	/ 28
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Total Time for Booklets A and B: 1 hour 50 minutes

INSTRUCTION TO CANDIDATES

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6. The coach made Sam \_\_\_\_\_ ten laps of the pool as part of his training.
- (1) swim
  - (2) swam
  - (3) swum
  - (4) swims
- ( )
7. Mother \_\_\_\_\_ to bed by the time Father came home from work last night.
- (1) goes
  - (2) has gone
  - (3) had gone
  - (4) was going
- ( )
8. You \_\_\_\_\_ take your medicine if you want to get well soon.
- (1) may
  - (2) must
  - (3) could
  - (4) would
- ( )
9. Can you spot the differences \_\_\_\_\_ this image and that one?
- (1) from
  - (2) over
  - (3) against
  - (4) between
- ( )
10. "Please behave \_\_\_\_\_ during the learning journey," Mrs Raju told one of the boys.
- (1) himself
  - (2) yourself
  - (3) ourselves
  - (4) yourselves
- ( )

**Section B – Vocabulary MCQ (5 x 1 mark)**

For each question from 11 to 15, shade your answer (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet (OAS).

11. The team became \_\_\_\_\_ after their win last year and started to cut back on their training.
- (1) competent
  - (2) complacent
  - (3) contentious
  - (4) conscientious
- (    )
12. The spacecraft \_\_\_\_\_ as it entered the earth's atmosphere, resulting in thousands of small parts being deposited in the orbit.
- (1) deviated
  - (2) disintegrated
  - (3) differentiated
  - (4) disconnected
- (    )
13. The drunken men; who were throwing bottles and shouting at passers-by, were arrested for the \_\_\_\_\_.
- (1) brawl
  - (2) calamity
  - (3) misadventure
  - (4) demonstration
- (    )
14. Cindy was \_\_\_\_\_ when she accused me of stealing her wallet. I was not even in school that day when it happened.
- (1) beating about the bush
  - (2) barking up the wrong tree
  - (3) stirring up a hornet's nest
  - (4) making a mountain out of a molehill
- (    )
15. Our plan to go to the beach \_\_\_\_\_ when it started raining cats and dogs.
- (1) gave in
  - (2) took off
  - (3) fell through
  - (4) broke down
- (    )

**Section C – Vocabulary Cloze (5 x 1 mark)**

For each question from 16 to 20, choose the word(s) closest in meaning to the underlined word(s). Shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet.

From the window on the fifteenth floor, the scores of people below looked like ants milling about at the park. It was close to midnight, yet the crowd showed no sign of dwindling. These gamers had come out in droves and gathered there to catch digital monsters which were supposedly lurking in the vicinity.

(16)

(17)

"It is called an 'augmented reality' game," Mindy told Mother. She had tried to explain the concept of the mobile phone game which had taken the world by storm since its launch just a few days ago. However, Mother simply could not appreciate the appeal of the game.

(18)

In fact, she was up in arms about the rowdiness of some of the gamers whom she had seen consuming alcohol as they played. "Isn't it illegal to consume alcohol in public places from 10.30 p.m. to 7 a.m.?" she asked. "Getting drunk and creating a din at this hour is unbecoming. I won't take this sitting down!"

(19)

(20)  
Determined, Mother marched to the phone and dialled triple nine.

Source: Original

16. (1) shifting  
(2) declining  
(3) shrinking  
(4) weakening ( )
17. (1) area  
(2) town  
(3) setting  
(4) landscape ( )
18. (1) release  
(2) opening  
(3) promotion  
(4) establishment ( )
19. (1) horrified by  
(2) confused by  
(3) annoyed with  
(4) disappointed with ( )
20. (1) impossible  
(2) inappropriate  
(3) unreasonable  
(4) uncooperative ( )

Section D – Visual Text Comprehension (8 x 1 mark)

Study this flyer carefully and then answer questions 21 to 28.



**Upcoming Auditions  
A Musical Adapted from Dudley Dee's  
Hobbes on the Run**

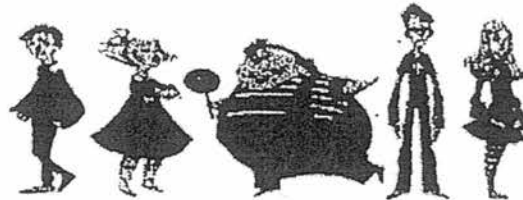
Calling all aspiring actors:

If you can carry a tune, are able to dance and have convincing acting skills, come and join the cast of the latest project by Runaway Hits Drama Company.

- Age range : 6 to 12 years old  
Dates : 8 & 9 May 2017  
Time : 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.  
Venue : Starlets Performing Arts Theatre

Please call 6112 3344 to make an appointment for the audition.

(Selected cast will be informed by 12 May 2017. The decision of the casting director, Hansel Sung, is final.)

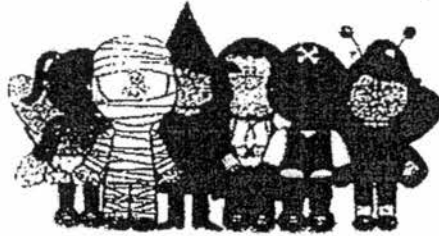


Roles and requirements

- Skinny Hobbes** : A poor but honest boy with cool hip-hop moves  
**Vicki Sugar** : A spoilt-rich girl with ballet skills  
**Muscle Pig** : A chubby boy who is always hungry; participants must not have a fear of heights  
**Dapper Rapper** : A humorous boy who loves to rap  
**Lizbeth** : A haughty girl with some martial arts skills  
**Jam Jams** : Gleeful imps who love to sing and dance; participants should preferably be below the height of 1.2 metres

## A Word to Parents and Educators

The Incredible Benefits of Dramatic Play In Child Development as stated by Dr Wells



Where can you find police officers, princesses, and chefs all happily working side-by-side? In a dramatic play area of a classroom, of course.

A child's pretend play in classrooms or at home is often considered fun and imaginative, but of little educational value. The truth is, it is important in child development. Through pretend play, children learn to:

- **Synthesise knowledge and skills**

Children need opportunities to blend their skills and knowledge together. Pretend play is an ideal way to do this. Think of children acting out a scene at the grocery store. They sort by attributes as they group similar foods in sections of the store, use math concepts to tabulate amounts as they determine prices and calculate grocery bills, use writing to communicate by making signs, experiment with shapes and weights as they organise the store, work collaboratively, and much more.

- **Work out confusing, scary, or new life issues**

Have you ever witnessed children pretending to visit the doctor? One child holds the 'stethoscope' as the others line up for a check-up and get 'shots'. This is a child's way of exploring an experience that is common and sometimes confusing or scary. Through these role plays, children become more comfortable and prepared for life events in a safe way.



- **Cultivate social and emotional intelligence**

How we interact with others is key to our lifelong success and happiness. Knowing how to read social cues, recognise and regulate emotions as well as negotiate and take turns are no easy tasks. There is no substitute for creative and imaginative play when it comes to teaching and enhancing these abilities in children.



So next time you see your children engaged in pretend play, let them be. Allow time for them to build a rocket ship from chairs and blankets, pretending to be astronauts; it's time well spent. You might consider crafting a space helmet from aluminium foil and a bowl, and joining in!

Adapted from [www.brighthorizons.com](http://www.brighthorizons.com)

For each question from 21 to 28, shade your answer (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet.

21. The main purpose of the flyer is to \_\_\_\_\_.

- (1) advertise the upcoming musical
- (2) encourage children to engage in pretend play
- (3) promote the love for watching a musical performance
- (4) inform interested participants about the auditions for the musical ( )

22. *Hobbes on the Run* is put up by \_\_\_\_\_.

- (1) Dudley Dee
- (2) Hansel Sung
- (3) Runaway Hits Drama Company
- (4) Starlets Performing Arts Theatre ( )

23. Based on the flyer, which of the following is true of the auditions?

- (1) Auditions will be held over three days.
- (2) The director will shortlist the participants for the respective roles.
- (3) Participants need not be able to sing and dance to be considered.
- (4) Participants may walk in for an audition anytime between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. ( )

24. If Victor wants to audition for the role of Muscle Pig, he needs to be \_\_\_\_\_.

- (1) trained in martial arts
- (2) unaffected by heights
- (3) shorter than 1.2 metres
- (4) able to deliver funny lines well ( )

25. Which of the following statements about Vicki Sugar and Lizbeth is correct?

- (1) They avoid physical activities.
- (2) They are self-centred individuals.
- (3) They come from well-to-do families.
- (4) They are dishonest in their dealings with others. ( )

26. In the section *A Word to Parents and Educators*, some statements are given in bold to \_\_\_\_\_.

- (1) **make** the text look more interesting
- (2) **emphasise** the main points in the write-up
- (3) **convey** a sense of excitement about pretend play
- (4) **show** that they are the exact words given by Dr Wells ( )

27. Look under *Synthesise knowledge and skills*. What does "much more" in the last line of the paragraph refer to?

- (1) other benefits of pretend play
- (2) other outdoor sporting activities
- (3) other skills children will apply in their pretend play
- (4) other ways through which a child's development can be enhanced ( )

28. Some of the information in this flyer is factual while others are opinions. Which one of the following information is an opinion?

- (1) More than one participant will be selected to play Jam Jam.
- (2) Only children below thirteen years old should audition for the musical.
- (3) It is wrong of parents and teachers not to allow time for children to engage in pretend play.
- (4) Through pretend play, children explore unfamiliar and stressful situations in a secure environment. ( )





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PAPER 2

Booklet B

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Date: 5 May 2017

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**Section E – Grammar Cloze (10 x 1 mark)**

There are 10 blanks, numbered 29 to 38, in the passage below. From the list of words given, choose the most suitable answer for each blank. Write its letter (A to Q) in the blank. The letters (I) and (O) have been omitted to avoid confusion during marking.

Each word can be used only **ONCE**.

(A) a	(D) at	(G) on	(K) that	(N) up
(B) all	(E) in	(H) some	(L) the	(P) will
(C) any	(F) may	(J) than	(M) then	(Q) with

While the world is still debating the safety of self-driving cars, the futuristic city-state of Dubai is preparing to introduce a self-flying air taxi. Starting \_\_\_\_\_ July  
(29)  
2017, commuters will be able to summon the world's first passenger drone, the EHang 184, to transport them to their desired destination without having to deal \_\_\_\_\_  
(30)  
Dubai's congested expressways.

Powered by eight propellers, the four-legged, egg-shaped vehicle has room for a single passenger weighing \_\_\_\_\_ to 100 kilograms. Dubai's transportation  
(31)  
officials say the drone taxi will typically operate \_\_\_\_\_ about 100 kilometres per  
(32)  
hour.

Riders can ask for a drone taxi to pick them up from designated zones using  
\_\_\_\_\_ company's smartphone application. When the drone arrives, the  
(33)  
passenger straps into the race-car-style seat, selects one of the pre-programmed destinations on the touchscreen, and sits back and enjoys the flight. To ensure the passenger's safety, \_\_\_\_\_ flights are monitored remotely by a control room on  
(34)  
the ground.

In the unlikely event that \_\_\_\_\_ of the components malfunction or  
(35)  
disconnect, the EHang 184 \_\_\_\_\_ make an emergency landing in the closest  
(36)  
possible area to ensure the customer's safety. The drone is also programmed to  
conduct complex calculations to ensure its route would not collide with \_\_\_\_\_  
(37)  
of another drone. The only drawback is that the EHang 184 has a battery life of thirty  
minutes and a flight range of just fifty kilometres. This means that commuters with longer  
journeys \_\_\_\_\_ that are out of luck. The cost of each ride is unknown.  
(38)

*Adapted from: <https://www.dogonews.com>*

Section F – Editing for Spelling & Grammar (12 x 1 mark)

Each of the underlined words contains either a spelling or grammatical error. Write the correct word in each of the boxes.

*On 6 August 2011, Chinese high wire artist Saimaiti Aishan earned*

(39)

*himself a fourth Guinness World Record. He having walked a distance of 4.5 metres on*

(40)

*a tightrope that was attached pricareously to two hot air balloons suspended about*

(41)

*thirty metres over the ground. The event which took place in Shaoyang, China was*

*witnessed by hundreds of spectators and broadcast live on television. Except for one*

*heart-stopping moment when the 27-year-old acrobat was forced to sit on the*

(42)

*rope to regainig his balance, the five-minute walk went relatively smoothly.*

(43)

(44)

*When most people would be happy with this incredible achifment,*

(45)

*Saimaita was not satisfied. The same afternoon, a acrobat made another attempt for*

(46)

*the record books - this time from a higher altitute of 100 metres. However, he was*

(47)

*not as sucexful. Two minutes into it, he lost his balance and fell off the wire.*

*Fortunately, he was attached to a safety harness, and the balloons were*

(48)

*quickly lowering to safety.*

(49)

However, this daredevil, famed for performing stunts including balancing a chair

(50)

on the tightrope, was not deterred by this little mishap. He promised to make a

spectacular comeback!

Adapted from: [www.telegraph.co.uk](http://www.telegraph.co.uk)

**Section G – Comprehension Cloze (15 x 1 mark)**  
Fill in each blank with a suitable word.

A playful breeze ruffled the white wisps of Grandfather's hair as he strolled along the shady path, armed with two 10-litre plastic buckets. The bricked well was coming into view. Suddenly, two voices, squeaky and excited, could be \_\_\_\_\_ nearby. His curiosity aroused, Grandfather quickened his \_\_\_\_\_ (51) towards the well. However, just metres away from the spot, he \_\_\_\_\_ (52) short. \_\_\_\_\_ (53)

An object was being projected from a treetop, sailing down in an arc. Plop! The unidentified flying object then landed \_\_\_\_\_ (54) the well as intended.

"Five shots on goal! I win!"

Seconds later, the scrawny figures of two boys darted out from the trees towards the well. "I want to go home now! Get my slipper out, quick!" one of the boys, Jimmy, feeling sore at \_\_\_\_\_ (55) lost the contest, yelled. John, the taller boy, bent \_\_\_\_\_ (56) the rough edges of the well and stretched out his hands to \_\_\_\_\_ (57) the item. He continued to wriggle deep into the well \_\_\_\_\_ (58) only his legs were seen dangling out dangerously.

"Whoa! Stop what you are doing!" Grandfather raised his \_\_\_\_\_ (59) in alarm. Without delay, he pulled John back to safety. The boys, barely ten years of \_\_\_\_\_ (60), looked scruffy with bits of dirt plastered on their hands, knees and feet, and their smudged T-shirts.

"Tsk tsk! You've been climbing trees, haven't you?" Grandfather questioned. His gaze was sharp and steady beneath the droopy eyelids. The elderly man had an air of authority that made the boys' legs \_\_\_\_\_ (61) to jelly. "Does this well belong to your father? Is this piece of land your family property? Even so, what good is a well \_\_\_\_\_ (62) one can't drink from it?"

The boys hung their heads in \_\_\_\_\_ What could they possibly say to  
(63)  
defend their actions? They had indeed dirtied the water, intentionally or not.

The boys watched as Grandfather dropped a bucket with a rope attached into  
the well. He moved the bucket about skilfully and managed to fish \_\_\_\_\_ the  
(64)  
slipper. Without a word, he passed each boy a bucket. Then with a twinkle in his eye, he  
said, "Let's see \_\_\_\_\_ one of you can collect more water with your bucket.  
(65)  
Ready?"

At the suggestion of a contest, the sparkle returned to the boys' eyes.

*Source: Original*

**Section H – Synthesis and Transformation (5 x 2 marks)**

For each of the questions 66 to 70, rewrite the given sentence(s) using the word(s) provided. Your answer must be in one sentence. The meaning of your sentence must be the same as the meaning of the given sentence(s).

66. Jennie has two rabbits. She also has three hamsters.

Besides \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

67. Tom had sprained his ankle. He continued with the race.

\_\_\_\_\_ despite  
\_\_\_\_\_

68. Many cars had been repaired by Trevor before he was a certified mechanic.

Trevor \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

69. "I can help you run these errands now," Jack told his aunt.

Jack told \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

70. Tommy refused to take the medicine. Mother was frustrated.

\_\_\_\_\_ with Tommy's  
\_\_\_\_\_



**Section I – Comprehension Open-ended (20 marks)**

Read this passage and answer questions 71 to 80.

At the break of dawn, a shrill cry pierced the sleeping neighbourhood.

Cock-a-doodle-doo!

"Argh!" Jin protested, pulling the blanket over his head. He felt utterly defeated by not one but a brood of eight roosters with their dutiful crowing to usher in a new day, every day.

5

Later that morning, while he was gulping down his third cup of coffee, he came to a decision. He telephoned the Agri-Food and Veterinary Authority (AVA) hotline. Then he started ranting about the noises made by the free-roaming chickens, calling that a "public nuisance" which had to be stopped.

As Sonny listened to his father's complaints, his eyes grew increasingly wide with horror. Apparently, Jin was not the only resident who had voiced his concern over the din created by the feathered community. Putting two and two together, Sonny knew that the fate of the chickens was sealed: they would have to go!

10

Indeed, two days later, the residents received a notification from AVA of the impending culling of the chickens. Jin was smug about his part in the successful lobbying for peace and quiet in the neighbourhood. His wife rolled her eyes. "But the move is to stem the risk of exposure to bird flu in our estate," she reminded. "It is about public health and safety – nothing that you should *crow* about."

15

Sonny could not share his father's joy. "Daddy is a mean bully!" he was still muttering those words as he stroked the soft body of Tiny, an adorable chick which was dwarfed by the other chickens. The fluffy companion, as if sensing his unease, cheeped sympathetically. The boy felt a tugging at his heartstrings. Momentarily, he realised what he ought to do. He scooped Tiny up and made his way home with determination in his stride.

20

For the next three days, Sonny was cooped up with Tiny in the safety of his bedroom. Tiny was kept in a shoebox and fed with bread crumbs and water from a saucer. Sonny was pleased with his ingenious plan. So long as he kept the door closed, admitting no one but himself into the bedroom, Tiny would be safe.

25

On the appointed day, AVA officers came and rounded up the chickens. Sonny's parents were observing the process from the windows. When Sonny heard his mother bid farewell to the chickens in the caged vehicle, he was seized by an urge to catch a final glimpse of them. He flung open the door and bolted to the windows. However, seconds later, a cacophony of snarling, barking and squawking was heard coming from the bedroom.

30

The family pets had discovered an intruder and were none too pleased with it. 35  
 Cookie the cat was hissing and Monster the dog growling at the yellow creature.  
 The stunned adults stood motionless. The tension was so thick that a wrong move  
 might prove fatal. The furry pair studied the odd specimen for a while. Then an  
 unexpected scene unfolded. Cookie padded towards the chick and nuzzled it,  
 purring warmly. Monster, too, started licking Tiny affectionately. Tiny cheeped softly 40  
 in response. An unlikely friendship was formed. The family looked on, awestruck.

"Daddy, Tiny is an orphan now," Sonny ventured. "Can't we, uh, keep it?"

"What? Do I want a rooster to crow into my ear every morn—" Jin broke off in  
 mid-sentence as he gazed at Tiny waddling towards him, cheeping. Sonny's heart  
 skipped a beat when he saw tenderness in his father's eyes. "Well, it looks hungry. 45  
 Let's get some worms before it starves to death!" Jin uttered softly.

Source: Original

71. Which two words from lines 3 to 5 show that Jin did not welcome the idea of roosters crowing early in the morning? The words are found in two separate sentences. (2m)



72. Why had Mrs Jin "rolled her eyes" in line 16? (2m)

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73. Why do you think Sonny had named the chick Tiny? (1m)

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74. Which **two** of the following words correctly describe how Sonny felt in lines 19 to 24? Put a tick ✓ in the box beside each of your answers. (2m)

compassionate	
confused	
fearful	

hopeless	
pitiful	
worried	

75. Look at the table below. What do the words in the left column refer to in the passage? Write your answers in the column on the right. The first one has been done for you. (2m)

Word from the passage	What the word refers to
he (line 6)	Jin
that (line 9)	
it (line 35)	

76. What was Sonny's "ingenious plan" (line 27)? (2m)

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77. Write 1, 2 and 3 in the blanks below to indicate the order in which the events occurred in the passage. (1m)

- \_\_\_\_\_ Tiny was discovered.  
 \_\_\_\_\_ The chickens were caged.  
 \_\_\_\_\_ The residents were upset with the roosters.

78. Based on the passage, state whether each statement in the table below is true or false, then give one reason why you think so. (3m)

	Trus / False	Reason
The decision of AVA to culi the chickens was the result of jin's complaint.		
Sonny did not approve Jin was doing to the chickens		

<b>Cookie and Monster were displeased to see Ting at first</b>		
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79. The table below shows the actions of the characters and the causes of their actions. Fill in the blanks using information from the passage. (3m)

	<b>Cause</b>	<b>Action</b>
<b>Jin</b>		<b>pulled the blanket over his head</b>
<b>Sonny</b>		<b>bolted to the windows</b>
<b>Tiny</b>	<b>being nuzzled and licked</b>	

80. Do you think Jin would eventually agree to keep Tiny as a pet? Support your answer with information from the passage. (2m)

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EXAM PAPER 2017 (P5)

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Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q5	Q6	Q7	Q8	Q9	Q10
2	4	1	3	4	1	3	2	4	2
Q11	Q12	Q13	Q14	Q15	Q16	Q17	Q18	Q19	Q20
2	2	1	2	3	3	1	1	3	2
Q21	Q22	Q23	Q24	Q25	Q26	Q27	Q28		
4	3	2	2	2	2	3	3		

29)E

30)Q

31)N

32)D

33)L

34)B

35)C

36)P

37)K

- 38)J
- 39)had
- 40)precariously
- 41)above
- 42)regain
- 43)Although
- 44)achievement
- 45)the
- 46)altitude
- 47)successful
- 48)lowered
- 49)stunts
- 50)deterred
- 51)heard
- 52)steps
- 53)stopped
- 54)into
- 55)having
- 56)over
- 57)get
- 58)until
- 59)voice
- 60)age
- 61)turn

62)if/when

63)silence/guilt/shame

64)out/up

65)which

66)Besides two rabbits,Jennie has three hamsters.

67)Tom continued with the race despite the fact that he had sprained his ankle.

68)Trevor had repaired many cars before he was a certified mechanic.

69)Jack told his aunt that he could help her run those errands then.

70)Mother was frustrated with Tommy's refusal to take medicine.

71)protested , defeated

72)Mrs Jin was annoyed with Jin boasting /being smug about his part in getting AVA to cull the chicken.

73)Sonny named it Tiny because it was dwarfed by the other chickens.

74)compassionate , worried

75)that(line 9)-the noises made by the free-roaming chickens.

It(line 35)-the chicken

76)Sonny kept his bedroom door closed and ensured that no one else entered the room.

77)3 , 2 , 1

78)False-The decision of AVA to cull the chickens was to stem the risk of exposure to bird flu in the estate.

True-Sonny called Jin a mean bully for getting the chickens culled.

True-cookie hissed while Monster growled at Tiny.

79)Jin-was annoyed with the noises from the chickens.

Sonny-wanted to catch a final glimpse of the chickens.

Tiny-chirped softly

80) Yes. Jin would. He looked at Tiny with tenderness and wanted to give it some worms.