

METHODIST GIRLS' SCHOOL (PRIMARY)

Founded in 1887



PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION 2016 PRIMARY 6 ENGLISH LANGUAGE

PAPER 2 (BOOKLET A)

Total Time for Booklets A, B and C: 1 hour 50 minutes

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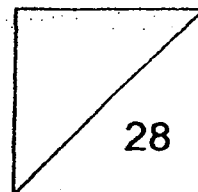
Answer all questions.

Shade your answers in the Optical Answer Sheet (OAS) provided.

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For each question from 1 to 10, shade your answer (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet. (10 marks)

1 Parks these days are fitted with exercise equipment that provides everyone with opportunities _____ a good workout.

- (1) to
- (2) by
- (3) for
- (4) with

2 Mrs Tan ^{does} hardly goes to the wet market, _____ ?

- (1) will she
- (2) does she
- (3) won't she
- (4) doesn't she

3 We _____ to deliver the parcel to John if we had known about his tight schedule.

- (1) help
- (2) helped
- (3) will help
- (4) would have helped

4 Amanda was unwilling to go overseas to pursue her university education. She felt that four years _____ a long time to spend away from family and friends.

- (1) is
- (2) are
- (3) was
- (4) were

5 Mr Wong heard a noise outside his house. He walked towards the door, _____ what made the noise.

- (1) wonder
- (2) wonders
- (3) wondered
- (4) wondering

6 Nicholas found an old coin while he _____ for some pencils in his drawer.

- (1) is looking
- (2) had looked
- (3) was looking
- (4) has been looking

7 The police searched the suspects for weapons but found _____.

- (1) any
- (2) none
- (3) much
- (4) many

8 Besides Abdul, his friends _____ to the library every Thursday.

- (1) go
- (2) goes
- (3) went
- (4) gone

9 _____ her busy schedule, Carin found time to take her Korean friends around Singapore.

- (1) Unless
- (2) Despite
- (3) However
- (4) Although

10 _____ one's emotions is something every child must learn to do as he grows.

- (1) Control
- (2) Controls
- (3) Controlled
- (4) Controlling

For each question from 11 to 15, shade your answer (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet (5 marks)

11 Mr Mathew was diagnosed with Beriberi which is a disease caused by a/an _____ of Vitamin B. The doctor advised him to start taking supplements.

- 1) adequacy
- 2) efficiency
- 3) deficiency
- 4) sufficiency

12 My house is within close _____ to the supermarket. I can walk there in ten minutes.

- 1) vicinity
- 2) territory
- 3) proximity
- 4) availability

13 Parents should not _____ their children by buying expensive gifts otherwise they will not appreciate the value of money.

- 1) induce
- 2) indulge
- 3) instigate
- 4) influence

14 Mr Ravi's business suffered a huge loss last year. Nonetheless, he continues to expand his business in the hope of _____ his losses.

- 1) restoring
- 2) resuming
- 3) recouping
- 4) recuperating

15 Suling is grateful that her parents have _____ some money for her studies.

- 1) put off
- 2) put out
- 3) put down
- 4) put aside

For each question from 16 to 20, choose the word(s) closest in meaning to the underlined words. Shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet. (5 marks)

Horlicks is a popular malted milk drink by brothers James and William Horlicks. James Horlicks studied pharmacy in England, where he developed a wheat and malt-based nutritional drink for infants. Physicians endorsed it for infants and patients with digestive problems. His brother persuaded him to market his idea in the United States. As a result, both of them started a company to manufacture the malted drink.

During the Second World War, Horlicks tablets were used as an energy-booster for soldiers. As a non-perishable and high-calorie food supplement, Horlicks was considered suitable for emergency packs. Therefore, scientists began taking it on expeditions to the Polar regions.

It is believed that drinking Horlicks may assist sleep, but such a claim has been difficult to prove. As the Horlicks brand grew, the brothers decided to sell their company. Later, it was acquired by a company called the Beecham Group. The factory in England now produces about 13 million kilogrammes of Horlicks powder each year. For 140 years, Horlicks reigns as one of the top beverages in England.

Adapted from *Horlicks, Our Story*

- 16
- 1) formed
 - 2) created
 - 3) generated
 - 4) implemented

- 17
- 1) verified
 - 2) approved
 - 3) confirmed
 - 4) sponsored

- 18
- 1) sufficient
 - 2) acceptable
 - 3) appropriate
 - 4) satisfactory

- 19
- 1) tours
 - 2) outings
 - 3) excursions
 - 4) explorations

- 20
- 1) taken in
 - 2) taken up
 - 3) taken over

Study the following flyer carefully and then answer questions 21 to 28.



READ FEST 2016 @ Yarwood Regional Library!

Join us for the festivities as we explore ways to make reading fun and engaging in our library.

Saturday, 24 September 2016

We have organised a host of fun activities for all age groups. There is something for everybody! Mark this date and celebrate reading with us.

Librarian For the Day!

Suitable for children aged 10 and above

Venue: Information Counter

Time: 2 to 3 p.m.

Have you ever wondered what it would be like to be a librarian for a few hours? Take this exclusive chance to share good library etiquette and recommend interesting reads. Step into the shoes of a librarian and see what it's like to be always read-y to help!

Register online at [yarwoodlibrary/librarian for the day.com](http://yarwoodlibrary/librarianforthe day.com)



Digital Literacy Workshop

Suitable for all ages

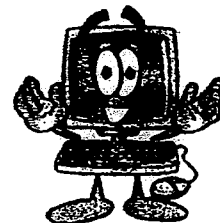
Venue: Computer Lab

Time: 12 to 1 p.m.

Find out how you can gather information in cyberspace! Pick up useful skills such as:

- Computer proficiency
- Finding and verifying information
- Computer coding

You may register online at yarwood.com or at our library e-kiosks. Walk-ins are welcomed only if seats are available.



Literary Magic with METAPHORS

Suitable for children aged 6 to 9



Venue: Activity Room 1

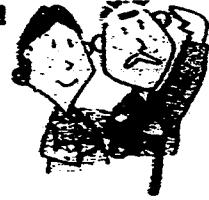
Time: 3 to 4 p.m.

This story-based art workshop aims to expose children to literary terms found in children's books in a fun and accessible way! Listen to the story, *You're a Toast* by Nancy Loewen and learn how metaphors are used to compare completely unrelated things. This is followed by a craft session to create bookmarks. Junior Reading Ambassadors will be facilitating the reading-cum-craft workshop. Register online at yarwoodlibrary/literarymagicwith metaphors.com

YOU ARE NEVER TOO OLD TO EXPERIENCE GAMES FROM THE PAST!
Exclusively for the Elderly!

Old School Games

Venue: Exhibition Area **Time:** 5 to 7 p.m.



Put away your Smartphones, earphones and gadgets and head back to a time when 'app' was not a word yet. Play games of yesteryear and rekindle your memories of these games. Browse through books on traditional games at the booth.

Chinese Culture and Opera Mask Workshop

Venue: Activity Room 2 **Time:** 7.15 to 8 p.m.



Experience the uniqueness of the Chinese Culture and learn to paint Chinese opera masks, a vanishing art. You don't need to be an artist to participate in this workshop. Read *Everything You Need to Know to Understand Chinese Customs and Culture* by May-Lee Chai. Multiple copies of the book are available in the library. **Grab it! Read it!**

Registration starts at 6 pm at the Information Counter. Slots are available on a first-come-first-serve basis. Register early to avoid disappointment! Pay just \$20 for the workshop and materials. Earn points by using your *Passioncard* to pay.

JIGGLE, READ AND RHYME

Join other parents with young children and support your child's early development through songs, rhymes, dance and interactive stories that come alive. This fun parent-child programme is FREE! Register at the entrance of the library. Limited to a parent and one child only. For toddlers aged 1-3.

Free book light and bookmark!

1. Pick up a blank activity card at the entrance of the library.
2. Get a sticker when you complete every activity. Complete at least 3 activities.
3. Hand in your card at the Information Counter and redeem a book light and a bookmark. Grab them, while stocks last!



Scan the QR code
for more information

All programmes are sponsored by the National Library Services.

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 this flyer is to _____.

- 1) promote reading in a fun way for all ages
- 2) encourage parents to bond with their children
- 3) attract students to become Junior Reading Ambassadors
- 4) invite participants to become librarians at Yarwood Regional Library

22 According to the activity 'Librarian for the Day!', the phrase 'Step into the shoes of a librarian' means _____.

- 1) to employ a librarian
- 2) to aspire to be a librarian
- 3) to research about the work done by a librarian
- 4) to experience the job of a librarian by taking his/her place

23 Registration for the Digital Literacy Workshop can be done at the _____.

- 1) library e-kiosks
- 2) Information Counter
- 3) entrance of the library
- 4) entrance of the Computer Lab

24 Based on the flyer, which one of the following statements is not true?

Participants _____.

- 1) in the Jiggle, Read and Rhyme session will sing and dance as they read interactive stories
- 2) are advised not to use their gadgets when they take part in the Old School Games
- 3) will learn about how words can be used in interesting ways in the Literary Magic with Metaphors workshop
- 4) must know how to paint if they want to participate in the Chinese Culture and Opera Mask workshop

- 25 Mr Hendri is a retiree. Which two activities would he be able to participate?
- 1) Old School Games and Jiggle, Read and Rhyme
 - 2) Librarian for the Day and Literary Magic with Metaphors
 - 3) Literary Magic with Metaphors and Old School Games
 - 4) Digital Literacy workshop and Chinese Culture and Opera Mask workshop
- 26 The word 'rekindle' in the activity, 'Old School Games', refers to participants _____ when they take part in the activity.
- 1) reviving their school experiences
 - 2) recollecting about Singapore in the past
 - 3) raising their awareness about traditional games
 - 4) recalling the times they played traditional games
- 27 If you want to redeem a free book light and a bookmark, you must _____
- 1) participate in all the activities featured in the flyer
 - 2) complete the activity card and scan the QR code
 - 3) collect a minimum of 3 stickers in the activity card
 - 4) use your *Passioncard* to pay for 2 activities stated in the card
- 28 What would be the main reason for the words "JIGGLE, READ AND RHYME" to be in capital letters?
- 1) to shock the readers
 - 2) to add excitement to the readers
 - 3) to highlight the title of the programme
 - 4) to emphasise the purpose of the programme

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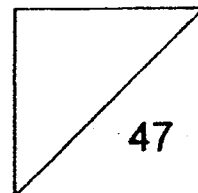
Answer all questions.

Write your answers in this booklet.

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Class: Primary 6. _____

Date: 22 August 2016



There are 10 blanks, numbered 29 to 38, in the passage below. From the list of words given, choose the most suitable word 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. (10 marks)

EACH WORD CAN BE USED ONLY ONCE.

A) all	D) are	G) but	K) for	N) of
B) among	E) as	H) by	L) into	P) where
C) and	F) both	J) during	M) is	Q) which

The Galapagos Islands are a small archipelago of islands belonging to Ecuador in the eastern Pacific Ocean. The islands are quite remote and isolated, lying about 1 000 km west

_____ the South American continent. The Galapagos Islands consist of 13 main islands
(29)

and 6 smaller ones _____ together embrace about 50 000 km² of ocean.
(30)

The Galapagos Islands are world-renowned _____ their unique and fearless wildlife.
(31)

These islands are therefore very popular with natural historians, _____ professional and
(32)

amateur. Giant tortoises, penguins, marine iguanas _____ different bird species can all
(33)

be seen and approached by visitors. The landscape of the islands _____ relatively barren
(34)

and volcanic _____ beautiful. There are many mountains on the islands and the highest
(35)

mountain _____ them is Volcan Wolf.
(36)

The Galapagos Islands were claimed by Ecuador in 1832. _____ the 19th and early
(37)

20th centuries, the islands were inhabited _____ very few settlers. The Galapagos Islands
(38)

were subsequently listed as a World Heritage Site in 1978.

Each of the underlined words contains either a spelling or grammatical error. Write the correct word in each of the boxes. (12 marks)

(39)

Do you remember a time when school badges were shiny and made of metal? That days,

however, badges are more likely to be made of fabric and sewn on uniforms. Those metal badges

(40)

(41)

have ended up at flea markets, antek shops at China Square and online shop platforms such as

Carousell and eBay.

(42)

Joseph Tay, 53, started his hobby of collection secondary school badges ten years ago. His

elder siblings used to collect badges of Malaysian schools as they had lived in Malaysia for a few

(43)

years during their childhood. He was inspiring by them. "It'll be nice to have a collection of these

Singaporean school badges so I went to the Ministry of Education webpage to download the list of

(44)

secondary schools and their logos," the graphic designer chinkled.

(45)

(46)

Tay kurently has 160 secondary school badaes lovingly arranged and stored in a buhljing

(47)

(48)

plastic folder in alphabetetic order. He thought there are still about twenty missing like the one from

Toh Tuck Secondary School.

(49)

Among the gems in his posesion are those from defunct schools such as Tiong Bahru

(50)

Secondary School. Tay is riluctent to put a price to how much he has spent on his hobby. Some

badges were given to him while he paid \$18 for the badge from Keppel Primary School.

Fill in each blank with a suitable word.

(15 marks)

As my parents and I peered through the dusky half- light on the beach at Queensland's Heron Island, we espied what we had come to see. We sat on the cool sand and watched a turtle lay her eggs. First, she slowly dug a pit with her strong _____ flippers and then she continued to dig with her rear flippers to create a little chamber. Then, one by one, her ping-pong ball eggs plopped out, soft and bouncy as they hit the sand. Our guide told us that the females would usually lay a nest of 120 eggs, go away for a fortnight and then _____ to lay their eggs again. This cycle would be _____ for about five times each season.

As we walked along the beach, we found an "eruption" – a nest that had just hatched. Turtles have a high hatch rate on Heron Island _____ there are no predators like pigs or dogs to dig out the _____. However, there are crabs which will puncture the eggs to suck out the yolk.

Behind us, we _____ a soft cackling as the hatchlings broke out of their shells and dashed to the water. They were baby turtles - exact copies of their giant parents but much _____. We had to squint in the _____ to follow their progress to the sea and their new life. We were not allowed to _____ our torches when watching the hatchlings. The turtles have an amazing photographic memory which captures an _____ of the beach where they were born. Eventually, they will use that

information to return to the _____ spot to lay their own eggs. However, the bright lights
(61)
would affect their photographic memory.

We _____ the next afternoon swimming with the mother turtles in the shallow
(62)
_____. That evening, we decided to visit the beach an hour earlier to ensure a clear
(63)
view of the hatchlings. Other resort guests had the same idea. We were all rewarded with the sight
of dozens of baby turtles clambering over the dunes and making a dash for the water.

Suddenly, we were horrified to see the seagulls swarm over the narrow strip of beach,
pecking at the hatchlings. The guide's briefing was very clear – let nature take its

_____. However, we could tolerate only so much torment watching the delicate,
(64)
beautiful creatures being eaten _____. A couple of guests frightened the seagulls
(65)
away. Soon, they returned to sit and watch the babies head out to sea.

Adapted from *Weekend Australian*

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). (10 marks)

66 Mrs Ravi enjoys gardening but Mother does not.

Unlike _____

67 All outdoor activities were cancelled because of the thunderstorm.

_____ resulted in

68 Ali asked me what I had been doing since the previous day.

Ali asked me, " _____
_____?"

69 The shadow had appeared suddenly. Tammy was frightened.

What frightened Tammy _____

70 Every pupil has received his gift except Sean.

With the _____

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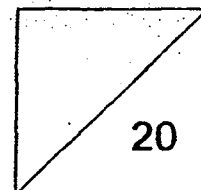
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This booklet consists of 6 printed pages including this page.

Read the passage below and answer questions 71 to 80.

(20 marks)

The sun shone fiercely down on Madam Wong as she wiped her perspiration with her gold-embroidered, pink silken handkerchief. The streets were bustling with activity, mainly because everyone was busy stocking up on supplies ahead of the rumoured price-hike. Some British official apparently leaked out information that Singapore was the next target for the Japanese, causing a huge frenzy amongst the locals.

5

Seeing that the wet market was thoroughly packed with haggling citizens and voracious traders, Madam Wong decided to get her groceries at another market, one recommended by her fellow mahjong enthusiasts.

"Excuse me, can you please take me to River Valley instead?" asked Madam Wong.

10

The rickshaw man rolled his eyes in annoyance as he skilfully towed his carriage with one hand while using the other to wipe his perspiration with the towel hung round his neck.

"Don't worry, I'll pay double. I know it's a hot day," promised Madam Wong. The rickshaw suddenly accelerated - spurred by the invisible whip of money.

15

The route to the market was filled with shop houses and Madam Wong noticed the smell of joss sticks and incense paper billowing in the gentle breeze. People were also seen looking up to the heavens and praying. It was a form of spiritual deterrence against the samurais. Many knew that the Japanese invasion was inevitable since most of Malaya had already been conquered. There was nothing that they could do to stop the sword-wielding monsters. Praying for a divine intervention seemed like the only way out.

20

The rickshaw sped past many food stalls and Madam Wong masked her mouth with her moist handkerchief. Suddenly, her eyes latched onto something. "Stop!" cried Madam Wong. The rickshaw pulled to an abrupt halt and a gentle sandstorm swirled at the ankles of the rickshaw man. Madam Wong reached into her purse while still looking at the particular object and placed five dollars into the sweaty palms of the rickshaw man.

25

The man's jaw dropped at the sight of the money - he never would have made that much in a day, much less an afternoon. He gratefully scrambled into the shade as Madam Wong walked towards an old woman. She hid behind a pillar and observed the old woman sitting on a splintered wooden stool, trying to keep awake while selling *chou tofu*. Madam Wong shook her head in disbelief and ran off, leaving behind her a trail of cold sweat.

30

Master Wong returned home to the sight of a packet dinner. He ranted at his servant for not doing the grocery shopping and she willingly endured his verbal lashing. Madam Wong came down the stairs upon hearing the din.

35

"Wong, don't lecture her anymore. It's my fault," interrupted Madam Wong.

Master Wong was puzzled by his wife's comment but in an attempt to save face, he turned to the servant and sternly warned her never to forget the daily groceries. Madam Wong, looking pale as a sheet, signalled to her husband to attend to her.

40

The couple made their way into the study and Madam Wong peered out to make sure that nobody was around before she slammed the door shut. "Wong! I saw her today!" screeched Madam Wong.

"Who?"

45

"Your mother!"

"What? Impossible. She's dead!"

Adapted from *Filial Irony*

- 71 Based on paragraph 1, how do we know that Madam Wong was well-to-do? [1m]

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space.

- 72 Fill in the table below with the cause and effect of the following events in the story. The first one has been done as an example for you. [2m]

	Cause	Effect
	People were stocking up on supplies because of a possible price-hike.	The streets were bustling with people.
(i)	Some British official leaked out information that Singapore was the next target for the Japanese.	
(ii)		Madam Wong decided to get her groceries at another market.

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- 73 Choose words from lines 14–22 which have **similar** meanings to the words below. [3m]

(i)	encouraged	
(ii)	prevention	
(iii)	unavoidable	

- 74 Which two-word phrase from lines 16–22 is used to describe the Japanese? [1m]

- 75 What can you conclude about how the people were feeling about the possible Japanese invasion? Support your answer based on evidence found in paragraph 6. [2m]

- 76 Why did Madam Wong cover her mouth with her handkerchief? [2m]

77 What does "the particular object" in line 27 refer to? [1m]

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78 Do you think the rickshaw man had a change in his attitude about taking Madam Wong to her destination? How do you know? [2m]

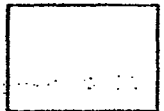
79 Based on information found from lines 35–41, fill in the blanks in the following table. [3m]

	Character	How the character felt at that point	What made the character feel that way	What the character did as a result
(i)	Master Wong			He scolded the servant for not buying groceries to cook a meal for him.
(ii)	Madam Wong	guilty	Master Wong gave the servant a verbal lashing for not buying the groceries.	

- 80 Based on the story, state whether each statement in the table below is true or false, then give one reason why you think so. [3m]

		True/False	Reason
(i)	The rickshaw man had reached Madam Wong's destination when she told him to stop.		
(ii)	Master Wong was embarrassed that he had wrongly accused the servant.		
(iii)	Madam Wong was guarded when she spoke to her husband about what she had seen earlier that day.		

Do not write in this space.



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Booklet A

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

Booklet B

Q29	Q30	Q31	Q32	Q33	Q34	Q35	Q36	Q37	Q38
N	Q	K	F	C	M	G	B	J	H

Q39	These	Q48	thinks	Q57	smaller
Q40	antique	Q49	possession	Q58	dark
Q41	shopping	Q50	reluctant	Q59	shine
Q42	collecting	Q51	front	Q60	image
Q43	inspired	Q52	return	Q61	same
Q44	chuckled	Q53	repeated	Q62	spent
Q45	currently	Q54	as	Q63	water
Q46	bulging	Q55	eggs	Q64	course
Q47	alphabetical	Q56	heard	Q65	up

Q66 Unlike Mrs Ravi, Mother does not enjoy gardening.

Q67 The thunderstorm resulted in all outdoor activities being cancelled.

Q68 All asked me, "What have you been doing since yesterday?"

Q69 What frightened Tammy was the sudden appearance of the shadow.

Q70 With the exception of Sean, every pupil has received his gift.

Booklet C

Q71 She had a gold-embroidered, pink silken handkerchief.

Q72

	Cause	Effect
	People were stocking up on supplies because of a possible price-hike.	The streets were bustling with people.
(i)	Some British official leaked out information that Singapore was the next target for the Japanese	It caused a huge frenzy amongst the locals
(ii)	She saw that the wet market thoroughly packed with haggling citizens and voracious traders.	Madam Wong decided to get her groceries at another market.

Q73

(i)	encouraged	spurred
(ii)	prevention	deterrence
(iii)	unavoidable	inevitable

Q74 sword-wielding monsters

Q75 They felt hopeless as praying to the heavens seemed like their only way out as it was a form of defence against the samurais.

Q76 She could not tolerate the smell from the food stalls.

Q77 It refers to an old woman.

Q78 Yes I do. At first the rickshaw man rolled his eyes in annoyance but after being spurred by money, the rickshaw suddenly accelerated.

Q79

	Character	How the character felt at that point	What made the character feel that way	What the character did as a result
(i)	Master Wong	angry	He wanted home-cooked-food but he got packet dinner.	He scolded the servant for not buying groceries to cook a meal for him.
(ii)	Madam Wong	guilty	Master Wong gave the servant a verbal lashing for not buying the groceries	She told her husband to stop lecturing the servant as it was her fault there were no groceries.

Q80

		True/False	Reason
(i)	The rickshaw man had reached Madam Wong's destination when she told him to stop.	False	He had to pull to an abrupt stop.
(ii)	Master Wong was embarrassed that he had wrongly accused the servant.	True	He sternly warned the servant never to forget the daily groceries in an attempt to save face.
(iii)	Madam Wong was guarded when she spoke to her husband about what she had seen earlier that day.	True	She made sure nobody was around and shut the door of the study.

