

## Cloze to Assess Vocabulary Understanding

**DIRECTIONS:** In the blank, write the appropriate word or phrase from the list below that is the correct synonym/definition for each of the word or phrase in parentheses. To make sure that the synonym/definition makes sense, read the sentence substituting the synonym/definition for the word or phrase in parentheses.

- *folktale*
- *long life*
- *healing*
- *homes*
- *sign*
- *given*
- *magnificent*

Adult Red-crowned Cranes (*Grus japonensis*) are snow white with black necks and tails and a patch of red skin on the crown. This patch of skin becomes brighter red when the crane becomes angry or excited. The Japanese crane is among the most (majestic) \_\_\_\_\_ of all cranes, standing nearly 5 feet tall with a 5 foot wing span. Their (habitats) \_\_\_\_\_ are marshes, riverbanks, rice fields, and other wet areas. The cranes eat small amphibians, insects, and plants that grow in marshes and swamps.

In Japan, this crane is known as the *tancho* and is said to live for 1,000 years. It is also known as a (symbol) \_\_\_\_\_ of luck and (longevity) \_\_\_\_\_. An old Japanese (legend) \_\_\_\_\_ said that anyone who folds a thousand paper cranes is (granted) \_\_\_\_\_ a wish. Folded paper cranes are also given to ill people to wish them a quick (recovery) \_\_\_\_\_.

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