

91100R



## Level 2 English, 2013

### 91100 Analyse significant aspects of unfamiliar written text(s) through close reading, supported by evidence

9.30 am Tuesday 12 November 2013  
Credits: Four

#### RESOURCE BOOKLET

Refer to this booklet to answer the questions for English 91100.

Check that this booklet has pages 2–4 in the correct order and that none of these pages is blank.

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## TEXT A: NON-FICTION

This passage refers to the transit of Venus (the movement of that planet across the face of the Sun) that occurred in 2012, an event previously witnessed by Captain James Cook in 1769. The author reflects on the role of science in his life and the changing nature of scientific discovery.

### A Transit of Venus

I watched a transit of Venus, once upon a time.

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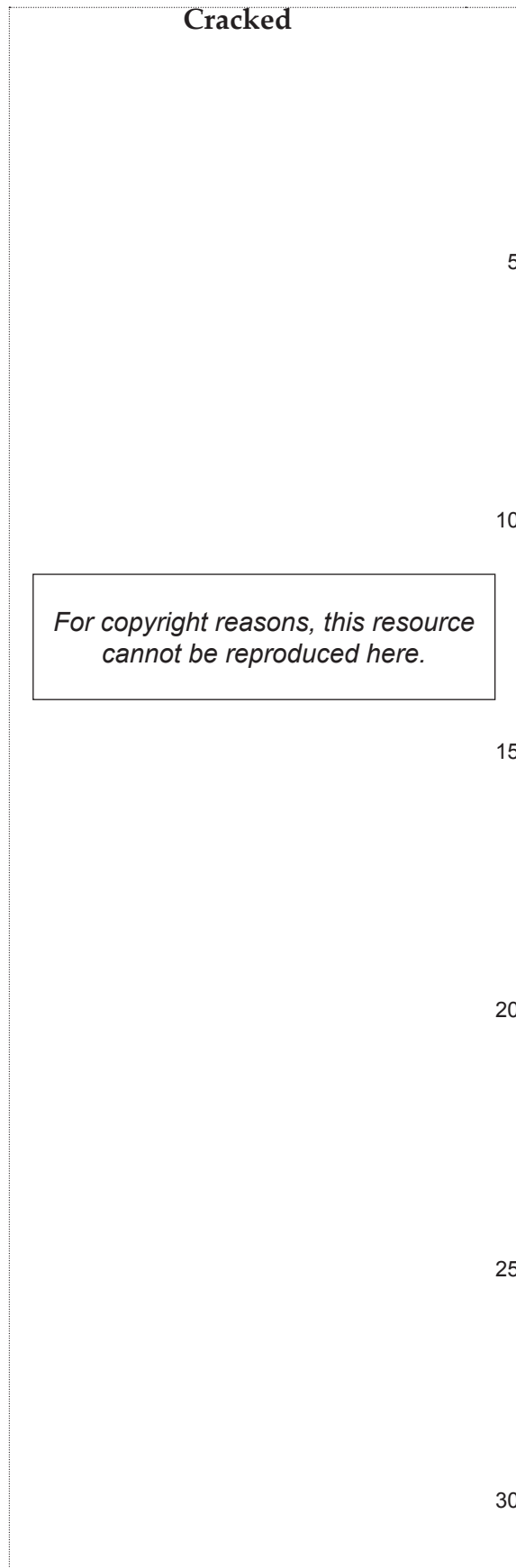
... And it might as well be infinite.

#### Glossed words

promontory    a prominent piece of land that juts out into the sea  
pervasive      widespread

**TEXT B: POETRY**

This poem, prompted by a crack appearing in a wall, reflects on situations in which two people can't find a common approach to an issue that affects them both.



**TEXT C: FICTION**

This passage is from a short story portraying a young narrator's experience of growing up in rural New Zealand. He is an imaginative child who finds comfort in dreaming of a different life.

**The Daydreamer**

I struggled into boyhood, an only child with an inhaler as my constant companion.

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... Mr Wilson couldn't help himself. "He's b-b-back, everyone!"

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**Glossed word**

Arnie                  Arnold Schwarzenegger (a star of action movies in the 1980s and 1990s)

Source (adapted): Witi Ihimaera, 'The Thrill of Falling', in *The Thrill of Falling* (Auckland: Random House, 2012), pp 210–211.