



## Task 1

\_\_\_ / 8 P.

You are going to read a text about an encounter with a leopard seal. Some words are missing from the text. Choose the correct answer (A, B, C or D) for each gap (1-8) in the text. Write your answers in the boxes provided. The first one (0) has been done for you.

### Love in a cold climate

The 700-kilogram leopard seal (0) \_\_\_ on a small ice floe on a perfect summer's day in Antarctica as I inch the kayak closer. The seal's jaws are more than (Q1) \_\_\_ the size of my head. An intense fear briefly grips me as I (Q2) \_\_\_ I am just metres from a predator that enjoys nothing better than dining out on cute penguins but who could also quite easily become curious about the taste of kayakers. The term sitting duck comes to mind.

Scrambling for my digital camera, I lose my sense of direction and crash into the floe. I look up and panic. The leopard seal is (Q3) \_\_\_ two metres away. I use my paddle to push away as quietly as I can. I don't want the seal to open its eyes and stare into the face of its next meal.

I'm also trying to keep the kayak stable; a few too many minutes submerged in Antarctic waters would almost certainly prove fatal.

There's a brilliant blue sky over picturesque Wilhelmina Bay and my fellow kayakers, oblivious to my dilemma, are happily (Q4) \_\_\_ photos on the other side of the floe. The seal lifts its head and yawns but thankfully has (Q5) \_\_\_ in a terrified man in a red dry suit or his kayak. It lowers its head and returns to dozing. I paddle away, my heart still (Q6) \_\_\_, and say nothing to the group. Who needs to know? I act calm and snap a few more photos but my hands are just (Q7) \_\_\_ shaky.

Our sea-kayak guide Chad Gaetz tells me later that leopard seals sometimes become curious and grab a paddle but this (Q8) \_\_\_ on any of his trips. I'm glad Gaetz gives me this information on the last day of our adventure and not the first.



- 0 A sunbakes      ~~B~~ is sunbaking      C was sunbaking      D sunbaking
- Q1 A full      B second      C two      D twice
- Q2 A realize      B recognise      C remember      D recollect
- Q3 A less than      B more than      C smaller than      D further than
- Q4 A picturing      B printing      C taking      D making
- Q5 A no interest      B any interest      C no concern      D any concern
- Q6 A breaking      B sinking      C racing      D failing
- Q7 A a few      B bit      C little      D a little
- Q8 A had not happened      B has never happened      C will never happen      D never happens

**Write your answers here:**

0	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q5	Q6	Q7	Q8
B								

## Task 2

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You are going to read a text about identical twins who were separated at birth. Some words are missing from the text. Choose from the list (A-S) the correct part for each gap (9-24) in the text. There are two extra words that you should not use. Write your answers in the boxes provided. The first one (0) has been done for you.

### Twins find each other after 28 years



The family saga began in Spain in January, 1973, when two identical twins – baby girls – (0) \_\_\_ prematurely and put in incubators to gather strength before being discharged. The staff of the now-closed state hospital Our Lady of the Pine, on Gran Canaria, somehow confused their (Q9) \_\_\_ with a third baby, and while one of the twins went home with her biological parents, the other left with the parents of the third child, who in turn, was given to the twins' mother. As for (Q10) \_\_\_ the mix-up was ever discovered, that was down to a friend of (Q11) \_\_\_ women. The pal was serving in a department store on the island in 2001 when she (Q12) \_\_\_ the twin she thought she knew browsing among the racks of clothes. The shop assistant tried to greet her with a kiss and was naturally (Q13) \_\_\_ when her "friend" failed to respond in the way she expected or even show (Q14) \_\_\_ sign of recognition whatsoever. The woman went home that night incensed at such (Q15) \_\_\_.

When her true friend heard about the incident, she (Q16) \_\_\_ having been in the shop at all and the two women remained confused – until incredibly, the unknown twin returned to the store several (Q17) \_\_\_ to change what she'd bought.

The shop assistant seized her chance and quizzed the mystery woman about her identity before asking her (Q18) \_\_\_ she wanted to meet this friend of hers to whom she bore such a striking (Q19) \_\_\_.

When the women met they couldn't believe their eyes: they were (Q20) \_\_\_ in a pod. Excited by their find, they began to ask (Q21) \_\_\_ details about their birth and upbringing and realized they had been (Q22) \_\_\_ in the same hospital 28 years earlier, their birth certificates said there were three days' (Q23) \_\_\_ between them. The twin

who was living with her real family then told the other she had a “twin” sister but in reality, they didn’t look (Q24) \_\_\_\_.

Intrigued but increasingly upset by the revelations, the women, who wish to remain anonymous, decided to undergo DNA tests, which settled their identities once and for all.

- A agreed      F delivered      K if      P spotted
- B alike      G denied      L like two peas      Q taken aback
- C any      H difference      M one another      ~~R~~ were born
- D behavior      I how      N one of the two      S while
- E days later      J identities      O resemblance

**Write your answers here:**

0	Q9	Q10	Q11	Q12	Q13	Q14	Q15	Q16	Q17	Q18	Q19	Q20	Q21	Q22	Q23	Q24
R																



Task 3

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You are going to read a text about a class trip to England. In most lines of the text there is a word that should not be there. Write that word in the space provided on your answer sheet. 3 - 5 lines are correct. Indicate these lines with a tick (✓). There are two examples at the beginning.

Our Class Trip



Last May we went on a class trip to England. We spent the first	✓	0
few days in the capital because visiting all the famous sights.	<i>because</i>	00
In London the whole class stayed in a youth hostel but when we	_____	Q25
went than to York in the north of England, we were with host	_____	Q26
families. My host family had spending a lot of time for me and I	_____	Q27
got the chance to practise my English good. It wasn't always	_____	Q28
easy due to listening their strange accent, but I think I made	_____	Q29
some progress during the two weeks I was there living.	_____	Q30
York is a historical city with plenty to see and do. The	_____	Q31
surrounding countryside is also very beautiful place and we	_____	Q32
went however on a few day excursions, including one to the	_____	Q33
seaside, where we were amazed to see several of people	_____	Q34
swimming in the sea in spite of the cold wind. I suppose the	_____	Q35
English are used to doing things like that.	_____	
The only thing I would want criticize about our trip to England	_____	Q36
was the language school we have attended every morning.	_____	Q37
Although the teachers were young and friendly most, the	_____	Q38
lessons were really uninteresting and I don't think we benefited	_____	Q39
greatly. We read texts all the time and it was boring them. There	_____	Q40
should may have been a lot more speaking and listening activities.	_____	Q41

## Task 4

\_\_\_ / 13 P.

You are going to read a text about honey. Some words are missing from the text. Use the word in brackets to form a word that fits in the gap (42-54) in the text. Write your answers in the spaces provided on your answer sheet. The first one (0) has been done for you.

### Nature's Energy Booster

The benefits of honey go beyond its great taste. A great natural source of carbohydrates which provide (0) \_\_\_ (**strong**) and energy to our bodies, honey is known for its effectiveness in instantly boosting the performance and (Q42) \_\_\_ (**endure**) of athletes. Its natural fruit sugars play an important role in (Q43) \_\_\_ (**prevent**) fatigue during exercise. The glucose in honey is absorbed by the body quickly and gives an immediate energy boost, while the fructose is taken in more (Q44) \_\_\_ (**slow**) providing sustained energy. It is known that honey has also been found to keep levels of blood sugar fairly constant (Q45) \_\_\_ (**compare**) to other types of sugar. So, to experience these health benefits of honey, here are a few tips for you:

Next time before you go for a workout, take a spoon of honey to (Q46) \_\_\_ (**able**) you to go for the extra mile. If you are feeling low and lethargic in the morning, instead of (Q47) \_\_\_ (**reach**) out for a can of carbonated energy drink, try honey. Spread it on hot toast or (Q48) \_\_\_ (**place**) the sugar in your tea with it for a refreshing surge of energy.

If your children are finding it hard to cope with the physical strain from the buzzing (Q49) \_\_\_ (**activity**) at school, prepare them some sandwiches with honey, butter and ham to make sure they have enough energy to sustain themselves through the day. My kids are (Q50) \_\_\_ (**delight**) when they see me prepare warm honey water in their bottles. They couldn't care a bit about the health benefits of honey, but simply love the taste of it!

Amongst the many health benefits of honey, what is most (Q51) \_\_\_ (**impress**) to me – it can be a (Q52) \_\_\_ (**power**) immune system booster. Honey's antioxidant and anti-bacterial effects can help improve the (Q53) \_\_\_ (**digest**) system and help you stay healthy and fight disease. Start every brand new day with this (Q54) \_\_\_ (**cleanse**) tonic if you want to see this health benefit of honey: before breakfast, mix a spoonful of honey and lemon juice from half a lemon into a cup of warm water and drink it.

Write your answers here:

0	<i>strength</i>
Q42	
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Q52	
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