

1 Read the statements about the natural world and choose the correct answer. Pay attention to the words in colour. Then check your answers. **Answers, page 78**

BELIEVE IT OR NOT!

- 1 There are many dangerous **predators** in the ocean, but none is as **deadly** as the *box jellyfish* / *great white shark*. Its venom can kill 60 people.
- 2 Due to *the summer heat* / *volcanic activity*, the Lost Lake in Oregon, USA, disappears once a year, leaving the land around it to **dry up**.
- 3 In the winter of 2017, Aleksandr Kovalev survived for *two weeks* / *a month* in the Siberian **wilderness**. He was easy **prey** for the many bears, wolves and tigers that inhabit the area.
- 4 Birds sing most *loudly* / *quietly* at **dawn** and become *quieter* / *noisier* once the temperature **rises**.
- 5 There are no **bushes** or trees on high mountain **peaks** due to the *high altitude* / *low temperatures*.
- 6 One *cup* / *kilogram* of **soil** contains more living organisms than the number of people on planet Earth.
- 7 In the late 1890s, a single *cat* / *snake* **wiped out** a species of bird **native** to an island near New Zealand.
- 8 The ocean **tides** are the result of the *sun's* / *moon's* gravitational pull. However, despite the fact that humans are between 50% to 75% water, this pull doesn't seem to affect us.



2 Decide if the following sentences are true or false. Correct the false sentences without changing the words in colour.

- 1 Cats are **rare** animals.
- 2 A rabbit is a **fierce** animal.
- 3 Artists often paint pictures of **landscapes**.
- 4 It usually **cools down** at night.
- 5 The sea can often be **rough** during a storm.
- 6 **Poachers** protect animals.

3 Choose the correct answer.

- 1 Some spiders catch their **soil** / **prey** in webs.
- 2 Lack of rain can cause lakes and rivers to **dry up** / **cool down**.
- 3 In the north of my country, the **landscape** / **tide** is very flat.
- 4 **Wilderness** / **Dawn** is a special time of the day, but many people sleep too late to appreciate it.
- 5 A snake bite can be **deadly** / **rough**.
- 6 **Poachers** / **Predators** take part in illegal activities.

4 Replace the words or phrases that are underlined in the sentences with a word or expression below that has a similar meaning.

rare | rise | fierce | wipe out | native

- 1 Lions are powerful animals.
- 2 Wolves are one of the naturally occurring species of Western Europe.
- 3 This butterfly is extremely unusual.
- 4 The water in the tank will reach a higher level after it rains.
- 5 Every year, forest fires destroy the habitats of many animal species.

5 What other words do you know connected to nature? Think of different types of animals, plants, weather conditions and landscapes.



8 Listen to the second part of the interview and choose the correct answer.

- 1 What did Jack like about Vladivostok?
 - a the location
 - b the artwork
 - c the people
- 2 Siberian tigers live
 - a in the area around Vladivostok
 - b in the city of Vladivostok
 - c all over Russia
- 3 The government programme to protect the tigers has been
 - a quite successful
 - b unsuccessful
 - c discontinued
- 4 Why does the Russian government pay people?
 - a to protect people's pets
 - b to protect the tigers
 - c to stop poaching



LOOKING AT LANGUAGE

Watch out for the following commonly confused words:

soil - a mixture of sand and organic material in which plants grow

land - the part of Earth that is not covered by water

Note - **Earth** is the name of our planet; **earth** is a synonym for **soil**

LISTENING A Radio Interview

6 What is a "travel blogger"? Why do you think people read travel blogs?

7 You are going to hear a radio interview with a travel blogger. Listen to the first part of the radio interview and complete the sentences with 1-2 words or numbers.

- 1 Jack was in Siberia during the
- 2 When he arrived, the temperature was
- 3 The population of Siberia is around
- 4 The UK is about ... times smaller than Siberia.
- 5 Between the cities, there is a lot of

SPEAKING Describing a Place

9 Talk about the most interesting place that you have ever visited or heard about. Think about some of the following and make notes. Then tell your partner.

location | people | plants and animals activities | interesting facts

I've been to Monfragüe National Park in Extremadura. It was absolutely beautiful.

I'd love to go to the Grand Canyon in the USA. I've heard that it's full of hidden caves.

USEFUL LANGUAGE

I've been to ...
 It was absolutely ...
 There are quite a few ...
 I'd love to ...
 I've heard that ...



Statue of tiger cubs, Vladivostok