READING

1 **What do you think 'native animal' means? Read the article quickly to find out.**

1 an animal that is from a certain part of the world
2 an animal that lives in many different places
3 an animal that stays in the same place all its life

This month Angelina Horsefield writes about an animal rescue organisation in Australia:

WIRES

WIRES (Wildlife Information and Rescue Service) began in 1985 when someone found an injured bird in a park in Sydney, Australia. At the time, no one knew how to help this 'native' animal. WIRES helps animals like snakes, kangaroos and, of course, birds. However, they can only help native Australian wildlife – animals that originally come from Australia. That means they can't help other animals like cats or rabbits that were brought to Australia from other parts of the world.

Like other animal rescue groups, WIRES needs more people. I believe they are definitely helping the local animals, but they can only continue if others join in. They hold excellent courses, where people can learn what to do when they find an injured animal. They also explain what happens to the animals in their care. Many of the people who help also take care of the animals themselves in their own gardens or on their farms.

I spoke to 15-year-old Guy McKenzie, whose dad helps WIRES in his free time. Guy told me about the work they do. 'Dad usually gets a phone call at home and drives immediately to where the animal is, to rescue it. He has special equipment and always wears gloves. The animals are wild, after all!'

Guy also talked about a woman who found a bat in her garden. She thought it might be dead, but then she noticed that there was a baby bat too. Guy's dad brought it back to the centre, where it grew into a healthy adult. Then, WIRES was able to return it to nature. Guy showed me a baby kangaroo that his dad was looking after and told me that one day he'll be doing the same thing. Yes, he will, for sure.

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2 **Read the article and choose the correct answer, A, B, C or D.**

1 What is the writer doing in this article?
A complaining about a wildlife organisation
B describing what a wildlife organisation does
C reporting an interview with an animal expert
D giving advice about how to look after pets

2 What does the writer say about WIRES?
A The courses they provide are rather disappointing.
B The visits they make to farms in the area are helpful.
C They should explain how they look after the animals.
D They are doing a very important job in Australia.

3 What does Guy's dad do for the organisation?
A He tries to save animals that are hurt.
B He answers the phone at the WIRES office.
C He chooses someone to go and see the animal.
D He prepares the special clothes for WIRES helpers.

4 What happened to the baby bat?
A It was injured by other bats.
B It is now looked after by Guy at home.
C It lived and was put back into the wild.
D It is still living at the animal centre.

5 What would someone working for WIRES say?
A We can send someone out quickly to help your pet in your home or farm.
B If you see a snake, a bat or another wild animal in danger, call us immediately.
C We are a new organisation in Australia that looks after all kinds of animals.
D If you want to have a career with us, you must attend at least one of our courses.

3 **Match the highlighted words in the article to their meanings.**

1 look after someone or something .....
2 become involved in doing an activity with a group of people .....
3 save someone or something from a dangerous situation .....
4 arrange and run an event .....

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