



INFINITIVES AND ING FORMS

Gold Experience B1+

2 Complete the text with the correct form of these verbs.

be catch escape fly have run see stay

Beady eyes

Can you imagine ¹ able to see all around you at the same time? A lot of spiders can do this because they have eight eyes. This allows them ² danger coming easily, so they know when ³ away! They are also very good hunters – they certainly know how ⁴ food. Many spiders build webs which are almost invisible, so flies can't avoid ⁵ into them. And once a spider has a fly in its web, it almost never lets it ⁶ ! Trapdoor spiders build a hole in the ground, with a cover, which helps them ⁷ hidden until their prey is close by. Raft spiders, which live near water, are known for ⁸ the ability to walk on water so they can hunt small insects easily.

4 Choose the correct words to complete the text.

Olympian **insects**

A Some animals make even the strongest human ¹**seem** / **to seem** hopelessly weak. There's a type of beetle that's capable of ²**to pull** / **pulling** 1141 times its own body weight. That's the same as a human pulling six big buses full of people!

B If you plan ³**kill** / **to kill** a fly, don't expect ⁴**to do** / **doing** it easily. Its eyes allow it ⁵**see** / **to see** things happening in slow motion, so it almost always manages ⁶**to move** / **moving** away in time.



C We expect animals ⁷**using** / **to use** their noses to smell, like we do, but the silkworm moth smells with the antennae on its head instead. They help it ⁸**detect** / **detecting** a mate ten kilometres away.

5 Complete the text with the correct form of these verbs.

apply be find out make pay sail
see spend swim watch

WHALE OF A TIME!

I've always enjoyed ¹..... about whales, and my parents have encouraged me ²..... lots of TV documentaries about them. They're famous for ³..... very big, but it's their communication that interests me most. For some species, this involves ⁴..... noises that can be heard thousands of kilometres away. They use sound to work out which way ⁵..... to find food or a mate.

After ⁶..... an advert in a wildlife magazine, I really wanted ⁷..... for a place on a whale conservation project on a boat in Scotland. Luckily, my parents agreed ⁸..... for the trip, and it's all arranged for next summer. I'm really looking forward to ⁹..... time on the boat. Imagine ¹⁰..... through the ocean with whales all around you!