

Use of English • Part 2

For questions 13 – 24, read the text below and think of the word which best fits each gap. Use only one word in each gap. There is an example at the beginning (0).

A car called 'Splinter'

The hi-tech car in the picture looks like something from the future, but it's actually just made (0) of wood. Joe Harmon, the man (13) developed the 'Splinter' car, claims it could travel at over 385km per hour. Harmon carried out lots of experiments (14) order to build as (15) different parts of the car as possible using wood. This includes the bodywork and the frame, as (16) as some components of the wheels.

Harmon designed and built the car for a project at university. It was (17) his intention to persuade people that wood is the best material for making cars. Instead, he says his aims (18) to develop new ways of working and to find (19) innovative way to use wood. Several companies have paid to sponsor the car (20) as to have the right to use Joe's ideas in their products.

Harmon is confident his car could last (21) very long time in spite (22) the fact that it's made from wood. However, you probably wouldn't want to leave the car parked in the street (23) day long in winter. Also, if the car caught fire, considerably (24) of it would be damaged than if the same thing happened to a normal vehicle.

Pink dolphin found

Most people know something about dolphins. For example, almost all (0) us can say that dolphins are known for being intelligent and friendly. But if we were ever asked what colour dolphins are, how many people (13) say 'pink'? Hardly anybody!

It might sound (14) a joke, but a pink dolphin has recently (15) spotted in Lake Calcasieu in Louisiana, USA. The animal, (16) eyes are red, is a bottlenose dolphin. His body is pink all over and this is how he must (17) looked from birth: he is an albino, (18) means he has a medical condition that causes pale skin.

The dolphin (19) first spotted several years ago, although (20) is only very recently that he has started to appear almost every day. Walt Fumeaux, a local sailor, says he has watched the animal (21) numerous occasions. 'I remember the first time I spotted him. Before that day I (22) never seen anything so extraordinary in my life. He looked unreal,' explains Walt. The dolphin appears to be healthy, but at the moment the media and tourists are (23) asked to stay away from him. Conservationists fear that the animal could be chased away (24) TV camera crews and crowds of photographers in boats.