Week 20: Reading comprehension

1 60 **Look at the pictures and explain the headline: "They call her the Bird Woman."**
Read the article and check.

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BIRD WOMAN

It was summer, and Géraldine Fasnacht was camping near the Matterhorn in the Swiss-Italian Alps. She had an exciting plan, and one morning she got up very early. By 1:30 a.m., she was climbing the mountain with her team. It wasn't snowing, but the climb was hard because of the snow on the ground. After eight hours, they reached the top of the Matterhorn, at 4,478 meters. The sun was shining and there was no wind: it was a perfect morning for a flight. She and a friend took off their backpacks and took out their wingsuits. They put on the wingsuits, walked to the edge, and jumped off the mountain. Then they were flying. With their arms inside their wingsuits, they flew around the mountain like birds. After two minutes, they opened their parachutes and landed. What was it like? "Pure magic," said Géraldine. "The most beautiful flight of our lives."

About Géraldine Fasnacht

Géraldine grew up in the Swiss Alps. She was just 2 when she learned to ski. At the age of 10, she discovered "off-piste" snowboarding. She loved exploring new places. At 21, Géraldine Fasnacht was one of the world's best women snowboarders. But her dream was to do a base jump: climb a mountain and then jump off it. She went skydiving over 300 times before she felt confident enough to do base jumping. Then, after doing thousands of base jumps, she was ready to fly with a wingsuit – and the Bird Woman was born.

2 **Read the main paragraph again and choose the correct answers.**

1 The Matterhorn is ...

a a parachute. **b** a mountain. **c** a wingsuit.

2 Géraldine Fasnacht climbed the mountain ...

a with a friend. **b** without anyone else. **c** with a few other people.

3 It was a good day for flying because ...

a of the altitude (4,478 meters).

b there were birds on the mountain.

c of the weather.

4 Géraldine Fasnacht ...

a carried her wingsuit up the mountain.

b flew up the mountain with her wingsuit.

c was wearing her wingsuit at 1:30 a.m.

3 **Order the events in Géraldine Fasnacht's life. Read the "About" paragraph and check.**

a ____ did base jumping

b 1 went skiing

c ____ went snowboarding

d ____ flew with a wingsuit

e ____ went skydiving