

Reading

Complete the gaps (1–5) in the text with the missing sentences (A–G). There are two extra sentences.

Young people change the world

Are teens lazy and selfish? We don't think so. This week, we look at two teenagers who started charities – and changed the lives of many people.

Kids Saving the Rainforest

In 1999, Janine Licare and Aislin Livingstone were nine-year-old friends who lived near the rainforest in Manuel Antonio, Costa Rica. It is a beautiful natural area. ¹ _____ The area was becoming popular with tourists, and people were cutting down trees to make new roads and hotels. Animals like monkeys were dying, too. Cars often hit them on the roads.

The girls wanted to stop the destruction so they started a charity called Kids Saving the Rainforest. Soon, they had enough money to buy a small area of rainforest. The charity now owns this land, so the trees are protected forever. The girls helped the wildlife, too. ² _____ They also build rope bridges which go between trees – so animals like monkeys can use them to safely cross roads. Because of this, the local monkey population has started to recover. Kids Saving the Rainforest is still a small charity, but it is growing fast.

Free the Children

In 1995, when Canadian Craig Kielburger was twelve years old, he read a story in a newspaper. ³ _____ After he read this article, Craig started to find out about child labour. He discovered that 215 million school children around the world regularly go to work. ⁴ _____ And they can't go to school because they need to earn money for their families. Craig felt angry when he learned this. So, that year, he started a charity which he called Free the Children. After that, Craig worked very hard to stop child labour. He travelled to Africa and Asia and met children who had to work. He thought about the comfortable life which he had in Canada, and compared it with theirs. Craig's older brother Marc soon started to work with him, and since then, their charity has built schools in many countries. ⁵ _____ Thanks to them, thousands of poor children have had an education. And the chance of a better life.

- A But the girls realised that their beautiful forest was in danger.
- B Much of the rainforest in Manuel Antonio is now a National Park.
- C Many of them have dirty, dangerous jobs.
- D Because of this, these children don't have the chance of a normal life.
- E It was about a boy in Pakistan who had to go to work every day.
- F It has also helped many poor parents to send their children to school.
- G The charity started a rescue centre to help sick and injured animals.