

READING

Read the text and mark if the statements are T (true) or F (false) as in the example.

CROCODILES

For centuries, people lived with and respected the all-powerful crocodile. Those snapping jaws and lethal teeth frightened all attackers away, whether human or animal. People were also fascinated by their characteristic calls, their beauty and their intelligence. Unfortunately, it was their beautiful skin which put them under threat. When explorers realised how valuable crocodile skin was, everything changed. Hunters risked their lives — and sometimes lost them — in order to satisfy the world's demand for crocodile skin.

Worse was to come. The crocodiles' homes began to disappear as new towns and industries were developed on the land near swamps and rivers. Luckily for the crocodiles, people realised that a world without them would just not be the same, and now they have been officially declared an endangered species. In some parts of the world, there are now parks where crocodiles may live safely, with laws to protect them.

'It is illegal to kill crocodiles,' says conservationist Charles Swaby, who has spent the last thirty years protecting the Jamaican crocodiles. The problem is that when farm animals are killed by crocodiles, farmers ignore the law and kill them. This is what Charles is fighting against. 'Crocodiles are much more scared of us than we are of them. They are scary but lovely to watch,' he adds. If Charles, and others like him, can convince the world to share this opinion, crocodiles will be with us forever! [14]

(236 words)

T F

- 0 People were afraid of crocodiles for centuries.
- 1 People kill crocodiles for their beautiful skin.
- 2 Crocodiles are protected by law.
- 3 Some crocodiles live safely on farms.
- 4 Crocodiles have enough land near swamps and rivers to live in.
- 5 Crocodiles are afraid of people.
- 6 Crocodiles don't kill the farm animals.

USE OF ENGLISH

GRAMMAR

Mark the correct variant (A-D) to fill in the blanks (1-6) as in the example.

- 0 Cheddar cheese ___ very tasty.
 A is being B are C is D were
- 1 *The Birds* ___ film starring Rod Taylor.
 A is B are C to be a D is a
- 2 Five minutes ___ enough time to complete this task.
 A are B is C were D is being
- 3 Who ___ the vase on the table?
 A has broken B have broken C was broken D were broken
- 4 Neither they nor she ___ the flowers.
 A have bought B have been bought C has bought D have been buying
- 5 Fish and chips ___ my mother's favourite dish.
 A is B are C is being D were
- 6 If I ___ you, I'd tell our teacher the truth.
 A is B have been C was D were

VOCABULARY

Mark the correct variant (A-D) to fill in the blanks (7-12) as in the example.

Hi Andy!

How are you? I (6) ___ everything's OK back home. I really love my new (7) ___ here in Lancaster. It's much cosier than my previous one.

The best (8) ___ is the view. I can see half the city from my living room balcony. It's (9) ___!

The flat is spacious. It has a large living room with a fireplace and a bright kitchen. There's only one bedroom, but it's (10) ___ big. There's even space for my large desk and a bookcase. My bedroom has also got a (11) ___ of the beautiful garden. My neighbours are very friendly and helpful, too.

That's all for now. Come and visit me whenever you like. You're (12) ___ anytime!

See you soon!

Chris

- 0 A hope B like C love D want
- 7 A space B thing C place D ground
- 8 A way B room C stuff D thing
- 9 A good B incredible C messy D entertaining
- 10 A rather B much C quite D a lot
- 11 A view B look C feature D vision
- 12 A visit B come C ready D welcome