

1. Complete the dialogue with the phrases (A–E).

- Ben** It's a lovely day today. The sun is shining. ¹ _____ ?
- Jack** Sorry, I'm scared of horses. ² _____ ?
- Ben** I can't. My bicycle needs repairing. ³ _____ ? It's really exciting!
- Jack** ⁴ _____. It's less dangerous.
- Ben** ⁵ _____. We can go on the lake or the river.

- A How about white water rafting
- B That sounds great
- C I'd prefer to go canoeing
- D Why don't we go horse riding
- E What about going mountain biking

2. 🎧 Listen to a radio programme. Complete the sentences with Anne, Bill or Carole.

- 1 _____ is watching people zorbing.
- 2 _____ is listening to the radio programme online.
- 3 _____ says that it is raining where he / she is.
- 4 _____ is watching large animals drinking water.
- 5 _____ is in his / her garden.

3. 🎧 Listen again. Decide if the statements are true (T) or false (F).

- 1 The radio programme is called *Tell us who you are!* ____
- 2 Anne is calling from Poland. ____
- 3 Bill is staying in a cottage. ____
- 4 Bill loves zorbing and bungee jumping. ____
- 5 Carole says it's raining. ____

Spiders!

There are over 43,000 species of spiders worldwide. These eight-legged creatures are on every continent except for Antarctica. Most spiders are predators: they eat other spiders or insects. Some large spiders also eat small animals – for example, frogs, lizards and even birds. There are also tropical spiders that don't eat animals. They eat parts of plants, such as flower buds. There's a 'vegetarian' spider in Central America which feeds on parts of acacia trees.

Spiders usually catch insects in their webs, but many like hunting. There's a spider that is a really good hunter. It's called the huntsman spider. I want to find out more about the huntsman spider, so I'm here with Chris Richardson, an expert on spiders. I'm watching him film a documentary about spiders for the BBC. Chris, can you tell us what is happening?

'We are watching a huntsman spider right now. It's hiding under a leaf, waiting for an insect to come near it. It's not moving at all. It has to stay still so that the insect doesn't get frightened and run away. Huntsman spiders often wait for many hours in one place,' he adds. 'A small insect is coming closer to

our huntsman spider. What's it doing? It's still waiting patiently ... Wow, did you see that? The huntsman spider quickly jumped on the insect and bit it!

We asked Chris: 'Are there many dangerous spiders?' 'Yes, there are! There are some dangerous spiders around the world that can kill people, such as the mouse spider and the black widow spider, but most spiders are scared of people and run away when they see humans. Tarantulas dig a small hole in the ground and hide away from danger; others climb on trees or hide under rocks.'

'Some spiders are good mothers,' says Chris. 'They look after their babies well. Let me show you a film we took yesterday... Can you see the spider sitting on what looks like a white bag? It's a female huntsman spider. There are up to two hundred eggs in the bag, which is called a sac. She sits on the sac and doesn't eat for three weeks. Can you see another spider carrying something on its back? That's a female wolf spider. She carries around a hundred babies on her back until they mature and climb off. Spiders are everywhere! Maybe there's one climbing the wall, making a web or hiding somewhere in your room right now.'

4. Read the text and decide if the statements are true (T) or false (F).

1. Some spiders eat plants instead of other animals. ____
2. All spiders hunt for their food. ____
3. Chris is filming a huntsman spider. ____
4. Chris is making movie. ____
5. Some spiders, like mouse spiders, can kill people. ____
6. When in danger, tarantulas run away. ____
7. The female huntsman spider keeps her eggs in a bag called a sac. ____
8. Spiders are bad mothers. ____
9. When the female huntsman spider sits on her eggs, she doesn't eat anything for about five weeks. ____
10. The female wolf spider carries her young on her legs. ____

5. Complete the dialogue with the correct answers (a–c).

Sarah Hi, Jen. How are you?

Jen I'm fine! I Today I ¹ _____ my sister in Eastbourne and we're ² _____ to the beach. It's great here! We do canoeing, surfing and diving during the week, and at weekends we go on trips to towns and small ³ _____ around Eastbourne. The weather is

fantastic here. It's sunny and hot every day. There are many children playing in the parks at the moment.

What ⁴ _____ today?

Sarah I'm at home. I'm studying for my exams. I don't like maths and I'm not ⁵ _____ history. I don't like studying! It's cold, ⁶ _____ and raining, so I'm staying inside today. At the moment, I'm watching a wildlife documentary about the sand cat. It's a wild cat that lives in the deserts of northern Africa and some parts of Asia. It doesn't mind really cold or very hot weather and can live in temperatures from -5°C to 52°C! It can also live a long way from water.

Jen That's interesting! ⁷ _____ ?

Sarah It digs a hole in the sand and sleeps there. It's a predator – it eats small animals and birds. One of them is looking for some food now. It's running very ⁸ _____! Anyway, how about going white water rafting when you get back?

Jen That's a great idea!

1. a 'm visiting b visit c 's visiting
2. a cycling b cycle c cycled
3. a capitals b villages c suburbs
4. a do you do b you do c are you doing
5. a dislike b into c like
6. a wind b winding c windy
7. a Where's it sleeping b Where does it sleep c Where it sleeps
8. a quick b quickly c quicker

6. Complete the text with the correct form of the words below.

hunt take bite drink sand look dig run deserts grasslands

The dingo is a wild dog that you can find in many parts of Australia. Dingoes live in dry areas such as ¹ _____, where there's lots of ² _____ and it can be very hot, or in ³ _____. They live close to fresh water in dens, which are holes that they ⁴ _____ in the ground. They go ⁵ _____ for food, such as rats or rabbits, when the sun goes down and it's cooler. They ⁶ _____ larger animals together with other dingoes and kill them by ⁷ _____ them in the neck. Some people think dingoes are dangerous to humans. In 1980 a baby was ⁸ _____ by a dingo and killed. Generally dingoes avoid people and ⁹ _____ away when they see them. As well as their prey, dingoes need water to survive. They ¹⁰ _____ one litre of water a day in the hot summer months and about half a litre a day in the winter.

7. Complete the sentences with the adjectives of the nouns below.

sun cloud rain snow wind storm

- 1 It's very _____. Some tiles have come off of our roof.
- 2 I don't like the weather when it's _____ because I don't like thunder and lightning.
- 3 Don't forget your umbrella. It's very _____ today.
- 4 It's going to be beautiful and _____ all day. Shall we have a barbecue?
- 5 I wanted to take some photos of the countryside from the aeroplane, but it's too _____ – I can't see any land below!
6. _____ weather is great for winter sports such as skiing.

8. Complete the sentences with the sports below.

surfing mountain biking rock climbing bungee jumping canoeing
snowboarding horse riding zorbing bouldering diving

1. We live by the sea so I go _____ every day. I love riding the waves.
2. I go _____. I love swimming in the ocean and seeing the fish.
3. I prefer _____ to rock climbing. You can climb faster without ropes.
4. _____ is an exciting sport. You need to like water and know how to paddle.
5. We go _____ every weekend. We have to wear helmets and we have to climb a long way.
6. _____ is great fun. You can go quite fast down a hill in a giant ball!
7. My brother went _____ from a bridge, when he was in New Zealand.
8. _____ is a good sport for those who love animals.
9. _____ is similar to surfing, but you use snow instead of water to move.
10. _____ is a great sport for people who love cycling. You can get into the middle of the countryside and go off road through woods and mountains.

9. Complete the dialogues with the present continuous form of the words in brackets.

- A** ¹ _____ (Jen and Will / travel) around the world?
- B** No, ² _____ (they / not travel) around the world. ³ _____ (they / spend) their holiday in Malaysia.
- A** ⁴ _____ (your mum / cook) dinner? It smells delicious.
- B** Yes, ⁵ _____ (she / cook) sausages and chips.

A ⁶ _____ (Grandma / speak) to someone on the phone?

B No, ⁷ _____ (she / not make) a phone call. ⁸ _____ (she / talk) to her cat!

A What ⁹ _____ (Paul / do) in the garden?

B ¹⁰ _____ (he / repair) the fence so that the dog doesn't run away – again!

10. Make questions using the present simple and present continuous.

1 you / listening / now? _____

2. what book / you / read / now? _____

3. it / sunny / at the moment? _____

4. What / you / usually / do / on Tuesdays? _____

5. Mary / play / the guitar at the moment? _____

6. Where / Joel / today? _____

7. what / watch / on television / now? _____

11. Mark e the correct form to complete the text.

We ¹ **have** / **'re having** a pet – a cat called Toby. Toby ² **is sleeping** / **sleeps** a lot. What ³ **'s he doing** / **does he do** at the moment? He ⁴ **sleeps** / **'s sleeping** in the armchair. What ⁵ **is my brother doing** / **does my brother do** right now? He ⁶ **wakes** / **'s waking** him up. He ⁷ **does** / **doing** it every day!