



Reading

The wolf man

Most people would be terrified to find themselves facing a wild wolf pack, alone and unarmed. Not Shaun Ellis. 1) _____ He wrote about his unusual experience in a book called *The Man who Lived with Wolves*.

Shaun had always been fascinated by wolves, although he admits that, like the majority of children, he grew up with an in-built fear of the animal. This fear, he believes, is a result of the bad image wolves are given in story books and in films. 2) _____ As he later learnt, wolves are very interesting animals with extremely complicated family and pack relationships.

Shaun decided that he wanted to spend his life studying nature and animals. Following this dream led him to a North American Indian reservation in Idaho. There he worked at a wolf research centre.

3) _____ He wanted to get up close to the wolves in their natural habitat. So, he started to live in the wild with them. Amazingly, the wolves accepted him into the pack where, because he couldn't hunt, his role was to look after the young ones. 4) _____

There were some dangerous moments when Shaun made mistakes. 5) _____ Fortunately, he survived to tell his story. Although he was reluctant to leave the wolf family, Shaun had to return to society for health reasons. A wolf's lifestyle does not lead to a particularly long life! Now, he uses what he learnt from the unusual experience to run a wolf protection centre. He also uses his expertise to help farmers in other countries who

see wolves as a threat to their animals. Will he return to the wild? Who knows? Shaun Ellis is full of surprises!

Read the text and choose which sentence (a–f) fits each gap (1–5). You do not need one of the sentences.

- a It was only when he saw a wolf in a zoo that he realised that it was nothing like the scary animal he had often read about.
- b Once a wolf attacked him because he ate some meat that the lead wolf should have eaten.
- c Shaun lived with them, ate what they ate, and learnt an enormous amount about their behaviour and relationships.
- d He spent nearly two years living wild with a wolf pack in North America because he wanted to learn more about their behaviour.
- e It seemed that the wolf was protecting him from a bear that had been down by the river.
- f However, learning about wolves from a distance was not enough for Shaun.