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My hero

Listening Comprehension

Listen to the speakers talking about their heroes and do the exercises to practise and improve your listening skills.

I. Preparation

Match the two halves of these phrases and write a–g next to the numbers 1–7.

1…….. to make	a.someone (for …)
2…….. to risk	b. of the danger
3…….. to campaign	c.a discovery
4…….. to spend	d.your life
5…….. to become aware	e. all day working
6…….. to be interested	f. against slavery
7…….. to admire	g. in ecology

II. Checking your understanding

A. Choose which speaker (A, B, C or D) talks about ...

1.someone who was dedicated to world peace. **A / B / C / D**

2.someone who has been the victim of violence as a result of their campaigning. **A / B / C / D**

3.someone who left a more conventional job to help young people in their country. **A / B / C / D**

4.someone who was excluded from the professional community of the time. **A / B / C / D**

5.someone who she wishes she could meet. **A / B / C / D**

6.someone who wrote a book about the effect humans could have on nature. **A / B / C / D**

7.someone who made an important scientific discovery while still a child. **A / B / C / D**

8.someone who faced strong criticism from big business. **A / B / C / D**

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B. Choose the correct alternative to complete the sentences.

1. Mary Anning's discovery was important because it showed that _____.

   a. fossils could teach us about the past

   b. an animal could become extinct

   c. the shape of the coast was constantly changing

2. Mary Anning's dog died because _____.

   a. it fell off a cliff

   b. a large amount of earth and rocks fell on it

   c. it got stuck down a hole while looking for fossils

3. Mary Anning didn't write a famous book because _____.

   a. she was too busy exploring the cliffs

   b. she did not have access to a formal education

   c. she believed only men could be scientists

4. Kailash Satyarthi first saw the problems of child slavery when he was_____.

   a. 6 years old b. 11 years old c. 26 years old

5. Kailash Satyarthi has saved over children from enforced labour_____.

   a. 18,000 b. 80,000 c. 800,000

6. Because of their work, two of Kailash Satyarthi's_____.

   a. friends were injured

   b. children were attacked

   c. co-workers were murdered

7. Rachel Carson first specialized in_____.

   a. human biology

   b. the study of insects

   c. marine biology

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8. Rachel Carson's book made people realize that _____.

a. using pesticides was damaging the ecosystem

b. birdsong is essential to humans

c. humans cannot control nature

9. These days, more and more people are buying_____.

a. powerful pesticides

b. organic food

c. Rachel Carson's book

10. The speaker is apologetic because_____.

a. she doesn't know very much about John Lennon

b. she gets upset when she thinks about John Lennon

c. John Lennon is an obvious choice of hero

11.The speaker likes_____.

a. all the Beatles' songs and Lennon's solo music

b. all of the Beatles' music, but not Lennon's solo music

c. only the Beatles songs that Lennon wrote

12. It's amazing that Imagine_____.

a. is still so well loved today

b. really changed the way things were

c. contained so many important themes

III. Discussion

Which of the heroes described in the listening were you most interested in?

Why?

Do you have a hero of your own?

Tell us about them!

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