Teamwork – Reading WS

A Meerkats live in the desert, with enemies everywhere. So how do they survive? They have all the skills to live there: they can hunt well, they can see their enemies from long distances. But they cannot survive alone. They survive because of one skill – they live and work together as a team. Meerkats are very good examples of the importance of teamwork. For them, teamwork is life or death.

B Meerkats live underground in large groups and have different group roles. Some watch for enemies, others look after the young meerkats and others go hunting. Meerkats can't talk like humans, but they can communicate with each other using different sounds. They can tell the others where the enemy is - an eagle in the air flying towards them or a snake on the ground.

C So what can people learn about teamwork from these amazing animals? They show us the importance of communication and making decisions. Teams are small groups of people who work together, but have different skills. Teams usually make better decisions ran one person alone. Because the team often has people with different skills, it has more ideas than one person. With more ideas the group can choose the best answer to the problem.

D But teamwork isn't always the best way to make decisions - it has problems. It sometimes takes a long time and it usually needs good preparation. But because everyone in the team can help with making decisions, people usually work hard and feel good to be in a team.

1. Read and match the ideas with the paragraphs.

1. what is a team — Paragraph _____
2. the importance of teamwork — Paragraph _____
3. some difficulties with teamwork — Paragraph _____
4. working together and communicating — Paragraph _____

2. Find words in the article which mean ….

1. s_____ : to continue to live (paragraph A)
2. s _____ : something you can do well (paragraph A)
3. r _____ : what a person has when they are part of a team (paragraph B)
4. d _____ : when you make a choice (paragraph C)
5. p _____ : getting something ready, or getting yourself ready (paragraph D)

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