



**For questions 1-12, read the text below and decide which answer best fits each gap.**

### Laura's endeavour.

Amid much controversy, 16-year-old Laura Dekker, and her boat Guppy, have completed what many are calling a record-breaking solo global navigation.

Unfortunately, however, Guinness World Records say they no **1**\_\_\_\_\_ have a record for the youngest sailor. They, like the Dutch authorities who tried to **2**\_\_\_\_\_ Laura's 27,000-mile trip around the world, feel **3**\_\_\_\_\_ record-breaking attempts are far too risky for such a young **4**\_\_\_\_\_.

Dutch school officials were also against Laura's endeavour as they were of the **5**\_\_\_\_\_ that she should be in the classroom learning, not on a small boat sailing the high **6**\_\_\_\_\_.

However, unlike Abby Sutherland and Jessica Watson - two other teenagers who have sailed the globe - Laura **7**\_\_\_\_\_ at ports all along the way to sleep, repair her 38-foot boat, and **8**\_\_\_\_\_ up on homework.

While it may be **9**\_\_\_\_\_ that Laura hasn't spent as much time in formal education as **10**\_\_\_\_\_ her age she has studied weather, tides, navigation and naval regulations extensively.

**11**\_\_\_\_\_, she gave ten percent of all donations she received to the wildlife protection agency Sea Shepherd Netherlands - and that is a lesson in caring and generosity that we should all **12**\_\_\_\_\_.



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| 1.  | 1. wider     | 2. higher   | 3. longer     | 4. deeper      |
| 2.  | 1. close     | 2. block    | 3. plug       | 4. check       |
| 3.  | 1. so        | 2. such     | 3. what       | 4. how         |
| 4.  | 1. player    | 2. opponent | 3. contestant | 4. participant |
| 5.  | 1. opinion   | 2. mind     | 3. idea       | 4. view        |
| 6.  | 1. waters    | 2. oceans   | 3. seas       | 4. lakes       |
| 7.  | 1. parked    | 2. embarked | 3. docked     | 4. landed      |
| 8.  | 1. hold      | 2. make     | 3. keep       | 4. catch       |
| 9.  | 1. true      | 2. honest   | 3. real       | 4. truthful    |
| 10. | 1. them      | 2. another  | 3. those      | 4. others      |
| 11. | 1. Therefore | 2. Although | 3. Despite    | 4. Furthermore |
| 12. | 1. discover  | 2. learn    | 3. notice     | 4. spot        |