

READING COMPREHENSION

Task 1. Choose the correct answers. Write A/B/C or D.

The incredible pre-historic Chauvet cave art in France is painted in **0** _____ colours and dates back to a period around thirty thousand years ago when early humans first started to create rock art. Although various **1** _____ of this art have been found in caves in Western Europe, very few people have seen the art at Chauvet because it is located **2** _____ inside an inaccessible underground cave system. Those who have seen it say that it is very impressive, showing animals **3** _____ horses, rhinos and cows, and that the artwork is good enough to **4** _____ modern compositions.

The first scientists to **5** _____ the Chauvet paintings missed some other important **6** _____ however. The walls of the cave are also marked with a series of lines and symbols, that were initially **7** _____ as insignificant. But recent research has suggested that these marks may represent humankind's first steps towards the development of writing, which is **8** _____ people to rethink their ideas about when written communication first started.

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| 0. A. bright | B. fair | C. keen | D. sharp |
| 1. A. illustrations | B. models | C. cases | D. examples |
| 2. A. deep | B. thick | C. long | D. dense |
| 3. A. by means of | B. apart from | C. as well as | D. such as |
| 4. A. rival | B. compare | C. compete | D. oppose |
| 5. A. arrive | B. reach | C. meet | D. know |
| 6. A. instances | B. matters | C. details | D. issues |
| 7. A. believed | B. regarded | C. thought | D. agreed |
| 8. A. resulting | B. having | C. making | D. causing |

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When asked to list the things they would most like to experience in life, a surprising **0** _____ of people mention seeing whales in their natural habitat. It's an ambition that can be **1** _____ surprisingly easily. It is **2** _____ that the seas around Iceland are home to over five thousand orca whales. But their behaviour, and therefore your chances of seeing them, varies **3** _____ to the season.

In summer, the whales have a **4** _____ to hang out near the coast and can be seen swimming up fjords and inlets. During the winter months, however, the animals are generally to be found **5** _____ out at sea. **6** _____ season you choose for your trip, whale-watching trips are very easy to organise, and there's a chance you'll get to see other whale species too.

Besides Iceland, another option is to **7** _____ for northern Norway between October and January. Orcas arrive here at this time of year in **8** _____ of large shoals of herring, which form an important part of their diet.

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| 0. A. number | B. amount | C. quantity | D. crowd |
| 1. A. answered | B. rewarded | C. honoured | D. fulfilled |
| 2. A. estimated | B. counted | C. guessed | D. totalled |
| 3. A. according | B. depending | C. relying | D. agreeing |
| 4. A. custom | B. tendency | C. habit | D. trend |
| 5. A. longer | B. wider | C. broader | D. further |
| 6. A. Whenever | B. Whoever | C. Whichever | D. However |
| 7. A. head | B. set | C. point | D. pick |
| 8. A. hunt | B. follow | C. pursuit | D. seek |