

Listening Practice

I. Listen to the news about "Deep-Sea Creatures" and fill in the gaps with no more than 2 words.

Scientists have found dozens of strange-looking deep-sea creatures off the (1) _____ of Australia. The underwater beasts live in total darkness four kilometres below the (2) _____ of the ocean. The researchers used a special submarine that could cope with the crushing (3) _____ of being so deep in the ocean. The difficult environment and conditions mean it is a difficult place to (4) _____. Researcher Dr Tim O'Hara said: "Australia's deep-sea environment is larger in size than the mainland, and until now, almost nothing was known about life [there]. We're really excited about the (5) _____ that we've made and are thrilled that we can now share them with the Australian and international public."

The scientists are surprised at how odd-looking many of the sea creatures are. The research team gave them some similarly odd names. They discovered a red coffin fish, a cookie cutter shark, zombie worms, tripod fish and (6) _____. Some of these creatures may be new species. Researchers are particularly interested in the coffin fish. They say it has blue eyes, red fins, and a unique method for catching (7) _____ in the dark. The scientists said it uses a "fishing rod tipped with a fluffy bait on top of its head". The researchers also found, "highly concerning levels of rubbish" including, "debris from the days when steamships plied our waters". They said: "The (8) _____ has 200 years of rubbish on it."

II. Two friends talk about how one can help the other with an upcoming charity show. Listen to the audio and choose true/false for each question.

1. Ben needs someone to help with the cooking.
2. The show is going to take place in the park.
3. Kathy likes Graham's jokes.
4. Somebody from Kathy's family has already volunteered to help.

5. Ben doesn't think Kathy's card tricks will work.
6. Kathy can't dance very well.
7. Kathy can't participate because she is helping Susan.

III. Diana tells her friend about how her new job is going. Listen to the audio and choose the best answer for each question.

1. How did Diana and the tourists travel to the canyon?
A. Car B. Train C. Bus
2. Why did some of the tourists stay at the hotel today?
A. They were tired.
B. They were ill.
C. They went to a different place.
3. Who is Mark?
A. A hotel manager.
B. Diana's colleague.
C. A worker at the canyon.
4. What did Diana do for lunch?
A. She didn't have time for lunch.
B. She ate something with the tourists.
C. She had lunch in the canyon café.
5. What does Diana think about her job?
A. The wages are good, but she hates the work.
B. They pay her poorly but at least she likes the job.
C. The wages are good, and she likes the job too.
6. What did Diana do when she arrived back in the hotel?
A. She had a sandwich.
B. She spoke to the head of the tourist group about tomorrow.
C. She slept because she was exhausted.

7. What is the program for tomorrow?

- A. Aquarium in the morning, museum in the afternoon.
- B. Tour of the city in the morning, aquarium in the afternoon.
- C. Museum in the morning, aquarium in the afternoon.