7 Grizzly bears are often killed by humans when they come into conflict as the bear searches for food near rivers

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Exercise 1. Read the statements below and write:

TRUE if the text next to it confirms the information;

FALSE if the text next to it contradicts the information; or

NOT GIVEN if there is not enough information.

Text	Statements	True/ False/ Not Given
The Scenes of Crime Officers (SOCOs) that seal off, record and collect evidence from crime scenes are people employed by police forces but not police officers themselves	1. SOCO means Scenes of Crimes Officer.	
	2. Recording and collecting evidence is important police work	
	3. SOCOs analyze evidence from crime scenes	
SOCOs are called to crime scenes at any time of the day or night, and may have to remain there for days or even weeks so that every piece of evidence is collected	4. SOCOs have a difficult job to do	
	5. SOCOs work regular hours	
	6. After a crime, the SOCO's work continues until the crime is solved	
Many SOCOs now use photographic and surveying techniques to produce virtual reconstructions of crime	7. SOCOs need to be able to take photographs	
	8. After a crime, the crime is sometimes 'reconstructed' by	

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scenes that help with their recording and investigation of the crime	actors	
	9. SOCOs have to record and investigate crime scenes	

Exercise 2. Read the text and decide if each statement is:

TRUE if the statement agrees with the information

FALSE if the statement contradicts the information

MAKING FRIENDS

There are new people to meet everywhere - the person who is next to you in a class or someone who is in front of you in the lunch line. There are many different ways to start a conversation with someone new but it is always a good idea to smile and make eye contact before you begin. Just say 'hello' and ask questions like, 'Where are you from?'. The weather is always a good topic for conversation. You can say, 'It's a nice day, isn't it?'. It's important to keep the conversation light and it's also a good idea to follow a 30/70 pattern during small talk when possible. This is 30% talking and 70% listening.

The Internet is a great way to get to know people and make friends. It isn't always necessary for friends to have common interest. Some good friends are people who are very different from each other! However, it's easy to spend a lot of time online with someone who you think is a friend and then find there's no chance to meet them because of time and distance.

Sports clubs are great places to keep healthy and make friends at the same time. They are not just for people who are good at playing a sport – they are for everyone. The important thing is to enjoy what you do and have fun. A sports team isn't the only way to a good social life. If you play a musical instrument or sing, there are bands or choirs you can join too. [29]

1 There are two ways to start a conversation

2 It is a good idea to talk about serious topics when you meet someone new

[29] Tham khảo bài đọc trang 8, Sách Bridge to IELTS 3.5 – 4.5, NXB National Geographic Learning

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3 It is more important to listen than to talk

4 Most good friends are very different from each other

5 The internet is not always a good way to make friends

Exercise 3. Read the text and decide if each statement is:

TRUE	if the statement agrees with the information
FALSE	if the statement contradicts the information
NOT GIVEN	if there is no information on this

The following paragraphs is taken from the reading text "Whistling in La Gomera"[30]

An ancient language of whistles that enabled long-distance communication long before the invention of the mobile phone will be saved from extinction on a volcanic island off the west coast of Africa. The island is part of the Canary Islands and is called La Gomera. The language, Silbo Gomero, which sounds like birdsongs, was used by the people on the island to communicate up to three kilometres across the deep valleys that radiate from La Gomera's central volcanic peak.

1 Silbo Gomero was used for communications at far distance before the arrival of mobile phone

With the opening of the island to tourism and the arrival of the telephone, Silbo Gomero had started to die out. Luckily, the island authorities realised what they were losing before it was too late and, since 1999, Silbo Gomero has been part of the school curriculum for children up to the age of 14. About 3,000 students spend 25 minutes a week learning it, which is enough to understand the basics. The name, Silbo Gomero, comes from the Spanish verb 'silbar' meaning to whistle and 'Gomero' meaning 'coming from the island of La Gomera'.

[30] Tham khảo bài đọc trang 8, sách Objective IELTS Intermediate, NXB Cambridge

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2 Silbo Gomero began to disappear with the introduction of more modern technology

3 Schoolchildren in La Gomera enjoy learning Silbo Gomero.

4 Schoolchildren on the island have a 25-minute lesson in Silbo Gomero once a day

The language is made up of four vowels and four consonants, which can be whistled to make more than 4,000 words. In the past, children learnt it from their parents but as fewer and fewer adults were teaching their children, it became necessary for the government to take over. According to Eugenio Darias, a teacher of Silbo Gomero and director of island's Silbo programme, 'There are few really good silbadores, fluent whistlers of the language, so far, but lots of students are learning to use it and understand it. We've been very pleased with the results.'

5 The language consists of 8 sounds in total

6 Eugenio Darias is the best teacher of Silbo Gomero on the island.

An important step towards saving the language was the First International Congress of Whistled Languages, which was held in La Gomera in 2003. Silbo-like whistling has been found in parts of Greece, Turkey, China and Mexico, but none is as developed as Silbo Gomero. Research will now be carried out in Venezuela, Cuba, Texas and any other places to which Gomerans have traditionally emigrated and where traces of the language still survive.

7 Having an international conference on the island is believed to be a good thing for the future of Silbo Gomero.

8 Silbo Gomero was the most developed whistling language

9 Past records of Silbo Gomero can only be found in Venezuela, Cuba and Texas

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Dr Francisco Rivero is a researcher at La Laguna University in Santa Cruz de Tenerife. 'Historically, from the earliest settlers up until quite recently, the Silbo Gomero language was the mobile phone of the period. It allowed people to communicate across great distances because its frequency allowed the sound to be transmitted.' Although Silbo probably originated in the Atlas Mountains of North Africa 2,500 years ago, it was adapted to La Gomera by adopting Spanish speech patterns. 'It relies on vowels rather than consonants, 'explains Dr Rivero. 'These are whistled at different frequencies, using Spanish grammar. If we spoke English, we'd use an English structure for whistling. It's not just disjointed words – it flows, and you can quite easily have a proper conversation with someone.'

10 Silbo was a language variety of Spanish

11 It would be impossible to adapt Silbo to English.

'Silbo Gomero is the most important pre-Hispanic cultural heritage we have. It is unique and has many values – historical, linguistic, anthropological and aesthetic,' says Moises Plasencia, Director of the Canary Islands' Historical Heritage department. Senor Plasencia has begun working to persuade UNESCO to support La Gomera's efforts to save the island's language.

12 Silbo Gomero is recognized to be the most significant pre-Hispanic cultural heritage by UNESCO

13 UNESCO refused to help in saving the language of La Gomera

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