

Open Cloze

For questions 1 - 8, read the text below and think of the word which best fits each gap. Use only **one** word in each gap. *There is an example at the beginning (0).*

Swimming with seals

The UK is home to half the world's population of grey seals and there (0) *are* many local boat trips offering sightseeing tours out to the islands and sandbanks (1) _____ the animals are most regularly found.

But if you really want to get close (2) _____ the seals and understand something about their way of life, then you need to go on an underwater seal-watching trip. On these trips, you have the chance to go over the side of the boat and, equipped (3) _____ a wetsuit, mask and snorkel, spend time in the water alongside the animals.

Seals are extremely inquisitive creatures and, once you're in the water, they will swim past you trying to work (4) _____ who you are and (5) _____ you're doing there. (6) _____ they can appear shy at first, seals soon (7) _____ used to you being in the water and will come and play around you. Young pups especially like to (8) _____ contact with divers, and often use their teeth, gently biting masks, fins and cameras out of curiosity. It can be a thrilling experience.

The Mini-Monet

Kieron Williamson is a very successful landscape painter. His paintings, (0) *which* mostly depict the peaceful countryside around his home village in eastern England, sell very well. Perhaps this shouldn't (1) _____ as that much of a surprise. It's a beautiful part of the world, and landscape paintings are always popular. The strange thing about Kieron, however, (2) _____ that he is only seven years old.

At a recent exhibition of his work, all the paintings were sold in half an hour, some for £100,000 each. Kieron now has fans all over the world and has gained the nickname the 'Mini-Monet'. What's even (3) _____ surprising is that Kieron doesn't come from an artistic family, and only started painting two years (4) _____. He first got inspiration (5) _____ some boats he saw on holiday at the seaside. Kieron asked his parents if they (6) _____ buy him a sketch pad and pencils (7) _____ that he could draw them. Only when they saw (8) _____ well he drew did they realise that he was talented.