

THINK OF A WORD WHICH BEST FITS EACH GAP AND COMPLETE THE TEXT. USE ONLY ONE WORD IN EACH GAP.

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## 'Splinter', the car.

The hi-tech car in the picture looks like something from the future, but it's actually just made (1) \_\_\_\_\_ of wood. Joe Herman, the man (2) \_\_\_\_\_ developed the 'Splinter' car, claims it could travel at over 385km per hour. Herman carried out lots of experiments (3) \_\_\_\_\_ order to build as (4) \_\_\_\_\_ different parts of the car as possible using wood. This includes the bodywork and the frame, as (5) \_\_\_\_\_ some components of the wheels. Herman designed and built the car for a project at university. It was (6) \_\_\_\_\_ his intention to persuade people that wood is the best material for making cars. Instead, he says his aims (7) \_\_\_\_\_ to develop new ways of working and to find (8) \_\_\_\_\_ innovative way to use wood. Several companies have paid to sponsor the car (9) \_\_\_\_\_ as to have the right to use Joe's ideas in their products. Herman is confident his car could last (10) \_\_\_\_\_ very long time in spite (11) \_\_\_\_\_ the fact that it's made from wood. However, you probably wouldn't want to leave the car parked in the street (12) \_\_\_\_\_ day long in winter. Also, if the car caught fire, considerably (13) \_\_\_\_\_ of it would be damaged than if the same thing happened to a normal vehicle.

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## WHAT DID WE FIND? A PINK DOLPHIN!

Most people know something about dolphins. For example, almost all (1) \_\_\_\_\_ us can say that dolphins are known for being intelligent and friendly. But if we were ever asked what colour dolphins are, how many people (2) \_\_\_\_\_ say 'pink'? Hardly anybody! It might sound (3) \_\_\_\_\_ a joke, but a pink dolphin has recently (4) \_\_\_\_\_ spotted in Lake Michigan, USA. The animal, (5) \_\_\_\_\_ eyes are red, is a bottlenose dolphin. His body is pink all over and this is how he must (6) \_\_\_\_\_ looked from birth: he is an albino, (7) \_\_\_\_\_ means he has a medical condition that causes pale skin.

The dolphin (8) \_\_\_\_\_ first spotted several years ago, although (9) \_\_\_\_\_ is only very recently that he has started to appear almost every day. Walt Fairfax, a local sailor, says he has watched the animal (10) \_\_\_\_\_ numerous occasions.

'I remember the first time I spotted him. Before that day I (11) \_\_\_\_\_ never seen anything so extraordinary in my life. He looked unreal,' explains Walt. The dolphin appears to be healthy, but at the moment the media and tourists are (12) \_\_\_\_\_ asked to stay away from him. Conservationists fear that the animal could be chased away (13) \_\_\_\_\_ TV camera crews and crowds of photographers in boats.