

USE OF ENGLISH

1. Read the texts. Put the verbs in brackets into the correct tense: present simple or continuous, past simple or continuous, or future. Pay attention to **(time) references!**

Hi, Pauline!

How _____ (1-be) everything? I _____ (2-have) a great time **here** in Sydney, but I'm going to tell you something amazing that _____ (3- happen) to a surfing mate **last Monday**.

That morning I _____ (4- get up) early as usual and _____ (5- go) to the beach right away. **While** I _____ (6- prepare) my surfing equipment, I _____ (7- see) something confusing in the sea, near the beach. There _____ (8- be) a broken surfing board, some blood and some splashing. _____ (9- you/guess) what it was? Yes, a shark! Suddenly, a shark _____ (10- attack) a teenager who _____ (11-surf). I _____ (12-not/be) ready for something like that. I _____ (13-not/know) what to do. I _____ (14-feel) paralysed! Fortunately, some dolphins _____ (15- rescue) him just in time. Then the ambulance _____ (16- take) the boy to hospital and he had a surgery. He _____ (17- save) his life thanks to these lovely creatures!

Now I _____ (18-read) a book about dolphins and their incredible abilities. _____ (19-you/know) that they _____ (20-have) a communication system similar to humans? Wow!

Hey! **Next week** I _____ (21-have) a party here at home because my friend Jorah _____ (22-come) to visit me. We _____ (23-not/do) anything special, just some friends, food and music. Would you like to come? Tell me!

See you soon. Love,

Bill

Robert **has** a lot of pet patients, but his favourite _____ (1- be) *Ella*, a Golden Retriever.

Ella _____ (2- live) with her owners in a big house with a huge garden in California. She _____ (3- not/sleep) in the garden: she _____ (4- have) her own bedroom!! **Every day**, when her 'mum' Joy and 'dad' Steve _____ (5- get up), they _____ (6- make) breakfast for her: some milk, dog cookies and a juicy bone! ☺ And what _____ (7- you/ think)? _____ (8- she/eat) everything? Of course! She _____ (9- not/leave) anything on her plate!

Joy and Steve _____ (10- **always** take) her for a long walk **in the morning** and they usually _____ (11- enjoy) it. But **last Saturday, while** they _____ (12- cross) a very busy avenue, *Ella* _____ (13- run) across it and two cars _____ (14- crash) **when** their drivers _____ (15- try) not to hit her. Steve _____ (15- be) so angry that he _____ (16- not/take) her for walks **after that**. ☹

Right now *Ella* _____ (17- play) with a ball in the garden, and Steve and Joy _____ (18- paint) *Ella's* bedroom. **In the future** she _____ (19- spend) her days in the garden and **next September** her future baby 'brother' and 'sister' (yes, twins!!) _____ (20- share) *Ella's* old bedroom! ☺



(1) _____ (there be) child geniuses in the world? Well, lots of people **consider** India's youngest-ever university student Akrit Jaswal, who (2) _____ (come) from a village in the north of India, more intelligent than Albert Einstein. He (3) _____ (have) an estimated IQ of 146. Some people (4) _____ (not/believe) his story, but it's true: **at the age of 5** he (5) _____ (be) able to perform Shakespeare from memory and **at 7** he (6) _____ (do) his first surgical operation! But how (7) _____ (Akrit/do) all this? His interest in medicine (8) _____ (begin) **at an early age**. He (9) _____ (not/have) the money to study at better schools but he (10) _____ (read) all the medical books available and (11) _____ (watch) **while** the doctors in the village (12) _____ (examine) patients.

In 2006, at the age of 12, while he (13)_____ (help) the sick poor in his village, the Imperial College in London (14)_____ (invite) him to meet the research biologist Dr Mustafa Djamgoz and other consultants, who (15)_____ (be) extremely surprised at Akrit's knowledge.

Today Akrit (16)_____ (practise) medicine in India but he (17)_____ (not/stay) there **for a long time**. Soon he (18)_____ (do) a master's degree in Harvard University in the USA. What (19)_____ (he/think) about his life? Well, he (20)_____ (not/see) himself as a genius but **he is convinced that one day** he (21)_____ (find) a cure to some of our most terrible diseases, such as cancer.

2. Choose the correct alternative

- 1) After many years of studying sea animals, oceanographers say that dolphins are the friendlier than / friendlier than / most friendly than whales, and sharks are most dangerous / the more dangerous / the most dangerous fish that exist.
- 2) Adam was really tired after the operation because / so / while he decided to rest for some time.
- 3) You don't have to / shouldn't / mustn't practise every day to be a good surfer, but you should / can / have train regularly.
- 4) While / When / Then I took my dog Sam to the vet, he gave him an injection. Sam was very scared / frightening / scary when he saw it. He isn't very wise / brave / loyal!
- 5) There weren't much / many / very patients waiting at the vet's – just a few / a little / a lot.
- 6) I think dogs are more funny / funnier / funniest than cats, but monkeys are the better / worse / best.
- 7) Mum was dropping / lifting / carrying some glasses to the kitchen the other day when meanwhile / later / suddenly she pushed / dropped / lifted one and / because / but it broke into pieces.
- 8) Don't waste / save / earn money on dog toys – they play with anything!
- 9) There was / are / were terrible droughts / hailstorms / floods in my area last winter, and some / any / much dogs survived by hiking / climbing / putting up to the top of the trees.
- 10) I keep my dog Sam's photos in my laptop / keyboard / printer, but I also have them in a screen / webcam / memory card.
- 11) I love spending money in / with / on books about dogs and my friends usually borrow / lend / give them from me.
- 12) Akrit wastes / takes / spends a lot of time studying. He is worry / worrying / worried about his exams because he has / must / should pass his exams to enter Harvard University.
- 13) People liked Akrit so / because / while he had great medical skills and he was very kind / lazy / selfish and generous.
- 14) Akrit met several eminent scientists meanwhile / during / while he was visiting London.

3. Fill in the blanks with **ONE WORD** only.

- 1) One of Akrit's first patients was a little boy. The boy's sister was J _____ because the boy had a new bicycle. Angry, she __ S ___ him and the boy fell ___ N the stairs. He had a ___ K ___ arm. Akrit had to put a ___ A ___ C ___ on his arm.
- 2) When Akrit has some free time, he likes hanging ___ U ___ with his friends.
- 3) Akrit became the first S _____ in his village. The other doctors didn't do surgeries.
- 4) If you have a cold and you ___ G ___ all the time, the doctor gives you a P _____ for some medicine, but it's always a good idea to ___ E down and rest.
- 5) Who looks ___ R Ella when her owners go on holiday?
- 6) It's ___ H _____ to share the same glass because you can pass on germs.