

## 1- Read the text below and mark the statements true (T) or false (F).

### The Boy who was Taught to Talk by Dolphins

For young Nikki Brice, the daily swimming sessions with the dolphins in a pool in Florida were simply part of a fun holiday with his family. But the real purpose was to see if it could motivate him to talk.

All his life Nikki had never spoken a word, even though he had the physical ability to speak. All the techniques the doctors tried in Britain failed, so eventually, in desperation, Tabitha, his mother, took him to the dolphin pool in Florida to try to get him to talk.

Tabitha flew to Florida with Nikki after raising £10,500 with the help of family, friends and celebrities. Nikki was given a combination of speech therapy and daily forty-minute swimming sessions in a pool with a team of eight dolphins. After just three days of the seventeen-day treatment at the Dolphin Human Therapy Centre in Miami, Nikki spoke his first magic word.

It was one marvelous morning. Nikki's mother was taking him out of the pool when he firmly grabbed her hand, pointed to the dolphins in the pool and said, 'In.'

'He was telling us that he wanted to get back in the water,' said Tabitha. 'We just stood there in shock because it was so unexpected.' Since that first word, Nikki has spoken other words like 'please' and 'duck'.

Doctors at the centre say that they are very pleased that Nikki has spoken so soon after starting his treatment. A speech therapist in London said that this kind of treatment would not repair any brain damage but if a child was suffering from lack of confidence, swimming with dolphins might help.

Before Nikki's breakthrough, Tabitha said that they had only heard about, but not seen, children getting better. 'I had never expected Nikki to make such good progress so quickly. I'm hoping that his next words will be "Hello Mum"! There is something magical that happens between children and dolphins, something I don't think we will ever fully understand.'

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1. Nikki couldn't speak because he had a physical disability. T / F
2. Nikki's mum received help from his family to fly to Florida. T / F
3. Nikki's first word was 'Please.' T / F
4. The doctors didn't expect him to speak so soon. T / F
5. Tabitha thinks something inexplicable happens between children and dolphins. T / F

## 2. Fill in the blanks with the correct form of the verbs in brackets. Make any necessary changes.

Dear Hakan,

Remember me? We 1) \_\_\_\_\_ (meet) last month at that beach place near Marmaris. I 2) \_\_\_\_\_ (just/print) my photos, and I 3) \_\_\_\_\_ (send) this one of you as I promised. Sorry it's taken me so long to send it.

I 4) \_\_\_\_\_ (not be) free since I got back. After Marmaris, I 5) \_\_\_\_\_ (take) a ferry across to Rhodes and while I 6) \_\_\_\_\_ (travel) a man told me some mythological stories. Then I 7) \_\_\_\_\_ (fly) home. I've been home for three weeks now but it 8) \_\_\_\_\_ (feel) like days. In the end I couldn't go back to Turkey but maybe I 9) \_\_\_\_\_ (go) there again one day.

What about you? 10) \_\_\_\_\_ (be) you in Italy?

Keep in touch.

All the best,

Alexis

**3. Complete the dialogue. Use the past simple form of the verbs in brackets.**

Dale 1 \_\_\_\_\_ (you / watch) the football on TV last night?

Ruby No, I 2 \_\_\_\_\_ (go) to the cinema instead.

Dale Oh, I 3 \_\_\_\_\_ (see) the new Ninja Turtles movie last week.

Ruby They 4 \_\_\_\_\_ (not have) any tickets left for that one, and I don't like that sort of movie anyway.

Dale Well, it's for younger kids really, and the last Turtle movie 5 \_\_\_\_\_ (be) a bit disappointing.

Ruby Yeah, you still 6 \_\_\_\_\_ (enjoy) it though!

**4. Complete the sentences with the words in brackets. Write one verb in the past simple and one in the past continuous.**

1 While I \_\_\_\_\_ (walk) along the beach, I \_\_\_\_\_ (find) some money.

2 Rick \_\_\_\_\_ (see) the helicopter as he \_\_\_\_\_ (swim) back to the shore.

3 We \_\_\_\_\_ (talk) to the doctor when we \_\_\_\_\_ (hear) gunshots.

**5. Choose the correct words to complete the sentences.**

1 How **many** / **much** people are coming to the party?

2 There aren't **any** / **some** chairs in the garden.

3 I need **a few** / **a little** more time to finish my school project.

4 There is **much** / **a lot of** wildlife in the park near our house.

5 Is there **much** / **a few** rubbish in your street?

**6. Choose the correct words to complete the sentences.**

1 We **needn't** / **mustn't** talk in the exam.

2 I **must** / **don't have to** buy my dad a present because it's his birthday this weekend.

3 We **have to** / **don't have to** do any school work tonight because the teacher didn't give us any homework.

4 In the UK, you **needn't** / **have to** be seventeen or older when you learn to drive.

5 We **needn't** / **have to** tidy the house now. We can do it later.

**7. Read and choose WILL or GOING TO.**

1. Tom **will/is going to** be eighteen next year.

2. I think Sarah **will/is going to** love this song.

3. My sister **will / is going to** study in Warsaw.

4. Look at the sky! It **will/is going to** rain.

5. "I've got a headache" - "I **will/am going to** get you a painkiller".

**8. Read and choose A, B or C.**

1. If it \_\_\_\_\_, we'll go skiing.

A. Snow      B. Will snow      C. Snows

2. If she can't find the answer, she \_\_\_\_\_ her teacher.

A. Asks      B. Asked      C. Will ask

3. If you \_\_\_\_\_ up late, you'll be tired in the morning.

A. Stayed      B. Stay      C. Stays

4. If you make lunch, I \_\_\_\_\_ the dishes.

A. wash      B. Will wash      C. Won't wash

5. The boys will have to play well if they \_\_\_\_\_ to win the game.

A. want      B. Will want      C. Wanted

#### VOCABULARY

**1. Look at situations 1–10. How did the person feel in each situation? Match the adjectives below with the situations.**

**ASHAMED- BORED - CONFUSED- CROSS- EMBARRASSED- ENVIOUS - EXCITED - FRIGHTENED - RELIEVED- UPSET**

1 I copied my friend's homework without telling her and she got in trouble with the teacher. \_\_\_\_\_

2 The teacher didn't choose me for the school play. I cried when I heard. \_\_\_\_\_

3 I met my friend for coffee and she had the trainers that I really want to buy. \_\_\_\_\_

4 I'm at the station waiting to go on holiday. My train is a little late and there's nothing to do. \_\_\_\_\_

5 One friend told me the party starts in an hour, but another friend said it starts in two hours. \_\_\_\_\_

6 I'm waiting for my favourite cousin to arrive from Australia. \_\_\_\_\_

7 My mum showed my new best friend a picture of me as a baby in the bath. \_\_\_\_\_

8 I passed an important exam that was very difficult! \_\_\_\_\_

9 When I woke up this morning I saw an enormous spider next to my hand. \_\_\_\_\_

10 I want to ride my bike, but my brother left it in the park yesterday. \_\_\_\_\_

**2. Complete the sentences with the correct words. The first letter of each word has been given.**

1 Be careful with those scissors – you don't want to c\_\_ yourself.

2 I b\_\_ my ankle last year and I still can't walk properly.

3 I have a few b\_\_s and my arm hurts, but nothing serious.

4 I've got a p\_\_ in my back and I need to lie down.

5 Ben s\_\_ over on the ice yesterday and injured his leg.

**3. Read the definitions of films and TV programmes and write the correct words.**

**MUSICAL - NEWS (BULLETIN)- ROMANTIC COMEDY- TALENT SHOW- PERIOD DRAMA- GAME SHOW**

1 I watch this every day to find out what's happening in the world. \_\_\_\_\_

2 I don't really like this type of film because the actors are always singing. \_\_\_\_\_

3 I like this type of programme, especially if I know the answers to the questions. \_\_\_\_\_

4 In this type of film, a man and a woman meet, and after some problems they fall in love at the end. \_\_\_\_\_

5 This is a film about events from the past; the actors always wear beautiful clothes. \_\_\_\_\_

6 In this programme, real people perform a special skill and the audience chooses the winner. \_\_\_\_\_

