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JAPANESE SCIENTISTS PHOTOGRAPH GIANT SQUID

Japanese scientists have taken the first-ever photographs of a live giant squid. These sea creatures are called «giant» for a reason. This particular squid was 26 feet long. Giant squids (**33**) _____ to grow up to 60 feet long!

Squids are *invertebrates,* which (**34**)_____ they do not have backbones. They have eight short arms and two long tentacles, which are covered with suction cup-like suckers. (**35**) _____ giant squids on film has been very difficult because they are shy creatures that (**36**) _____ in very deep water. In the past 100 years, there only have been 50 confirmed

(**37**)_____ of live giant squids. Most scientists have only seen dead squid that were washed ashore or were caught in (**38**) _____ nets.

It took three years for scientists to get pictures of this squid. Scientists placed a camera about 3,000 feet under water near the coast of Japan's Bonin Islands. They put bait near

(**39**) _____ camera. Finally, a squid came by to test the bait and (**40**) _____.

Scientists already have learned a lot about giant squids from the pictures. Many people thought squids (**41**) _____ slow because they are so big. But the photos show that giant squids might be (**42**) _____ active predators than people thought. The photos also show that a giant squid uses its tentacles to squeeze prey in much the same way a python does.

	A	B	C	D
33	have been known	have known	had been known	known
34	mean	means	meaning	meant
35	To capture	Capture	Captures	Capturing
36	have lived	have been living	were living	live
37	sights	sightseeings	sightings	sighters
38	fishermen	fishermen's	fishermens'	fishermen'
39	a	an	the	no article
40	has been photographed	was photographed	photographed	has photographed
41	had been	were	are	have been
42	much	many	most	more

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Most dream vacations to Alaska revolve around wilderness hikes or cruises past mountains and glaciers. But changes in downtown Anchorage offer visitors (**33**) _____ reasons to linger in the state's most populous city. The city's grid pattern, with lettered streets (**34**) _____ perpendicular to numbered avenues, seems inspired by the game Battleship. In the heart of the grid, within a block of the G Street strip that stretches between Third and Fifth Avenues, new shops and restaurants (**35**)_____. Their arrival happens to coincide with a revitalization project (**36**) ____ Destination Downtown, headlined by a sleek expansion of the Anchorage Museum where new exhibitions, a planetarium and a science discovery centre (**37**) ____ in May.

	A	B	C	D
33	little	a little	few	a few
34	run	ran	running	runs
35	has cropped up	have cropped up	will have cropped up	would crop up
36	call	called	was calling	has called
37	are unveiled	were unveiled	will be unveiled	are unveiling

The crumpled cars have reddened with rust, and spring rains and a warming sun have left the ashes and mud hardened into an earthen plate of armour. But Satoshi Watanabe still comes every day to pick through the charred debris that was once his home, (**38**) _____ for the remains of his 2-month-old infant daughter.

She (**39**) _____ by the tsunami that flattened much of this fishing town and killed his wife, mother and two other young daughters. Once he finds the missing child, Mr Watanabe said he (**40**) ____ this town and its painful memories for good.

«No one wants to build here again», said Mr Watanabe, 42, who spoke in short sentences punctuated by long sighs. «This place is just too scary».

Two months after a huge earthquake and tsunami, (**41**) ____ coastal communities like this one remain far from recovery and, with many working-age people moving away, they face the prospect that they could simply wither away and, ultimately, perhaps even disappear. With neither homes nor jobs to lose, and fearing another tsunami from the continuing aftershocks, many residents (**42**)_____. Town officials now fear losing the bulk of working-age families, leaving this already graying town with an overwhelmingly elderly population that might lack the energy or the incentive to undertake a lengthy reconstruction.

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	A	B	C	D
38	search	to search	searching	be searching
39	was swept away	was away sweeping	has swept away	will sweep away
40	leaving	left	will leave	has been left
41	devastates	is devastating	will devastate	devastated
42	has left	have already left	had already left	has been leaving

CARIBBEAN ISLANDS

In this case movies tell the truth — thousands of sunken ships and hidden pirate treasures are yet (**33**) ____ in this region, making Caribbean Islands (**34**) ____ destination for all treasure hunters. Pirates of the Caribbean became a legend — they managed (**35**) _____ in fear the whole region (**36**) ____ incredible gold, jewellery and money supply. In 16th-century Spain, world's leading marine country, explored new rich lands that cover the area of modern California and down to South America. This land was not only rich in minerals, (**37**) ____ full of Aztec and Incas treasures. Spanish conquerors called this land Spanish Main and started (**38**) ____ all treasures, directing them to Spain. The way to Spain (**39**) ___ through the Caribbean where strong and reckless pirates (**40**) ____ for the victims. Indeed the ships were very rich! For example, when Sir Francis Drake ambushed Nombre de Dios in 1572, his loot was 15 tons of gold and a countless number of silver coins! Not all treasures from boarded ships (**41**) _____ by pirates as often ships (**42**) _____ quickly, so treasure hunting in this region is potentially extremely profitable.

	A	B	C	D
33	to find	finding	to be found	find
34	more popular	the most popular	most popular	popular
35	keep	keeping	to keep	to have kept
36	accumulating	accumulated	accumulation	to accumulate
37	as well	but also	and	also
38	loot	to be looted	looted	looting
39	laid	lain	lied	lay
40	had waited	were waiting	waited	waiting
41	took	had taken	had been taken	were taken
42	sank	were sinking	had sunk	sinking

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TURN DOWN MUSIC TO SAVE HEARING

Do you spend a lot of time listening to songs on a (**33**) ____ music player? If you do, you should turn down the sound so you don't harm your hearing.

Experts are (**34**) ____ that portable music players are (**35**) ____ the hearing of kids and adults. A recent survey found that most teenagers have one or more signs of hearing loss. Signs of hearing loss (**36**) ___: asking people to repeat what they (**37**)_____, having to turn up the sound on a television, and having a «ringing» sound in the ears.

Experts think some of the reasons teens are having trouble hearing are that they are spending too much time listening to music on their portable music players and they are playing the music (**38**)_____ loud. Most people don't realise how loud the volume on music players can be. One expert said the sound can be as (**39**) ____ as a jet engine! The small «earbud» earphones that come with many music players might be one of the (**40**) ____ of hearing loss. Those earphones fit tightly into the ear and send sound (**41**) ____ into the ear canal.

To protect hearing, experts say kids should turn down the volume on their portable music players, use bigger earphones that (**42**) ____ the whole ear, and spend less time using their music players.

	A	B	C	D
33	portability	porthole	portable	portholes
34	worrying	worried	worry	worries
35	harm	harmed	harmful	harming
36	include	included	includes	have included
37	say	said	saying	says
38	enough	too	much	also
39	loud	louder	loudest	loudly
40	causes	cause	causes'	causes's
41	direct	directed	directly	directing
42	covers	covered	will cover	cover

SAN SALVADOR, BAHAMAS

Bahamas are not only a perfect tourist destination. They're widely known among all treasure hunters. The search for hidden gold never (**33**) ____ in Bahamas; gold diggers from all over the world continue their search as due to old maps several huge treasures worth not millions, but billions of dollars (**34**) ____ in Bahamas. Old San Salvador inhabitants tell the story about gold hidden in a cave near Fortune Hills. That gold (**35**) _____ a cursed one, so locals preferred to stay away from it, but old

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people said they played marbles with diamonds or rubies and used gold bars as ballast for sail boats without (**36**) _____ the real value of (**37**) _____ things. Now young San Salvador inhabitants (**38**) _____ professional groups with sophisticated equipment try (**39**) _____ these treasures. Specialists assume San Salvador (**40**) _____ the treasures of legendary Captain Kidd. This treasure has excited the minds of historians, researchers and treasure hunters for many years and millions of dollars (**41**) _____ in expeditions aimed to find that gold. Around 300 years ago William Kidd created 2 encrypted maps and hid them in secret compartments of his furniture. In the late 20s of the previous century the first map (**42**) _____ and starting from that time the search for mysterious island full of gold never stopped. Specialists think they are really close to finding the exact location.

	A	B	C	D
33	stop	stops	is stopping	have stopped
34	are still hidden	still hidden	were still hidden	still hide
35	considered	is considered	was considered	consider
36	knowledge	knowing	know	to know
37	that	those	this	these
38	also	even	but	as well as
39	to find	find	finding	found
40	hid	hides	had hidden	is hiding
41	invested	have invested	are invested	investing
42	had been found	have been found	found	was found

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