

3**VOCABULARY AND LISTENING • Amazing animals**

I can understand a podcast about animal skills.

THINK! Name three fast-running animals.**Animal skills quiz**

Some animals are fast, some are big and strong. Some are intelligent, some are dangerous. What do you know about animals and their skills?

1 Can elephants ¹ with their ears and their feet?

- a. Yes, they can.
- b. No, they can't.
- c. Some can and some can't.

2 How big can a gorilla ²?

- a. 150 kilos
- b. 200 kilos
- c. 250 kilos

3 Some scorpions are dangerous.

Can a scorpion ³ a human?

- a. Yes, it can.
- b. No, it can't.
- c. Some can and some can't.

4 Camels don't ⁴ a lot of water.

How many months can a camel ⁵ without water?

- a. Three months
- b. Six months
- c. Nine months

5 How far can an eagle ⁶? It can

⁷ a small animal from a distance of

- a. 500 metres.
- b. one kilometre.
- c. more than one kilometre.

6 Ostriches can't ⁸ , but how fast can they ⁹?

- a. Six kilometres an hour
- b. Sixteen kilometres an hour
- c. Sixty-five kilometres an hour

1 **1.34** Check the meanings of the verbs in the box. Look at the quiz and complete the questions with eight of the verbs. Listen and check your answers.

swim drink hear communicate fly jump
survive kill climb grow move run see (x2)

2 Work in pairs. Answer questions 1–6 in the quiz.

3 **1.35** Listen to a podcast about the animals in the quiz and check your answers. How many correct answers have you got?

SKILLS STRATEGY**How to do the listening quiz:**

- First, read all the questions and options.
- Next, predict the general meaning of the text.
- Then, focus on the detail you need and then choose the correct option.

4 **1.35** Read the Skills Strategy and listen again. What two extra pieces of information do you hear? Choose from a–d.

- a. Scorpions are intelligent.
- b. Some of the smallest scorpions are the most dangerous.
- c. Ostriches are the heaviest, fastest, and tallest birds.
- d. Some monkeys can speak.



5 **USE IT!** Work in pairs. Ask and answer the questions about the animals in unit 3. Who can answer the most questions?

- 1 Which animal moves very quickly?
- 2 Which animal doesn't run, fly or swim?
- 3 Which animal jumps and swims?
- 4 Which animal doesn't grow bigger than this book?
- 5 Which animal doesn't drink a lot of water?
- 6 Which animal climbs better than a gorilla?

Finished?

Look at exercise 5 again and write more questions using the verbs in exercise 1 and the animals in unit 3.



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LANGUAGE FOCUS • *can* for ability • *might* • Questions with *How ... ?*

I can talk about abilities.

can for ability

1 Complete the examples from the quiz on page 42. Then choose the correct answers in Rules 1–4.

An eagle ¹ see a small animal from a great distance.

Ostriches ² fly.

³ a scorpion kill a human? Yes, it

⁴ / No, it ⁵

⁶ elephants hear with their ears and their feet? Yes, they ⁷ / No, they ⁸

RULES

- 1 We use *can* / *can't* in affirmative sentences.
- 2 We use *can* / *can't* in negative sentences.
- 3 We use *do* and *does* / *can* and *can't* in questions and short answers.
- 4 The *he* / *she* / *it* forms of *can* are different / the same.

2 Complete the dialogue with *can* and *can't*.

Parrot I'm very intelligent. I ¹ can speak five languages.

Snake ² you speak human languages?

Parrot Yes, I ³ Can you speak many languages?

Snake No, I ⁴

but I ⁵ eat animals which are bigger than me.

Parrot Oh!

**might**

3 Look at the examples of sentences with *might*. Then choose the correct answers in the Rules.

Be careful, it's a scorpion. It might be dangerous. We might see a bear in the national park.

RULES

We use *might* when we know / don't know if something is true.

The *he* / *she* / *it* forms of *might* are different / the same.

Questions with *How ... ?*

4 1.36 Complete the quiz questions with the words in the box. Then listen and check.

far long tall heavy fast many

... is a new baby?

How heavy is a new baby?

1 ... can the fastest person run?

2 ... countries are there in the world?

3 ... is an adult giraffe?

4 ... is an adult crocodile?

5 ... is the North Pole from the South Pole?

5 Look at the Key Phrases. Answer the questions in exercise 4 with the information in the box. Use the Key Phrases. Then compare with a partner.

KEY PHRASES**Estimating**

A new baby is usually **between** 2.5 and 4.5 kilos.

Gorillas can grow to **around** 250 kilos.

Camels can survive **about** six months without water.

2.5 and 4.5 kilos 44 kilometres an hour

5 and 6 metres 4 metres 195

20,014 kilometres

I think that a new baby is **between** 2.5 and 4.5 kilos.

6 **USE IT!** Ask and answer questions with *How ... ?*. Find people in the class with the same answers as yours.

How far can you swim?

I can swim about 100 metres.

How far ... ? How tall ... ?

How fast ... ? How many ... ?

Finished?

Invent more questions for the quiz in exercise 4.