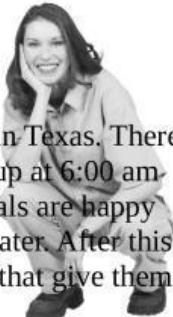


**1. Read the text and mark the sentences *T* (true) or *F* (false)**

## Life on The Wild Side!



Susan Marks has got a very important job. She is a zoo keeper. She works at a zoo in Texas. There are over 3,500 animals to look after so she works as part of a big team! Susan gets up at 6:00 am and starts work an hour later. Her first task in the morning is to check that the animals are happy and healthy. Her next job is to clean where the animals sleep and give them fresh water. After this, she feeds the animals! The rhinos eat lots of carrots and apples and special biscuits that give them the vitamins they need.

Susan's favourite part of the day is when she gets to play with the animals. Right now she is helping to train a female tiger. Spending time with the tiger helps Susan gain her trust. It's hard work but the tiger is making progress.

At 5:00 pm when the zoo closes, Susan finishes work but her walk on the wild side starts all over again the next day!

- 1** Susan works alone. ....
- 2** She begins her job at 7:00 am. ....
- 3** Her first job is to give food to the animals .....  
.....
- 4** The rhinos only eat fruit. ....
- 5** The tiger is improving with Susan's help. ....

2. Read the text and match the paragraphs to the headings. One heading is extra.

- A So much to see and do
- B Amazing comfort
- C Eating well
- D A special place



# Safari



**1** Last winter I went on a safari holiday with my family. It was an amazing experience. We stayed in some cabins in the Chobe National Park, in Botswana. The staff picked us up from the airport, and took us to the cabins in a jeep. It was a slow and bumpy journey, but it was worth it. The cabins were in a wonderful location by a huge river where all the animals went to drink. There were places to sit and look out over the river and watch the animals. It was like nowhere else in the world.

**2** Every day was full of adventure. We got up early and went on safaris and saw elephants and giraffes and even lions, and learned all about them from our knowledgeable guides. We also went on boat tours on the river in the evening and saw even more animals, not to mention beautiful sunsets. Some days we spent time sitting outside the cabins, watching the animals living their lives right in front of us.



**3** But the thing that impressed me the most was dinner time. We ate tasty traditional dishes every night. Sometimes we even ate outside and watched the animals. There were some bugs and mosquitoes so it was a little bit uncomfortable but it was worth it to be close to nature!



3. Read the text and for questions 1-4 choose the best answer (A, B or C)



# Animal Rain



History books are full of tales of strange things happening with the weather, but none may be stranger than 'animal rain'. Stories of raining frogs and fish might sound like something from a fairytale, but from as far back as the first century there are reports of it actually happening.

Scientists believe this unusual weather occurs when storms cause waterspouts\* to form over areas of water such as the sea, lakes or even small ponds. The air current picks up the small marine life and carries it in the clouds. These big clouds can travel long distances before releasing the animals all at once in the 'animal rain'.

There are reports of this happening all over the world but in the small Honduran town of Yoro it appears to be a regular occurrence. For the last 100 years every May to July, after massive rain storms the people go out into the fields with wooden baskets to collect the fish that fall from the skies. They even have an annual festival, which started in 1998, called *Lluvia de Peces* to celebrate this 'Rain of Fish'.

\* tornadoes over water

**1** Animal rain

- A** is a new weather event.
- B** has got a long history.
- C** comes from a fairytale.

**2** Scientists believe the waterspouts

- A** only form over salt water.
- B** don't form over big bodies of water.
- C** can form over any type of water.

**3** The storm clouds

- A** drop the fish all in one place.
- B** don't travel very far.
- C** are small in size.

**4** *Lluvia de Peces*

- A** started 100 years ago.
- B** happens every year.
- C** takes place in a field.