

Unit 12: Characters

NAME: _____

1. Choose the best reply for the following statements or questions.

| Statement / Question | Replies |
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| Smoking is bad for your health. | - That's right – it doesn't fit - You're absolutely right – it's terrible. |
| Jake's a nice guy | - I'm sorry, but I think he's really selfish. - Don't worry about it |
| Parrots are very intelligent animals. | - That's true. - What a relief. |
| That was the best zoo we've ever been to. | - Definitely. It was great. - I'm really sorry to hear that. |
| Learning a musical instrument is important | - Oh dear, never mind. - I'm sorry, but I don't think so. |

2. Complete the following sentences.

1. This is a small flying insect that drinks your blood. m _____
2. This type of person doesn't care about other people. s _____
3. This is a large African animal like a monkey. g _____
4. This is a person who always tells the truth. h _____
5. This type of person enjoys being with other people. s _____
6. This animal is a large, strong cat. t _____
7. This is a small animal which has eight legs. s _____
8. This type of person doesn't mind waiting a long time. p _____

3. Choose the correct answer.

- Kate's quite a **shy/sociable** girl, so she doesn't like meeting new people
- Did you know that **whales / spiders** live in the sea, but they aren't fish?
- Jack doesn't laugh or tell jokes – he's a really **serious/creative** person.
- Did you ride on a **camel/parrot** when you were on holiday in India?
- Peter's very **reliable/creative** – if he says he'll do something, he'll definitely do it.
- He thinks **bees/mosquitoes** are wonderful because he loves eating honey.

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4. Read and complete the following text:

A surprising animal friendship

I want to tell you about a special zoo I went to in Indonesia. Before I went there, I'd never been especially interested in animals but then I _____ (visit) about a zoo where two young tigers and two young monkeys lived happily together. Unfortunately, the four little babies _____ (have) all lost their mothers, and the zookeepers hadn't _____ (know) what to do with them. Someone suggested putting them together, but the head zookeeper said she _____ (have) ever seen tigers and monkeys play together before and that she _____ (say) whether it was a good idea. They decided to try it and, at first, the animals all just _____ (see) at each other. But then, one morning, they suddenly started sharing toys, playing together and sleeping in the same place.

From that moment, the zookeepers said they knew the animals _____ (be) all going to be friends. She _____ (tell) me that they were now the zoo's most popular animals. I'm not surprised – it was amazing watching them!

5. For each question, complete the second sentence so that it means the same as the first. Use no more than three words.

1. It was my sister's first baby so we were excited about it.

We were excited because my sister had a baby before.

2. Jess said she would take my dog for a walk.

I dog for a walk,' said Jess.

3. The film started before my parents got to the cinema.

When my parents got to the cinema, the film started.

4. Peter and Sue said they weren't going to the party because it was late.

We going to the party because it's late,' said Peter and Sue.

5. I forgot to close the gate, so the animals escaped.

The animals escaped because I had to close the gate.

6. Mum told me that I could have a pet rabbit.

Mum said: ' have a pet rabbit.'