READING TEST UNIT 8

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The Durrells

Drama series

60 minutes

It's the 1930s and eleven-year-old Gerald Durrell – who's crazy about animals – leaves the UK with his family to live on the Greek island of Corfu.

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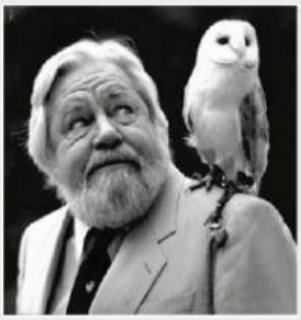
Gerald Durrell (1925–1995)

British naturalist, conservationist and author



Gerald Durrell's love of animals began when he was a child, but it was on Corfu that he began to go home with local wildlife. It wasn't unusual for his mother to find snakes in the bath! Gerald didn't go to school there; he had lessons at home instead. In his free time, he explored Corfu's natural places.

In the years after he left Corfu in 1939, Gerald worked with animals, especially ones that were in danger of extinction. He travelled to many different places, exploring the rainforest in Cameroon and climbing mountains in the jungle in Guyana. Gerald also began writing and became a famous author – his most popular book, *My Family and Other Animals* (1956), tells the story of the Durrell's life in Corfu.

People said that Gerald Durrell was 'a friend to all animals'. Years after he died, this is still true. The Durrell Wildlife Conservation Trust that he created in 1959 continues its important work today and protects animals across the world.

1. Read the webpage. Choose the correct option.

My family and other animals / The Durrells is the name of a TV series / comic. It is about the life of a young British / Greek boy called Gerald and his family on the island of Corfu.
Jungles / Animals were Gerald's passion and he dedicated his life to exploring / protecting them.

2. Match 1-6 to A-F

1) In 1925 Gerald Durrell	A) wrote an autobiographical story
2) When he was a young boy, he	B) climbed mountains in a jungle.
3) When he lived in Corfu, he	C) started the Durrell Wildlife Conservation Trust
4) In Guyana, Gerald	D) was born
5) In 1956, he	E) often found wild animals
6) Three years later, he	F) started to be interested in animals.

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3. Find in the text a word that matches the next definitions:

Example:

A young boy or girl	**Child**

1. The writer of a book.	
2. Defend, take care, keep safe	
3. Not normal, strange	
4. Well known by many people	
5. Forest in a rainy area	
6. Tropical forest	
7. Animals and plants in natural conditions	
8. Go up a mountain	
9. Investigate, discover	
10. Earth, planet	

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