

Reading (2 term)

Read three texts about crime. Then choose the correct answers.

1

THE PAINTING

Very carefully, I cleaned the few things I had touched in the room. I did not want to leave fingerprints. I stood at the window and looked back one last time at the empty space on the wall. Of course, the wonderful Picasso painting wasn't there. When will they notice it has gone? I didn't care. It was going to pay for my new life far away from here. Paris or New York? I hadn't decided yet. The police in the village were not very clever and I was sure they would never find out the truth.

1 What is the narrator doing?

- ☐ Admiring the painting.
- ☐ Committing a theft.
- ☐ Solving a crime.

2

WANTED!

Police are looking for the man who robbed the MoneyBags Bank at ten o'clock this morning. He is described as short and thin with long, fair hair. At the time of the robbery he was wearing a Mickey Mouse mask, black trousers, a black shirt and black trainers. He escaped in a red sports car that was driven by a young woman. Police say he is very dangerous and they believe he has robbed other banks in the city, too. If you have any information about this man, please call the police immediately.

2 What do we learn from the text?

- ☐ The robber did not have any help when he got away.
- ☐ The bank employees saw the face of the robber.
- ☐ The police suspect the robber of committing other crimes.

3

SAFETY FIRST

- First, get a good burglar alarm for your home. Don't buy a cheap one because your safety is very important. An alarm will scare away any burglars who want to rob you.
- Remember to activate your alarm when you go out and to check the batteries regularly to make sure they are still working.
- Having a dog is a good idea, too, because it will bark at a stranger. Burglars usually avoid homes with dogs for this reason.
- Make sure you have good locks on your doors and windows. Homes that are difficult to get into are not usually robbed.

3 The author of this text wants to

- ☐ explain how to protect your home.
- ☐ describe how burglars think.
- ☐ advertise a burglar alarm.

Read the job advertisements. Then match each ad (A-E) to the statements (1-8). Each letter can be used more than once.

A Administrative Assistant

As an Administrative Assistant with our non-profit charity, your role will involve: scheduling appointments, booking travel and accommodation; dealing with incoming and outgoing mail; meeting and greeting visitors; answering the phone. You must be: a good team player; have good time management; be a quick, accurate typist. You should also have experience in face-to-face customer service. We offer thirty days holiday, flexible working hours and a friendly working atmosphere.

C Primary Teacher

We are seeking a Primary Teacher to take two Year 1 classes and one Year 2 class in a privately run school in South London. Our school prides itself on our students' impressive results and a friendly working environment. We have a culturally diverse mix of students who are very eager to learn. The parents are very supportive. We strongly believe in the success of our staff.

D CHEF

Exclusive, city centre hotel and restaurant seeks a Chef. The position offers a great amount of variety, from informal bistro dining, to official banquets, weddings and conference events. You will be taking control of a section of the kitchen and assisting the more senior chefs, as well as helping the development of the junior chefs. You must have a minimum of 1-2 years experience in a similar position.

B WEB DESIGNER

We are currently recruiting for the position of Web Designer to assist the Creative Director on various projects from the initial concept stage to interactive design, 3D animation and motion graphics. The ideal candidate will have at least three years' experience in 3D design, and a portfolio that demonstrates his/her animation and graphics skills (e.g. interactive games or other applications). We offer an extensive skills development programme including seminars and on-the-job training.

E Finance Accountant

We are seeking a Finance Assistant to join a motivated and dynamic finance team of a big international company. The key responsibilities include: preparing budgets and financial reports; helping in the preparation of financial accounts and managing a small team of accounts assistants. This is an excellent opportunity, offering long-term employment and a great working environment in a central, easy to reach location.

- 1 You will be helping to train other employees.
- 2 You will be working in a place which is proud of its achievements.
- 3 You will have many opportunities to develop your skills.
- 4 You must prove your skills by showing something specific that you have done.
- 5 You will be responsible for the work of a group of employees.
- 6 You will be working for an organisation whose aim is to help people, not make money.
- 7 You will not have to work the same hours every day.
- 8 You shouldn't have problems getting to work.

Read the article about penguins. Then choose the correct answers.

About penguins

A new penguin chick born to the parents of a stolen baby penguin will play an important role in the conversation scheme. When it reaches an appropriate age, it will be sent to South Africa and released into the wild.

The chick was hatched two weeks ago, on 14 February, to penguins named Kyala and Oscar. Their first offspring, Toga, was just three months old when it was stolen from Amazon World Zoo on the Isle of Wight. Thieves broke in and stole the infant penguin overnight on 17 December last year. Some people claimed they had seen it, and in fact a reward of £25,000 has been offered, but Toga has not yet been found.

Kyala and Oscar spent weeks looking for their lost offspring but finally, on 19 January, they laid two eggs. One of them has proved to be infertile, and the other one hatched to produce the chick which still remains unnamed.

Derek Carson, the owner of Amazon World, said that the chick was only the second penguin which was born at the zoo, while Toga was the first. He added that Toga was destined to go to live in South Africa as part of a conservation programme but as he has gone, the new chick will now take his place.

Although it is possible to come close to the penguin family now, the sex of the animal is not known. It will be possible to determine it, and so to give the chick a proper name, when it grows feathers, which will happen in about eight weeks' time.



- 1 The new-born penguin will not leave its parents
 - ☐ because it needs their care.
 - ☐ for a very long time.
 - ☐ until it is mature enough.
 - ☐ though it could live on its own.
- 2 Which sentence about Toga is true?
 - ☐ It was born on 14 February.
 - ☐ It lived with its parents in the wild.
 - ☐ It was taken away during the night.
 - ☐ It's just been found in South Africa.
- 3 After Toga's disappearance, Kyala and Oscar
 - ☐ were missing him for a long time.
 - ☐ quickly laid three new eggs.
 - ☐ became parents to two chicks.
 - ☐ were given different names.
- 4 According to Derek Carson, Toga
 - ☐ was the second penguin born in a zoo.
 - ☐ was to live its life in the Isle of Wight.
 - ☐ has been used in an environmental project.
 - ☐ can be replaced now by another penguin.
- 5 The chick will get its name only after
 - ☐ the penguins let people look at it.
 - ☐ it changes its appearance.
 - ☐ it is eight weeks old.
 - ☐ it can walk on its own.

Read the article and decide if the statements are true (T) or false (F).

Tierra del Fuego is a group of islands at the southern tip of South America. Half of the main island, Isla Grande de Tierra del Fuego, belongs to Chile and the other half to Argentina. When the first Europeans arrived on the islands, there were several groups of people living there. These tribes were hunters. They didn't wear clothes before the Europeans arrived even though the climate of the island is very cold. They kept warm by covering their bodies in animal fat and by lighting fires. This is how the islands got their name: Tierra del Fuego means 'Land of Fire'.

The four main tribes of Tierra del Fuego looked similar to the Europeans, but they spoke different languages. One of these is Kawesqar, and it is now an endangered language. There are only about ten speakers on Tierra del Fuego and another ten on Wellington Island, south-west of Chile. However, Kawesqar is in a much healthier position than Yaghan. In 2002, there were about 1,685 Yaghan people living in Chile, but most of them don't speak the Yaghan language any more. In fact, in 2002 there were only two native speakers of this language. One of them died; this means that a woman called Cristina Calderón is now the last Yaghan speaker in the world. In 2005 she published a book of Yaghan stories called *Hai Kur Mamashu Shis*, which means 'I want to tell you a story'. The other two Fuegian languages, Ona and Haush, are related and they are very similar to each other. They are both part of the Chon group of languages. The last native speaker of Ona died in about 2003, so Ona is now a dead language. However, you can see examples of Ona words in online dictionaries and there are still a few people who understand it even though it isn't their first language. Haush died a long time ago and not much is known about it now. There is a third member of the Chon language family, Tehuelche, and experts think there are only four native speakers left. They don't live on Tierra del Fuego, but in Patagonia in Argentina.

- 1 Tierra del Fuego belongs to two different countries.
- 2 The people of Tierra del Fuego used animal fat to keep warm.
- 3 The different tribes on the islands all spoke the same language.
- 4 There are only ten speakers of Kawesqar left in the world.
- 5 Cristina Calderón speaks Yaghan.
- 6 Cristina Calderón's book is about her life.
- 7 There are no native speakers of Ona or Haush any more.
- 8 Some people still know a few Ona words.