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Section 2

INTERVIEWER: Today we're pleased to have on the show Alice Bussell from the Dolphin Conservation Trust. Tell us about the Trust, Alice.

ALICE: Well, obviously its purpose is (1) …….all around the world. It tries to raise people's awareness of the problems these marine creatures are suffering because of pollution and other threats. It started ten years ago and it's one of (2) ……. in the country – although it's still fairly small compared with the big players in animal protection. We are (3)…….we do in education - last year we visited a huge number of schools in different parts of the country, going round to talk to children and young people (4) ……. In fact, about thirty-five per cent of our members are children. The charity uses its money to support campaigns - for example, for changes in fishing policy and so forth. It hopes soon to be able to employ (5) …….- with dolphin expertise - to monitor populations. Of course, many people give their services on a voluntary basis and we now have (6) ……., office work and other things.

I should also tell you about the award we won from the Charity Commission last year- for our work in education. Although it's not meant (7)…… ……. for us, it has made our activities even more widely publicised and understood. In the long term it may not bring in extra members but we're hoping it'll have this effect.

INTERVIEWER: Is it possible to (8) …….?

ALICE: Yes. In several locations. And we have a big project in the east part of Scotland. This has long been (9) …….because it has very little shipping. However, that may be about to change soon because oil companies want to increase exploration there. We're (10)…… ……. although there'll be little pollution from oil, exploration creates a lot of underwater noise. It means the dolphins can't rest and socialise.

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This is how I became (11) ……in the first place. I had never seen one and I hadn't been particularly interested in them at school. Then I came across this story about a family of dolphins who (12)…… …… in the Moray Firth because of the oil companies and about a child who campaigned to save them. I couldn't put the book down - I was hooked.

INTERVIEWER: I'm sure our listeners will want to find out what they can do to help. You mentioned the (13) …… Can you tell us about that?

ALICE: Of course! People can choose one of (14)…… ……. They receive a picture of it and news updates I'd like to tell you about four which are currently being adopted by our members: Moondancer, Echo, Kiwi and Samson. Unfortunately, Echo is being rather elusive this year and hasn't yet been sighted by our observers (15) …… that he'll be out there soon. All the others have been out in force - Samson and Moondancer (16) ……but it is Kiwi who's our real 'character' as she seems to love coming up close for the cameras and we've captured her on film hundreds of times. They all (17) ……- Moondancer is very elegant and curves out and into the water very smoothly, whereas Samson has a lot of energy- he's always leaping out of (18)…… …… You'd probably expect him to be the youngest - he's not quite - that's Kiwi – but Samson's the latest of our dolphins to be chosen for the scheme. Kiwi makes a lot of noise so we can often pick her out straight away. Echo and Moondancer are noisy too, but Moondancer's easy to find because she has a particularly large fin on her back, which makes her easy to identify. So, yes, they're all very different...

INTERVIEWER: Well, they sound a fascinating group…

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