

## Reading Ex. > An Exceptional Biologist

### A. Read the following text.



Karla was a very active and friendly girl in her childhood. My uncle, his wife and Karla loved living in the countryside. When Karla was seven, she loved walking around the mountains, rivers and caves searching for insects. Karla taught me how to hike, fish, and enjoy the nature.

On holidays, I loved visiting her because we usually played in the river, ate fruit, and hiked across the uplands for hours. However, Karla did not like much visiting me in the city because it was too noisy, she could not run freely, and the air was not fresh.

Karla went to a school near her town. She used to wear jeans, a white t-shirt, and a gray sweater to attend classes. She studied hard because she was curious. She also had a great memory. Her favorite subjects were natural science and chemistry.

When Karla turned 18, she participated in a science fair and found out that she wanted to be a biologist. Thus, after studying four years at the university, she received her degree as a Biologist. Then, she applied for a job as a park ranger in *National Park El Tuparro* in Colombia and got it. While she watched the park, she also researched on the benefits of plants to cure diseases.

For five years she lived in the forest, in a tree house surrounded by exotic animals and tall trees. On weekends, she spent the day fishing, swimming in the river, riding horse, or collecting plants. One day Karla made an important decision in her life and decided to go back to the city.

Today, she leads environmental projects in small towns and shares her knowledge about plants with different medical institutions. I often go to visit her and listen to her wonderful stories in *El Tuparro*.

### B. Based on the text, choose if the following statements are true (T), false (F), or not mentioned (NM). Correct the false information ONLY.

	T	F	NM
1. Karla's family preferred the rural area to the city.			
<b>Correction:</b>			
2. The narrator loved spending time with Karla on her vacation.			
<b>Correction:</b>			
3. Karla was a good student at school.			
<b>Correction:</b>			
4. She studied for five years to become a biologist.			
<b>Correction:</b>			
5. Karla is the narrator's aunt.			
<b>Correction:</b>			

### C. Complete the statements below USING NO MORE THAN THREE WORDS from the text.

- Karla enjoyed \_\_\_\_\_ in dark places like caves.
- Due to the noise and the lack of \_\_\_\_\_ Karla disliked the city.
- Karla's \_\_\_\_\_ was fantastic.
- After going to the university she worked as a(n) \_\_\_\_\_.
- Karla used to live in a(n) \_\_\_\_\_ for some time in *El Tuparro*.
- Nowadays, Karla is in charge of \_\_\_\_\_.



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