READING

1 A Read the introduction to the article. Choose the incorrect option (a–d) for each question.

1 What does Bruno Redmond do?
- **a** He gets near wild animals.
- **b** He works on TV.
- **c** He stars in action films.
- **d** He goes to different places for work.

2 Which types of places has he visited?
- **a** deserts
- **b** lakes
- **c** jungles
- **d** oceans

B Read the article. Match the questions (a–f) with the paragraphs (1–6).

- **a** What is your strongest memory of an experience with an animal?
- **b** How do you stay safe around dangerous animals?
- **c** What bad experiences have you had?
- **d** How did your interest in the natural world start?
- **e** What are you going to do next?
- **f** Where do you like working the most?

C Read the article again. Choose the correct option (a–c).

1 Bruno says he loves wild places because
- **a** he went camping when he was a child.
- **b** he grew up on a farm.
- **c** he had lots of pets.

2 Bruno enjoys working in the jungle because
- **a** he's worked there more than in other places.
- **b** he's particularly interested in plants.
- **c** there are lots of different types of wildlife.

3 Bruno wasn't afraid of the shark because
- **a** he had swum with them many times before.
- **b** the shark was very calm.
- **c** he knew that they weren't dangerous.

4 Bruno says that you need to be calm around dangerous animals because
- **a** they can tell if you are frightened.
- **b** they might attack you.
- **c** they might run away if you are nervous.

5 Bruno didn't complete his Nile journey because
- **a** it took longer than he thought it would take.
- **b** it was more difficult than he thought.
- **c** something terrible happened during the trip.

6 Bruno says that it's difficult to see snow leopards in the wild because
- **a** they're very rare.
- **b** they live in areas that are difficult to get to.
- **c** they don't go near humans.

An interview with Bruno Redmond

Television presenter Bruno Redmond is best known for his documentaries which combine travel and nature with plenty of action. His programmes have taken him across deserts, jungles, oceans and mountains to some of the most amazing places on Earth, and he has come face to face with the world's most dangerous animals. He spoke to us about his life and work.

[1]When I was young, we lived on a farm, so I grew up with ducks, goats and donkeys around me. My parents loved nature and we spent a lot of time outside. In the holidays, we went camping in the mountains or forests. My love of wild places comes from those trips.

[2]I've been very lucky in my career – I've climbed the highest mountains in the world, explored secret caves and swam in every ocean. But my favourite place to work is the jungle. There are animals all around you – on the forest floor, in the flowers, the trees. Nowhere else on Earth has such a variety of animal life.

[3]I was swimming off the coast of Australia when suddenly a whale shark, several metres long, appeared. It came up to me, then slowly swam all around me. I'd never been so close to such a large animal, but it was so peaceful that I wasn't scared at all. It was an experience I won't forget.



[4]You need to be relaxed and confident. People say that animals can smell fear, and it's true. When you're working with animals like crocodiles or lions, you need to stay calm. If you can't, you shouldn't be there.

[5]When I was twenty, I tried to walk the length of the Nile on my own – a journey over 4,000 miles from the mountains of Rwanda to the Mediterranean. It was a total disaster! I'd never done anything like it before and I wasn't prepared for how tough it would be. I had to give up half the way through the journey.

[6] I'm going to spend the next month in the Himalayas looking for snow leopards. Hardly anyone sees them in the wild because they're very shy of people and good at hiding. I love big cats and I've been trying to see snow leopards for years, but I haven't been successful yet.



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