

Where to go whale watching

In a recent survey, people were asked to list the experiences they would most like to (0) before they died. In response, a surprising (1) of people mentioned that they'd like to see whales in their natural habitat. In (2) fact, this is an ambition that can be (3) relatively easily.

It is (4) that the seas around Iceland are home to over 5,000 orca or killer whales, as they are sometimes known. But their behaviour, and therefore your chances of seeing them, varies (5) to the season.

In summer, the whales have a (6) to hang out near the coast and can be seen swimming up fjords and inlets. During the winter months, however, the animals are generally to be found (7) out at sea. (8) season you choose for your trip, whale-watching trips are very easy to organise and there's a (9) chance you'll get to see other whale species too.

Besides Iceland, another option is to (10) for northern Norway between October and January. Orcas arrive here at this time of year in (11) of large shoals of herring, which are an important (12) of their diet. If you're lucky, you might even see some spectacular displays of the northern lights during your time there.

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| 1 | A amount | B number | C quantity | D crowd |
| 2 | A real | B true | C honest | D actual |
| 3 | A answered | B rewarded | C honoured | D fulfilled |
| 4 | A estimated | B counted | C guessed | D totalled |
| 5 | A according | B depending | C relying | D agreeing |
| 6 | A custom | B tendency | C habit | D trend |
| 7 | A longer | B wider | C broader | D further |
| 8 | A Whenever | B Whoever | C Whichever | D However |
| 9 | A fine | B good | C bright | D great |
| 10 | A head | B set | C point | D pick |
| 11 | A hunt | B follow | C pursuit | D seek |
| 12 | A thing | B food | C meal | D part |

The Mini-Monet

You may not (0) heard of Kieron Williamson, but he is a very successful landscape painter. His paintings, (13) mostly depict the peaceful countryside around his home village in eastern England, sell very well. Perhaps this shouldn't (14) as that much of a surprise. After (15), it is a beautiful part of the world and landscape paintings are always popular (16) buyers, especially those living in big cities.

The strange thing about Kieron, however, (17) that he is only seven years old. At a recent exhibition of his work, all the paintings were sold in half an hour, some for £100,000 each. Kieron now has fans all over the world, and has gained the nickname the 'Mini-Monet'.

What's even (18) surprising is that Kieron doesn't come from an artistic family, and only started painting two years (19) He first got inspiration (20) some boats he saw on holiday at the seaside. Kieron asked his parents if they (21) buy him a sketch pad and pencils (22) that he could draw them. Only when they saw (23) well he drew did they realise that he was talented. They insist, (24) that although Kieron certainly loves his painting, he is an ordinary boy, just as keen on football as on painting.

Don't catch cold

In most cultures, people have (0) and opinions related to their health that get passed on from one (25) to another. It is easy to dismiss such ideas as myths.

BELIEVE
GENERATE

But according to recent studies, it seems that at least some of the (26) and warnings that our parents and grandparents gave us regarding our health could turn out to contain some scientific (27)

ADVISE

TRUE

A good example is the (28) between getting cold and catching a cold. My grandmother was convinced that being outside when the temperature is low, or simply not dressing in (29) clothes for the cold weather, was a sure way of catching a cold.

RELATION

SUIT

Now, as we know, colds are caused by viruses. Therefore, in the (30) of a virus, you cannot catch a cold – no matter how low the temperature or how (31) your clothing.

ABSENT

APPROPRIATE

But what (32) have now discovered is that we may have viruses in our bodies already, which are just waiting for the chance to turn into a cold. In cold weather, for example, the blood vessels in your nose get smaller. It's something the body does to prevent heat escaping. (33), this also means that the cold virus can attack the nose or throat more (34) So perhaps Granny was right.

RESEARCH

FORTUNATE

EASY

35 Tania hasn't played volleyball for three years.

SINCE

It Tania last played volleyball.

36 The only thing Carl forgot to buy was a new battery for his watch.

EVERYTHING

Carl remembered to a new battery for his watch.

37 Declan was angry because Claire arrived late.

TIME

If Claire , Declan would not have been angry.

38 I don't usually wear a hat and so it feels strange.

USED

I am a hat and so it feels strange.

39 Rob said to Jennifer: 'You broke the strap on my new camera.'

ACCUSED

Rob the strap on his new camera.

40 Mark can't wait to use his new computer-games console.

FORWARD

Mark is his new computer-games console.

41 It will only take three hours to fly to Sicily.

FLIGHT

It is only to Sicily.

42 I can't fit all my clothes into that tiny wardrobe.

HOLD

That tiny wardrobe is all my clothes.