READING

1 REMEMBER AND CHECK **Put the events from Phoebe Snetsinger's life in order. Then check your answers in the article on page 93 of the Student's Book.**

She sees a Rufous-necked Wood Rail. ☐
Her book is published. ☐
She becomes interested in birds. [1]
She is in a fatal accident. ☐
She is given a year to live. ☐
Her disease returns. ☐
She sets a new world record. ☐
She takes her total to over 8,400 species. ☐



Belle the spider-dog

When Belle was only a few months old, she was left at a home for unwanted dogs. It was immediately clear that she had a serious problem. Her legs were completely bent out of shape. They looked like the legs of a spider. Belle had great difficulty walking or moving about and preferred to lie in the corner and watch as all the other dogs of her age played around her.

The owner of the home felt really sorry for the poor dog. Belle was a really sweet loveable dog, but it was obvious how serious the problem was. Belle needed medical attention urgently and the owner was afraid that the vet might suggest that the dog should be put to sleep.

She called a vet in to take a look at Belle. The vet carefully examined the dog. The good news was that he could do an operation on the legs. The bad news was that it was an expensive operation costing around £3,000. The owner of the home knew she didn't have the money to help. The vet also had some very annoying information. This operation was very easy on a young puppy a few days old, but at Belle's age it was a lot more difficult.

Then the owner had an idea. She posted photos of Belle and her legs online, along with her story, and asked for money to help with the costs of the operation. The response was incredible and they soon had the money for the vet. Belle went through two operations, which involved breaking her legs and resetting them. Now, after several weeks of getting better, Belle has recovered and can jump around and play with all the other dogs. She will need special care and attention for the rest of her life, but at least she won't need any more operations.

Thanks to the kindness of dog lovers all over the country and the talents of a vet, Belle is enjoying the kind of exercise that all dogs love.

2 Read the article quickly and answer the questions.

1 How many operations did Belle have?

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2 How many operations does she still need?

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3 Read the text again. Mark the sentences T (true), F (false) or DS (the text doesn't say).

0 Belle's legs were bent because of a problem at birth. [DS]
1 Belle walked like a spider. ☐
2 Belle has a good personality. ☐
3 The owner called a vet in to put Belle down. ☐
4 Belle's problem had become very expensive. ☐
5 People online didn't really care about Belle's situation. ☐
6 Belle isn't a very sociable dog. ☐
7 Belle still lives at the dogs' home. ☐

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