

Practice

1 Complete the sentences with the correct form of words from the *Science* section of the wordlist.

- 1 I work in a where we are trying to clone the of extinct of mammal such as mammoths.
- 2 put cameras in the rainforest so that they could secretly the behaviour of a group of chimpanzees.
- 3 Experts that temperatures will continue to rise until we stop putting that cause global warming into the atmosphere.
- 4 Some people believe it is morally wrong to on animals, because it causes them unnecessary pain. They think we should find other ways to new scientific ideas.
- 5 If we want to stop people getting this / we need to how people are spreading it to each other.

3 Complete the sentences with the correct form of the words in brackets.

- 1 My dad wants a new metal (detect) for his birthday.
- 2 I (trust) the information that I find online – it isn't always very reliable.
- 3 Can I use your (scan) to make a copy of this diagram? Then I can email it to my teacher.
- 4 The electrician has to (connect) the main electricity supply before repairing the switch, so you can't watch TV now.
- 5 I'd love to be good at painting, but unfortunately I'm not very (art)
- 6 Mrs Moore said my essay was so bad that I have to (do) it. Oh dear!
- 7 My cousin's really into the (nature) world and loves watching wild animals.
- 8 The application forms of all (compete) must arrive by Friday 12 June.

1 Match the sentence halves (1–6) with (A–F).

- 1** Her talk made
 - 2** Our teacher encourages
 - 3** I avoided
 - 4** I never meant
 - 5** We have to do our maths homework
 - 6** He's interested
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- A** us to do scientific experiments at home.
 - B** without using a calculator.
 - C** to keep axolotls in my bedroom.
 - D** me decide to become a scientist.
 - E** in studying biology at university.
 - F** having to do a science project this year.

4 Choose the correct answer, A, B or C, to complete the sentences.

- 1** There was time left, so we had to be quick.
A little **B** few **C** none
- 2** Neither our hearing our sense of smell can match a dog's.
A or **B** nor **C** neither
- 3** He told us interesting facts about of the animals.
A every **B** each **C** few
- 4** I have pet spiders, and I love looking after them.
A few **B** a little **C** a few
- 5** of us enjoyed the film.
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- 6** the cloned animals were identical.
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Unlocking a butterfly mystery



I'm an entomologist – a scientist who researches insect life. I prefer ¹..... (study) butterflies to other insects. Although all insects are fascinating, I definitely get most excited about ²..... (observe) butterflies, probably because they're so beautiful to look at.

I wasn't sure what ³..... (do) after university, but luckily, one of my entomology teachers promised ⁴..... (help) me find interesting work. Before long, she told me about a research project on Monarch butterflies in Mexico, and I decided ⁵..... (join) the team.

I now help ⁶..... (protect) these amazing butterflies, which are famous for ⁷..... (fly) 3,000 kilometres from North America to Mexico and back again. Each butterfly makes the journey only once in its short life, and so far it's a mystery how the adult Monarchs manage ⁸..... (pass on) information about the route to the next generation. My team intends ⁹..... (investigate) this, and hopes ¹⁰..... (unlock) the mystery of the Monarch butterfly.

5 Complete the text with one word in each gap.

Super Skin

All ¹..... us have skin, but most of us don't realise how important it is. Human skin keeps our bodies safe from many different dangers, but the skin of some other animals is even more impressive. A mouse in Africa, for instance, can escape an attacking animal ²..... leaving its skin behind as it runs away. The skin will grow back exactly as it was before in a ³..... days. Disgusting, but cool!

Here's another great trick – would you like to ⁴..... able to drink water by standing in the bath? Well, that's what a desert lizard in Australia can do. It can drink either with its mouth or with any other part of its body, through tiny holes in its skin ⁵..... suck up water like straws. Wow!

Although this mouse and lizard are amazing, ⁶..... of them can compare with the octopus. This sea creature has a substance in its skin that the rest of us only have in our eyes. This allows it ⁷..... observe the appearance of everything around it through its skin. It's hard to imagine ⁸..... skin that can do that! When it wants to hide, the octopus can change shape and colour in seconds to look exactly like the object it's in front of.