

2.2 Go wild

Vocabulary Wildlife experiences

- 1 a) In one minute, write down as many wild animals as you can think of. Can you see any of them in the pictures A-F?

- b) Match the activities (1-6) to the pictures (A-F).

Listen and check. Then say.

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| 1 ☐ | swim with dolphins | 4 ☐ | dive with sharks |
| 2 ☐ | go whale watching | 5 ☐ | visit an elephant reserve |
| 3 ☐ | track gorillas | 6 ☐ | photograph tigers |

Reading

- 2 a) Look at the pictures. Read the article's title and the introduction. What do you expect to read about?

Listen, read and check.

LIVE YOUR DREAM

Have you ever dreamed of visiting an elephant reserve in Asia? Have you ever wished you could get close to a pod of whales? Perhaps your dream is to see mountain gorillas in their natural habitat. Well, check out the stories below to see how two people are living out their wildlife dreams!

I've just got back from swimming with dolphins in the Bahamas. The experience was out of this world! I spent a week on board a yacht with seven other animal lovers. We had to wait for two days before we saw our first pod of dolphins. Then they came playing around the boat every day. One day, we even swam with them. Being in the water and playing with these friendly, playful creatures went beyond my wildest dreams! I didn't want to get too close because I thought it might disturb them, but a mother and her calf swam right up to me. Afterwards, I asked our guide, "Has that ever happened before?" He told me, "Yes, it has – but not often because the mothers usually try to keep their young away from the divers." I found the experience so amazing that I've already put my name down for another cruise next year. The cruises are so popular you have to book a year in advance to get a spot!

George

I've always loved the sea and I've always been fascinated by sharks. The first shark I ever saw was in a fish tank at an aquarium. I went there on an educational visit with my class when I was ten years old. I remember standing in front of the tank for ages thinking to myself, 'What a beautiful creature!' I knew then that I wanted to work with them. Today, I'm an underwater cameraman. I've filmed almost every species of shark, in almost every ocean in the world. It's the most amazing job and I feel very lucky to have it. People often ask me, "Have you ever felt scared?" I always tell them, "No, I haven't. Not once." Sharks aren't interested in humans, you see. People think they are scary animals, but, in reality, sharks are more afraid of us than we are of them! They're fascinating and intelligent creatures and we all have a duty to protect them.

Nathan



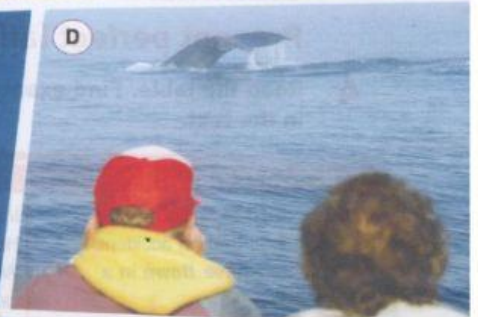
A



B



C



D



E



F

Check these words

live your dream, pod of whales, natural habitat, out of this world, on board, creature, go beyond my wildest dreams, disturb, calf, put my name down, book in advance, fish tank, duty

b) Read the text and choose the correct answer A, B, C or D for each question.

- When George was on the yacht,
 - he saw dolphins every day he was on board.
 - the dolphins didn't appear immediately.
 - he spent two days swimming with dolphins.
 - he met some friendly local people.
- After his encounter with the dolphins, George
 - was worried he had scared them.
 - booked a scuba-diving course.
 - decided to return to the Bahamas.
 - asked the guide about next year's cruises.
- Nathan has wanted to work with sharks since
 - as long as he can remember.
 - the first time he took a photo of one.
 - his parents took him to an aquarium.
 - he was a young schoolboy.
- According to Nathan, sharks are
 - less dangerous than they seem.
 - of little interest to most people.
 - almost an extinct species.
 - very easily frightened.

c) Use the words from the **Check these words** box in the correct form to replace the words in bold in sentences 1-4.

- There were 200 passengers **on the ship**.
- I've always loved dolphins. I think they are amazing **animals**.
- Alex **had a great experience** when he went whale watching. He'll never forget it.
- We weren't sure there would be any tickets left, so we **ordered them long before the event**.

d) **THINK** What impressed you most about the article? Why? In three minutes, write a few sentences. Read them to the class.

Grammar**Present perfect (interrogative & short answers)**

3 a) Read the table. Find examples in the text.

INTERROGATIVE	SHORT ANSWERS
Have I/you/we/they ever played tennis?	Yes, I/you/we/they have .
Has he/she/it left ?	No, I/you/we/they haven't .
	Yes, he/she/it has .
	No, he/she/it hasn't .

We use **ever** in questions. *Have you ever seen sea lions?*

b) Use the words to form questions. Answer them.

- you/ever/see a crocodile?
Have you ever seen a crocodile?
- your friend/ever/travel to Europe?
- you/ever/swim with dolphins?
- your parents/ever/be on a safari?
- you/ever/spend a night in a tent?
- your friends/ever/work with animals?

Listening & Speaking

4 a) Listen and put a tick (✓) for what Dave has done or a cross (X) for what he hasn't done. Tell the class.

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| 1 ☐ climb a mountain | 6 ☐ see the waterfalls |
| 2 ☐ swim in a lake | |
| 3 ☐ sleep under the stars | 7 ☐ go kayaking |
| 4 ☐ go rock climbing | 8 ☐ go surfing |
| 5 ☐ swim with sharks | |

b) 😊😊 What about you? Act out similar dialogues. You can use your own ideas.

A: *Have you ever travelled abroad?*

B: *No, I haven't.*

STUDY SKILLS**Using technology**

Watch videos and films in the language you are studying. This will help you improve your English.

5 **ICT** Find videos/films of people who have experienced any of the activities in Ex. 1b or similar ones. Talk about their experiences to the class.