



Quarter III Examination

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Reading

PASSAGE 1

MY NATIVE ANIMALS

This week in **Nature Weekly**, one reader from Australia, Sheila Douglas, answers our questions about the animals in her country.

What's the most dangerous animal in your country?

In the UK, people often ask me this question. It's difficult to say which is the most dangerous animal. In Australia, we have a lot of dangerous animals and insects. There are snakes, crocodiles, spiders, sharks, jellyfish, and so on. You have to remember that animals can sometimes become aggressive if they get scared. So if you treat wild animals with respect, you should stay safe.

Are you afraid of any animals or insects?

I'm actually terrified of snakes! As a child, I lived in Northern Australia with my parents. In my opinion, the most dangerous snake there is the King Brown, which is common. It can be three metres long and is very poisonous.

So, what would you do if a poisonous snake like that bit you on the leg?

If I got bitten, I wouldn't wash the bite or suck the poison out. I'd tie something round my leg and keep completely still. It's important not to move if you've been bitten. Then I'd call for help as quickly as possible.

What's your favourite animal?

I think it would be the koala, Australia's most popular animal. Koalas have a soft, grey coat and people think they look very cute. They are not very active animals – they only move around for about two hours a day. And they eat and sleep the rest of the time.

If you could be an animal, which one would it be?

That's easy. It's not exactly an animal, but I'd be a Cairns Birdwing. It's Australia's biggest butterfly. It lives in the rainforest and flies high up in the tops of the trees. It's a beautiful green and gold colour. And if I were a female Birdwing, I'd be 20 centimetres wide – that's about 7 centimetres wider than the male.

1.1 Read the article and tick (✓) A, B, or C.

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| 1. Sheila is most afraid of snakes. | A True ☐ | B False ☐ | C Doesn't say ☐ |
| 2. The King Brown is the longest snake in Australia. | A True ☐ | B False ☐ | C Doesn't say ☐ |
| 3. If a snake bit Sheila, she wouldn't wash the bite. | A True ☐ | B False ☐ | C Doesn't say ☐ |
| 4. If a snake bit Sheila's leg, she would lie down. | A True ☐ | B False ☐ | C Doesn't say ☐ |
| 5. If a snake bit Sheila's leg, she'd walk to a hospital. | A True ☐ | B False ☐ | C Doesn't say ☐ |
| 6. Sheila's favourite animal is the crocodile. | A True ☐ | B False ☐ | C Doesn't say ☐ |
| 7. Koalas spend most of their time eating and sleeping. | A True ☐ | B False ☐ | C Doesn't say ☐ |
| 8. If Sheila could be an animal, she'd be a butterfly. | A True ☐ | B False ☐ | C Doesn't say ☐ |
| 9. The female Cairns Birdwing is prettier than the male. | A True ☐ | B False ☐ | C Doesn't say ☐ |
| 10. She thinks the least dangerous snake in Northern Australia is the King Brown. | A True ☐ | B False ☐ | C Doesn't say ☐ |

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Survivors

This month our travel editor interviewed three people who survived a natural disaster. Here are their stories.

Linda Burrows, age 31

'I got divorced last year and decided to buy a ticket to New Zealand. It was an impulse, but I just wanted to go for it and enjoy this once in a lifetime trip. I spent two fantastic weeks there. At the end of my trip, I was leaving the hotel to go back to the airport when the earthquake struck. I was very frightened and I saw some terrible things. I stayed there for three more days. The situation was desperate. I realized I was very lucky to get home safely. If I ever see New Zealand on the TV, I immediately have to watch something different. I hope things will get better for me in the future.'

Klaus Roski, age 21

'My wife and I were on our honeymoon in Thailand when the tsunami happened. We were swimming in the sea and then everyone was running to the beach. We followed them, because we could see that something strange was happening. We climbed some stairs and went into a tall building behind the beach. We did the right thing and for some reason we were lucky; other people were not. We've been together for eight years now. If we talk about the tsunami, it helps us to understand our feelings about it.'

Andy Peters, age 26

'My brother works as a pilot in Canada and earns a lot of money. Last year he sent me a ticket to Vancouver. So I went there to visit him. We were having a great holiday until we saw the news on TV one night. There were big forest fires near us and there was a lot of smoke. My brother got a phone call and went to fly a military plane to put water on the fires. I was really worried about him, but he arrived back safely. And I got home safely, too.'

2.1 Read the article and choose A, B, or C.

11. Linda went to New Zealand after she got _____.
A ill B divorced C married
12. The _____ happened when Linda was leaving the hotel.
A tsunami B cyclone C earthquake
13. She stayed in New Zealand for _____.
A two weeks B seventeen days C four weeks
14. She finds it very difficult to _____.
A watch TV programmes about New Zealand B talk about what happened
C think about the future
15. Klaus and his wife were _____ when the tsunami happened.
A in the water B running C sunbathing
16. They could see that something _____ was happening.
A frightening B unusual C surprising
17. They escaped by going into a building near _____.
A the houses B the hotel C the beach
18. Andy's brother _____.
A flies planes B works in the forest C is a soldier
19. Andy's brother bought Andy _____.
A a holiday B his flight to Canada C flying lessons
20. Andy and his brother first saw the forest fires _____.
A from the car window B on the Internet C on television

Making a good impression on the parents

Meeting your partner's parents for the first time can be stressful. We interviewed three people who survived! Here is their advice.

Rhonda Smith, age 26

'I was really nervous the first time I met my boyfriend's parents. Looking back, there was nothing to worry about. They wanted to know everything about me, so they asked me a lot of questions. I tried not to give my views on politics or controversial subjects, though. Of course, you have to be yourself, so if they ask you a complicated question, you have to give an honest answer. One other piece of advice I would give is: be punctual. Parents always hate people arriving late.'

Will Mansell, age 29

'My advice is 'dress to impress'. I wore a suit to meet my girlfriend's parents for the first time. I think it really made a good impression. They didn't want their daughter to go out with someone who wore an old T-shirt and jeans. Make sure you shake her father's hand firmly. This shows that you aren't a weak man. I also offered to help my girlfriend's mother in the kitchen. She liked that. Lay the table, or do the washing up, for example. Her mother will think you're great!'

Bob Tate, age 30

'I think the most important thing is to show your girlfriend's parents that you have a deep interest in her. You can do this by asking questions about when she was a little girl. Parents never get tired of talking about their children. This tactic also makes you more relaxed, because you aren't talking about yourself. Before you go to their house, ask your girlfriend what her parents like doing. If you find some common interests, conversation will be easier.'

3.1 Choose Rhonda, Will, or Bob to complete sentences.

21. _____ I was really nervous.
22. _____ I offered to help in the kitchen.
23. _____ Conversation is easier if you have common interests.
24. _____ Parents love talking about their children.
25. _____ I wore a suit.
26. _____ I didn't talk about politics.
27. _____ There was nothing to worry about.
28. _____ Wearing old jeans gives a bad impression.
29. _____ It's important to shake the father's hand.
30. _____ You should find out about her parents before your visit.

PASSAGE 4

The Silver Bore

Daniel Jones

If you've ever seen a pirate film in the past, you can save your money. This is one of the most predictable films I have seen this year. The plot is totally unbelievable and the script is something amateurish out of filmmaker college. There is some nice cinematography but the Hawaiian scenery is not enough to save this film. Great support acting from the Frenchman Thierry Montpasse as the evil Captain Scar.

Pirates At The Speed Of Light

Angela Moore

I just loved this fast-moving pirate thriller. The story moves at dizzying speed from one terrifying battle scene to the next and you really feel as if you are on the ships with these evil thieves and smugglers. Chief pirate, British actor Colin Williams, is given all the best, wittiest lines and the film has its share of laughs as well as scary moments. The storm scene at the beginning leaves you both exhausted and terrified.

A Hidden Treasure

Max Court

I found this film absolutely delightful. An inspiring cast is directed with great skill and invention by German Dieter Muller. There are plenty of surprises in the story to keep the audience guessing until the last minute. Some clever jokes give the film a surprising level of humor too, which I really wasn't expecting from a film about pirates.

Film Should Walk The Plank

Deborah McGhee

The Silver Glove promises much but delivers very little. The opening scene, filmed in a storm of lightning and high waves, is an exciting start but as the film takes you from one swordfight to another, it starts to seem a bit monotonous. Patricia Groves plays the doctor wonderfully and there may be an Oscar nomination for her in the new year.

Sharp Sword Drama

William Wilson

The Silver Glove is an action-packed pirate drama in the best traditions of this genre. If you only want swordfights and buried treasure, you may be disappointed as this intriguing film also offers a complex plot which is never dull. Some of the language may be too crude for younger children but this is really my only complaint. Some fine acting completes this fun movie.

Glove Sinks In The Sea

Maria Thomson

After all the money that has been spent on this simplistic pirate tale, you would expect more than this dull movie. The battle scenes are so repetitive that you may think you've seen the film before. Some of the camera work is inventive and is to be complimented. The ship chase creates a lot of tension and excitement that the rest of the film fails to do.

4.1 Read the film reviews below of *The Silver Glove* and then decide the best answer for the questions below. For some questions, there are two answers. In this case, put the two letters in alphabetical order and with a slash in between. e.g. C/F

Which film critic(s):

31. _____ Likes the opening scenes?
32. _____ Didn't expect to laugh at the film?
33. _____ Compliments an actress on her performance?
34. _____ Has a warning for traditional pirate film fans?
35. _____ Comments on the humor of the film?
36. _____ Has a warning for parents?
37. _____ Says something about the film's location?
38. _____ Praises the "look" of the film?
39. _____ Knew what was going to happen in the film?
40. _____ Makes fun of the film's title?

A. Daniel Jones
B. Angela Moore
C. Max Court
D. Deborah McGhee
E. William Wilson
F. Maria Thomson