

ENGLISH FILE PRE-INTERMEDIATE

UNIT 9 FINAL ACTIVITY

1- Read the text and choose the correct option

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 highly venomous.

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 aren't 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 seven centimetres wider than the male.

- 1 Animals can be aggressive if they get **scared** / **tired**.
- 2 Sheila is frightened of **snakes** / **spiders**.
- 3 As a child, Sheila **didn't live** / **lived** with her parents.
- 4 If a snake bites you, you should **move quickly** / **keep still**.
- 5 Koalas don't **sleep** / **move around** much.
- 6 The Cairns Birdwing lives in **gardens** / **forests**.
- 7 The female Cairns Birdwing is **smaller** / **bigger** than the male.

2- Choose the correct option

- 1 We've lived here **for** / **since** a long time.
- 2 I **haven't been** / **didn't go** out last week.
- 3 We **haven't seen** / **didn't see** Mary since she moved house.
- 4 Emily and Anton **have been** / **were** married for three years, and then they got divorced.
- 5 When **have they arrived** / **did they arrive** home?
- 6 I've been a doctor **for** / **since** 2006.
- 7 My Dad **has lived** / **lived** in Spain for ten years. He's very happy there.

3- Complete the sentences with the SECOND CONDITIONAL

- If they had (have) enough money, they would buy (buy) a new car.
- 1 We _____ (travel) around India if we _____ (not have) young children.
 - 2 Mia's parents _____ (be) disappointed if she _____ (not do) well at university.
 - 3 You _____ (get) better marks if you _____ (work) harder.
 - 4 If I _____ (be) you, I _____ (stop) smoking.
 - 5 Harry _____ (not get) lost if he _____ (use) the Sat Nav in his car.

4- Complete the sentences with words from the box

be fall get get go have retire

get married

- 1 _____ from work
- 2 _____ children
- 3 _____ in love
- 4 _____ to university
- 5 _____ born
- 6 _____ divorced

afraid claustrophobia fear heights phobia spiders

I suffer from arachnophobia. I really hate spiders.

- 1 Liban never goes in lifts. He suffers from _____.
- 2 Jenny never travels by plane. She has a _____ about flying.
- 3 I haven't swum in the sea for years. I'm _____ of water.
- 4 I can't climb trees. I'm scared of _____.
- 5 My sister has a _____ of dogs. She's frightened when they bark.