**READING SECTION**

1. **Read the text below and mark the statements true (T) or false (F).**

## The Boy who was Taught to Talk by Dolphins

For young Nikki Brice, the daily swimming sessions with the dolphins in a pool in Florida were simply part of a fun holiday with his family. But the real purpose was to see if it could motivate him to talk.

All his life Nikki had never spoken a word, even though he had the physical ability to speak. All the techniques the doctors tried in Britain failed, so eventually, in desperation, Tabitha, his mother, took him to the dolphin pool in Florida to try to get him to talk.

Tabitha flew to Florida with Nikki after raising £10,500 with the help of family, friends and celebrities. Nikki was given a combination of speech therapy and daily forty-minute swimming sessions in a pool with a team of eight dolphins. After just three days of the seventeen-day treatment at the Dolphin Human Therapy Centre in Miami, Nikki spoke his first magic word.

It was one marvelous morning. Nikki's mother was taking him out of the pool when he firmly grabbed her hand, pointed to the dolphins in the pool and said, 'In.'

'He was telling us that he wanted to get back in the water,' said Tabitha. 'We just stood there in shock because it was so unexpected.' Since that first word, Nikki has spoken other words like 'please' and 'duck'.

Doctors at the centre say that they are very pleased that Nikki has spoken so soon after starting his treatment. A speech therapist in London said that this kind of treatment would not repair any brain damage but if a child was suffering from lack of confidence, swimming with dolphins might help.

Before Nikki's breakthrough, Tabitha said that they had only heard about, but not seen, children getting better. 'I had never expected Nikki to make such good progress so quickly. I'm hoping that his next words will be "Hello Mum"! There is something magical that happens between children and dolphins, something I don't think we will ever fully understand.'

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SAMPLE TEST

1. Nikki couldn't speak because he had a physical disability. **T / F**
2. Nikki's mum received help from his family to fly to Florida. **T / F**
3. Nikki's first word was 'Please.' **T / F**
4. The doctors didn't expect him to speak so soon. **T / F**
5. Tabitha thinks something inexplicable happens between children and dolphins. **T / F**

**GRAMMAR SECTION**

**2. Fill in the blanks with the correct form of the verbs in brackets. Make any necessary changes.**

Dear Hakan,

Remember me? We 1) _____ (meet) **last month** at that beach place near Marmaris. I 2) _____ (**just**/print) my photos, and I 3) _____ (send) this one of you as I promised. Sorry it's taken me so long to send it.

I 4) _____ (not be) free **since** I got back. After Marmaris, I 5) _____ (take) a ferry across to Rhodes and **while** I 6) _____ (travel) a man told me some mythological stories. Then I 7) _____ (fly) home. I've been home for three weeks now but it 8) _____ (feel) like days. In the end I couldn't go back to Turkey but **maybe** I 9) _____ (go) there again **one day.** What about you? 10) _____ (be) you in Italy?

Keep in touch.
All the best,
Alexis

**3- Rewrite the sentences using the words in brackets.**

1 It's possible that we will print important organs like hearts one day. (could)

We _____ .

2 I doubt I'll watch the documentary on the human body tonight. (probably)

I _____ .

3 Maybe Sam won't be at the match tomorrow. (may not)

Sam _____ .

4 Tessa will probably study medicine at university. (fairly sure)

I _____ .

5 It's possible that humans will regrow missing arms and legs one day. (may)

Humans _____ .

**4- Complete the mini-dialogues. Use the correct form of the passive.**

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| **Liam** | Guess what! Mike's smartphone [1] _____ (steal). |
| **Jenny** | Really? When did that happen? |
| **Liam** | It [2] _____ (take) from the changing room when we were in a P.E. class. By the time we all came back from P.E., Mike's phone was missing. |
| **Jenny** | Someone at school must have taken it, then. I'm sure the thief [3] _____ (catch) soon, and Mike will get his smartphone back. |

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| **Ruth** | Our maths tests [4] _____ (mark) at the moment. I hope I do well. |
| **Ian** | You always do well, Ruth. You [5] _____ (give) the school maths prize once, you've had it twice! |

**5- Complete the sentences with the future continuous or future perfect form of the verbs in the box.**

| **eat** | **finish** | **not see** | **not wait** | **work** |
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1 By the time we get home tonight, everyone _____ dinner.

2 I'm really sorry that I _____ you at the party tonight. I hope you get better soon.

3 My sister's just got a job in Shanghai. This time next month, she _____ for a company there.

4 Will the builders _____ your new house by the end of the summer?

5 Jessica _____ for us at the station, but her father will meet us there.

**6- Complete the sentences with the first or second conditional form of the verbs in brackets.**

1– I _____ (not be) surprised if astronauts _____ (go) to Jupiter in the next sixty years.

2– If you _____ (go) outside tonight at 11.00, you _____ (see) a meteor in the sky.

3– I _____ (run away) if I _____ (find) a spaceship in my garden.

4- Your teacher _____(be) angry if you _____(be) late.

5– She _____ (not win) the prize if she _____ (not work) hard.

## VOCABULARY SECTION

**7- Read the email and choose the correct words.**

Hi Helen,

Guess what? My sister Sally is going to get [1]**engaged / married** next week – can you come with us to the wedding? I really want you to be there. After the wedding, Sally is going to [2]**leave home / emigrate** to France, because that's where her boyfriend Jean-Luc comes from. Jean-Luc has just [3]**inherited / retired** some money, and he's going to use it to [4]**start a business / settle down** in Lyons. He wants to open an art gallery there. They're really in love, so I know they'll be very happy, and they won't [5]**split up / pass away**. Anyway, email me about the wedding.

Gabrielle

**8- Complete the sentences with the words and phrases below, adding *play, do*, or *go*.**

| cycling | drama | martial arts | a musical instrument | shopping |
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1 We need to get a present for Mike's birthday. Let's _____ in town this afternoon.

2 You can learn to _____ like karate and judo at that sports club.

3 It takes a long time to _____ like the guitar or the piano well.

4 Helen and Mike _____ , and they're very good at it. They're in a Shakespeare play in town next weekend.

5 Jake's got a new bike so he wants to _____ this afternoon.

**9- Match definitions 1–5 with words A–F. There is one extra word.**

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| 1 Your lungs and heart are inside these bones. | ☐ | A blood |
| 2 You can think and remember things because of this organ. | ☐ | B nail |
| 3 This carries oxygen and other important things around your body. | ☐ | C ribs |
| 4 This muscle in your leg helps to move your foot up and down. | ☐ | D shoulder |
| 5 You find this at the end of a finger or toe. | ☐ | E calf |
| | | F brain |

**10- Choose the correct words to complete the estate agents' adverts.**

### A house in the country

This beautiful cottage is in a [1]**remote / spacious** village on the north coast of Scotland, about fifty kilometres from the nearest big town. It's small, but [2]**charming / spacious**, and it has beautiful views of the sea. So if you want to spend your holidays in a [3]**peaceful / lively** location, this is the place for you.

### A terraced house in a popular part of London

This [4]**substantial / tiny** terraced house has five bedrooms and a big lawn. It is located five minutes from a very [5]**lively / peaceful** area of London – the restaurants, clubs and theatres of London's West End. The house is over a hundred years old, but the last owner – an architect – rebuilt the inside of the house, so it is very modern inside.