

2  Read the text and complete gaps A-F, with the parts of the sentences 1-7. One part is extra.

- 1 Kevin uses love, patience and trust
- 2 just as parents do about their children
- 3 and accepts the risk as part of the job
- 4 and even swims with a lioness called Meg
- 5 Kevin says he relies on his gut feelings
- 6 although Kevin says he is to blame
- 7 while others consider him a hero

 Kevin Richardson is a talented animal **behaviourist** who interacts with wild animals in unbelievable ways. Believe it or not, Kevin cuddles and horseplays with hyenas, leopards and lions, **A** . Known as 'The Lion Whisperer', he raises and **trains** the animals in a wildlife conservation area in South Africa, but instead of using **whips** and chains to control the animals, **B** to develop a special **bond** with them.

 His unique method of getting to know each creature individually has led these normally unfriendly animals to accept him **willingly** into their **pride**. Kevin says that his secret lies in understanding what makes each animal happy, angry, upset or irritated, **C** . Some people think Kevin is crazy, **D** . What is certain is that his interaction with these animals proves that they have individual characters, can show emotion, and are capable of developing relationships.

 The Lion Whisperer is aware of the dangers involved in his work. Having learnt his lesson when an aggressive four-year-old lion attacked and **mauled** him, **E** to **gauge** situations and decide whether to approach an animal or not. Kevin has been bitten numerous times while playing around with these animals, but he believes that it was never **malicious** **F** . Kevin tries to use the attention his work attracts to raise people's awareness of the need to protect these **majestic** creatures.