READING

Task 1.

6 Read the text and match the correct heading (A-F) with each paragraph (1-4). There are two extra headings that you do not need to use.

Are you one of THEM? Read on to find out.

1 ___
Imagine the situation. You're walking down the crowded high street and suddenly a complete stranger stops you and says, 'Hi! You were on the beach in the south of Spain six years ago. How are you doing?' This stranger isn't necessarily mad. He or she might be a 'super-recogniser'. These are people who have the unusual ability to recognise people they have seen only once – a long time ago, maybe in a crowd.

2 ___
It doesn't matter what the person looks like now. People change, get different hairstyles, dye their hair or go grey. Wrinkles, new scars and tattoos give them new appearance, but the 'super-recognisers' can still recognise them.

3 ___
Although scientists have known for a long time that about 2% of people suffer from face-blindness, which means that they have huge problems recognising faces, they are only now realising that some people are the complete opposite. Tests have shown that a 'super-recogniser' can identify people that they only saw for a brief moment – and this is not an ability that we can acquire, it's something we are born with.

4 ___
The police are starting to use 'super-recognisers' to spot criminal faces in videos of crowds. They look for people with a specific build and facial features like beards and moustaches but they can even recognise quite nondescript people, with no distinguishing features at all. As well as surprising our holidaymaker in Spain six years later, this ability can be used for a very practical purpose indeed.

A A great help
B An inborn skill
C A rare experience
D Whatever the differences in appearances
E Fear of upsetting criminals
F A common skill

Task 2.

In the text, find synonyms of the words and expressions A–D. Then use them to complete sentences 1–4.

A very big (paragraph 3) _____
B totally different (paragraph 3) _____
C short (paragraph 3) _____
D notice (paragraph 4) _____

1 I had a _____ lunch today, so I'm not hungry.
2 Did you _____ the mistake in my email?
3 It'll take us only a _____ moment, I promise.
4 She is tall and fair, the _____ of her sister, who is short and dark!

Task 3.

Complete the sentences with either *complete* or *brief*.

1 The journey took me an hour and was a _____ nightmare.
2 He only caught a _____ glimpse of the girl's eyes, but he fell in love with her at first sight.
3 Let me just say a _____ word about our guest.
4 I told them I could swim, but it was a _____ lie.
5 You're a _____ fool if you think she'll give you the money back.
6 Hi, I know you're having extra classes in an hour, so I'm just calling for a _____ chat.

Task 4.

Complete the sentences with the correct form of the verbs in the box.

remember	recognise	remind
identify	realise	

1 I _____ we were going in the wrong direction when I saw the church.
2 I didn't _____ the email address, so I didn't open the email. Sometimes they have viruses, don't they?
3 I _____ my sister to record the film for me while I was out and she did.
4 The police can _____ the criminal by his fingerprints.
5 Do you _____ meeting Fleur at my birthday party last year?

LIVEWORKSHEETS