

Task 3. Questions 59–68

Read the four texts (A–D) about wildlife photographers and the questions (59–68) on the next page. Then decide which question is about which person and write the letter (A–D) after the question. The letters can be used more than once. *An example (0) has been done for you.*

National Geographic photographers

A Tim Laman credits his childhood in Japan for his strong interest in exploring nature. His first publication was in second grade, when his poem written in Japanese about his pet turtle won a competition and was published in the local newspaper. Doing pioneering research in the rain forest of Borneo, Laman climbed giant trees to explore the canopy and study strangler fig trees and their associated wildlife. This work led to his Ph.D. in biology from Harvard and his first *National Geographic* magazine article.

He decided photography and popular articles were a more effective means of communicating the need to protect rain forest habitat, and therefore, all his articles have had a conservation message. Laman continues to collaborate with his wife, Cheryl Knott, a professor at Boston University, on orangutan research and conservation projects in Borneo. They have produced a *National Geographic* children’s book on orangutans.

B Charlie Hamilton James’ photographs are technically complex and involve specially invented and engineered equipment, which he makes himself in his workshop. James has a particular interest in using his cameras as tools to learn more about wildlife, which has led on several occasions to new discoveries. James has been obsessed with kingfishers since he was six and otters since he was ten and has become a world authority on both creatures.

James shoots and produces wildlife films for BBC and Animal Planet, through his production company, which he runs with his wife Philippa Forrester. He also works as a television presenter on a BBC series. Motivated to protect the rain forest habitat of Peru’s Manú National Park, he purchased a plot of land adjoining the park, only to learn he had acquired an illegal coca plantation along with it. His misadventures are featured in a series by the BBC entitled *I Bought a Rainforest*.

C Ami Vitale, a Nikon Ambassador and *National Geographic* magazine photographer, has lived in mud huts and war zones, contracted malaria, and worn a panda suit—keeping true to her belief in the importance of “living the story.” After shooting a powerful story on the transport and release of one of the world’s last white rhinos, Vitale shifted her focus to the planet’s most pressing issues, including wildlife on the edge of extinction, climate change-precipitated migration, and the struggles and triumphs of the human spirit.

She lectures and teaches workshops throughout the Americas, Europe, and Asia. She joined Ripple Effect Images, an organization of renowned female scientists, writers, photographers and filmmakers working together to shed light on the hardships women in developing countries face and the programs that can help them.

D Paul Nicklen, a polar specialist and marine biologist, spent his childhood among the Inuit people. From them he learned the understanding of icy ecosystems, and the survival skills that have helped him to become one of the most successful wildlife and nature photojournalists. Nicklen has produced stories covering issues related to conservation and natural history—from salmon farming to the importance of sea ice and polar ecosystems in this new climate era. Nicklen travels constantly in search of meaningful stories that can help the public connect with Earth’s marine realm.

Nicklen received the Alumni Lifetime Achievement Award from his alma mater, the University of Victoria. His appearances on television shows such as *Jeopardy* and in YouTube videos receiving millions of hits have recently thrust him into the popular culture spotlight.

www.amivitale.com; www.worldpressphoto.org; www.nationalgeographic.com

Which person ...

- has produced a book for children with his wife?* (0) A
- makes their own photography gear? (59) _____
- wants to help people understand life in the sea? (60) _____
- has been fond of two different species since childhood? (61) _____
- showed talent as a child? (62) _____
- has some teaching experience? (63) _____
- conducted research resulting in a university degree? (64) _____
- has made a film about an extremely rare animal? (65) _____
- gained useful knowledge when living with native people as a child? (66) _____
- belongs to an organisation which deals with social problems? (67) _____
- had an unpleasant surprise after having bought some property? (68) _____