



## Mid Term Test

### Grammar Block 4

#### 1. Read the following text and answer the questions.

What do three hearts, eight arms and one huge brain add up to? An octopus, a creature that can do amazing things.

Octopuses are extremely intelligent. They have even learnt a few tricks to get them out of sticky situations, as for example, when it is afraid of a predator. As octopuses don't have teeth or sharp claws to defend themselves, they hide themselves in the sand on the bottom of the ocean floor. Do you want to know how they do that? Well, the octopus is like a chameleon because it can change the color of its skin to match the sand. This color change happens in less than a minute.

Some octopuses like to stay in more shallow water where there are rocks and coral. Because octopuses are invertebrates, they can squeeze themselves into small spaces between the rocks to get out of reach of predators. Another way an octopus can hide is by shooting ink. An octopus uses a part of its body called a siphon to shoot ink into the water. The ink forms a cloud that hides the octopus. It's like a magician doing a vanishing act.

If an octopus is being attacked, it can actually make itself look like a venomous sea snake. It will bury itself in the sand, keeping two arms visible. It will change the color of those arms to match a sea snake. But if there's no



time to hide? If an octopus is in trouble, it can break off one of its arms. The arm will then change colors and squirm around the water to distract the predator while the octopus swims away to safety. Don't worry though. The octopus's arm will grow back.

There is one kind of octopus that has venom to use in defense. The blue-ringed octopus is tiny; it could fit in the palm of your hand. Predators might think this size makes the octopus a great snack, but they know to stay away. The blue-ringed octopus is very poisonous and can kill predators much larger than it, including humans.

**Answer the following questions:**

1) What is special about the octopus' body?

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2) Why are octopuses intelligent?

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3) What happens to an octopus if it breaks off one of its arms?

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4) How do blue-ringed octopuses defend themselves?

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**Choose the correct option:**

1. Octopuses can look like snakes when they feel under attack  
True  
False
2. They can defend themselves by using their sharp teeth  
True  
False
3. As the blue-ringed octopus is tiny and fits in the palm of a hand, it is not considered a dangerous kind.  
True  
False

**2. Complete the sentences with the correct tense (past simple/present simple):**

1. She \_\_\_\_\_ (go) to Australia in 1994 and she liked it very much.
2. My father usually \_\_\_\_\_ (like) his steak well-done.
3. The dog \_\_\_\_\_ (eat) its toy last night.
4. The policeman \_\_\_\_\_ (talk) to the burglar yesterday.
5. \_\_\_\_\_ (you /have) a test last week?
6. I often see her mother but she never \_\_\_\_\_ (speak) to me.
7. The gentleman \_\_\_\_\_ (speak) to his servant 2 hours ago.



8. The kangaroo always \_\_\_\_\_ (carry) its baby.
9. My friend \_\_\_\_\_ (talk) a lot every day.
10. The man \_\_\_\_\_ (drive) to the supermarket last weekend.
3. Watch the following video, then circle the correct answer:  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oWwb9z2Qw6s>
- a. If something seems too good to be true, then normally it \_\_\_\_\_ **isn't real/is real**
- b. Fake news is \_\_\_\_\_ **true / a lie**
- c. You can see fake news \_\_\_\_\_ **only on social media / on social media and traditional media**
- d. It's a good idea for parents to check the apps you use \_\_\_\_\_ **to check they're safe / to check the games are good**
- e. Seeing false information makes most people feel \_\_\_\_\_ **confused or annoyed / happy**
- f. If you don't know what's real and what's fake, you can have \_\_\_\_\_ **fun / problems**



**4. Composition:**

**Choose one of these problems and create a text using modals**

- a.** Your company has some legal issues with a client (give some **advice**)
- b.** You want to borrow some money from your bank (ask for **permission** politely)
- c.** You have opposing viewpoints on business matters with your business partner (talk about **necessities**)

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