Reading

8 Read the amazing story below and do the exercises.

Four Athletes and a Dog

A few years ago, a team of four athletes from Sweden went to Ecuador – a country in South America. They were competing in a tough race which lasted for many days. The athletes had to climb hills, walk through forests and ride bikes in the mountains. One day, the athletes stopped to eat something and they noticed a thin, dirty dog nearby. One of the athletes, Mikael, felt sorry for the dog and gave it some food.

After this, the dog followed them everywhere. It was difficult for the dog to find food there and it was very hungry, so the athletes decided to share their food with their new friend. They also gave it a name – Arthur.

Arthur did everything the team did. When they were almost at the end of the race, the athletes had to travel down a river in a kayak. The team didn't think the river was a safe place for Arthur, so they decided not to take him in the kayak. As they were getting into their kayak, Arthur jumped into the water and started swimming next to their boat. Mikael was worried about Arthur, so he picked him up and put him in the kayak.

The team didn't win the race and by the time they finished it, Arthur was sick. Mikael took the dog to a vet, who took care of him. When it was time for the athletes to return to Sweden, Mikael was upset because he didn't want to say goodbye to his friend, so he took Arthur home with him to start a new life far away.

8 A Circle the correct answer. (4 x 1 = 4)

1 The four athletes travelled to South America because they wanted ..... .
   a to find a dog
   b to explore the rainforest
   c to be in a race

2 They first saw the dog when they were ..... .
   a having a meal
   b in Sweden
   c climbing a hill

3 Arthur jumped in the river because ..... .
   a he liked swimming
   b he wanted to stay with the team
   c he didn't like the kayak

4 Why did Mikael feel sad after the race?
   a He didn't want to leave the dog.
   b The vet couldn't help Arthur.
   c His team hadn't won the race.

8 B Write T (True) or F (False). (6 x 1 = 6)

..... 1 The race was difficult.

..... 2 The athletes rode bikes through the rainforest.

..... 3 The dog helped the men find food in the rainforest.

..... 4 One of the athletes was called Arthur.

..... 5 Mikael thought the dog was in danger when it was in the river.

..... 6 Today the dog lives with Mikael.

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