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### TASK 1.

You are going to read an article about Mr Aydin Onac, the head of an English grammar school, who ate a tarantula. Some words are missing from the text. • Your task is to write the missing words on the dotted lines (11-18) after the text. • Use only one word in each gap. • There is an example (0) at the beginning.

### HEAD TEACHER SHOCKS PUPILS BY EATING SPIDER

A head teacher in Orpington, Kent stunned pupils at his school (0) \_\_\_\_\_ BY \_\_\_\_\_ eating a tarantula in front of a packed assembly. (11) \_\_\_\_\_ some of his pupils delighted at seeing his discomfort during the ordeal, others (12) \_\_\_\_\_ said to be upset, and at least one parent complained that it set a bad example to youngsters. Mr Onac said he came (13) \_\_\_\_\_ with the idea of eating a poisonous spider as a way of raising sponsorship money for a new sports and drama complex. He explained: “It wasn’t (14) \_\_\_\_\_ I opened the container and saw how big it was that I started to feel very nervous. As I was eating it I was wondering (15) \_\_\_\_\_ I would still be alive by break-time. It tasted quite salty, and a little bit like burnt chicken.” The spider was sourced from Cambodia, (16) \_\_\_\_\_ they are farmed and eaten by locals as a delicacy. They are usually deep fried and the cooking process negates the effects of any toxins they carry. A member of the teaching staff said they were full of admiration for Mr Onac’s actions. But not everybody connected with the school (17) \_\_\_\_\_ in agreement. One parent said: “It’s all very well raising money, but why does he (18) \_\_\_\_\_ to behave as if he’s taking part in a TV show?”

## Task 2

You are going to read an article about a bird that steals food by imitating the calls of other animals. Some words are missing from the text. • Choose the most appropriate answer from the options (A-D) for each gap (19-28) in the text. • Write the letter of the appropriate answer in the white box. • There is one example (0) at the beginning.

### BIRD-MIMICS STEAL MEERKATS' FOOD

Drongos in the Kalahari Desert mimic the alarm calls of other species in (0) C to steal food, scientists have found. The birds "play tricks" (19) \_\_\_\_\_ meerkats in particular, following the little mammals around until they (20) \_\_\_\_\_ catch a meal. The drongos then make fake alarm calls and cause the meerkats (21) \_\_\_\_\_ for cover, allowing the drongos to swoop in. The scientists (22) \_\_\_\_\_ their work studying meerkats and noticed their reaction to the drongos' alarm calls. When a predator was in the area, the birds made an alarm call and the meerkats immediately dashed for cover. But when the drongos saw a meerkat with a large food item such as a gecko or a scorpion, they made a false alarm call (23) \_\_\_\_\_ sounded the same as the calls they made at predators, (24) \_\_\_\_\_ there were no predators around. The researchers then turned their attention to the drongos. To avoid (25) \_\_\_\_\_ ignored, the birds appear to deliberately change the type of call they make - to alter the species they mimic - when meerkats stop (26) \_\_\_\_\_ to their alarm calls. Although (27) \_\_\_\_\_ species they impersonated were other birds, drongos even managed a meerkat alarm call. The birds may have learned by trial and error that meerkats are (28) \_\_\_\_\_ to find their own alarm call "particularly convincing". This is one of the first studies to show that vocal mimicry can have a function.

0)	<i>A particular</i>	<i>B addition</i>	<i>C order</i>	<i>D response</i>
19)	<b>A for</b>	<b>B at</b>	<b>C with</b>	<b>D on</b>
20)	<b>A will not</b>	<b>B -</b>	<b>C do not</b>	<b>D will</b>
21)	<b>A running</b>	<b>B run</b>	<b>C to have run</b>	<b>D to run</b>
22)	<b>A began</b>	<b>B have begun</b>	<b>C beginning</b>	<b>D have been beginning</b>
23)	<b>A this</b>	<b>B what</b>	<b>C that</b>	<b>D –</b>
24)	<b>A although</b>	<b>B unless</b>	<b>C since</b>	<b>D if</b>
25)	<b>A be</b>	<b>B being</b>	<b>C to be</b>	<b>D have been</b>
26)	<b>A respond</b>	<b>B to respond</b>	<b>C responding</b>	<b>D and respond</b>
27)	<b>A many of</b>	<b>B the most</b>	<b>C most of</b>	<b>D most</b>
28)	<b>A like</b>	<b>B alike</b>	<b>C unlike</b>	<b>D likely</b>

### Task 3

You are going to read two anecdotes about Ferenc Molnár, the famous Hungarian playwright and novelist. In most lines there is one word that should not be there. It is either grammatically incorrect or does not fit in with the sense of the text. • Read the text and then copy the extra word in the space provided after each line. • Some lines are correct. Indicate these lines with a (–). • The task begins with two examples (0)

#### TWO ANECDOTES

0) While Molnár was living in a hotel in Vienna during the 1920s, a 0) -

0) large contingent of his family relatives came to see him in the hope 0) family

29) of sharing with some of the fruits of the playwright's fabulous 29).....

30) success. They were not prepared for a hostile reception, but to their 30).....

31) surprise Molnár greeted them kindly, even though insisting that 31).....

32) they all sit for a group portrait to mark the occasion. When the print 32).....

33) was ready, Molnár had handed it over to the hotel doorman, saying: 33).....

34) "Whenever you will see any of the persons in the picture trying to 34).....

35) get into the hotel, don't let them to come in." 35).....

36) Molnár was a late riser, while never emerging until 1:00 p.m. On 36).....

37) one occasion in Budapest, having called as a witness in a lawsuit, 37).....

38) he had better to present himself at court by 9:00 a.m. The combined 38).....

39) efforts of his servants got him out of the bed and dressed, and they 39).....

40) propelled him out of the house at 8:30 into the rush-hour crowd. 40).....

41) Molnár looked in an amazement at the hurrying workers and 41).....

42) exclaimed, "Good heavens, who are all these people witnesses in 42).....

this fool case?"

## **TASK 4**

### **CLICK INTO THE BLUE BOX AND LISTEN TASK 1 AND TASK 2 →**

In this section you will hear an interview with Jen Shaffer, the author of a new book. • Your task is to decide whether the following statements are true, false or we do not know because the text does not say, and write the appropriate letter in the boxes on the right. First, you will have some time to look at the task, and then we will play the whole recording in one piece. • Then, after a short pause, you will hear the recording again, but this time we will play the text in shorter sections to give you enough time to write down your answers.

**A= TRUE**

**B= FALSE**

**C= THE TEXT DOES NOT SAY**

✓ Jen says that her new book does not contain stories from the London Olympics. ....B....

1. Her book is about the achievements and attitudes of some outstanding athletes. ....

2. She says that Olympians are special, because they are more talented than others. ....

3. Betty Robinson was the only one to survive the 1931 plane crash. ....

4. It was only at the hospital that they realized she was still alive. ....

5. She was unconscious for months after the crash. ....

6. It took her more than a year to learn to walk again. ....

7. She not only participated in the 1936 Olympic Games, but also won a gold medal. ....

8. Fujimoto didn't tell anyone that he had broken his knee during the floor exercise routine.

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9. He received a better score for the rings than for the pommel horse exercise. ....

10. He was so determined that he didn't feel any pain either during or after the rings.

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11. When asked later, he said that if it were necessary, he would do the same thing again.

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## **TASK 5**

**In this section you will hear a radio report about a publicity stunt performed by Prince Andrew, Duke of York. • Your task will be to circle the letter or letters of the correct answer or answers in the boxes on the right. Please note that in this task both answers may be correct. This means you will have to WRITE either A or B, or both A and B. • First, you will have some time to look at the task, and then we will play the whole recording in one piece. • Then, after a short pause, you will hear the recording again, but this time we will play the text in shorter sections to give you enough time to write down your answers.**

✓ **The person who climbed down the exterior wall of a skyscraper was...**

A) Tom Cruise. ....  
B) Prince Andrew. ....AB.....

**12. Prince Andrew performed the stunt with ...**

A) his wife Ffion. ....  
B) 40 other people. ....

**13. Prince Andrew is the ...**

A) youngest of Queen Elizabeth's sons. ....  
B) chairman of an educational charity. ....

**14. The Prince ...**

A) is still a possible successor to the British throne. ....  
B) used to be a helicopter pilot. ....

**15. The Duke ...**

A) is well-known for his fondness for extravagant air journeys. ....  
B) got the idea of the stunt after watching a film starring Tom Cruise. ....

**16. Back on the ground, the Prince said that the ...**

A) hardest part was the ten-flight walk to the 87th floor. ....  
B) most frightening bit was the very first step over the edge. ....

**17. The climbers eventually ...**

A) landed on the 20th floor of the skyscraper. ....  
B) walked down to the ground floor of the skyscraper. ....

**18. Prince Andrew's stunt is not likely to happen again, because ...**

A) the authorities are not going to allow it. ....  
B) he said he is not going to repeat it. ....