

Vocabulary and Grammar Test

Unit 4 Test

Vocabulary

1 Complete the text with the correct form of the words below.

plants snow carry follow dig grass flowers run look bite

We have a family dog called Alex. He doesn't ¹ _____ and he's a friendly dog, but it's difficult to train him. He likes to ² _____ holes in the garden and he destroys any new ³ _____ or ⁴ _____ that we have planted. He ⁵ _____ away a lot so we can't leave the garden gate open. Alex loves going for a walk. He ⁶ _____ me around the house until I take him to the park. He runs around on the ⁷ _____ for hours! He loves playing with a ball. Sometimes I throw the ball too far and Alex spends a long time ⁸ _____ for it before he ⁹ _____ it back to me in his mouth. He finds it and brings it back every time, even in winter, when there's ¹⁰ _____ everywhere in the park and he really has to look for it!

Mark: ____ / 20

Grammar

2 Complete the dialogues with the correct present continuous form of the words in brackets.

A What programme ¹ _____ (you / watch)?

B ² _____ (I, watch) a documentary about birds in the Amazon rainforest.

A What ³ _____ (Dad / do)?

B ⁴ _____ (he / fix) my bike.

A ⁵ _____ (Gill / do) her homework?

B No, ⁶ _____ (she / not do) her homework. ⁷ _____ (she / chat) to her friends online.

A ⁸ _____ (your friends / stay) in a hotel at the moment?

B No, ⁹ _____ (they / not stay) in a hotel. ¹⁰ _____ (they / rent) a lovely little cottage.

Mark: ____ / 10

3 Make questions using the present simple and present continuous.

1 what / you / usually / do / on Fridays?

2 you / watch / now?

3 what magazine / you / read / now?

4 Mark / play / football / at the moment?

5 what / watch / on television / now?

Mark: ____ / 10

Reading

Spiders!

There are over 43,000 species of spiders worldwide. These eight-legged creatures are on every continent except for Antarctica. Most spiders are predators: they eat other spiders or insects. Some large spiders also eat small animals – for example, frogs, lizards and even birds. There are also tropical spiders that don't eat animals. They eat parts of plants, such as flower buds. There's a 'vegetarian' spider in Central America which feeds on parts of acacia trees.

Spiders usually catch insects in their webs, but many like hunting. There's a spider that is a really good hunter. It's called the huntsman spider. I want to find out more about the huntsman spider, so I'm here with Chris Richardson, an expert on spiders. I'm watching him film a documentary about spiders for the BBC. Chris, can you tell us what is happening?

'We are watching a huntsman spider right now. It's hiding under a leaf, waiting for an insect to come near it. It's not moving at all. It has to stay still so that the insect doesn't get frightened and run away. Huntsman spiders often wait for many hours in one place,' he adds. 'A small insect is coming closer to our huntsman spider. What's it doing? It's still waiting patiently ... Wow, did you see that? The huntsman spider quickly jumped on the insect and bit it!'

We asked Chris: 'Are there many dangerous spiders?' 'Yes, there are! There are some dangerous spiders around the world that can kill people, such as the mouse spider and the black widow spider, but most spiders are scared of people and run away when they see humans. Tarantulas dig a small hole in the ground and hide away from danger; others climb on trees or hide under rocks.'

'Some spiders are good mothers,' says Chris. 'They look after their babies well. Let me show you a film we took yesterday... Can you see the spider sitting on what looks like a white bag? It's a female huntsman spider. There are up to two hundred eggs in the bag, which is called a sac. She sits on the sac and doesn't eat for three weeks. Can you see another spider carrying something on its back? That's a female wolf spider. She carries around a hundred babies on her back until they mature and climb off. Spiders are everywhere! Maybe there's one climbing the wall, making a web or hiding somewhere in your room right now.'

4 Read the text and decide if the statements are true (T) or false (F).

- 1 Spiders are on all continents. ____
- 1 Not all spiders are predators. ____
- 2 Chris is filming tarantulas for his documentary. ____
- 3 When huntsman spiders hunt, they wait for many days in the same place. ____
- 4 The huntsman spider jumped on an insect. ____
- 5 According to Chris, most spiders are dangerous and will attack people. ____
- 6 Tarantulas often hide in the ground in a dangerous situation. ____
- 7 There are around one hundred eggs in the female huntsman spider's sac. ____
- 8 The female wolf spider carries about a hundred baby spiders on her back. ____
- 9 According to Chris, spiders are everywhere. ____

Mark: ____ / 10

The African wild dog

The African wild dog, which is also called the cape hunting dog or the painted wolf, lives in the woodlands in sub-Saharan Africa. This wild dog looks like a wolf, but unlike the wolf, it isn't grey. It has patches of red, black, brown, white and yellow on its fur, and each dog looks different from any other African wild dog. Unlike the wolf, the African wild dog has big round ears, and it doesn't have five toes on its feet like other dogs, either. It only has four toes on each foot! It's a tall, slim animal that weighs between eighteen and thirty-six kilograms, is about seventy-five centimetres tall, and lives for about ten to twelve years.

African wild dogs are very intelligent and like living in packs, which are small groups of animals that hunt together and look after their own babies (or 'pups'). An African wild dog can have up to twenty pups and the whole pack of dogs helps to look after them. The dogs that hunt bring back food to the dogs that look after the pups. They communicate with each other through touch, and also by 'talking' loudly. They don't bark in the same way as domestic dogs. They make sounds similar to a bird.

These wild dogs hunt together in a pack of up to twenty dogs, but when there are less than six dogs, it's difficult for them to hunt well. They usually hunt early in the morning and then again late in the evening. Before they start hunting, they play together and run around, which prepares them for hunting. They eat meat from small animals such as mice and birds, but also hunt large animals such as antelopes. It doesn't happen very often, but they can hunt and kill a zebra, too. They run after the animal, and in 80% of chases, they are successful and catch it. Lions only catch 30% of the animals they hunt.

5 Read the text. Decide if the statements are true (T) or false (F).

1 The African wild dog is usually called the African hunting dog. _____

The African wild dog is the same colour as a wolf. _____

The dogs have only got four toes on each foot. _____

The dogs can live up to twelve years. _____

African wild dogs like to live on their own. _____

The dogs that go hunting bring food to the dogs that stay with the pups. _____

The wild dogs bark like domestic dogs. _____

They hunt in the evening and at lunchtime. _____

The dogs eat small and large animals. _____

Wild dogs catch 30% of the lions they hunt. _____

Mark: ____ / 10

TOTAL MARK: ____ / 60 points