

Task 1

Mother goose asks police officer to help

Read the story. Some words are missing. Choose the best word (A, B or C) for each gap (1–6). Put your answers in the boxes. There is an example (0) at the beginning.



On May 9, James Givens, a police officer in Cincinnati was sitting in his car when he heard a knock. He turned around and (0) a goose knocking at the car door. This was unusual because birds typically prefer to watch people from a (1).

But on this day, the goose wanted to get his attention and was knocking (2). Givens got out. The bird then began to walk away, it was turning around to see Givens was (3). When they finally stopped, Givens understood why the mother goose needed his help. She needed help to free her gosling from a balloon string. It was a Mother's Day balloon that (4) the bird.

The police officer first called 112 but when no animal rescue specialist was available he (5) fellow officer Cecilia Charron. She joined Givens and took matters into her own hands.

The mother goose understood that Charron was trying to help and watched patiently from a safe distance as the officer saved the bird. As soon as the little gosling was free, it trotted to its mom, and the duo went away. Charron, a 24-year veteran of the police force, said this was the most (6) incident of her career!

0	A found	B shot	C caught
1	A lake	B distance	C field
2	A until	B after	C between
3	A phoning	B standing	C following
4	A killed	B trapped	C saved
5	A visited	B followed	C called
6	A dangerous	B memorable	C frightening

Write your answers here.

0	1	2	3	4	5	6
A						

Task 2

Amazing facts

Read the information and match each text (1–7) with its title (A–K). Write your answers in the boxes. There is an example (0) at the beginning.

0 The total weight of all the ants on earth is more than the total weight of all human beings.
Strange but true.

1 According to a survey in 2014, about 58% of British teenagers thought Sherlock Holmes was a real man, whereas 20% thought Julius Caesar or Winston Churchill were not.

2 Studies in psychology say that an average 4-year-old kid asks four hundred questions a day.

3 A mosquito might be small in size but you will be surprised to know that a mosquito has 47 teeth.

4 Most of the time on board of an aeroplane we don't like the food. Not because the food is bad but because we cannot smell or taste well. 20% to 50% of the flavour of food is lost during flights.

5 Scientists tested the effects of music and found that cows make more milk when listening to quiet music.

6 Is there any kid who does not love to eat chocolate? Obviously very few! However, you cannot feed chocolate to dogs. Chocolate changes the nervous system and heart of dogs, and may cause death.

7 We all know that a house mouse has an excellent sense of smell, but do you know that a mouse can get into a hole as small as a ballpoint pen. That is how they can hide from cats.

Titles

A Are they really heavier than we are?
B A little-big bite
C A dangerous food
D Do they celebrate name day?
E Enjoy your meal?

F Fingerprints and nose prints
G Getting to know the world
H Knowing history
I Size saves lives
K Productive melody

Write your answers here.

0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
A							

Task 3

The Blue Train

Read the text. Finish the sentences with the correct answer (A, B or C). Write your answers in the boxes. There is an example (0) at the beginning.

The Blue Train travels a 1,600-kilometre journey in South Africa between Pretoria and Cape Town. The Blue Train is not only a train but combines the luxury of the world's best hotels with the beauty of a train travel. It offers rooms with shower or small bath.

The Blue Train was built in 1937 and modernized in 1997 to include hi-fi and DVD systems in all compartments. It runs twice a week all year round with a one-way fare of about £750 per person. The journey takes 27 hours.

The friendly and well-trained staff meet passengers' every need. On board chefs regularly refresh their menus. They prepare dishes using the freshest of local food from lamb to oysters. All meals are included in the fare. Dinner is rather formal and the men are requested to wear a jacket and tie and the ladies an evening dress.

It is advisable that the Blue Train guests do not drink water from the tap. They can find bottled water under their bed.

In the event of an emergency doctors can be contacted at the various railway stations or patients are flown to hospital by helicopter. Two engineers are always on board and they love to talk to passengers about the train.



0 The Blue Train travels ...
A in Africa.
B only in summer.
C without a locomotive driver.

1 Passengers can get on the train ...
A every weekday.
B twice a week.
C only at weekends.

2 The service on the train is ...
A excellent.
B bad.
C fast.

3 Chefs cook meals using ...
A vegetables only.
B African ingredients.
C a lot of fish.

4 The price of the ticket contains ...
A alcoholic drinks.
B newspapers.
C breakfast, lunch and dinner.

5 Passengers ...
A find water in their fridge.
B have to buy mineral water.
C should not drink tap water.

6 To help sick passengers ...
A there are doctors on board.
B staff can call a helicopter.
C nurses work on the train.

7 Two engineers ...
A drive the engine.
B give information.
C set the Wi-Fi.

Write your answers here.

0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
A							