

Reading

1 Read the text. Are the sentences true or false?

Incredible journeys

Imagine travelling thousands of miles every year to return to your birthplace with only your instinct to guide you. The journey is fraught with danger at every turn. You have to deal with extreme weather conditions and predators at different points on your route. Yet still that instinct is urging you on, and eventually, when you make it through everything that is conspiring against you and you arrive at the precise location of your birth, you reproduce and then you die. This is the great journey undertaken by the Pacific salmon every year and it is just one of an amazing set of journeys that feature in the latest spectacular wildlife series to hit our screens: *Nature's Great Events*.

The series, filmed over a period of 25 months, takes us, the viewers, on an amazing journey too. We witness the epic spectacles brought about by seasonal changes and the effects these have on the wildlife. We follow some incredible journeys. Rare whales travel to the Arctic to feed on the rich fish supplies accessible when the ice melts. This dangerous journey through the cracking ice is filmed by intrepid underwater cameramen. Another seasonal event, the dry season in the Serengeti, forces millions of wildebeest to travel thousands of miles following the rains to the north and back again. The east coast of Africa is the scene of the annual sardine run where the movement of cold water currents encourages enormous shoals of fish to swim vast distances close to shore and directly into the hunting grounds of dolphins, sharks and whales! And perhaps the most amazing journey of all is that of the salmon who exhibit spectacular determination in swimming up rivers, jumping rapids and attempting to avoid fishing grizzlies. Where, we wonder, does all this knowledge come from?

The series is excellent and will, no doubt, be in line for many awards. It is compelling viewing and what is encouraging is the balance that it achieves. We all know the effects that global warming is having on animals in every part of the world, but this programme, unlike many others, does not preach. Yes, we see the polar bears in their shrinking ice territory and we learn that the sardine run hasn't happened for several years because of warmer waters. However, the sadness this brings is balanced against the heart-warming sight of the beluga

whales dancing a water ballet in shedding their old skins and the wonder at the homing and migratory instincts of animals the world over.

For many reasons, this is a superb series and well worth watching.

- The series explains the instincts that cause animals to go on these journeys. T / F
- The series took a year to film. T / F
- The series focuses on fish and water mammals. T / F
- It has a strong environmental message. T / F
- The events filmed occur because of natural climatic changes. T / F

Mark /10

Vocabulary

2 Choose the correct answers.

- Sue lets Jack walk all _____ her. She needs to get out of that relationship fast.
A at B on C over
- There's a(n) _____ that I might be late for the meeting this evening.
A opportunity B fear C possibility
- I'd be grateful if you could drop me _____ at the chemist's.
A off B down C in
- I got home quite late and had to _____ up the stairs.
A creep B stroll C trudge
- He didn't arrive in time for the start of the exam _____ to a hold-up on the motorway.
A because B owing C consequent
- Pull the car into a lay-by so we don't hold _____ the traffic.
A down B on C up
- We ran _____ Bree at the café yesterday. She's looking really good.
A up B into C by

- 8 It's not _____ to expect the results by tomorrow morning.
A irrational B unreasonable C incomprehensible
- 9 Can I run something _____ you? It won't take a moment and I value your advice.
A by B to C at
- 10 After the accident Fran _____ for about three weeks.
A limped B stagger C stumbled

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3 Complete the compound nouns with the correct prepositions.

- 1 The band made a successful come_____ in 2009.
- 2 Run_____s often take refuge in empty buildings.
- 3 The tennis match was halted by a sudden _____pour.
- 4 There hadn't been a(n) _____break of this disease for a hundred years.
- 5 There's been a(n) _____surge in violence since the start of the year.

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4 Complete the sentences with the correct form of the words in the box. There are two more words than you need.

admit confer emit exist extend
guide persecute

- 1 The police finally got a(n) _____ of guilt from the criminal.
- 2 The government is trying to reduce car _____ still further to combat air pollution.
- 3 No one has yet confirmed the _____ of the new species.
- 4 Students need a lot of _____ when choosing a career.
- 5 Many people left the country trying to escape _____.

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Grammar

5 Rewrite the sentences starting with the words given.

- 1 Ben broke the DVD player – not me!
It _____

- 2 You'll enjoy the film when you see it. It's excellent.
The film is _____
- 3 He won a Golden Globe and an Oscar for his performance.
Not _____

- 4 I get very tired when I have to go football training straight after work.
It's _____

- 5 That's the first time I've read such a sarcastic report!
Never _____


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6 Complete the sentences with the correct form of the verbs in brackets.

- 1 It's nice _____ that Pam and Joe are back together again after all this time. (see)
- 2 What do you think about the idea of _____ the party at the new hotel? (have)
- 3 Pete's not really confident about _____ the oral exam this afternoon. He doesn't think he's ready. (take)
- 4 It's no use _____ for Jim – he's going to be hours yet. (wait)
- 5 You're not worried about _____ the train, are you? We've got tons of time. (miss)

Mark /5

Listening

7  5.07 Listen to four people A–D talking about their travelling habits. Match the speakers and what they are talking about.

- 1 Cost Speaker _____
- 2 Reliability Speaker _____
- 3 Comfort Speaker _____
- 4 Convenience Speaker _____
- 5 Environment Speaker _____

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Writing

8 Write a letter to the manager of a hotel where you recently stayed complaining about the holiday you spent there. Use the writing guide to help you. Write 200–250 words.

Paragraph 1: Say why you are writing.

Paragraph 2: Make your first complaint.

Paragraph 3: Make your second complaint.

Paragraph 4: Make your third complaint.

Paragraph 5: Say what action you want taken.

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Total /60