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Why are animals important?

- 1** Study the reading strategy, then read texts A and B on page 5 quickly and identify the overall tone, text type, and purpose. Check (✓) the correct answer in each chart for text A and text B. There is one extra answer.



Reading strategy

Identifying tone

Tone is the attitude that the author is expressing towards the topic of a text. It is conveyed through the author's use of language and the ideas or imagery they choose to include. Any word that describes attitude can also be used to describe tone. Identifying the overall tone of a text can help you identify the main purpose of the text and the type of text it is.

1	Tone	Text A	Text B
	informal and appealing		
	subjective and critical		
	serious and objective		

2	Text type	Text A	Text B
	a review		
	a leaflet		
	an advertisement		

3	Purpose	Text A	Text B
	to inform people about taking care of cats		
	to inform people about the challenges cats face		
	to describe a cat that needs adopting		

- 2** Read the texts again and choose the correct answers.

- According to the introduction of text A, ...
 - everyone should get a cat
 - people need to be healthier
 - there's a special connection between cat and owner
 - getting a cat takes a long time
- Apparently, ... is bad for their health.
 - giving cats a suitable diet
 - overfeeding cats
 - feeding cats every day
 - giving cats too much water

- Part of being a responsible cat owner is ...
 - having a check-up when you're sick
 - going to the vet every month
 - getting an expensive vet
 - providing vet care
- ... encourages good behavior.
 - Making a training plan
 - Ignoring a cat's misbehavior
 - Forming a bond with local cats
 - Allowing your cat to get into fights
- According to text B, Snowy ...
 - takes to small children immediately
 - gets along with other cats
 - is a good companion for a family
 - and a child make a good team

- 3** Are these sentences true according to the information in texts A and B? Write *Y* (yes), *N* (no), or *NM* (not mentioned).

- Cats can improve their owner's wellbeing.
- Older cats require more protein than younger ones.
- Taking care of cats' health doesn't cost much.
- Cats aren't allowed in high-rise apartment buildings.
- Cats need to have the company of people.
- Snowy needs an available and enthusiastic owner.

- 4** Answer the questions. Refer back to the texts.

- What are two of the advantages of having a cat?

.....

.....

- What are two of the disadvantages?

.....

.....

- What type of person should adopt Snowy? Why?

.....

.....

Making the right decision about getting a cat

Cats are a common choice of pet for many people. They are, in fact, one of the most popular companion animals in the world, and, over time, they can form a real bond with their owners.



They can also help to combat loneliness, which impacts millions around the world, and this can benefit mental wellbeing a lot. But having a cat is a long-term responsibility, so it's important to consider things carefully before making the decision to get one.

Things to know about cats

Diet

Cats need to have good-quality, nutritious cat food and fresh water every day. The food should be in the correct quantity for the cat's age – for example, kittens need a protein-rich diet to help them grow. Giving a cat the wrong food or more food than necessary can lead to obesity. This causes health problems and reduces life expectancy.

Health

Responsible cat owners must take their cat to the vet for an annual check-up and vaccinations to protect them against diseases, and there are routine, monthly treatments you need to give your cat to prevent fleas and worms. Cats should also be taken to the vet at the first sign of illness or injury. These visits can be expensive, especially if subsequent treatment is required. Pet insurance, which is an expense in itself, is therefore advisable.

Environment

Above all, cats need a comfortable and loving home, but the living space should also be suitable for their daily routine. People living in small homes or apartments in high-rise buildings should think carefully about getting a cat as ideally it should have access to the outdoors. However, if you have enough space your cat can stay indoors.



Behavior

A kitten needs a lot more supervision than an adult and can only be left alone for a few hours a day. If they are ignored, they may behave badly, and become destructive. You need to come up with a plan for how you will train your cat. You should also consider whether there are many other cats in your local area. Cats are territorial animals by nature and if they do not have enough room to explore without running into other cats, they may get into fights.

Companionship

Cats make good companions for people, but it's important to remember that while they are very independent, cats do need regular human contact. Long periods of isolation while their owners are away from home isn't recommended.

For further information on how to take care of cats, speak to a vet or visit: www.kittyclub.org

Companion Animal Adoption Center



Find a cat ▼

Find a rabbit ▼

Find another animal ▼

Cats available for adoption



Mrs Paws

SNOWY

Male

5 months

I can honestly say that Snowy is a fun-loving and affectionate kitten. He gets along with other cats, but he doesn't see eye to eye with small children! Snowy has a real sense of adventure and loves climbing and playing with his toys. If you're looking for a lively companion and you have lots of time to keep an eye on him, you and Snowy could make a good team. 😊



Snowy



Simon





Design and technology

1 Choose the correct answers to complete the article.

There's no disputing the fact that the bicycle is the most ¹**energy** ... form of transportation in the world.



But bicycle design has evolved dramatically over the years. Designers today use scientific data from wind tunnels and test their bikes to the highest level in order to come up with the ultimate cycling machine. Let's take the aero road bike as an example. Manufactured with ²**performance** ... aerodynamics, its ³**stream** ... design enables top cyclists to ride much faster and more efficiently.

One material that some bikes are made of today is bamboo. Lightweight and naturally ⁴**shock** ..., it offers cyclists a comfortable ride. It sounds like a ⁵**ground** ... idea, but bamboo bicycles were actually first made in England in 1894! No doubt they will appeal to ⁶**eco** ... consumers who want to do their part for the environment.

- | | |
|-----------------|---------------|
| 1 a -breaking | c -absorbent |
| b -friendly | d -efficient |
| 2 a -enhancing | c -absorbent |
| b -efficient | d -friendly |
| 3 a -reflective | c -lined |
| b -breaking | d efficient |
| 4 a -efficient | c -friendly |
| b -absorbent | d -reflective |
| 5 a -enhancing | c -reflective |
| b breaking | d lined |
| 6 a -friendly | c -absorbent |
| b -enhancing | d -breaking |

2 Complete the sentences with the correct adjectives.

- The coating on my camera lens has really improved my photography.
- A dolphin's shape enables it to travel through water quickly.
- By studying the heads of male sheep, which are good at dealing with impact when they fight, cars of the future can be made safer and more
- The discovery of the structure of DNA in the 1950s was a piece of research.

Relationships

3 Choose the correct meaning of the expressions in bold.

- It gets on my nerves** when you can hear the music that people are listening to through their headphones.
 - I really like it.
 - It makes me happy.
 - It annoys me.
- When it comes to politics, my parents really **don't see eye to eye**.
 - They don't share the same views.
 - They can't look at each other.
 - They have similar opinions.
- Jack had never played basketball before, but **he took to it** immediately.
 - He disliked it.
 - He didn't mind it.
 - He started liking it.
- Sasha **never really got along with** her sister.
 - They were really good friends.
 - They didn't have a good relationship.
 - They didn't spend much time together.

4 Complete the text. Use one word in each blank.

Get involved in sea turtle conservation in Costa Rica

Testimonial

My volunteer experience in Costa Rica was amazing. Like anything new, I had my ¹ and downs at the beginning - picking up beach litter was a bit boring, but I took ² working with sea turtles right away.



The conservation project was well-organized and I really learned a lot about how to take ³ of the turtle eggs and nests. I also enjoyed meeting all the other volunteers. We all got ⁴ with each other well and made a good ⁵ I formed a real ⁶ with the turtles, too. The baby ones are incredibly cute! I'll definitely go back and work on the project again.
Hilde, Norway

Talking about things in general

5 Are the bold words correct (✓) or incorrect (X)? Write the correct answers where needed.

1 The sneakers can be expensive these days.

☐

2 Who invented the bicycle?

☐

3 I'd hate to live in country.

☐

4 Roses are my mom's favorite flower.

☐

5 The rich usually live in nice areas.

☐

6 Complete the sentences with the words below. Use the zero or definite article and make the word plural if necessary.

Labrador bee electric car human young

1 _____ is a popular breed of dog.

2 _____ have a lot in common with animals.

3 _____ don't always see eye to eye with people in authority.

4 _____ pollinate crops which enables us to produce food.

5 _____ is much more eco-friendly than traditional cars.

7 Complete the text with the correct form of the nouns in parentheses. Use the zero or definite article as necessary.

Making comparisons

8 Complete the pairs of sentences. Use a noun and the comparative form of the adjective in parentheses.

1 rhinos / giraffes

_____ are _____ of the two. (tall)

_____ are _____ of the two. (endangered)

2 birds / bees

_____ are _____ of the two. (big)

_____ are _____ of the two. (important)

9 Complete the sentences with *the* and the comparative form of the adjectives below.

energy efficient fit hot long streamlined

1 _____ it gets, the more the ice caps melt.

2 _____ the bike, the faster it goes.

3 The more exercise you do, _____ you get.

4 The newer the car, _____ it is.

5 _____ you spend on your homework, the better it'll be.

Save our bees

What's the problem?

There's no disputing the fact that ¹ _____ (bee) are in crisis. They form an essential role in helping plants and crops grow, but much of their natural habitat, such as ² _____ (garden) and parks, has been disappearing for decades. The use of ³ _____ (pesticide) in farming makes things worse, too.

What do you need to make one?

Everybody from the young to ⁴ _____ (old) can do their part for the environment by creating bee-friendly places in outdoor spaces. Just as hotels provide humans with a place to sleep and ⁵ _____ (food and drink), ⁶ _____ (bee hotel) do the same thing for bees.

How do you make one?

Bee hotels are cheap and easy to make. All you need is a container, a knife, and some bamboo sticks.

When your bee hotel is ready, make sure you put it in a place which gets ⁷ _____ (sun).

REMEMBER!

⁸ _____ (bee) is vital to our survival and we should do all we can to protect it. So why not make an eco-friendly bee hotel today?





- 10** Complete the sentences with *all*, *both*, *neither*, or *none*.
- _____ Hande and Kate work hard. They make a good team.
 - _____ Paul or Naomi eat meat. They're vegetarians.
 - _____ animals are living things.
 - They ate the whole cake. _____ of it was left.

11 Complete the sentences. Use the words below and *of which* or *of whom*.

a few all both neither

- Many commuters use cars or buses, _____ is energy efficient.
- I have two noisy younger brothers, _____ get on my nerves at times.
- There are three different bee hotels in the garden, _____ I made myself.
- There were about 30 people at the party, only _____ I knew.

12 Complete the article with suitable words. Use one or two words in each blank.

Stress and how to beat it

The more time we spend working, the less time we have for rest and relaxation, both of ¹ _____ are vital for our well-being. With long working hours and poor sleep patterns, it's easy to get into a downward spiral of stress and anxiety.

Does this sound familiar? Then take a look at these two ideas to help beat stress from Japan, ² _____ which is expensive to do.

Forest bathing

³ _____ your physical and mental well-being can benefit from this activity, which actually has nothing to do with water! The idea is that you walk through the peaceful forest surroundings. ⁴ _____ you connect with nature, the calmer you start to feel.



Pet cafes

There are numerous health benefits to taking care of a pet, ⁵ _____ of which are great news for pet owners. For those people without pets, many of ⁶ _____ can't have one due to long working hours, pet cafes might provide the answer. These are places of relaxation, where you can form a bond with cats and dogs over a cup of tea.

Developing an argument

13 Match the expressions 1–6 with the uses a–f.

- on the face of it _____
 - the bottom line is _____
 - to make light of something _____
 - to face up to something _____
 - to back up your claims _____
 - make no bones about _____
- to not take something seriously
 - to support your statements with examples / evidence
 - to say that something seems to be true, but this opinion might change
 - to not hesitate to say or do something
 - to accept and deal with something difficult
 - to talk about the most important thing you have to consider

14 CONSOLIDATION Answer the questions with your own ideas. Write complete sentences.

- Who do you get along with? Why?


- Make a general statement about the rich.

- Who or what gets on your nerves? Why?

- Describe the impact that destroying forests has on the environment.

- Make a comparison between how much you sleep and how you feel.

Listening

- 1  1.01 Study the listening strategy and then listen to a dialogue between Eva and Owen. Choose the correct options to complete the main claims.




Listening strategy

Listening to summarize an argument

When you summarize an argument, listen for:

- the speaker's main points
- the evidence they use
- the speaker's main argument

¹Eva / Owen claims that ²reducing dependence on/ including edible insects in our diet is ³good / bad for our health, the ⁴climate / environment, and for the economy of ⁵Europe / the world.

- 2  1.01 Listen again. Complete the chart with the correct information.

Support for the claim	Examples / evidence

- 3 What is Owen's main purpose in the dialogue?

.....

.....

.....

- 4  1.01 Listen again. Are the sentences *T* (true) or *F* (false)?

- World population is estimated to reach 70 billion in 2050.
- It isn't unusual for people in Asia, Africa, and South America to eat insects.
- Less than half of a cow is edible.

Speaking

- 5 Choose the correct words to complete the phrases.

- There's no **disputing** / **missing** the fact that ...
- There's a proven **point** / **link** between ... and ...
- The fact of the **example** / **matter** is ...
- There's also ... to **consider** / **miss**.
- You're missing the **matter** / **point** about ...
- Let's **take** / **dispute** ... as an example.

- 6 Complete the dialogue with the phrases 1–6 from exercise 5.

Mae Do you want some of my banana smoothie, Murat? It's made with oat milk so it's dairy free!

Murat No, thanks. I'd rather not. What do you have against dairy products, anyway?

Mae Well, ¹..... cow's milk

..... It contains lactose and studies show that

²..... lactose and developing digestive problems in humans.

Murat Well, I can understand going dairy-free if you're lactose-intolerant.

Mae ³..... lactose, Murat. The problems it causes might not appear right away, but they can develop in later life.

Murat I didn't know that.

Mae ⁴..... the use of antibiotics in cows These antibiotics are passed on to humans via milk, and ⁵..... that this is causing a rise in antibiotic-resistant bacteria in humans.

Murat But I love cow's milk!

Mae You might love it, Murat, but even if you do

⁶..... it isn't as good for you as you think.

- 7 Choose one of the topics below and decide on your point of view. Write a dialogue in which you make your case for or against. Use phrases from exercise 5 and some facts and figures.

- alternatives to animal fur
- a pescatarian diet
- using protein powders

Topic:

An opinion essay

Extinction is a natural process and humans shouldn't try to stop it.

Every year, the International Union for the Conservation of Nature (IUCN) produces its Red List, which provides up-to-date information on the conservation status of every species in the world. In other ¹ _____, it tells us how endangered our plants and animals are. Experts then decide which projects to fund that would best save species from extinction. Some people say conservation work is expensive and ineffective, and the bottom line is that extinction is a natural process. With over 28,000 species under threat, I will argue against this opinion. Simply ² _____, I believe we should try to save endangered species from extinction.

First of all, do plants and animals exist alone? In reality, they form part of an ecosystem, and the extinction of one species has a ripple effect. Or to put it another ³ _____, if one species disappears, it often causes the extinction of other species. A new study found that the rate of extinction today is at least 1,000 times faster than it was before humans. So isn't it our responsibility to take care of the natural world and do something to prevent extinction?

Secondly, losing species has an effect on our environment. Take sea turtles, for example, which are facing a challenge for survival. To ⁴ _____, six out of seven species of sea turtles are endangered or critically endangered. The sea turtle grazes on seagrass on the sea bed and keeps it healthy. How does that affect us? Sea grass removes carbon dioxide from the atmosphere. In ⁵ _____, the sea turtle plays a vital role in regulating our climate.

To ⁶ _____ up, it seems to me that we should do everything we can to stop extinction. The fact of the matter is that we need to preserve the balance of ecosystems in the natural world in order to protect the future of our planet.



1 Read the opinion essay and answer the questions.

- Does the writer agree or disagree with the statement in the title?
- How many main points does the writer include in the essay?
- In which paragraph does the writer restate their opinion?
- Are these examples of facts or figures? Write *fact* or *figure*.
 ... (IUCN) produces its Red List
 ... over 28,000 species under threat
 ... they form part of an ecosystem
 ... is at least 1,000 times faster than
 ... six out of seven species
 The sea turtle grazes on sea grass

LANGUAGE POINT Signpost language to paraphrase or clarify

2 Fill in the blanks 1–6 in the essay with the words below.

clarify put short sum way words

3 Think of a sentence that you can add to these facts. Use some of the phrases from exercise 2 to introduce your ideas in a different way.

- The Javan rhinoceros is one of the rarest mammals on Earth.

- Reports suggest that there are fewer than 100 Javan rhinos in the wild.

- One of the main threats to Javan rhinos in the wild is habitat loss.

Task An opinion essay

4 You are going to write an opinion essay about animals. Choose one of these statements or think of your own.

- It is a good idea to use animals in medical research.
- We shouldn't be allowed to own more than one pet.
- Animal rides for tourists on vacation should be illegal.

Think and plan

- 5** Study the writing strategy. Then look at the notes a student has made below.



Writing strategy

Generating ideas and supporting opinions

When you are planning an opinion essay:

- First, generate ideas about the topic. Think of as many ideas as possible to support your opinion.
- Next, choose which ideas you want to focus on and note down arguments to support them.
- Finally, research facts and figures that will support your opinions. Remember to choose your sources carefully.

- 1** Which opinion essay in exercise 4 are they going to write?

.....

- 2** Do they agree or disagree with the statement?

.....

- *dogs are the most popular pet in the US*
- *costs around \$ 1,400 - \$4,300 a year to have a dog*
- *the more pets you have, the higher your costs*
- *sensible to set a limit*
- *dogs are less likely to be abandoned*

- 6** Now think about the thesis statement you chose in exercise 4. Write as many opinions and ideas as you can in your notebook.

- 7** Choose two or three of the strongest opinions and add them to the chart below. Which arguments support them? Do some research online for facts and figures to support them, too. Then add notes to the chart.

Opinions	Arguments / Facts and figures
1	
2	
3	

- 8** Start thinking about the structure of your opinion essay. In which paragraph(s) are you going to do these things? Write 1, 2 and 3, or 4.

- explain two or three important opinions
- introduce the essay title
- sum up your opinion
- restate your reasons
- state your opinion
- support your opinions with facts and figures

Write a first draft

- 9** Write a first draft of your opinion essay. Write about 225 words. Use your answers from exercises 6, 7, and 8 to help you.

Review and edit

- 10** Read your first draft. How can you improve it? Use the checklist to help you.



Writing checklist

Content

- Do your examples support your overall opinion? ☐
- Have you used facts and figures to support your opinion? ☐

Organization

- Does your essay contain three sections: an introduction, main opinions, and a conclusion? ☐

Style

- Have you used a variety of different phrases to clarify your opinions and introduce ideas in a different way? ☐

- 11** Now write a final draft of your opinion essay.



Reading to learn

- 1 What does the tone of a text convey?
.....
.....
.....
- 2 What does identifying the tone of a text help you understand?
.....
.....
- 3 Look at text A on page 5. Is the language objective or subjective? Why?
.....
.....
.....

Vocabulary and Grammar

Design and technology

- 4 Write the adjectives for these definitions.
 - 1 not harmful to the environment
.....
 - 2 making new discoveries; using new methods
.....
 - 3 not wasting energy
.....
- 5 Write three true sentences using each of the words from exercise 4.
 - 1
.....
 - 2
.....
 - 3
.....

Relationships

- 6 Replace the underlined words with a relationships expression.
 - 1 You have a good relationship with your neighbors.
 - 2 They have a mixture of good and bad things in their relationship.
 - 3 We don't share the same views about technology.

7 Which expression can you use when...?

- 1 something really annoys you
.....
- 2 people work well together
.....
- 3 people make a strong connection with each other
.....

Talking about things in general

8 Complete the sentence about articles.

When we make generalizations and refer to groups, we use the ¹ article with noncount and plural count nouns, the ² article before a singular noun, and the ³ article before an adjective to describe groups.

9 Complete the sentences with a suitable noun or adjective and the zero or definite article.

- 1 often inspire design ideas.
- 2 was the inspiration for a streamlined swimsuit.
- 3 are one of the most endangered species.
- 4 can learn valuable life lessons from the old.

10 Write general statements about these things.

climate change plastic bottles the bicycle
the brave

- 1
.....
- 2
.....
- 3
.....
- 4
.....

Making comparisons

11 Complete the sentences comparing some insects.

- 1 Bees are larger of the two.
- 2 bees and ants live in large communities.
- 3 termites nor ants have fur.
- 4 more ants and bees there are, the better it is for the environment.
- 5 Ants, bees, and termites are insects, of which have three-part bodies.