

VOCABULARY

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| 1 going on about | 5 apparent to |
| 2 Contrary to | 6 compatible with |
| 3 notable for | 7 talked ... into |
| 4 catch up on | 8 mistaken in |

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| 1 C emulate | 5 A uncooperative |
| 2 A helpless | 6 C fanbase |
| 3 B deactivated | 7 A look up to |
| 4 B boost | 8 B threw himself into |

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| 1 randomly | 5 universally |
| 2 massively | 6 respectively |
| 3 supposedly | 7 technically |
| 4 virtually | 8 officially |

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| 1 extinct | 5 endangered |
| 2 wilderness | 6 woodland |
| 3 Correct | 7 vulnerable |
| 4 on the verge of | 8 Correct |

GRAMMAR

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- I'll have my mum **to** call yours and arrange a get-together.
- He is the boy **whose** homework I copied.
- Julio asked me **that** whether I watched much TV.
- Correct
- I got **the hedge trimmed** by a professional gardener.
- Correct
- Clapping** loudly, the audience rose to their feet.
- The Alhambra, **which is in Granada, was built in the 9th century.**

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| 1 had | 5 where |
| 2 Having knocked | 6 Situated |
| 3 done | 7 to tidy |
| 4 water | 8 being |

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- Prague, which is the capital of the Czech Republic, is only an hour's drive from my village./Prague, which is only an hour's drive from my village, is the capital of the Czech Republic.
- Samira, who is my next-door neighbour, is a social media influencer./Samira, who is a social media influencer, is my next-door neighbour.
- Phil ran out the door, grabbing a handful of biscuits for his breakfast (as he went).
- The accused left court, hidden under a blanket.
- That is the girl who I practise English with.
- Having completed Level 8, the class moved on to Level 9.
- Kurt strolled down the lane, whistling a merry tune.
- All students need a quiet place where they can study.

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- will be sleeping
- shouldn't have shouted
- by far the best
- no circumstances must you
- is a man whose wife
- is grown
- is keen on baking
- hadn't failed/had passed ... would/might have

LISTENING

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| 1 A | 4 A |
| 2 B | 5 B |
| 3 B | |

TAPESCRIPT

Interviewer: Today's special guest is Nick Bates, who is being called a local hero after diving into the water to save two teenagers who'd got into trouble while kayaking. Good morning Nick.

Nick Bates: Good morning and thanks for inviting me onto your show.

Interviewer: It's our pleasure. So how does it feel to be called a hero? Do you feel you deserve that accolade, you know, that title?

Nick Bates: Not really. I'm the kind of person who likes to take on a challenge. I reacted instinctively, but even if I'd had time to think, I would still have done it. You see, the reason they were struggling wasn't that they couldn't swim – it was the cold. Many people are mistaken in believing that because it's spring, the water is a reasonable temperature. Actually, after a long winter, it's icy. You won't survive very long if you fall in.

Interviewer: Oh, really? I think most of our listeners assumed the children were non-swimmers, or maybe they had been carried away by the current, or hadn't been wearing lifejackets. So, how did you know they were in danger?

Nick Bates: Well, first I should tell you a little about my background. I'm retired now, but I spent over 20 years at sea in the Navy. That's why I know so much about the hazards involved in any activity in the water. I've seen people drown in calm seas, pulled down by currents, and freeze to death after just a few minutes in the water. Even in this part of the country, surrounded as we are by the sea, rivers and lakes, there is very limited awareness about what can go wrong on the water. It's shocking.

Interviewer: So, since this happened, you've launched a campaign to promote safety in the water aimed at young people. Is that right?

Nick Bates: Yes. The two kids I rescued that day were strong swimmers, plus they were wearing lifejackets, but they were dressed all wrong. In the UK, you need to be wearing a wetsuit, or preferably a dry suit, for most of the year, given that water temperatures rarely rise above 18 degrees.

Interviewer: Sorry, Nick. I've just had a question in from a listener. He asked what wetsuits and dry suits are.

Nick Bates: Oh, sorry, yes. Basically, they are types of protective clothing recommended for water sports in colder weather. A wetsuit won't stop you getting wet, but it will warm the water inside the suit so you don't get dangerously cold. A dry suit, as the name would suggest, keeps you completely dry and is worn over your usual clothes.

Interviewer: So why weren't the boys wearing them?

Nick Bates: Well, that's where my campaign comes in. Essentially, it was a lack of awareness. The air temperature is warm enough to be outside in light clothing, so people assume the water will be fine too. People also assume that this kind of protective clothing is incredibly expensive. Of course, the top-of-the-range suits worn by competitive athletes are pretty pricey, but most people don't realise you can buy a wetsuit and even a dry suit for under £40, which is not bad for something that can save your life!

Interviewer: Absolutely! Well, thank you, Nick. You're very modest, but I'm sure the children you saved, and their parents, would call you a hero, a real role model for young people. And remember, everyone. Respect the sea. Parents, don't allow your children to behave irresponsibly. And always make them wear the right clothes when out at sea.

READING

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| 1 Be Fluent | 4 Universo |
| 2 Speakeasy | 5 Language Tower |
| 3 Lingualearn | |

WRITING

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Sample answer

Proposal for a wildlife charity

The purpose of this proposal is to suggest a wildlife charity that we, as a school, could support. I would like to propose the People's Trust for Wildlife, which is a lesser-known charity working to protect vulnerable, threatened and endangered species in various parts of the world.

The People's Trust for Wildlife

The Trust was started in 1989 by a group of anti-poaching activists in East Africa. These were local people who had witnessed the effects of declining populations of elephants in their region. They understand that elephants play a major role in balancing the ecosystem in the forests and savannahs. The founders and other volunteers have devoted themselves not only to the preservation of elephants, but to safeguarding all wildlife. The group now operates in several other African countries as well as Asia and South America.

Raising money for the charity

I propose we raise funds for the charity through the annual school fair. The craft group at the school have focused on wildlife-related craftwork this year. They are producing a wide range of beautiful cushion covers, wood carvings, place mats, bookmarks and many other items which could be sold at the fair.

SPEAKING

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| 1 reason | 4 mean |
| 2 concerned | 5 interpretation |
| 3 considered | |