**10th Grade**

**Listening Comprehension**

**BIG CAT DIARY**

I’ve always dreamed of seeing a leopard face to face ever since I watched a BBC wildlife documentary about them. I like the fact that they’re so independent. The females are the boss, basically – they hunt alone, and they’re stealthy and strong. The markings are beautiful. The South Luangwa Valley in Zambia has one leopard for every kilometer, and you can do night drives there, which adds to your chances of seeing them. I think the fact they are nocturnal and hard to find makes it more exciting. Dad doesn’t agree. He’s already worrying about not seeing one, but that’s just my dad.

Mfuwe international airport is the smallest I have ever seen. There is a tiny shop selling postcards and that’s it. We pay for our postcards and climb into a jeep which takes us to Nkwali. Finally, we arrive at the camp – six huts and a bar built round a tree. Our hut has lizard wallpaper – except it’s not wallpaper, it’s just lizards. I go to sleep and dream about leopards.

On the first drive, Rocky is our guide. Straight away, we’re driving across a plain full of impalas and baboons. Now comes the big moment of the first night. We hear something in the trees, and suddenly we are right in the middle of a lion hunt. In the dark! We listen to the baboons’ alarm calls, and when Rocky switches on the light, we see two lionesses on either side, and tearing after an impala. They miss the kill, but even so, my heart is thumping.

The next morning, we go on a drive and spot baboons crossing the road. Suddenly, a trunk appears from the bush and three elephants, including a baby, stroll across right in front of us.

That’s how it is on the drives: a new creature every time. We get giraffes, then a crocodile, then a buffalo. But my favourite morning is the walking safari. We set off across the plain with an armed guard. Rocky tells us the Golden Rule: “Never run… unless I say so, and if I say get up the tree, get up the tree”. The next morning, two other guests boast about having seen a leopard and her cub. We look at pictures on their digital camera. I’m really cross, because there probably won’t be another sighting for ages, and tonight is our last night here. But I’m still hoping for a lucky break.

This time, we’re out with Zebron, but after just a few minutes, our jeep gets stuck on a muddy trail. It takes ages to dig us out, and my heart is sinking. Then it starts pouring. We sit in the dark while my dad complains about the rain. And then, suddenly, two impalas hurtle from the bushes.

Moments later, the leopardess springs out behind us. We all sit in absolute silence and stare at her. Leopards are much stronger than lions, and she looks incredibly powerful. After giving us a long show, she darts back into the bush. Awesome. We’re soaked through, but I don’t care about that. Mum and I sing and dance as we head for camp: “We saw a leopard, we got a picture…”

**Task 1**

**Listen to the text. Mark the sentences below as TRUE or FALSE based on the text.**

1. The events most probably take place outside Europe.
2. Daisy has come to watch the animals on her own.
3. Daisy’s father shares her feelings about leopards.
4. There were several guides during the safari.
5. The airport somehow attracts Daisy’s attention.
6. Daisy sees leopards only in her dreams.
7. The place they stay at does not lack animals.
8. The car gets damaged by an elephant’s trunk.
9. The leopard Daisy saw came from somewhere in the night.
10. Daisy and her family are scared after seeing a leopard.

**Task 2**

**Listen to the text. Choose the correct option (A, B, C, or D) that best completes the sentences, according to the text.**

1. **Daisy got interested in leopards**
2. when she had a dream about them
3. when she saw a TV programme about them
4. because they live alone
5. because she once saw one face to face
6. **Their first excursion is**
7. exciting because they see lions hunting
8. frightening because it is very dark
9. exciting because the baboons make a lot of noise
10. sad because they see lions killing an impala
11. **Rocky’s Golden Rule for the walking safari basically means**
12. never run if an animal is chasing you
13. if an animal chases you, climb a tree
14. don’t climb a tree unless I tell you to
15. always do exactly what I tell
16. **How does Daisy feel when she hears that two other guests have seen leopards?**
17. she feels sad because she wasn’t with them
18. she feels excited because it means she will probably see any leopards herself
19. she feels pleased that somebody has seen leopards
20. she feels hopeful because it means that there are leopards in this area
21. **When Daisy finally sees a leopard, it**
22. stays nearby for a while and then disappears suddenly
23. runs quickly behind them and disappears into the bush
24. walks close to them, but leaves before they can take a photo
25. stays close until somebody shouts, then it runs away

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**Reading Comprehension**

**Text 1**

**Read the text below. Match the choices (A-H) to the paragraphs (1-5). There are three extra choices you don’t need to use.**

**WANTED...**

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| 1. **Salespeople** — nationwide   Full training given.  Initial 2 month contract with possible full time contract.  Must be target orientated.  Full driving licence.  Email CV to bpmsales@virgin.net | 1. **Accountant**   Forward-thinking local professional partnership seeks ambitious  accountant for responsibility of day-to-day operation of demanding  accounts department. Previous experience within professional  environment essential i.e. solicitors, surveyors, doctors etc.  Excellent benefits.  Contact: Sandrine Le Barvine. Tel: 020 3120 42 |
| 1. **Au Pair** needed   Friendly family offers position caring for 2 small children.  Some light housework. Good rate of pay. Live in.  Tel: Mrs A. Richards 020 0562 78 | 1. **Data Processor** required   Portuguese speaking graduate required immediately to work in the  southwest England office of a large multi-national company. Job  involves the collection, processing and distribution of data about financial markets. Fluent spoken and written English essential.  Email your CV to our consultants to: [linguajobs@recruit.com](mailto:linguajobs@recruit.com) |
| 1. **Medical Secretaries** and **Receptionists**   We have a range of interesting temporary appointments in Central  London for medical secretaries and General practitioner receptionists.  Good rates of pay. For more information call: 020 7458 20 |  |

**At this job you** .................

**A** have to work part-time.

**В** will be offered a short term initial contract.

**C** need to be an experienced specialist.

**D** cook food.

**E** work at a medical office.

**F** need to have medical education.

**G** have to speak both English and Portuguese.

**H** should be able to look after small children.

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**Reading Task**

**Text 2**

**TRAVEL AUSTRALIA WITH US!**

**Read the text below. For (6-10) choose the correct option (A, B, C, D).**

Ever wanted to just leave life behind, pack your family into a motorhome and drive away like you had no worries? Well that's what my husband, our two kids and I have done! We are the Mckay's, and we are inviting you to come along with us as we traverse our beautiful continent of Australia, starting by heading north from Brisbane, following the coast and then eventually circumnavigating our way back round the continent to Queensland.

So watch this space for updates on the adventure of a lifetime, travel advice and general hints on campervan living! This is my first lens, and it kickstarts our journey as well as provides invaluable advice on travel in Australia for local and international travellers. In it I do my best to persuade you to come and visit our magnificent country, it's something you won't regret. Australia has 7.69 million square kilometres to it, so there's a lot to explore out there! If you never make it, well hopefully my lens can be the next best thing! Having lived in Brisbane for years now we've been on countless trips to the Sunshine Coast, a collection of seaside suburbs that begins about an hour and a half north of the Queensland capital. Sunny, surfy and laid back, the Sunshine Coast is the ultimate spot for a relaxing weekend away, and we've made the most of that over the years. But I've never been as excited as I am today to make this short drive north. Looking out from the passenger seat of our motorhome, the rainforests seem greener and full of promise, and the blue ocean we occasionally glimpse to our right looks more inviting than ever before. This is the start of our travels around Australia, travels that me and my husband Bruce have been planning for months. We are stoked to see all our hard work come together, and can't think of a more beautiful spot to kick it all off than the little coastal town of Noosa on the Sunny Coast. The kids, Derek, who is 12, and Jenny, who has just turned 10, absolutely love it here, and we got an early start so they could get a full day in at the beach. We will spend the night at our favourite haunt, the Noosa River Caravan Park, before striking out north again. Who knows, maybe we'll stay longer... that's the beauty of a self drive holiday!

My husband has a smug look on his face, as if he's already caught the biggest fish on the Noosa River. His favourite pastime is taking Derek fishing, and they've hired a tinny (a small aluminium boat for you non-Australians!) to take on the river this afternoon. I'm sure when Derek wakes from his early morning slumber that's all he's going to talk about, so I silently prepare myself for the angling conversations I cannot contribute to!

While they fish Jenny and I are going to go shopping for a new swimming costume for her. For such a small town Noosa is something of a shopper's paradise, and the main drag known as Hastings Street is a heaven of specialty shops. Sophisticated and relaxed at the same time, it's the perfect seaside shopping experience, and there are lots of quaint coffee shops and eateries to fill empty stomachs and refresh tired legs! As Brace drives the campervan through Noosa and into the camping ground I start to feel extremely happy about the idea of a bit of bonding with my daughter.

The day pans out perfectly, with the boys catching their fish and Jenny and I shopping till we almost drop. We meet up in the late afternoon, exchange stories and make our way to Noosa Heads to watch the sun set on the first day of what is going to be a fantastic family adventure. Being our first day on the road we treat ourselves to dinner at a restaurant, and as usual the fine Noosa cuisine doesn't let us down. The seafood doesn't get much fresher than here, and we return to our motorhome satisfied and tired. I think the decision is as good as made, we're definitely going to stay another night!

**6. What stimulated the start of the travellers' journey?**

A The valuable advice of their friends.

В The desire to leave life behind.

C The adventure of a lifestyle agency's advice.

D The fact of purchasing a campervan.

**7. The family was determined to ....... .**

A have a ride along the coast C cross the desert

В travel round the country D visit Queensland

**8. The family has been a number of times on holiday ....... .**

A in the capital C in the rainforests of the north

В at the Sunshine Coast D on the Sunny Coast

**9. What was the first stopping place in the motorhome adventure?**

A Brisbane C Sidney

В Queensland capital D Noosa

**10. The travellers spent the first evening of the trip ....... .**

A at Noosa Heads C at the Noosa River Caravan Park

В on the Noosa River D on the Sunny Coast of Noosa

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**Text 3**

**Five sentences have been removed from the text. Choose from the sentences A–G the one which fits each gap (11–15). There is one extra sentence which you do not need to use. [0] is done is as an example.**

**SEEING CLEARLY**

Do you wear glasses or contact lenses to help you see things more clearly? If you do, it means that you are either myopic (shortsighted) or hyperopic (longsighted). **[0] C** In contrast, people with hyperopia can clearly see things that are far away but would struggle to read something close up without the help of their glasses or contact lenses.

We don't know who invented the first pair of wearable glasses. We do, however, know that the Romans invented glass, and historians generally agree that they also discovered that using glass to magnify things could improve vision. **[11]\_\_\_\_** It was the 11th-century Arab scholar, mathematician and astronomer Ibn al-Haytham who first suggested that a piece of glass, smoothed in a particular way, could help people with their vision. **[12]**\_\_\_\_\_\_Ibn al-Haytham is often considered to be 'the father of modern optics'.

The earliest pair of known 'vision correctors' based on Ibn al-Haytham's idea date from the 13th century**. [13]\_\_\_\_\_\_** People would then hold this in front of their eyes in order to see things more clearly. By the 14th century, Venetian glassmakers were making 'disks for the eyes', but it wasn't until the 18th century that wearable glasses became more commonplace.

Throughout the 20th century, advances in lens production continued and new technology meant that glasses’ frames and lenses could be made with nonbreakable plastics. At the same time, new equipment was being developed which allowed opticians to check people’s eyes more accurately. By the middle of the 20th century, another option for treatment of poor vision became available. **[14]\_\_\_\_\_\_** Today, there are various ways that this surgery can be done, one of which uses laser technology.

Unfortunately, millions of people around the world have problems with their vision and for many, access to glasses, let alone eye surgery, is impossible. Shortsightedness is more common than long-sightedness and some researchers have suggested that, by 2050, almost half the world’s population will be shortsighted. **[15]\_\_\_\_\_\_** One charity estimates that we lose two-hundred-billion dollars' worth of productivity every year because people simply can't see well enough to do their jobs effectively.

**A** Blown-glass was set into a frame made either of wood or leather and it had a handle on the side.

**B** If you can't see properly, it's likely that you are going to struggle in education and at work.

**C** People with myopia find it difficult to clearly see things that are far away.

**D** It's the difference between shortsightedness and longsightedness.

**E** He wrote a book on the subject, which was translated into Latin, and his ideas spread throughout Europe.

**F** If a piece of curved glass is held in front of small text, the text appears bigger.

**G** If you chose, you could have an operation on your eyes that would correct your vision.