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A Cat Person 08

Speaking

1 Vocabulary – Wild Animals

bat
cheetah
chimpanzee

eagle
gorilla
leopard

lizard
monkey
rhino(ceros)

skunk
tortoise
turtle



2 Questions for Discussion

1. Which animals are shown in the pictures? What do you know about them?
2. Have you seen any of the 12 animals listed above?
3. Which of them could be kept as pets?
4. Some of these animals are quite similar, and people often get them mixed up. What are the differences between...
 - A. a chimpanzee, a monkey and a gorilla?
 - B. a turtle and a tortoise?
 - C. a leopard and a cheetah?

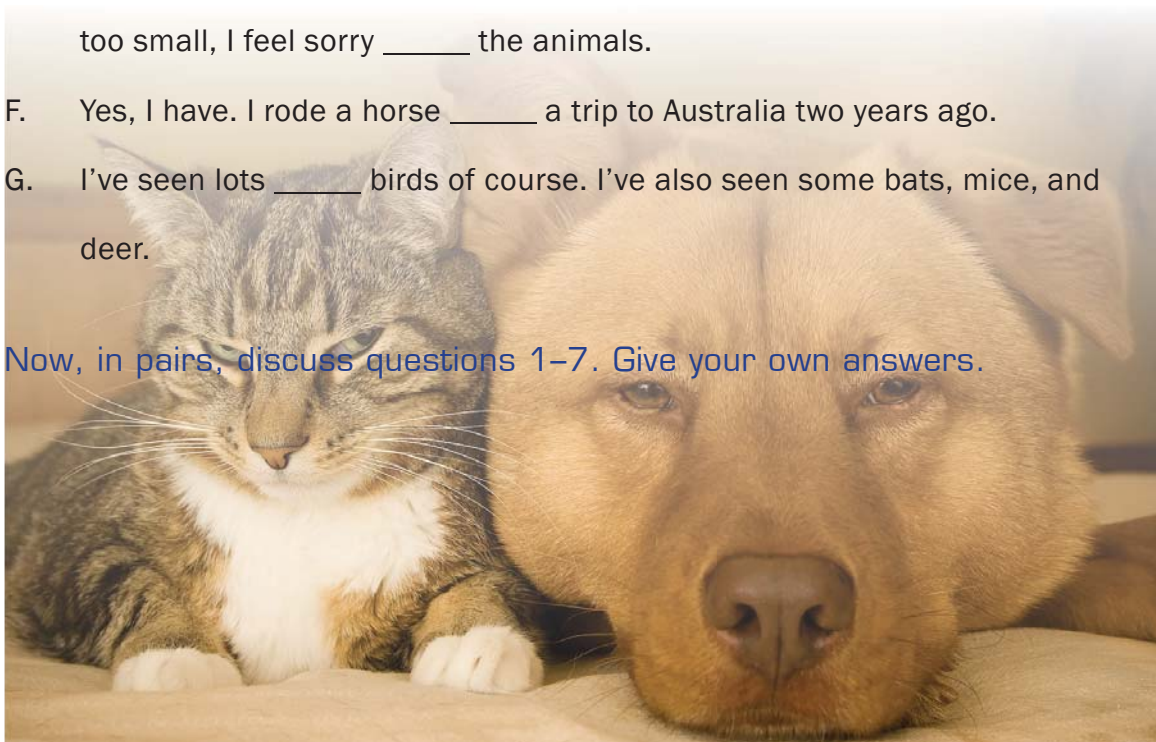
Speaking

3 Complete the answers by adding prepositions to the spaces in A–G. Then match the questions and answers.

1. Do you prefer dogs or cats? ____
2. Do you have a pet? ____
3. Have you ever been bitten by an animal? ____
4. Have you ever been stung by an insect? ____
5. Have you ever ridden an animal? ____
6. What wild animals have you seen? ____
7. Do you like going to zoos? ____

- A. Yes, a few times. I used to have a part-time job delivering newspapers. Dogs sometimes ran _____ me and tried to bite my legs.
- B. I prefer cats _____ dogs. They're cheaper to keep and more independent. Best of all, you don't need to take a cat _____ a walk.
- C. Yes, I have. I can't remember it, but my mother says that I was stung _____ a bee when I was very young.
- D. No, we don't, but we used _____ have a dog.
- E. Yes, usually. It's better than watching animals _____ TV. But, if the cages are too small, I feel sorry _____ the animals.
- F. Yes, I have. I rode a horse _____ a trip to Australia two years ago.
- G. I've seen lots _____ birds of course. I've also seen some bats, mice, and deer.

2 Now, in pairs, discuss questions 1–7. Give your own answers.

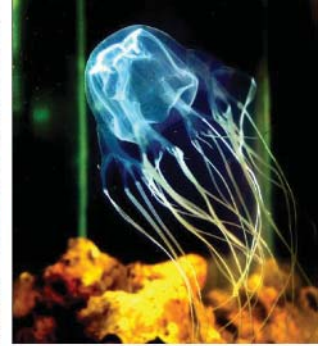


Listening
Section L2

Australia's Deadly Animals

box jellyfish	great white shark	platypus
dingo	kangaroo	saltwater crocodile
emu	koala	Tasmanian devil

1 Which animals are shown below? What do you know about them?



2 Match the words from the listening with the definitions.

1. creature ___	A. a person who is walking (on or near a road)
2. homicide ___	B. animal / living thing (but not a plant)
3. pedestrian ___	C. very unusual
4. rare ___	D. murder / the crime of killing a person
5. remote ___	E. a kind of 'cold-blooded' animal (snake, crocodile, etc.)
6. reptile ___	F. poison (that some snakes and insects produce)
7. venom ___	G. far away

3 Making Superlatives

large → **the largest** deadly → **the deadliest** famous → **the most famous**
 dangerous → **the most dangerous**

Listening

4 Listen to the passage and write the missing words in the spaces.

Australia _____(1) some of the deadliest creatures in the world. Perhaps the most frightening is the inland taipan, the world's most venomous snake. Its venom is hundreds of _____(2) more powerful than the venom of most rattlesnakes; one bite contains _____(3) venom to kill a hundred men. Thankfully, humans have very little contact with this snake because it lives in remote areas of central Australia. In fact, although Australia has the largest number of venomous snakes in the world, there are very _____(4) deaths from snake bites. There are about two deaths a year on average.

There are dangerous animals in the _____(5) that beachgoers need to be aware of. The most famous is probably the great white shark. An adult is usually 4 or 5 metres long and weighs about 1000 kilograms. _____(6) impressive creature is the saltwater crocodile, the largest reptile in the world. The saltwater crocodile is found along the coast of Northern Australia. Adults usually _____(7) to about four or five metres in length. Although both these animals are dangerous, attacks on humans are very rare. Together _____(8) are responsible, on average, for fewer than two deaths each year.

Of course, the most dangerous animal is man. There's far more _____(9) of being killed by a person than by an animal. There are about 280 homicides in Australia each _____(10). The most dangerous kind of human is one behind the driving wheel of a car. Road accidents cause about 1500 deaths per year, including around 200 pedestrians.

5 Match the information.

1. inland taipan ____	a. the most dangerous animal
2. Australia ____	b. the largest reptile in the world
3. great white shark ____	c. the most venomous snake in the world
4. saltwater crocodile ____	d. the most dangerous kind of human
5. humans ____	e. the most famous marine (i.e. sea) animal
6. drivers ____	f. the largest number of venomous snakes