

Vocabulary and grammar**1 Fill in the gaps with one of the four options below.****Dugongs: Mermaids in Danger?**

Long ago, sailors returning home from their sea voyages (1) _____ tales of wild monsters and beautiful mermaids — creatures who were half women, half fish. Today most scientists believe the myth of mermaids was inspired by a marine mammal (2) _____ the dugong. The name of the scientific order to which they belong — Sirenia — was taken from the word “siren”. A siren is an imaginary sea creature that (3) _____ a woman. Sailors believed a siren's song (4) _____ anyone hearing it to jump overboard and possibly drown. In reality, dugongs are far from dangerous. Dugongs eat sea grass that grows in shallow water along coastlines in (5) _____ Pacific and Indian Oceans. Their feeding style gives dugongs their more common nickname: sea cow.

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| 1 a) said | b) spoke | c) talked | d) told |
| 2 a) called | b) call | c) calls | d) was called |
| 3 a) is looking like | b) looks | c) looks like | d) looks at |
| 4 a) would cause | b) caused | c) cause | d) will cause |
| 5 a) a | b) — | c) the | d) an |

Score: 5 (1 x 5)**2 Read the text below and fill in the gaps with the correct forms of the words in the box.**

- There is an example at the beginning.

I have a dream that one day the poor won't be poor. They will have money to (1) _____ on, and to buy food for their children. I have a dream that everyone in the world will become (2) _____ and there will be no more world wars. I have a dream that children will get a better (3) _____. Children should (4) _____ their parents and also learn self respect. I have a dream that children would grow up in a (5) _____ and clean neighbourhood. (6) _____ and children will not be treated by their colour, if they are purple, red or yellow. There will be no (7) _____ and everyone will be (8) _____.

POVERTY

(1) LIFE

(2) FRIENDSHIP

(3) EDUCATE

(4) RESPECTFUL

(5) SAFETY

(6) GROW UP

(7) CRIMINAL

(8) HAPPINESS

Score: 8 (1 x 8)

3 Read the text below and look carefully at each line. Three of the lines are correct, and the others have a word which should not be there. Put a tick (✓) if the line is correct or write down the odd word.

- The first is done for you.

It just happened on one day. We woke up and everything was purple:	on
1 the people, the animals, everything you could see, even the sea and the sky.	
2 We looked in the amazement. Were we dreaming? Was everything really	
3 purple? At first it seemed strange, then it seemed funny, even the king	
4 and queen were purple, but no one could explain what had happened. Although	
5 the scientists did tests and argued about the results for months, they couldn't	
6 find the answer to the mystery. As time went by it was got boring in our purple	
7 world. We had sat down to eat our purple food, looking at the purple faces	
8 across the table. At the school, our purple teacher taught a class of purple	
9 children, who has came to school on their purple bikes. One day we saw a	
10 strange bird — it was yellow, so yellow it hurt our eyes. We were all so been used to violet.	
11 The bird flew down to rest on a tree and the tree turned back on to its old	
12 colour with the green leaves. Slowly the grass under the tree became green again.	

Score: 12 (1 x 12)

Reading

4 Read the text and find the best answer to the questions below.

All alone on the ocean

Captain Joshua Slocum was the first man to sail around the world alone. His great adventure happened almost by accident. He went to visit a friend in Boston in 1892 and there he found a boat that had been lying useless for seven years. The boat was called the *Spray*. Suddenly, 48-year-old, Joshua began to behave like a young man half his age. He decided to sail the *Spray* round the world. First he had to rebuild the boat — it took three years — then he went fishing in the *Spray* to test it at sea.

By 1895, Joshua was ready and started his journey from Boston on 26 April. The first weeks crossing the Atlantic went by peacefully. By 10 July, the *Spray* had reached a point 1,200 miles east of Boston, and on 4 August the *Spray* reached the coast of Spain. For the next part of the journey Slocum decided that in order to avoid pirates in the Suez Canal and the Red Sea he would change his route and go further south round Cape Horn at the tip of South America and then sail to the west.

But even this route was not free from pirates and thieves. Once Joshua was followed by pirates. They sailed their boat up next to the *Spray* and one of the men climbed up. It was Black Pedro, a criminal who was wanted by the police. Joshua was very frightened when he saw Pedro on the *Spray*, but he didn't lose his head. He pretended that there were three sailors on board by changing his clothes and making a kind of dummy dressed in a sailor's uniform. From different places on the *Spray* he shot at the pirates. Black Pedro, thinking that there were three sailors, was frightened and made the pirates go back to their boat and sail away.

After this incident the journey went smoothly for a few weeks. On 5 October Joshua reached Brazil, and from then until 15 December the journey went well. But when Slocum reached Uruguay, he had to have his boat repaired. On 26 January, 1896, the *Spray* was finally ready to sail again.

Joshua sailed south towards Cape Horn, but when he got there he was caught up in a huge storm. For three days and nights the *Spray* was pushed by the storm. The storm forced the boat away from Cape Horn, but finally the storm ended and Joshua reached the Pacific Ocean.

On 16 July Joshua reached Apia in the Kingdom of Samoa, in the South Pacific, where he organised a great feast on his boat and invited the king. On 20 August, the *Spray* left the harbour in Apia and continued on its way. Two months later, the *Spray* arrived in Sydney, Australia, and then Joshua sailed on to Tasmania, where the people gave him a warm welcome. Slocum was lucky with the winter weather, all he had to do was read stories about sea voyages.

In September 1897, he reached the island of Mauritius in the Indian Ocean. By 4 June, 1898, the *Spray* was heading towards her final destination in the United States. The end of the journey came on 27 June 1898, as Joshua Slocum sailed into Newport, Rhode Island, after a cruise of more than 46,000 miles around the world, which took him three years, two months and two days.

- 1 Why did Joshua Slocum decide to make his journey round the world?
 - a) He had been dreaming of it all his life.
 - b) His friend in Boston advised him to do it.
 - c) He was adventurous by nature.
 - d) He wanted to test his friend's old boat.
- 2 When did he start his journey?
 - a) Immediately after he repaired the boat.
 - b) After he had carefully tested the boat in the sea.
 - c) Seven years after he found the boat.
 - d) In 1892
- 3 Why did he have to change his route?
 - a) Because of storms
 - b) He didn't want to be attacked by pirates.
 - c) The other route was shorter.
 - d) He had friends living in Cape Horn.
- 4 How did Joshua manage to escape from Black Pedro?
 - a) He made the pirates believe he was not alone.
 - b) He gave Black Pedro what they wanted.
 - c) There were three sailors on the boat helping him.
 - d) The weather helped him.
- 5 Why did it take Joshua Slocum so long to go round the world?
 - a) He stayed in Sydney for a long time.
 - b) There were a lot of storms at sea.
 - c) He had to have his boat repaired all the time.
 - d) He made a lot of stops.

Score: 15 (3 x 5)

Speaking

5 Give a one-minute talk on one of the following topics:

1 The role of water in our life.

Mention

- How people use water
- The ways of saving water
- Seas and oceans

2 What would life be like without dreams.

Mention

- How dreams help in life
- Things people dream about
- Your dream(s) and what you can do to achieve it / them

3 Why people dream to travel round the world by sea.

Mention

- Great sailors and discoveries you know
- Feelings people have while travelling by sea
- If you would like to travel round the world by sea and why

Score: 20

Total: 60