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Rare white reindeer photographed in Norway

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THE ARTICLE

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1812/181207-reindeer.html>

A man from Norway has photographed a rare white reindeer calf while on a walk in the north of his country. Mads Nordsveen, 24, from Norway's capital city Oslo, was hiking in the mountains at the weekend. While walking through the snow, he spotted a smallish white animal and realized it was a reindeer. Mr Nordsveen said the creature was so white, "he almost disappeared into the snow". Nordsveen described the experience as being "magical" and like a "fairy tale". He said: "The reindeer came to me very close and we looked into each other's eyes. He was very calm when he saw that I did not have bad intentions. He behaved as if he was posing for my photos. He was very curious...like a little explorer."

The photograph of the reindeer calf has gone viral on social media. It has been liked over 30,000 times since Nordsveen uploaded it on Monday. It is good luck in Scandinavian countries to see a white reindeer. Many people think it is good timing as Christmas is coming. According to folklore, Santa Claus' sleigh is pulled by eight flying reindeer. They help Santa to deliver presents to good children on Christmas Eve. However, Santa's reindeer are usually brown. A white reindeer is very rare. Their unusual appearance is caused by a genetic condition that removes colour from their fur. People can mistake such a reindeer for being an albino, but this is not the case. In the USA, reindeer are known as caribou.

Sources: <https://www.bbc.com/news/world-europe-46442538>
<https://globalnews.ca/news/4726909/rare-white-reindeer-calf/>
<https://www.theweathernetwork.com/news/articles/white-reindeer-captured-by-norwegian-photographer-mads-nordsveen-instagram-northern-norway-sami-people/118142>

WARM-UPS

1. REINDEER: Students walk around the class and talk to other students about reindeer. Change partners often and share your findings.

2. CHAT: In pairs / groups, talk about these topics or words from the article. What will the article say about them? What can you say about these words and your life?

Norway / rare / white / reindeer / capital city / mountains / animal / fairy tale / eyes photograph / calf / viral / good timing / sleigh / appearance / genetic condition

Have a chat about the topics you liked. Change topics and partners frequently.

3. SANTA CLAUS: Students A **strongly** believe Santa Claus is real; Students B **strongly** believe Santa Claus isn't real. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.

4. CHRISTMAS ANIMALS: What do these animals have to do with Christmas? Find out on the Internet. Complete this table with your partner(s). Change partners often and share what you wrote.

	Their links to Christmas	What I found online
Reindeer		
Robin		
Camel		
Donkey		
Turtle doves		
Kangaroo		

5. SNOW: Spend one minute writing down all of the different words you associate with the word "snow". Share your words with your partner(s) and talk about them. Together, put the words into different categories.

6. WHITE: Rank these with your partner. Put the best white animals at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

- reindeer
- polar bear
- lion
- owl
- rabbit
- swan
- tiger
- mouse

VOCABULARY MATCHING

Paragraph 1

- | | |
|-------------|---|
| 1. rare | a. Really wanting to know about or learn something. |
| 2. calf | b. The most important city or town of a country or region. |
| 3. capital | c. Suddenly understood something; became fully aware of something. |
| 4. spotted | d. About an event, situation, or condition not happening very often; unusual; uncommon. |
| 5. realized | e. An animal (but not a human being). |
| 6. creature | f. A baby (up to a year old) cow, deer, elephant, whale or rhino. |
| 7. curious | g. Saw, noticed, or recognized someone or something that is usually difficult to see. |

Paragraph 2

- | | |
|-----------------|--|
| 8. viral | h. The traditional beliefs, customs, and stories of a community, passed down through families by word of mouth. |
| 9. uploaded | i. The way that someone or something looks. |
| 10. good timing | j. An illness or other medical problem. |
| 11. folklore | k. Posted (put) something (a picture, music file, video, etc.) on a website or server. |
| 12. appearance | l. All about genes. |
| 13. genetic | m. A point in time when it is of benefit to do something. |
| 14. condition | n. About an image, video, piece of information, etc., that is spread quickly and widely from one Internet user to another. |

BEFORE READING / LISTENING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1812/181207-reindeer.html>

1. TRUE / FALSE: Read the headline. Guess if a-h below are true (T) or false (F).

- a. A man in Norway photographed 24 rare white reindeer. **T / F**
- b. The man took the photograph on an iceberg near the Arctic Circle. **T / F**
- c. The man said the reindeer ran and disappeared down a hole. **T / F**
- d. The man said the reindeer was very calm and posed for a photograph. **T / F**
- e. The photograph has been liked 300,000 times on social media. **T / F**
- f. It is good luck in Scandinavia to see a white reindeer. **T / F**
- g. The reindeer was white because of a problem with its genes. **T / F**
- h. In America, reindeer are called caribou. **T / F**

2. SYNONYM MATCH: (The words in **bold** are from the news article.)

- | | |
|------------------------|---------------|
| 1. photographed | a. situation |
| 2. hiking | b. enchanting |
| 3. creature | c. looks |
| 4. magical | d. posted |
| 5. calm | e. animal |
| 6. uploaded | f. called |
| 7. presents | g. snapped |
| 8. appearance | h. relaxed |
| 9. case | i. gifts |
| 10. known as | j. walking |

3. PHRASE MATCH: (Sometimes more than one choice is possible.)

- | | |
|--|--------------------------------|
| 1. while on a walk | a. disappeared into the snow |
| 2. he spotted a smallish | b. folklore |
| 3. the creature was so white, he almost | c. gone viral |
| 4. "magical" and | d. for my photos |
| 5. He behaved as if he was posing | e. known as caribou |
| 6. The photograph of the reindeer calf has | f. in the north of his country |
| 7. good | g. by a genetic condition |
| 8. According to | h. like a "fairy tale" |
| 9. Their unusual appearance is caused | i. timing |
| 10. In the USA, reindeer are | j. white animal |

GAP FILL

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creature
capital
calm
experience
curious
spotted
rare
eyes

The photograph of the reindeer calf has gone (9) _____ on social media. It has been (10) _____ over 30,000 times since Nordsveen uploaded it on Monday. It is good (11) _____ in Scandinavian countries to see a white reindeer. Many people think it is good (12) _____ as Christmas is coming. According to folklore, Santa Claus' sleigh is pulled by eight flying reindeer. They help Santa to (13) _____ presents to good children on Christmas Eve. However, Santa's reindeer are usually brown. A white reindeer is very rare. Their (14) _____ appearance is caused by a genetic condition that removes colour from their (15) _____. People can mistake such a reindeer for being an albino, but this is not the case. In the USA, reindeer are (16) _____ as caribou.

luck
deliver
viral
known
liked
fur
timing
unusual

LISTENING – Guess the answers. Listen to check.

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1812/181207-reindeer.html>

- 1) A man from Norway has photographed a rare white _____
 - a. reindeer calve
 - b. reindeer decaf
 - c. reindeer calf
 - d. reindeer carve
- 2) While walking through the snow, he spotted a _____ animal
 - a. smallish white
 - b. small lush white
 - c. small off-white
 - d. smallest white
- 3) Nordsveen described the experience as being "magical" and like _____
 - a. a "hairy tale"
 - b. a "fairy tail"
 - c. a "fair retail"
 - d. a "farer tale"
- 4) He was very calm when he saw that I did not have _____
 - a. bad in tension
 - b. bad in tensions
 - c. bad intention
 - d. bad intentions
- 5) He behaved as if he was posing for my photos. He was _____
 - a. very curious
 - b. very curiously
 - c. very curio us
 - d. very curly, yes?
- 6) The photograph of the reindeer calf has gone _____ media
 - a. vital on social
 - b. viral on social
 - c. rival on social
 - d. rebel on social
- 7) Many people think it is good timing as Christmas _____
 - a. is common
 - b. is coming in
 - c. is come in
 - d. is coming
- 8) According to folklore, Santa Claus' sleigh is pulled by _____ reindeer
 - a. eight flown
 - b. eight fly in
 - c. eight flight in
 - d. eight flying
- 9) caused by a genetic condition that removes colour _____
 - a. from their fur
 - b. from their furry
 - c. from their four
 - d. from their far
- 10) In the USA, reindeer are _____ caribou
 - a. known has
 - b. known as
 - c. known was
 - d. known ash

LISTENING – Listen and fill in the gaps

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COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1812/181207-reindeer.html>

1. How old was the photographer?
2. Where was the photographer walking when he saw the reindeer?
3. Where did the photographer say the reindeer almost disappeared into?
4. What did the photographer say the experience was like?
5. How did the photographer say the reindeer felt?
6. How many times has the photo been liked on social media?
7. Where is seeing a white reindeer good luck?
8. Why did the article say seeing the white reindeer was good timing?
9. Why is the white reindeer white?
10. What are reindeer called in the USA?

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1812/181207-reindeer.html>

- 1) How old was the photographer?
 - a) 42
 - b) 24
 - c) 67
 - d) 52
- 2) Where was the photographer walking when he saw the reindeer?
 - a) in a forest
 - b) on a glacier
 - c) across a river
 - d) in the mountains
- 3) Where did the photographer say the reindeer almost disappeared into?
 - a) into the snow
 - b) into a hole
 - c) into the mist
 - d) into a forest
- 4) What did the photographer say the experience was like?
 - a) a dream
 - b) a movie
 - c) a fairy tale
 - d) wildlife documentary
- 5) How did the photographer say the reindeer felt?
 - a) nervous
 - b) calm
 - c) afraid
 - d) bored
- 6) How many times has the photo been liked on social media?
 - a) about 30,000 times
 - b) about 30,000 times
 - c) over 30,000 times
 - d) just under 30,000 times
- 7) Where is seeing a white reindeer good luck?
 - a) Canada
 - b) Russia
 - c) Alaska
 - d) Scandinavia
- 8) Why did the article say seeing the white reindeer was good timing?
 - a) because Christmas is coming
 - b) reindeer will hibernate
 - c) it was snowy
 - d) the photographer had his camera
- 9) Why is the white reindeer white?
 - a) because of a genetic problem
 - b) because of the sun
 - c) because of the snow
 - d) it's an albino
- 10) What are reindeer called in the USA?
 - a) white deer
 - b) caribou
 - c) elk
 - d) gazelle

ROLE PLAY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1812/181207-reindeer.html>

Role A – Reindeer

You think a white reindeer is the cutest white animal. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their animals. Also, tell the others which is the least cute of these (and why): white polar bear, white owl or white mouse.

Role B – Polar Bear

You think a white polar bear is the cutest white animal. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their animals. Also, tell the others which is the least cute of these (and why): white reindeer, white owl or white mouse.

Role C – Owl

You think a white owl is the cutest white animal. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their animals. Also, tell the others which is the least cute of these (and why): white polar bear, white reindeer or white mouse.

Role D – Mouse

You think a white mouse is the cutest white animal. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their animals. Also, tell the others which is the least cute of these (and why): white polar bear, white owl or white reindeer.

AFTER READING / LISTENING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1812/181207-reindeer.html>

1. WORD SEARCH: Look in your dictionary / computer to find collocates, other meanings, information, synonyms ... for the words 'rare' and 'reindeer'.

rare	reindeer
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- Share your findings with your partners.
- Make questions using the words you found.
- Ask your partner / group your questions.

2. ARTICLE QUESTIONS: Look back at the article and write down some questions you would like to ask the class about the text.

- Share your questions with other classmates / groups.
- Ask your partner / group your questions.

3. GAP FILL: In pairs / groups, compare your answers to this exercise. Check your answers. Talk about the words from the activity. Were they new, interesting, worth learning...?

4. VOCABULARY: Circle any words you do not understand. In groups, pool unknown words and use dictionaries to find their meanings.

5. TEST EACH OTHER: Look at the words below. With your partner, try to recall how they were used in the text:

<ul style="list-style-type: none">• walk• 24• spotted• so• close• bad	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• gone• luck• timing• children• unusual• case
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REINDEER SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about reindeer in the table. Do this in pairs. Each student must write the questions on his / her own paper. When you have finished, interview other students. Write down their answers.

	STUDENT 1 _____	STUDENT 2 _____	STUDENT 3 _____
Q.1.			
Q.2.			
Q.3.			
Q.4.			
Q.5.			

- Now return to your original partner and share and talk about what you found out. Change partners often.
- Make mini-presentations to other groups on your findings.

REINDEER DISCUSSION

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

1. What did you think when you read the headline?
2. What images are in your mind when you hear the word 'reindeer'?
3. What do you know about reindeer?
4. Why are reindeer associated with Christmas?
5. What do you think of hiking in the mountains?
6. How good a photographer are you?
7. Have you ever had a magical, fairy tale-like experience?
8. Is Christmas better in the snow or desert?
9. What animals would you like to photograph?
10. What do you think of Christmas?

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REINDEER DISCUSSION

STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

11. Did you like reading this article? Why/not?
12. What do you think of when you hear the word 'photograph'?
13. What do you think about what you read?
14. What do you know about Norway?
15. Why do things go viral on social media?
16. What do you know about Santa delivering presents?
17. What would you like for Christmas?
18. What other creatures are associated with Christmas?
19. What animals are good luck in your country?
20. What questions would you like to ask Santa Claus?

DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

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DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)

STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

LANGUAGE - CLOZE

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Put the correct words from the table below in the above article.

- | | | | | |
|-----|---------------|-----------------|----------------|---------------|
| 1. | (a) rare | (b) rarely | (c) rear | (d) roar |
| 2. | (a) by | (b) at | (c) of | (d) to |
| 3. | (a) spotting | (b) spotty | (c) spotty | (d) spotted |
| 4. | (a) magician | (b) magical | (c) magenta | (d) magnetic |
| 5. | (a) alma | (b) palm | (c) balm | (d) calm |
| 6. | (a) curiosity | (b) curio | (c) curious | (d) curiously |
| 7. | (a) vital | (b) viral | (c) rival | (d) rebel |
| 8. | (a) good | (b) wish | (c) well | (d) best |
| 9. | (a) timing | (b) time | (c) timed | (d) timer |
| 10. | (a) rival | (b) envelope | (c) deliver | (d) level |
| 11. | (a) gene | (b) genetically | (c) geneticist | (d) genetic |
| 12. | (a) bag | (b) case | (c) box | (d) container |

SPELLING

Paragraph 1

1. Norway's apictla city Oslo
2. described the experience as being liagamc
3. like a tfyraiale
4. I did not have bad tnntnoisei
5. He was very uoriucs
6. like a little olerpexr

Paragraph 2

7. gone laivr on social media
8. Nordsveen upedaldo it on Monday
9. Many people think it is good mntiig
10. They help Santa to lirdvee presents
11. Their unusual praeaepcna
12. caused by a itnegce condition

PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1812/181207-reindeer.html>

Number these lines in the correct order.

- () times since Nordsveen uploaded it on Monday. It is good luck in Scandinavian countries to see a white reindeer. Many people
- () weekend. While walking through the snow, he spotted a smallish white animal and realized it was a
- () snow". Nordsveen described the experience as being "magical" and like a "fairy tale". He said: "The reindeer came to
- (**1**) A man from Norway has photographed a rare white reindeer calf while on a walk in the north of his
- () reindeer. Mr Nordsveen said the creature was so white, "he almost disappeared into the
- () The photograph of the reindeer calf has gone viral on social media. It has been liked over 30,000
- () Christmas Eve. However, Santa's reindeer are usually brown. A white reindeer is very
- () intentions. He behaved as if he was posing for my photos. He was very curious...like a little explorer."
- () me very close and we looked into each other's eyes. He was very calm when he saw that I did not have bad
- () country. Mads Nordsveen, 24, from Norway's capital city Oslo, was hiking in the mountains at the
- () pulled by eight flying reindeer. They help Santa to deliver presents to good children on
- () rare. Their unusual appearance is caused by a genetic condition that removes colour from their fur. People can
- () mistake such a reindeer for being an albino, but this is not the case. In the USA, reindeer are known as caribou.
- () think it is good timing as Christmas is coming. According to folklore, Santa Claus' sleigh is

PUT THE WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1812/181207-reindeer.html>

1. country . A in of his north the walk
2. almost disappeared snow . white, So the into he
3. "magical" . the Nordsveen described being as experience
4. I saw didn't that have He intentions . bad
5. my for if As was posing he photos .
6. of has viral . reindeer gone The photograph the
7. timing Christmas It good is as coming . is
8. sleigh is reindeer . Santa's flying by eight pulled
9. a caused by appearance condition . is Their genetic
10. are known reindeer USA, In caribou . the as

CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD (20 PAIRS)

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1812/181207-reindeer.html>

A man from Norway has photographed a rare white reindeer *half / calf* while on a walk in the north of his country. Mads Nordsveen, 24, from Norway's capital city Oslo, was *hiked / hiking* in the mountains at the weekend. While walking through the snow, he *spotty / spotted* a smallish white animal and realized it was a reindeer. Mr Nordsveen said the *creature / creative* was so white, "he almost *disappearance / disappeared* into the snow". Nordsveen described the experience as *being / been* "magical" and like a "fairy tale". He said: "The reindeer *come / came* to me very close and we looked *onto / into* each other's eyes. He was very *clam / calm* when he saw that I did not have bad intentions. He behaved as if he was *posting / posing* for my photos. He was very curious...like a little explorer."

The photograph of the reindeer calf has *gone / going* viral on social media. It has been liked over 30,000 times *since / for* Nordsveen uploaded it on Monday. It is *good / goodly* luck in Scandinavian countries to see a white reindeer. Many people think it is *goodness / good* timing as Christmas is coming. According to folklore, Santa Claus' *slay / sleigh* is pulled by eight flying reindeer. They help Santa to deliver *present / presents* to good children on Christmas Eve. However, Santa's reindeer are *usual / usually* brown. A white reindeer is very rare. Their unusual *appearance / appeared* is caused by a genetic condition that removes colour from their *far / fur*. People can mistake such a reindeer for being an albino, but this is not the case. In the USA, reindeer are known *as / was* caribou.

Talk about the connection between each pair of words in italics, and why the correct word is correct.

INSERT THE VOWELS (a, e, i, o, u)

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1812/181207-reindeer.html>

A m_n f_r_m N_r w_y h_s p_h_t_g_r_p_h_d _ r_r_ w
h_t_ r__ n_d__ r c_l_f w_h_l__ n _ w_l_k _n th_n_r
th_ f_ h_s c__ n_t_r_y . M_d_s N_r d_s v__ n , 24 ,
f_r_m N_r w_y 's c_p_t_l c_t_y O_s_l_ , w_s h_k_n_g
n th m__ n_t__ n_s _t th_ w__ k_n_d . W_h_l_ w_l
k_n_g th_r__ g_h th_ s_n_w , h_ s_p_t_t_d _ s_m_l
l_s_h w_h_t_ _n_m_l _n_d r__ l_z_d _t w_s _ r__ n
d__ r . M_r N_r d_s v__ n s__ d th_ c_r__ t_r_ w_s
s_ w_h_t_ , " h_ _l_m_s_t d_s_p_p__ r_d _n_t_ th_ s
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PUNCTUATE THE TEXT AND ADD CAPITALS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1812/181207-reindeer.html>

a man from norway has photographed a rare white reindeer calf while on a walk in the north of his country mads nordsveen 24 from norways capital city oslo, was hiking in the mountains at the weekend while walking through the snow he spotted a smallish white animal and realized it was a reindeer mr nordsveen said the creature was so white he almost disappeared into the snow nordsveen described the experience as being magical and like a fairy tale he said the reindeer came to me very close and we looked into each others eyes he was very calm when he saw that i did not have bad intentions he behaved as if he was posing for my photos he was very curiouslike a little explorer

the photograph of the reindeer calf has gone viral on social media it has been liked over 30000 times since nordsveen uploaded it on monday it is good luck in scandinavian countries to see a white reindeer many people think it is good timing as christmas is coming according to folklore santa claus sleigh is pulled by eight flying reindeer they help santa to deliver presents to good children on christmas eve however santas reindeer are usually brown a white reindeer is very rare their unusual appearance is caused by a genetic condition that removes colour from their fur people can mistake such a reindeer for being an albino but this is not the case in the usa reindeer are known as caribou.

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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A man from Norway has photographed a rare white reindeer calf while on a walk in the north of his country. Mads Nordsveen, 24, from Norway's capital city Oslo was hiking in the mountains at the weekend. While walking through the snow, he spotted a smallish white animal and realized it was a reindeer. Mr Nordsveen said the creature was so white, "he almost disappeared into the snow". Nordsveen described the experience as being "magical" and like a "fairytale". He said: "The reindeer came to me very close and we looked into each other's eyes. He was very calm when he saw that I did not have bad intentions. He behaved as if he was posing for my photos. He was very curious... like a little explorer." The photograph of the reindeer calf has gone viral on social media. It has been liked over 30,000 times since Nordsveen uploaded it on Monday. It is good luck in Scandinavian countries to see a white reindeer. Many people think it is good timing as Christmas is coming. According to folklore, Santa Claus' sleigh is pulled by eight flying reindeer. They help Santa to deliver presents to good children on Christmas Eve. However Santa's reindeer are usually brown. A white reindeer is very rare. Their unusual appearance is caused by a genetic condition that removes colour from their fur. People can mistake such a reindeer for being an albino, but this is not the case. In the USA, reindeer are known as caribou.

HOMework

1. VOCABULARY EXTENSION: Choose several of the words from the text. Use a dictionary or Google's search field (or another search engine) to build up more associations / collocations of each word.

2. INTERNET: Search the Internet and find out more about this news story. Share what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

3. REINDEER: Make a poster about reindeer. Show your work to your classmates in the next lesson. Did you all have similar things?

4. SANTA CLAUS: Write a magazine article about not making small children believe Santa Claus is real. Include imaginary interviews with people who are for and against this.

Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Write down any new words and expressions you hear from your partner(s).

5. WHAT HAPPENED NEXT? Write a newspaper article about the next stage in this news story. Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Give each other feedback on your articles.

6. LETTER: Write a letter to an expert on reindeer. Ask him/her three questions about them. Give him/her three of your opinions on why reindeer are associated with Christmas. Read your letter to your partner(s) in your next lesson. Your partner(s) will answer your questions.

ANSWERS

VOCABULARY (p.4)

1. d 2. f 3. b 4. g 5. c 6. e 7. a
8. n 9. k 10. m 11. h 12. i 13. l 14. j

TRUE / FALSE (p.5)

- a F b F c F d T e F f T g T h T

SYNONYM MATCH (p.5)

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|-----------------|---------------|
| 1. photographed | a. snapped |
| 2. hiking | b. walking |
| 3. creature | c. animal |
| 4. magical | d. enchanting |
| 5. calm | e. relaxed |
| 6. uploaded | f. posted |
| 7. presents | g. gifts |
| 8. appearance | h. looks |
| 9. case | i. situation |
| 10. known as | j. called |

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (p.9)

- 24
- In the mountains / snow / north of Norway
- Into the snow
- A fairy tale
- Calm
- Over 30,000 times
- Scandinavia
- Christmas is coming
- Because of a genetic problem
- Caribou

WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER (p.20)

- A walk in the north of his country.
- So white, he almost disappeared into the snow.
- Nordsveen described the experience as being "magical".
- He saw that I didn't have bad intentions.
- As if he was posing for my photos.
- The photograph of the reindeer has gone viral.
- It is good timing as Christmas is coming.
- Santa's sleigh is pulled by eight flying reindeer.
- Their appearance is caused by a genetic condition.
- In the USA, reindeer are known as caribou.

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ (p.10)

1. b 2. d 3. a 4. c 5. b 6. c 7. d 8. a 9. a 10. b

ALL OTHER EXERCISES

Please check for yourself by looking at the Article on page 2.
(It's good for your English ;-)