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Influencers risk shark bites for perfect photo

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THE ARTICLE

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Many people do their best to take the perfect photograph. In particular, influencers are trying hard to do this. They want all their fans and followers to see their photos. Some influencers are risking their lives by swimming with and touching sharks. Naturally, things can go wrong. One example of this is a rise in the number of people bitten by sharks. The host of the Shark Bytes YouTube channel, Kristian Parton, says he is worried. He is hearing about "way more" shark attacks than ever before. He warned: "We're talking about a true apex predator – a very large wild animal." He added: "You wouldn't walk into the Serengeti [on safari] and try to put your hand on the face of a lion."

Shark experts are warning influencers to stay away from sharks. They point to a number of stories of people trying to photograph sharks and then getting injured or killed. Last year, a woman in the Caribbean had both hands bitten off when she tried to take a photo of a bull shark. Her husband tried to protect her. He called the incident a "living nightmare". Two months later, an influencer was killed in Israel. He was trying to feed the sharks to get them to come closer, but they attacked him. The shark experts said the influencers are sending a dangerous message to their followers. They said this was because the followers might think it is safe to touch or even try to ride sharks.

Sources: <https://metro.co.uk/2026/08/16/influencers-putting-lives-jeopardy-perfect-shark-snap-29391762/>
<https://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/2026/08/16/influencers-attacked-by-sharks-while-trying-to-take-selfies/>
<https://www.bbc.com/news/articles/c5yvrn7rpqpo>

WARM-UPS

1. INFLUENCERS: Students walk around the class and talk to other students about influencers. 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?

doing your best / the perfect photo / influencers / followers / swimming / sharks / lion experts / warning / being bitten / a nightmare / dangerous / message / ride a shark

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

3. NO PHOTOS: Students A **strongly** believe people should not take photos of dangerous animals; Students B **strongly** believe they should. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.

4. PHOTOS: What do you think of photos of these things? Why? Complete this table with your partner(s). Change partners often and share what you wrote.

	What I Think	Why
Sharks		
Space		
Famous people		
Historic buildings		
Fashion		
Food		

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

6. PREDATORS: Rank these with your partner. Put the best predators at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

- Sharks
- Wolves
- Crocodiles
- Polar bears
- Golden eagles
- Lions
- Giant squid
- Giant centipedes

VOCABULARY MATCHING

Paragraph 1

- | | |
|------------------|--|
| 1. in particular | a. People who like and support a person, team, or group. |
| 2. influencers | b. An increase in something. |
| 3. trying hard | c. Especially one person or thing. |
| 4. fans | d. An animal that hunts and eats other animals. |
| 5. rise (noun) | e. People who can change what others think or do, especially online. |
| 6. host (noun) | f. Making a lot of effort to do something. |
| 7. predator | g. A person who welcomes and talks to people on a TV show, radio show, or event. |

Paragraph 2

- | | |
|---------------|---|
| 8. experts | h. hurt or tried to hurt by a person or animal. |
| 9. warning | i. people who know a lot about something. |
| 10. protect | j. information that tells you about possible danger or a problem. |
| 11. incident | k. a very bad or frightening situation. |
| 12. nightmare | l. an event, especially one that is unusual or causes a problem. |
| 13. feed | m. to keep someone or something safe from danger or harm. |
| 14. attacked | n. to give food to a person or animal. |

BEFORE READING / LISTENING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2608/260820-influencers-and-sharks.html>

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

1. The article says everyone wants to take perfect photos. **T / F**
2. Some influencers risk their lives by photographing sharks. **T / F**
3. More and more people are getting bitten by sharks. **T / F**
4. A YouTuber compared photographing sharks to touching a lion's face. **T / F**
5. A woman lost both her hands while trying to photograph a shark. **T / F**
6. The woman's husband has nightmares every night about the attack. **T / F**
7. Experts say influencers are sending a dangerous message to followers. **T / F**
8. Shark experts said most sharks are safe to touch. **T / F**

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

- | | |
|-------------------------|-----------------|
| 1. in particular | a. alerting |
| 2. risking | b. of course |
| 3. naturally | c. increase |
| 4. go wrong | d. harmless |
| 5. rise | e. specifically |
| 6. warning | f. event |
| 7. injured | g. specialists |
| 8. incident | h. endangering |
| 9. experts | i. hurt |
| 10. safe | j. not succeed |

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

- | | |
|--|--------------------------|
| 1. Many people do | a. message |
| 2. all their fans | b. their lives |
| 3. influencers are risking | c. animal |
| 4. a rise in the number | d. or killed |
| 5. a very large wild | e. stay away from sharks |
| 6. experts are warning influencers to | f. their best |
| 7. getting injured | g. it is safe |
| 8. He was trying to feed | h. and followers |
| 9. influencers are sending a dangerous | i. the sharks |
| 10. followers might think | j. of people bitten |

GAP FILL

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2608/260820-influencers-and-sharks.html>

Many people do their best to take the (1) _____ photograph. In particular, influencers are trying (2) _____ to do this. They want all their fans and followers to see their photos. Some influencers are risking their (3) _____ by swimming with and touching sharks. Naturally, things can go (4) _____. One example of this is a rise in the number of people bitten by sharks. The (5) _____ of the Shark Bytes YouTube channel, Kristian Parton, says he is worried. He is hearing about "way (6) _____" shark attacks than ever before. He warned: "We're talking about a true apex (7) _____ – a very large wild animal." He added: "You wouldn't walk into the Serengeti [on safari] and try to put your (8) _____ on the face of a lion."

lives

host

hand

perfect

predator

wrong

hard

more

Shark experts are (9) _____ influencers to stay away from sharks. They point to a number of stories of people trying to photograph sharks and then getting (10) _____ or killed. Last year, a woman in the Caribbean had both hands (11) _____ off when she tried to take a photo of a bull shark. Her husband tried to protect her. He called the incident a "living (12) _____. Two months later, an influencer was killed in Israel. He was trying to (13) _____ the sharks to get them to come closer, but they attacked him. The shark (14) _____ said the influencers are sending a dangerous (15) _____ to their followers. They said this was because the followers might think it is safe to touch or (16) _____ try to ride sharks.

nightmare

even

injured

message

feed

warning

bitten

experts

LISTENING – Guess the answers. Listen to check.

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2608/260820-influencers-and-sharks.html>

- 1) Many people do their best to take _____
 - a. the perfects photograph
 - b. the perfection photograph
 - c. the perfect photograph
 - d. the perfecting photograph
- 2) They want all their fans and followers to _____
 - a. see their photos
 - b. see them photos
 - c. see there photos
 - d. seen their photos
- 3) One example of this is a rise in the number of people _____
 - a. bitten for sharks
 - b. bitten as sharks
 - c. bitten on sharks
 - d. bitten by sharks
- 4) He is hearing about "way more" shark attacks _____
 - a. than never before
 - b. than ever before
 - c. than ever after
 - d. whenever before
- 5) walk into the Serengeti on safari and try to put your hand on the face _____
 - a. off a lion
 - b. of a lion
 - c. of the lion
 - d. offer lion
- 6) people trying to photograph sharks and then getting _____
 - a. injury or killed
 - b. injured or killing
 - c. injures or kills
 - d. injured or killed
- 7) Last year, a woman in the Caribbean had both _____
 - a. hands biting off
 - b. hands bitten on
 - c. handy bitten off
 - d. hands bitten off
- 8) Her husband tried to protect her. He called the incident _____
 - a. a living nightly mare
 - b. a living night more
 - c. a live in nightmare
 - d. a living nightmare
- 9) He was trying to feed the sharks to get them _____
 - a. to have closer
 - b. to travel closer
 - c. to come closer
 - d. to gone closer
- 10) this was because the followers might think it is safe to touch or even try _____
 - a. to ride sharks
 - b. for ride sharks
 - c. to riding sharks
 - d. to ride shark

LISTENING – Listen and fill in the gaps

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Shark (7) _____ influencers to stay away from sharks. They point to a number of stories of people trying to photograph sharks and then getting (8) _____. Last year, a woman in the Caribbean had both hands bitten off when she tried to take a photo of a bull shark. Her husband (9) _____ her. He called the incident a "living nightmare". Two months later, an influencer was killed in Israel. He was (10) _____ the sharks to get them to come closer, but they attacked him. The shark experts said the influencers are sending (11) _____ to their followers. They said this was because the followers might think it is (12) _____ or even try to ride sharks.

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2608/260820-influencers-and-sharks.html>

1. What do many people do their best to do?
2. What does the article say influencers are risking?
3. What has there been a rise in the number of?
4. What did a YouTuber call a shark?
5. What did the YouTuber compare touching a shark to?
6. What are shark experts advising influencers to do?
7. When was a woman attacked in the Caribbean?
8. What was an influencer trying to do to get sharks to come closer?
9. What kind of message did a YouTuber say influencers are sending?
10. Who might think it is safe to touch a shark?

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2608/260820-influencers-and-sharks.html>

- 1) What do many people do their best to do?
 - a) swim
 - b) take the perfect photograph
 - c) fight sharks
 - d) influence people
- 2) What does the article say influencers are risking?
 - a) money
 - b) their cameras
 - c) their image
 - d) their lives
- 3) What has there been a rise in the number of?
 - a) people bitten by sharks
 - b) people killed by sharks
 - c) influencers
 - d) sharks
- 4) What did a YouTuber call a shark?
 - a) an endangered species
 - b) beautiful
 - c) an apex predator
 - d) Bob
- 5) What did the YouTuber compare touching a shark to?
 - a) putting your head in a crocodile's mouth
 - b) touching a lion
 - c) touching an electricity wire
 - d) playing with a tarantula
- 6) What are shark experts advising influencers to do?
 - a) learn more about sharks
 - b) use better cameras
 - c) stay away from sharks
 - d) use long-distance lenses
- 7) When was a woman attacked in the Caribbean?
 - a) recently
 - b) a decade ago
 - c) two years ago
 - d) last year
- 8) What was an influencer trying to do to get sharks to come closer?
 - a) feed them
 - b) talk to them
 - c) splash a lot
 - d) move a lot
- 9) What kind of message did a YouTuber say influencers are sending?
 - a) a dangerous message
 - b) a lovely message
 - c) a good-luck message
 - d) a warning message
- 10) Who might think it is safe to touch a shark?
 - a) influencers
 - b) followers
 - c) shark experts
 - d) ordinary people

ROLE PLAY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2608/260820-influencers-and-sharks.html>

Role A – Sharks

You think sharks are the most interesting predators. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their predators aren't as interesting. Also, tell the others which is the least interesting of these (and why): golden eagles, lions or giant centipedes.

Role B – Golden Eagles

You think golden eagles are the most interesting predators. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their predators aren't as interesting. Also, tell the others which is the least interesting of these (and why): sharks, lions or giant centipedes.

Role C – Lions

You think lions are the most interesting predators. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their predators aren't as interesting. Also, tell the others which is the least interesting of these (and why): golden eagles, sharks or giant centipedes.

Role D – Giant Centipedes

You think giant centipedes are the most interesting predators. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their predators aren't as interesting. Also, tell the others which is the least interesting of these (and why): golden eagles, lions or sharks.

AFTER READING / LISTENING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2608/260820-influencers-and-sharks.html>

1. WORD SEARCH: Look online / in your dictionary to find collocates, information on, synonyms for... the words 'shark' and 'photo'.

shark	photo
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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:

• best • risking • rise • host • hearing • true	• warning • hands • nightmare • feed • sending • safe
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INFLUENCERS SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about influencers 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.

INFLUENCERS 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 'influencer'?
3. What do you think of influencers?
4. What do you need to be a good influencer?
5. What influencers do you follow?
6. How good are you at taking photos?
7. Would you like to swim with sharks?
8. What do you think of influencers getting close to sharks?
9. What do you know about sharks?
10. What advice do you have for the influencers?

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INFLUENCERS 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 'shark'?
13. What do you think about what you read?
14. Have you ever seen the movie 'Jaws'?
15. Why are influencers popular?
16. Would you like to be an influencer?
17. Would you worry about swimming in the sea?
18. How can we reduce the number of shark attacks?
19. Have you ever been influenced by an influencer?
20. What questions would you like to ask the influencers?

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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Shark experts are warning influencers to stay (7) _____ from sharks. They point to a number of stories of people trying to photograph sharks and then getting (8) _____ or killed. Last year, a woman in the Caribbean had both hands bitten off when she tried to take a photo of a bull shark. Her husband tried to protect (9) _____. He called the incident a "living nightmare". Two months later, an influencer was killed in Israel. He was trying to (10) _____ the sharks to get them to come closer, but they attacked him. The shark experts said the influencers are (11) _____ a dangerous message to their followers. They said this was because the followers might think it is safe to touch or (12) _____ try to ride sharks.

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

- | | | | | |
|-----|-------------|---------------|--------------|----------------|
| 1. | (a) perfect | (b) perfectly | (c) perfects | (d) perfection |
| 2. | (a) risks | (b) risk | (c) risking | (d) risky |
| 3. | (a) come | (b) have | (c) go | (d) do |
| 4. | (a) hear | (b) hears | (c) heard | (d) hearing |
| 5. | (a) ever | (b) every | (c) never | (d) eventually |
| 6. | (a) and | (b) to | (c) as | (d) for |
| 7. | (a) from | (b) in | (c) up | (d) away |
| 8. | (a) injury | (b) injured | (c) injure | (d) injuring |
| 9. | (a) she | (b) them | (c) her | (d) it |
| 10. | (a) food | (b) feed | (c) feeder | (d) feeds |
| 11. | (a) sends | (b) send | (c) sent | (d) sending |
| 12. | (a) ever | (b) even | (c) every | (d) eventual |

SPELLING

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Paragraph 1

1. take the cfteerpe photograph
2. their fans and oewlofsrl
3. things can go gwnro
4. people ttbein by sharks
5. shark tcaakst
6. a true apex aporertd

Paragraph 2

7. shark rpesxet
8. getting jrunide or killed
9. Her husband tried to pocrtet her
10. a living mertahing
11. sending a rugaodsne message
12. it is safe to uctho

PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2608/260820-influencers-and-sharks.html>

Number these lines in the correct order.

- () because the followers might think it is safe to touch or even try to ride sharks.
- () experts said the influencers are sending a dangerous message to their followers. They said this was
- () feed the sharks to get them to come closer, but they attacked him. The shark
- () hands bitten off when she tried to take a photo of a bull shark. Her husband tried to protect
- () hard to do this. They want all their fans and followers to see their photos. Some influencers are risking their
- () her. He called the incident a "living nightmare". Two months later, an influencer was killed in Israel. He was trying to
- () lives by swimming with and touching sharks. Naturally, things can go wrong. One example of this is a rise in the number
- (**1**) Many people do their best to take the perfect photograph. In particular, influencers are trying
- () of people bitten by sharks. The host of the Shark Bytes YouTube channel, Kristian Parton, says he is
- () predator – a very large wild animal." He added: "You wouldn't walk into the Serengeti [on
- () safari] and try to put your hand on the face of a lion."
- () Shark experts are warning influencers to stay away from sharks. They point to a number of stories of people trying
- () to photograph sharks and then getting injured or killed. Last year, a woman in the Caribbean had both
- () worried. He is hearing about "way more" shark attacks than ever before. He warned: "We're talking about a true apex

PUT THE WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER

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1. People best do to perfect photographs take their .
2. Influencers are do hard to this trying .
3. They're by lives risking sharks swimming with their .
4. A bitten in number of people rise the .
5. We're about apex a predator true talking .
6. Shark are experts influencers stay to warning away .
7. She a of photos shark take tried to .
8. He nightmare" called incident a "living the .
9. Influencers are dangerous followers messages sending to their .
10. This because followers it's might safe think is .

CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD (20 PAIRS)

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2608/260820-influencers-and-sharks.html>

Many people *do / have* their best to take the perfect photograph. In particular, influencers are trying *solid / hard* to do this. They want all their fans and *follows / followers* to see their photos. Some influencers are *risked / risking* their lives by swimming with and touching sharks. *Naturally / Nature*, things can go wrong. One example of this is a rise *on / in* the number of people bitten *by / with* sharks. The host of the Shark Bytes YouTube channel, Kristian Parton, says he is *worry / worried*. He is hearing about "way more" shark attacks than ever *after / before*. He warned: "We're talking about a true apex predator – a very large wild animal." He added: "You wouldn't walk into the Serengeti [*on / in* safari] and try to put your hand on the face of a lion."

Shark experts are *warned / warning* influencers to stay away from sharks. They point *to / of* a number of stories of people trying to photograph sharks and then getting *injury / injured* or killed. Last year, a woman in the Caribbean had both hands bitten off *when / what* she tried to take a photo of a bull shark. Her husband tried to protect *she / her*. He called the incident a "living nightmare". Two months later, an influencer was killed in Israel. He was trying to *feed / food* the sharks to get *them / they* to come closer, but they attacked him. The shark experts said the influencers are *sent / sending* a dangerous message to their followers. They said *so / this* was because the followers might think it is *safe / safety* to touch or even try to ride sharks.

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

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

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M_ny p__pl_ d_ th__r b_st t_ t_k_ th_ p_rf_ct
ph_t_gr_ph. _n p_rt_c_l_r, _nfl__nc_rs _r_ try_ng h_rd
t_ d_ th_s. Th_y w_nt _ll th__r f_ns _nd f_ll_w_rs t_
s__ th__r ph_t_s. S_m_ _nfl__nc_rs _r_ r_sk_ng th__r
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y__r h_nd _n th_ f_c_ _f _ l__n."

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PUNCTUATE THE TEXT AND ADD CAPITALS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2608/260820-influencers-and-sharks.html>

many people do their best to take the perfect photograph in particular influencers are trying hard to do this they want all their fans and followers to see their photos some influencers are risking their lives by swimming with and touching sharks naturally things can go wrong one example of this is a rise in the number of people bitten by sharks the host of the shark bytes youtube channel kristian parton says he is worried he is hearing about way more shark attacks than ever before he warned we were talking about a true apex predator a very large wild animal he added you wouldn't walk into the serengeti on safari and try to put your hand on the face of a lion

shark experts are warning influencers to stay away from sharks they point to a number of stories of people trying to photograph sharks and then getting injured or killed last year a woman in the caribbean had both hands bitten off when she tried to take a photo of a bull shark her husband tried to protect her he called the incident a living nightmare two months later an influencer was killed in israel he was trying to feed the sharks to get them to come closer but they attacked him the shark experts said the influencers are sending a dangerous message to their followers they said this was because the followers might think it is safe to touch or even try to ride sharks

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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FREE WRITING

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Write about **influencers** for 10 minutes. Comment on your partner's paper.

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ACADEMIC WRITING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2608/260820-influencers-and-sharks.html>

People should not take photographs of dangerous animals. Discuss.

This image shows a single sheet of white paper with horizontal ruling lines. The lines are evenly spaced and run across the width of the page. There are no margins, text, or other markings on the paper.

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

4. WILDLIFE BAN: Write a magazine article about banning people from taking photos of any wildlife that is endangered or dangerous. 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 influencers. Ask him/her three questions about them. Give him/her three of your opinions of influencers. Read your letter to your partner(s) in your next lesson. Your partner(s) will answer your questions.

ANSWERS

VOCABULARY (p.4)

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

TRUE / FALSE (p.5)

- 1 F 2 T 3 T 4 T 5 T 6 F 7 T 8 F

SYNONYM MATCH (p.5)

1. e	2. h	3. b	4. j	5. c
6. a	7. i	8. f	9. g	10. d

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (p.9)

1. Take the perfect photograph
2. Their lives
3. People bitten by sharks
4. A true apex predator / A very large wild animal
5. Touching a lion
6. Stay away from sharks
7. Last year
8. Feed them
9. A dangerous message
10. Followers

WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER (p.19)

1. People best do to perfect photographs take their.
2. Influencers are do hard to this trying.
3. They're by lives risking sharks swimming with their.
4. A bitten in number of people rise the.
5. We're about apex a predator true talking.
6. Shark are experts influencers stay to warning away.
7. She a of photos shark take tried to.
8. He nightmare" called incident a "living the.
9. Influencers are dangerous followers messages sending to their.
10. This because followers it's might safe think is.

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 ;-)