Read *Boots the cat* on page 2 of the magazine and answer questions 1 to 6.

1. **What colour is the cat’s ball?**
   - green
   - white
   - orange
   - black

2. **What does Boots have a lot of?**
   - boxes
   - cats
   - carrots
   - toys

3. **Boots likes to visit**
   - a fish pond.
   - the pet store.
   - Mina and Jack’s house.
   - Grandma and Grandpa’s house.

4. **Who gives Boots treats?**
   - Mina
   - Grandma
   - Jack
   - Grandpa
5 Which of these is a picture of a toy in the text?

6 What is the most likely reason the cat is named Boots?
   - He looks like he has boots on.
   - He eats treats that look like boots.
   - He has toys that look like boots.
   - He gets into boots if they are left out.

Read Seahorses on page 3 of the magazine and answer questions 7 to 11.

7 Seahorses got their name because they
   - move like horses.
   - eat like horses.
   - breathe like horses.
   - look like horses.

8 Seahorse eggs are kept
   - on coral.
   - in a pouch.
   - in the seaweed.
   - on the sand.
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<td>9. What does a seahorse use to attach itself to seaweed?</td>
<td>its mouth, its teeth, its fins, its tail</td>
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<td>10. Which question is answered in the last paragraph?</td>
<td>What are seahorses? Where do seahorses live? What do seahorses eat? How do seahorses move around?</td>
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<td>11. The main reason for the picture is to show</td>
<td>what seahorses eat, what seahorses look like, how seahorses move, where seahorses live</td>
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Read *Bamboozled!* on page 4 of the magazine and answer questions 12 to 18.

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<td>12. Bamboo is a type of</td>
<td>tree, wood, bush, grass</td>
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According to the text, one way bamboo is amazing is that
- it can grow extremely fast.
- it grows near gum trees.
- it comes in many sizes.
- it grows anywhere.

Which activity uses bamboo as scaffolding?
- plumbing
- building
- cooking
- sailing

Bamboo fibres are used in the production of
- paper.
- furniture.
- musical instruments.
- boats.

Fabric made from bamboo is
- lumpy.
- scratchy.
- cottony.
- clingy.
According to the text, which part of a bicycle can be made from bamboo?
- the frame
- the wheels
- the pedals
- the seat

The main purpose of this text is
- to encourage people to use bamboo more often.
- to give interesting facts and uses for bamboo.
- to list everything that can be made from bamboo.
- to outline where bamboo is mainly grown and used.

Read Letter to Amy on page 5 of the magazine and answer questions 19 to 25.

From her letter, Alex sounds like someone who is
- lonely.
- bored.
- enthusiastic.
- boastful.

Alex tries to persuade Amy to come and visit Coober Pedy by
- listing all the things they can do together.
- pointing out how far away Coober Pedy is from the city.
- reminding Amy that she has not visited in a long time.
- explaining that Alex’s mum and dad think it is a good idea.
According to the text, what is noodling?
- swimming in an underground pool
- searching for opals
- riding camels
- living in the outback

Where does Alex suggest they go when it is hot?
- the city
- camping
- Mani’s house
- the kangaroo orphanage

When Alex talks about the city she is referring to
- anywhere far away from Coober Pedy.
- a place where Mum and Dad used to live.
- a place they could visit together.
- the place where Amy lives.

Alex makes a wish at the end of the letter.
This wish is most likely that
- Amy’s family will come to live in Coober Pedy.
- Amy will be able to come and stay for the holidays.
- it will not be too hot during the holidays.
- Alex and Amy will find an opal.
Which of these is an exaggeration?
- … Coober Pedy is a long way from the city, but I’m sure you’ll love it.
- Some people think there is nothing to do in the outback.
- I’m sure there aren’t any underground houses in the city.
- … you’ll have more fun than you will ever have in your entire life!

Read *Library magician* on page 6 of the magazine and answer questions 26 to 32.

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<th>Today he was wearing a funny white beard and a lumpy, brown coat. (paragraph 1)</th>
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<td>○ feels cold.</td>
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<td>○ is very old.</td>
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<td>○ is in a costume.</td>
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Mr Frank tries to show that *every book is alive* by
- telling silly jokes.
- acting out stories.
- doing magic tricks.
- reading stories aloud.

When the children laugh at the white bird in paragraph 3, Mr Frank is
- happy.
- angry.
- surprised.
- disappointed.
29. The cowboy described in paragraph 4 is probably a
   - doll.
   - puppet.
   - picture.
   - daydream.

30. The exclamation marks (!) in paragraph 4 show that the narrator is
   - angry.
   - scared.
   - thankful.
   - amazed.

31. *But as we walked, a small thrill was rising inside me like a bird taking off.*
    (last paragraph)
    This means the narrator
   - is worried about opening the worn-looking book.
   - is happy to finish story time at the library.
   - is wanting to tell her mum about the book.
   - is excited about reading the recommended story.

32. Which word best describes Mr Frank in the text?
   - fierce
   - brave
   - playful
   - watchful
Read *Bats* on page 7 of the magazine and answer questions 33 to 38.

33. What word could be used instead of *determined* in the first paragraph?
   - described
   - explained
   - understood
   - decided

34. Microbats are most likely to be found living
   - near a source of fresh water.
   - where there are large trees.
   - close to houses and shops.
   - where fruit trees are growing.

35. Some bats are called flying foxes because of their
   - hunting behaviour.
   - speed.
   - size.
   - appearance.

36. The text suggests the Kitti’s hog-nosed bat is the world’s
   - hairiest bat.
   - noisiest bat.
   - lightest bat.
   - fastest bat.
What is one main difference between all microbats and all megabats?


Which one of these shows the main idea of both sections of the text?


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## PRACTICE QUESTIONS

**Read Sara’s early morning** on page 8 of the magazine and answer questions P1 and P2.

### P1
What did Sara plan to do on Saturday morning?
- homework
- play football
- go horseriding
- make breakfast

### P2
According to the text, what was Sara’s mistake?

1. 
2. 
3. 
4. 

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