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Read the five texts and questions 1–5. Each one is about a different subject. Then tick the correct answer (A, B, C, or D) for each of the five tasks.

## Monkey madness

A movie filmed by monkeys is to be shown on the BBC. The primates were given monkey-proof cameras. At the same time, they were also given a touch-screen monitor so they could select different types of videos to watch. It seems that they were more interested in making films than watching them. The monkey-made movies probably won't win any Oscars, but researchers hope it will show what sort of things monkeys like to look at.



1. What is the BBC going to show?

- A) A movie about monkeys.
- B) A film made by monkeys.
- C) A film about monkeys making a movie.
- D) The films which monkeys like to watch.

  
  
  



## You have 1 new message!

Britain's leading astronomer, Lord Rees, believes we're closer than ever to making contact with people from a different planet. Scientists have been listening for radio signals from outer space for the last fifty years, but with no success. Now, thanks to inventions such as space telescopes, astronomers have been able to identify planets with similar conditions as Earth. This will help scientists to know where radio signals are more likely to come from. Lord Rees believes that if aliens do make contact with Earth, they are likely to be so intelligent that they make humans look like monkeys.

2. Why does Lord Rees think aliens are more likely to make contact with Earth now?

- A) Scientists know in which direction to listen for alien radio signals.
- B) You can see aliens using space telescopes.
- C) We have better machines for listening for aliens.
- D) There are more aliens than before.

### Running is good for you!

Scientists believe that running may help you to remember things better. Researchers found that mice that were made to run every day produced more parts of the brain (cells) associated with memory than mice that didn't run. In some cases this could be up to twice as many cells. Another discovery was that the 'running' mice were better at remembering where their food was kept. Researchers also found that people who started running to keep fit remembered very quickly that they didn't like running.



#### 3. What did scientists discover about running?

- A) Running makes you clever.
- B) People with good memories run quicker.
- C) Running can help produce brain cells.
- D) Mice like running - people don't.

  
  
  


### Couch potato

People who watch television the whole time – couch potatoes – may be in danger of having a heart attack. Researchers have found that couch potatoes who watch more than four hours of television a day are 80% more likely to die of a heart attack than people who only watch two hours of television a day. Doctors say it's not the television that's the problem, but sitting in the same position for a long time. When the shocking findings were shown on a television documentary, more than 100,000 people phoned for an ambulance.

#### 4. What can be a cause of heart disease and heart attacks?

- A) Eating potatoes.
- B) Watching television.
- C) Staying in the same position for a long period.
- D) Shocking science facts.

  
  
  


### Surfing

Surfing is a hugely popular sport that appeals to many people around the world. You can wear surfing fashion, watch surfing films, listen to surfing music and even speak surfer language! Although surfing represents a multi-million pound business, very few people go surfing regularly. Those who do, protect their waves and beaches, sometimes even using violence, and don't like just anybody turning up to catch a wave and hang five!

#### 5. Which statement is true?

- A) Many people go surfing every weekend.
- B) A lot of people enjoy surfing culture but don't surf.
- C) People who surf don't like sharing their culture.
- D) Surfing is not as popular as other water sports.