



Task 1

Listen to the text about dolphins

Task 2

Complete the gaps with the following words

Dolphins who according to some, are even 1. **more** 2. **intelligent** than humans, have very well developed (and big) brains. Their brains are bigger than these of chimpanzees, and they have actually developed in a different way 3. **as** 4. **well**. Primates, for example, including us, humans, have very big frontal lobes where planning and decision making takes place. The brains of dolphins have two hemispheres as well. However, theirs are 5. **split** into four lobes instead of three.

Dolphins too can plan and 6. **solve** 7. **issues**. They also show complicated emotions, and are very, very social. Scientists think that their brains have grown so big exactly because they are social, and constantly 8. **communicate** with each other.

Another sign of their intellect is their language. Dolphins talk to each other, and even have a way to introduce themselves to other dolphins: sort of personal identification, which resembles the way people use 9. **names**. There have even been 10. **experiments** with sign and sound languages being taught with comparative success to dolphins. Currently, scientists are trying to communicate with dolphins with special underwater equipment which makes 11. **whistling** 12. **noises**.

Task 3

Choose if the following statements are True or False

1. Some think that dolphins are smarter than humans. **True**.
2. Dolphins can't plan and solve issues. **False**.
3. Another sign of dolphins' intellect is their language. **True**.
4. Dolphins have unique names. **False**.
5. Dolphin language sounds like whistling. **False**.

Task 4

Choose the correct variant

1. Dolphins have:
A) Very small brains.
B) Normal brains like humans.
C) Very well developed and big brains.
2. Dolphins' brains have:
A) Two hemispheres.
B) Three hemispheres.
C) Four hemispheres.
3. According to the text:
A) Dolphins like to play and have fun.

B) Dolphins have complicated emotions and are very social.

C) Dolphins are social because they like humans.

4. When dolphins meet:

A) They are scared of one another.

B) They have a way to introduce to each other.

C) They start to play.

5. Scientists have experimented:

A) To teach dolphins the sign language.

B) To teach dolphins to use names.

C) To teach dolphins how to properly introduce themselves.

Task 5

Listen the text about unusual pets

Task 6

Complete the gaps with the following words

Owning a pet can be an enriching 1. **experience**. Pets can decrease your blood pressure, and cholesterol levels, and encourage you to get more exercise, which is why pets are particularly beneficial to the health of older adults.

The problem is, many senior 2. **citizens** are unable to care for a pet, and some, especially the 1.4 million living in nursing homes, may be barred from owning a pet.

Now Hasbro is tackling this problem with its "Joy for All" companion pets. Hasbro's companion pets are animatronic 3. **toys** that use built-in sensors to respond to touch, a vibration motor to simulate a cat's purring, and soft 4. **fur** for optimal cuddling.

Hasbro said it chose to make the toys after it heard some of its toys and games are 5. **especially** appealing to seniors, and enhance meaningful interactions with their loved ones.

The company is 6. **hardly** the first to tackle pet therapy. Paro, a therapy robot developed by Japan, has been used in therapy since 7. **2003**.

Paro costs 6 thousand dollars, and is a registered medical device. Hasbro's companion pets aren't registered medical devices, but cost a fraction of the 8. **price** at 100 dollars.

Task 7

Match the words with their meanings.

enriching	improving
to decrease	to make smaller or less
to encourage	to inspire
beneficial	good, useful
senior	elderly
to be barred from	not allowed to
to tackle a problem	to deal with a problem
animatronic	an animated device
optimal	best
interaction	contact, communication
appealing	attractive, catchy

Task 8

Choose the correct variant

Can pets decrease your blood pressure and cholesterol levels?

Yes, they can.

No, they cannot.

What can owning a pet encourage you to do more?

Stay home, and cuddle with your pet on the sofa.

Get out in the yard.

Exercise.

Are pets good for the elderly, or are they only good to kids, and families.

Pets are even more beneficial to the elderly.

Only for families, because kids and old adults cannot take care of them.

The text doesn't say.

How many people, according to the text live in nursing homes?

1.3 million.

1.4 billion.

1.4 million.

What is Hasbro?

It's a pet toy for old people.

It's a company that makes pet toys for old people.

It's a company in Japan that makes registered medical devices.

What kind of animal is the "Joy for All" companion pet?

A cat.

A dog.

A hamster.

Why did Hasbro decide to make the "Joy for All" companion pet?

Because they wanted to make a robocat.

Because they realized that some of their toys and games were good for older people.

Because they already had a robodog, but people wanted a robocat, too.

Since when has Paro, the therapy robot from Japan been in use?

2006.

2001.

2003.

Is the "Joy for All" companion pet a registered medical device?

Yes, it is.

No, it is not.

How much cheaper is Hasbro's toy compared to Paro?

Not much.

It's \$ 5 900 cheaper.

It's not cheaper. It's more expensive.

Answers

Task 2

1.more, 2.intelligent, 3.as, 4.well, 5. split, 6. solve, 7. issues, 8. communicate, 9. names, 10. experiments, 11. whistling, 12. noises

Task 3

1.T 2.F 3.T 4.F 5.F

Task 4

1.C 2.A 3.B 4.B 5.A

Task 6

1.experience 2.citizens 3.toys 4.fur 5.especially 6.hardly 7.2003 8.price

Task 7

1.improving 2.to make smaller or less 3.to inspire 4.good,useful 5.elderly 6.not allowed to 7.to deal with a problem 8.an animated device 9.best 10.contact,communication 10.attractive,catchy

Task 8

1.A 2.C 3.A 4.C 5.B 6.A 7.B 8.C 9.B 10.B