

## Little girl saves mother

A little girl from Newton has become the most famous person in town. Frances Brown, who is starting school next year, called 999 when her mother, Lisa, fell down the stairs. The emergency services immediately sent an ambulance to her house.

On the evening of 26 September 2019, the streets of Geneva in Switzerland went dark. This usually happens when there is a problem with the electricity, but this time the lights were turned off to allow people to go outside and look at the stars. This is often impossible in a city because of light pollution.

## Ella Fitzgerald

Ella Fitzgerald, the great American jazz singer, was born in Virginia in 1917. She (19) ..... to New York when she was a young child.

When Ella was fifteen her mother died, and she went to live with her aunt. This was a hard time in her life and she got into (20) ..... with the police. She (21) ..... money from singing on the street and people started to notice her.

19 A kept B changed C moved

20 A trouble B problem C danger

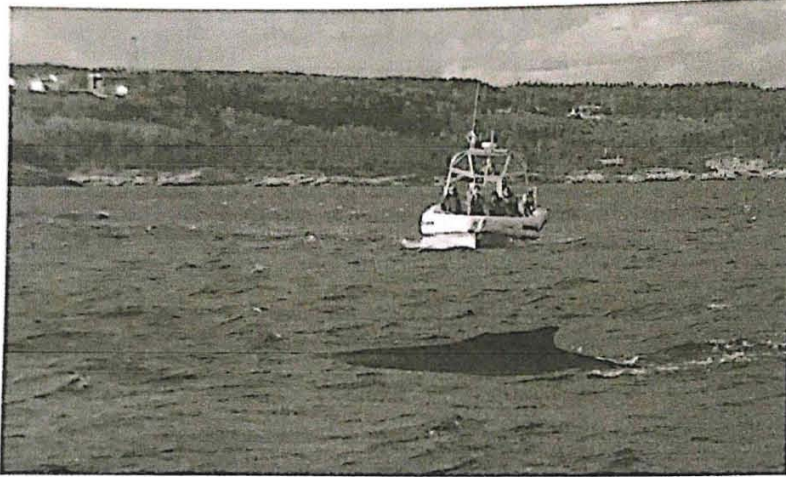
21 A won B made C took

2 There are more than 1000 species of shark and new ones are discovered every year. Some sharks swim great (21) ..... to find food, others don't. Some live alone and others live in groups. It can take some sharks up to fifteen years to (22) ..... adults. 2

- 21 A lengths B distances C routes D journeys  
22 A reach B arrive C grow D become

## Our school newspaper by Michael Williams

2 Some years ago, our head teacher, Mrs Waters, decided to start a school newspaper, and get as many students as possible to take on the job of producing it – and parents, too. She felt the newspaper would help them learn more about school life, through articles on things like sports achievements and arts projects, which not all students know about if they're not taking part. Students took the whole thing very seriously – and we now have a prize-winning newspaper! 2



## Whale-watching trip by Jack Madison, 15

A while ago, my friend Olivia was telling me about a whale-watching trip she'd been on, in Canada. I wanted to tell her I was about to do the same thing, off the north coast of the UK, where my grandparents live. Whales had recently appeared there again, and my grandparents were convinced we'd see some – so I was sure my

trip would be as good as Olivia's! But then I saw some reviews of the trip my dad had booked for us, when no-one had seen *any* whales at all. So, in the end, I decided not to tell Olivia anything about my trip, in case it wasn't successful!

## Too much plastic

by Paula Jones

Plastic is everywhere: in our streets, in the countryside, in rivers, in seas and in oceans. In the UK, over 13 billion plastic bottles are used every year. The good news is that more and more people are recycling plastic and there are also some clever ways to use it.

... but in some countries like the



## Bird-watching

The relationship between birds and human beings goes back a very long way – for thousands of years, in fact.

Birds have always (21) ..... us with food and feathers, but people have only been (22) ..... in bird-watching since the late 1700s. *2*

In the following century, the study of birds became popular

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| 21 | A | provided | B | given | C | offered | D | delivered  |
| 22 | A | curious  | B | fond  | C | keen    | D | interested |
| 23 | A | made     | B | took  | C | used    | D | found      |

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## Coasteering

Lily Carter had no idea what present she wanted for her 14<sup>th</sup> birthday. But she'd always been keen on challenging sports, especially to do with water, like surfing and sailing. So when her parents heard about an activity called coasteering – exploring rocks along the coast by climbing and swimming – they thought Lily would love it. They found a course offered at an activity centre called Porthdean, just along the coast from the family home, which was perfect. So after checking it was led by experienced instructors, they signed her up. *2*

Lily had seen a TV show about coasteering and was interested

**My job: John Knight, architect**

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I'm an architect and I love my job. At school, I didn't have much idea what I might do afterwards. I enjoyed science and art, and got on well with my teachers, who often lent me extra books on topics I was interested in. But when I was about to