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Intermediate Student’s Book

Life

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**I = interviewer, F = fisherman**

**I:** Do you only go fishing at night?

**F:** No, but it’s easier at night. I use this lamp. The fish can see this light. So the lamp attracts the fish and they come closer to my raft.

**I:** How do the cormorants help?

**F:** Cormorants are very fast. They can catch fish more quickly than me. When the fish are close, the cormorants catch them.

**I:** Why don’t the birds eat the fish they catch?

**F:** When we’re fishing, I put a ring around their neck. It’s not tight, but it’s tight enough to stop them swallowing the bigger fish. They can swallow the smaller ones. If there are lots of small fish, the birds have a lucky night. If there are big fish, I have a lucky night!

**I:** Don’t the cormorants fly away?

**F:** No, they don’t. I think they are too clever for that. They know that if they stay with me, they have an easy life. I bring the fish to them with my lamp. They wouldn’t do so well on their own. We make a good team.

**I:** How long have you been fishing with cormorants?

**F:** All my life. It takes a long time to learn how to work really well with the birds. It’s an ancient tradition here. People have been doing this for a thousand years. We know what we are doing now!