

Life Upper Intermediate Writing worksheet

Answer key

Units 1 & 2 Writing a summary

1 Students' own answers

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3 Enormous material benefits have been brought by China's economic boom, but the debate is not about these; it's about family life and values.

4 1 SP, 2 DE, 3 SP, 4 SP, 5 DE, 6 SP

5 Possible answers

1 Older generations don't understand the new generation's ideologies and values.

2 These new values might not be as important as the traditional values.

3 Traditionally, elderly parents have been cared for their children, but things are different now.

4 While parents want to support their children, they are no longer able to do so as their children's knowledge of the modern world is greater.

6 Possible answers

Older generations don't understand the new generation's ideologies and values. = ... *older people often have different values to younger people.*

These new values might not be as important as the traditional values. = *People are also questioning whether the new values are any better than the old ones.*

Traditionally, elderly parents have been cared for their children, but things are different now. = *Chinese families have traditionally taken care of older members at home, but this is no longer the case.*

While parents want to support their children, they are no longer able to do so as their children's knowledge of the modern world is greater. = ... *although parents try to help their children, their lack of knowledge and understanding of the world around them means they can't.*

7 1 Consequently, 2 In contrast, 3 so as to, 4 Unlike, 5 As a result, 6 in order to

8 Possible answer

Main idea: Photographer Steven Winter and writer Douglas Chadwick had only been working there a few days when they had a rather frightening close shave with some rhinos.

Key words and phrases: Kaziranga National Park; the single-horned rhino, Photographer Steve Winter; writer Douglas Chadwick; frightening close shave; rhinos; park; jeep; turtle; got out; watch; something terrible

9 Possible answer

Main idea: a photographer and writer experienced a rhino attack

Supporting points

- they were filming in Kaziranga National Park
- they saw a rhino charging towards the car but the guard fired a shot to scare the rhino away
- a female rhino protecting her young attacked the car
- they were scared (broke the guard's rule) but they managed to escape

10 Introduction: *The text deals with ...*

Main points: *The author highlights ...*,

Supporting points: *The author gives the example of*

Conclusion: *The author concludes ...*

11 Model answer

The text describes the terrifying experience of two film-makers in Kaziranga National Park, who encountered rhinos.

Their car was stopped in order to move a turtle from the road, when suddenly they saw a rhino charging at them. Luckily, the guard had time to fire a shot and, as a result, the rhino changed direction. The author highlights their relief. However, the car stopped again, as three young rhinos had walked onto the road. In contrast to the young rhinos, which ignored the car, the mother attacked.

The author ends by saying how they broke the guard's rule of no-one feeling scared. Fortunately, the car pulled free, and they escaped. (110 words)

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