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YEAR 6

ENGLISH (Listening Comprehension)

TIME: 30 minutes

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# Teacher's Booklet

ALL INSTRUCTIONS ARE TO BE GIVEN IN ENGLISH

## Procedures for Task One

**Look at Task One.**

*(Allow a 15 second pause while students familiarise themselves with the task.)*

**Listen carefully. You will hear the passage twice.**

**You are going to listen to a short description of a particular personality.**

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Adapted from: *Nouse Student Newspaper, The Great White rescue [www.nouse.co.uk](http://www.nouse.co.uk)*

## TASK 1

(Include a 4 second pause after each number.)

**Exercise 1** Fill in each blank with a word.

- a) Ocean Ramsey is a \_\_\_\_\_ and a conservationist. *(4 seconds pause)*
- b) She dives straight in with endangered and potentially dangerous \_\_\_\_\_ in the hope of encouraging greater conservation.  
*(4 seconds pause)*
- c) She is a professional scuba diver and she \_\_\_\_\_ in free diving.  
*(4 seconds pause)*
- d) She trains new divers to \_\_\_\_\_ and appreciate sharks.  
*(4 seconds pause)*

**Exercise 2** Tick (✓) the correct box in the table below. TRUE, FALSE or No Information Given (NIG)

- a) “Water Inspired” is the name of Ocean’s conservation group.

Tick the correct box now. *(4 seconds pause)*

- b) Millions have viewed her extraordinary YouTube videos.

Tick the correct box now. *(4 seconds pause)*

- c) The clips show this tall redhead taking a ride on the back of a Great White.

Tick the correct box now. *(4 seconds pause)*

- d) Ocean’s videos, published online, are recorded by her Mother.

Tick the correct box now. *(4 seconds pause)*

**Now you will hear the short passage again. Listen carefully.**

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**Listen to the sentences again. You may finish this task as you listen.**

*(The sentences are read a second time)*

*(Include a 4 second pause after each number)*

**Exercise 1** Fill in each blank with a word.

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Tick the correct box now. *(4 seconds pause)*

You now have some time to check your answers. *(Allow 30 seconds)*

This is the end of Task One. *(Allow a 30 second pause between Task 1 and Task 2)*

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## Procedures for Task Two

Look at the three exercises for Task Two.

*(Allow a 50 second pause while students familiarise themselves with the three exercises.)*

Listen carefully. You will hear the reading twice.

If you wish you may start the exercises as you listen.

### Turtles have hatched in Golden Bay

On August first, a mother turtle was observed lumbering up the beach to lay her eggs in Golden Bay. That part of the beach was closed off and monitored by environmentalists day and night. The *Times of Malta* quoted officials saying that the storms that lashed the islands over the weekend could mean an early hatching. However the rain could also bring the risk of drowning the fragile eggs. There was also concern about lights at the bay.

In spite of this, everything appeared normal last night as sixty-six turtles hatched in pitch darkness. These made their way to the sea after fifty-six days of incubation. Environmentalists celebrated in silence. Lights were kept to a minimum as soon as movement was detected at about two in the morning. But since there was no moonlight, environmentalists used special infrared lights to guide the young turtles to sea. They feared they could be disoriented by the lights of the hotel. Over the past weeks volunteers dug a trench from the nest to the sea to help the hatchlings on their way.

Last night's event was monitored by officials from Nature Trust and the Environment Authority. The police closed off the area and nobody was allowed near. At ten minutes past four in the morning, when it was thought that the hatching episode was over, a last hatchling emerged and made its way to sea. The entire operation continued till about twenty minutes past four in the morning, after which a thorough check was made around the bay for any stranded hatchlings, but none were found.

Hopefully a good number of these turtles will reach adulthood and return to Malta, to nest again in 25 to 30 years' time. In 2012 a loggerhead turtle laid eggs at Ġnejna Bay. This was the first recorded nesting in decades. Those eggs never hatched. Environmental authorities concluded they had become water-logged due to the underlying blue clay.

Loggerhead turtles tend to lay between three and six nests a season, with up to one hundred and thirty eggs in each nest. Female turtles eventually return to the beach where they were born to lay their own eggs. The turtles are classified as globally endangered by the International Union for the Conservation of Nature. Capturing or killing, as well as deliberately disturbing turtles or their eggs, is prohibited by law.

Adapted from: *Times of Malta online www.timesofmalta.com* Thursday, September 29, 2016

**Listen to the exercises and complete them.**

*(Include the 4 seconds pause after each sentence)*

## TASK 2

**Exercise 1** Fill in with one word to complete each sentence.

a) Environmentalists monitored that part of the \_\_\_\_\_ day and night.

*(4 seconds pause)*

b) Officials said that the \_\_\_\_\_ that lashed the islands over the weekend could mean an early hatching. *(4 seconds pause)*

c) The fragile eggs could drown by the \_\_\_\_\_. *(4 seconds pause)*

d) Sixty-six turtles hatched in pitch \_\_\_\_\_ and made their way to the sea. *(4 seconds pause)*

**Exercise 2** Tick (✓) the best phrase.

**Number 1.** The eggs hatched after

a) thirty-six days of incubation.

b) fifty-six days of incubation.

c) twenty-six days of incubation. *(4 seconds pause)*

**Number 2.** Movement from the hatchlings was detected at about

a) four in the morning.

b) eleven in the evening.

c) two in the morning. *(4 seconds pause)*

**Number 3.** To guide the young turtles to sea environmentalists used

a) fire torches.

b) special infrared lights.

c) coloured floodlights. *(4 seconds pause)*



**Number 4.** At ten minutes past four in the morning

- a) the hatching episode was over.
- b) a last hatchling emerged and made its way to the sea.
- c) the police closed off the area and nobody was allowed near. *(4 seconds pause)*

**Exercise 3** Tick (✓) the correct box in the table below. TRUE, FALSE or No Information Given (NIG).

a) The event was monitored by officials from Nature Trust and the Environment Authority.

Tick the correct box now. *(4 seconds pause)*

b) In 2012, a loggerhead turtle laid eggs at Golden Bay.

Tick the correct box now. *(4 seconds pause)*

c) Loggerhead turtles tend to eat jelly fish and squids.

Tick the correct box now. *(4 seconds pause)*

d) To capture or kill turtles is prohibited by law.

Tick the correct box now. *(4 seconds pause)*

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(The text is read a second time.)

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Tick the correct box now. *(10 seconds pause)*

**You now have time to check your answers. *(Allow 1 minute)***

**This is the end of Task Two and the end of the Listening Examination.**

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