

Read the text and answer the questions.

The pilot who was never paid

One of the most famous life-savers in history saved thousands of lives and many ships. This swimmer and navigator first appeared at the end of the nineteenth century. For more than twenty years he guided ships through dangerous waters. The incredible life-saver could not read or write, had no training and worked for nothing. The sailors called him Jack, and he was a dolphin. Near the coast of New Zealand, there is a very dangerous passage through the D'urville Islands called French pass. French pass had a bad reputation until Jack arrived. Then for over twenty years, it was safe. For all those years, twenty-four hours a day, Jack met passing ships. He swam along at the side of the ship for miles, playing and jumping into the air, then diving under the ship and appearing on the other side. But when the ship reached the entrance to French pass, Jack swam in front of the ship and stayed there, indicating the only safe channel through the pass, until the ship was on the other side.

In 1903, a passenger on board the Penguin drank too much and fired a gun at Jack. The sailors were angry and wanted to throw him into the sea, but the captain stopped them. Jack wasn't seen for two weeks and everybody thought he was dead. Then, one morning, he appeared again. After he was shot at by a passenger on the Penguin, Jack never met that ship again – the only ship he refused to accompany. With only a human pilot to guide it, the Penguin hit some underwater rocks in the pass a few years later and was lost. Jack probably died of old age in 1912, but he wasn't forgotten. The story of his life-saving ability is recorded on a statue erected to his memory on the beach of Wellington.

1. This story is about a dolphin that helped ships many years ago.
 - a) True
 - b) False
 - c) Doesn't say

2. Jack was trained to guide ships through French Pass.
 - a) True
 - b) False
 - c) Doesn't say

3. Before Jack's arrival many ships did not go through French Pass because it was too dangerous
 - a) True
 - b) False
 - c) Doesn't say

4. A passenger on board the Penguin got drunk and shot the dolphin dead.
 - a) True
 - b) False
 - c) Doesn't say

5. The sailors on the Penguin wanted to kill the passenger who shot at Jack

- a) True
- b) False
- c) Doesn't say

6. A few years after the incident the Penguin was shipwrecked.

- a) True
- b) False
- c) Doesn't say

7. The Penguin sank in French Pass.

- a) True
- b) False
- c) Doesn't say

8. Unfortunately, now only very few people know the story of the dolphin.

- a) True
- b) False
- c) Doesn't say

For each question, choose which of the four possible answers fits the space best and write THE CORRECT LETTER into the blank.

9. He decided to take rooms in Longwood House, _____ he knew he could not really afford the rent.

- A. in spite of B. regardless C. although D. besides

10. If you make a mistake, _____ and write the correct solution clearly

- A. Cross it out B. fill it in C. hang it up D. sort it out

11. More expensive doesn't always mean better. The cheaper drugs are just as _____ in treating arthritis.

- A. useful B. reliable C. acceptable D. effective

12. He's an expert photographer. He takes really good photos _____ wild animals.

- A. for B. of C. with D. at

13. I think _____ you did something wrong, you should always say sorry.

- A. so B. and C. but D. if

14. You will find the contact details at the bottom of the page, right _____ the last passage.

- A. less B. below C. about D. near

15. His uncle is in hospital now. He was taken there after a _____ heart attack.

- A. suspended B. reputed C. suspected D. alleged

16. French Pass is a narrow and treacherous stretch of water that separates D'Urville Island _____ the mainland coast.

- A. by B. to C. from D. around

Choose correct explanation for words in CAPITALS.

17. The girls watch the tape so they can RELIVE their victory against UCLA.
A. The girls watch the tape to get over their victory against UCLA.
B. The girls watch the tape to refresh their memory about certain details of their victory against UCLA
C. The girls watch the tape to experience their victory against UCLA once again.
18. The kingdom PREDATES other African cultures by over 3,000 years.
A. The kingdom appeared over 3,000 years later than other African cultures.
B. The kingdom along with other African cultures existed for over 3,000 years.
C. The kingdom existed over 3,000 years earlier than other African cultures.
19. The picture has been loaned for an INDEFINITE period to the National Gallery.
A. The picture has been loaned for a very short period of time.
B. The National Gallery will always have the picture.
C. It hasn't been arranged for exactly how long the picture is going to stay at the National Gallery.

Fill in the blanks using the correct form of the words given.

e.g. After moving to a country house, she found the real HAPPINESS. (HAPPY)

20. The best _____ for a cold is to rest and drink lots of fluids. (TREAT)
21. Starting up your own business involves _____ risks. (CONSIDER)
22. The paperless office may one day become a _____. (REAL)
23. Industrial relations should be free from state _____. (INTERFERE)
24. The ability to give clear _____ is the most important quality of the ideal teacher. (EXPLAIN)
25. Several people were injured in a bomb _____. (EXPLODE)
27. State pensions become _____ to women at age 60. (PAY)
28. When you get something wrong, it can shake your _____ in yourself. (BELIEVE)