

IELTS LISTENING – Alice say about the Dolphin Conservation Trust? S18T2

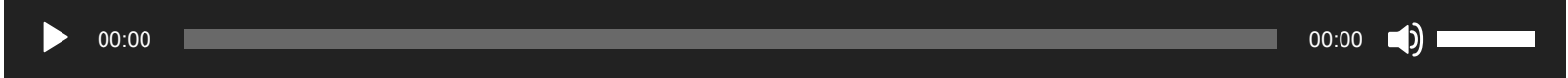


IELTS Listening Alice say about the Dolphin Conservation Trust? listening practice test has 10 questions belongs to the Leisure & Entertainment subject.

INTERVIEWER: Today we're pleased to have on the show Alice Bussell from the Dolphin Conservation Trust. Tell us about the Trust, Alice.

ALICE: Well, obviously its purpose is to protect dolphins in seas all around the world.

It tries to raise people's awareness of the problems these marine creatures are suffering because of pollution and other threats. It started ten years ago and it's one of the fastest-growing animal charities in the country – although it's still fairly small compared with the big players in animal protection.



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Questions 11 - 12

Choose **TWO** letters, A - E.

Which **TWO** things does Alice say about the Dolphin Conservation Trust?

☐ A. Children make up most of the membership

☐ B. It's the country's largest conservation organisation

☐ C. It helps finance campaigns for changes in fishing practices

☐ D. It employs several dolphin experts full-time

☐ E. Volunteers help in various ways

Questions 13 - 15

Choose the correct letter, A, B, or C

13. Why is Alice so pleased the Trust has won the Charity Commission award?

☐ A. It has brought in extra money

☐ B. It made the work of the trust better known

☐ C. It has attracted more members

14. Alice says oil exploration causes problems to dolphins because of ...

☐ A. noise

☐ B. oil leaks

☐ C. movement of ships

15. Alice became interested in dolphins when

☐ A. she saw one swimming near her home

☐ B. she heard a speaker at her school

☐ C. she read a book about them

We are particularly proud of the work we do in education – last year we visited a huge number of schools in different parts of the country, going round to talk to children and young people aged from five to eighteen. In fact, about thirty-five percent of our members are children. **Q11 The charity uses its money to support campaigns – for example, for changes in fishing policy and so forth.**

It hopes soon to be able to employ its first full-time biologist – with dolphin expertise – to monitor populations. Of course, many people give their services on a voluntary basis and **Q12 we now have volunteers working in observation. office work and other things.**

I should also tell you about the award we won from the Charity Commission last year – for our work in education. Although it's not meant an enormous amount of money for us, **Q13 it has made our activities even more widely publicized and understood.**

In the long term it may not bring in extra members but we're hoping it'll have this effect.

INTERVIEWER: Is it possible to see dolphins in UK waters?

ALICE: Yes. In several locations. And we have a big project in the east part of Scotland. This has long been a haven for dolphins because it has very little shipping. However, that may be about to change soon because oil companies want to increase exploration there. We're campaigning against this because, although there'll be little pollution from oil, **Q14 exploration creates a lot of underwater noise.**

It means the dolphins can't rest and socialize. This is how I became interested in dolphin conservation in the first place. I had never seen one and I hadn't been particularly interested in them at school. **Q15 Then I came across this story about a family of dolphins who had to leave their home in the Moray Firth because of the oil companies and about a child who campaigned to save them. I couldn't put the book down – I was hooked.**

INTERVIEWER: I'm sure our listeners will want to find out what they can do to help. You mentioned the 'Adopt a Dolphin' scheme. Can you tell us about that?

Questions 16 - 20

Which dolphin does Alice make each of the following comments about?

Choose the correct letter, A, B, C or D, next to questions 16 - 20.

Dolphins

A. Moon dancer

B. Echo

C. Kiwi

D. Samson

Comments

16. It has not been seen this year

17. It is photographed more than the others

18. It is always very energetic

19. It is the newest one in the scheme

20. It has an unusual shape

ALICE: Of course! People can choose one of our dolphins to sponsor. They receive a picture of it and news updates. I'd like to tell you about four which are currently being adopted by our members: Moondancer, Echo, Kiwi, and Samson. Unfortunately. **Q16 Echo is being rather elusive this year and hasn't yet been sighted by our observers** but we remain optimistic that he'll be out there soon. All the others have been out in force – Samson, and Moondancer are often photographed together but it is **Q17 Kiwi who's our real 'character' as she seems to love coming up close for the cameras and we've captured her on film hundreds of times.** They all have their own personalities – Moondancer is very elegant and curves out and into the water very smoothly, whereas **Q18 Samson has a lot of energy – he's always leaping out of the water with great vigour.**

You'd probably expect him to be the youngest – he's not quite – that's Kiwi – but **Q19 Samson's the latest of our dolphins to be chosen for the scheme.**

Kiwi makes a lot of noise so we can often pick her out straight away. Echo and Moondancer are noisy too, but **Q20 Moondancer's easy to find because she has a particularly large fin on her back, which makes her easy to identify.** so, yes, they're all very different...

INTERVIEWER: Well, they sound a fascinating group ...

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