READING

1 Look at the picture below. In pairs, write down three things you know about pandas. Read the article once to check your ideas.

2 Are these sentences right (✓) or wrong (✗)?

1 The writer helped to look after giant pandas on her trip.
2 It's possible to find wild pandas in several countries.
3 Pandas only eat bamboo.
4 Baby pandas are very light when they are born.
5 Pandas start eating bamboo at the age of 18 months.
6 Scientists know exactly how many wild pandas there are.
7 It's possible to see a panda in Mexico.

Learning about the

GIANT PANDA

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When I planned my trip to China, one of things I really wanted to do was to work at the Dujiangyan Panda Base in Chengdu. I spent seven days there, looking after the pandas, giving them food and cleaning their enclosures.

While I was there, I learned a lot about pandas. Wild pandas live in bamboo forests, high in the mountains of central China. In the past, they also lived in other parts of China and in Myanmar and Vietnam, but they don't any more. They spend about 12 hours a day eating bamboo, but they sometimes eat other plants or small animals. At Dujiangyan, we also gave them fruit, like apples, and special panda cakes made of rice, eggs and flour and other things.

Adult giant pandas weigh between 75 and 135 kilograms. Females usually only have one baby panda, or cub, at a time. The cubs only weigh about 85 grams when they are born! The little cub drinks milk for about four months and then begins to eat bamboo. Young pandas stay with their mothers for around 18 months.

Scientists think there are now between 1,500 and 2,000 pandas in the wild. This is a low number, but it's double what it was in the 1970s. The reason the number is going up is because of all the work scientists are doing at places like the Dujiangyan panda base in Chengdu. There are also about 325 pandas in zoos in a number of different countries, including the United States, Mexico, Japan and Germany.



VOCABULARY Animals

14 **3** EP Match the words in the box to the photos A–J. Listen and check. Then repeat.





















dolphin elephant giraffe
monkey parrot penguin
polar bear snake
tiger whale

4 Answer the questions about the animals in Exercise 3.

1 Where do the animals come from?
2 Where do they live (sea, mountains, forest)?
3 Which are dangerous?
4 Look at each photo carefully. Are the animals in a zoo or are they wild?
5 How many other animals can you name in English?

TALKING POINTS

What are your five favourite animals?
Why do you like them?
How often do you go to zoos?
Do you like them?

READING

1 **Read the email from Violetta to her cousin. Choose the correct answers.**

1 Violetta is *younger* / *older* than her brother.
2 Violetta wants to help *people* / *animals*.
3 Violetta is going to change things in her life because of *the book* / *her brother*.
4 Violetta knows *nothing* / *some things* about what Lucia likes.

2 **Read the email from Violetta again. There are four sentences missing. Choose the correct place in the email for sentences A–E. There is one extra sentence that you don't need.**

A I love animals and I want to know more about how I can help them.
B I'd like to read one of her stories.
C He's at university, studying animal sciences.
D I wrote one last week and he loved it.
E For example, I can stop buying plastic bottles of water, and I can stop using plastic shopping bags.

Hi Lucia,

Thanks for your email. It was good to hear how you are and what you're doing. I love reading too, but I don't know your favourite writer's books. [1] _____

At the moment, I'm reading a book called *Fast Changing World*. It's not mine; it belongs to my brother. [2] _____ I don't understand everything in the book; it's for older students, but it's very interesting. It's about what's happening to our planet and how we're losing lots of wild animals and plants because we don't look after our forests, lakes, rivers and seas.

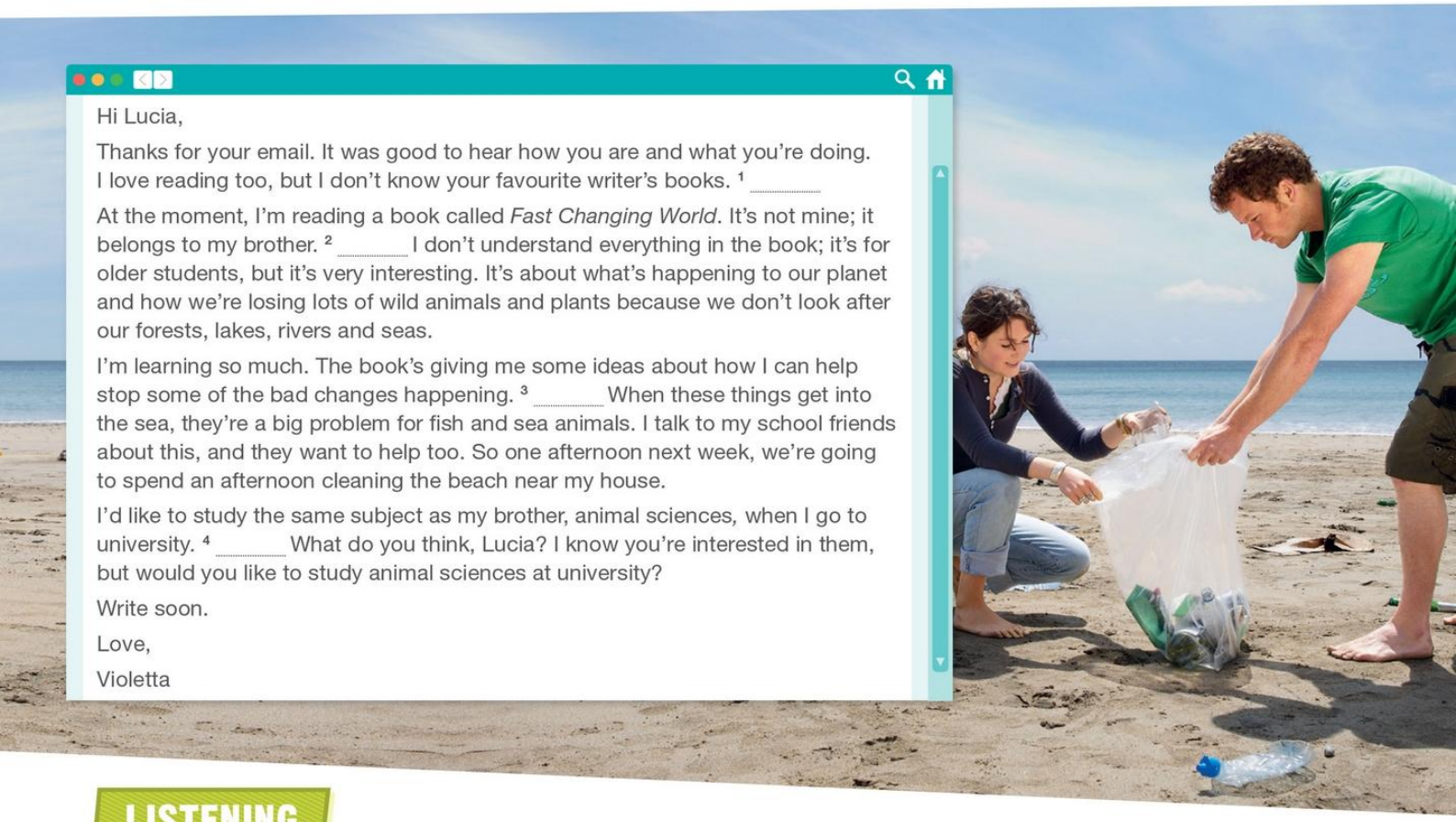
I'm learning so much. The book's giving me some ideas about how I can help stop some of the bad changes happening. [3] _____ When these things get into the sea, they're a big problem for fish and sea animals. I talk to my school friends about this, and they want to help too. So one afternoon next week, we're going to spend an afternoon cleaning the beach near my house.

I'd like to study the same subject as my brother, animal sciences, when I go to university. [4] _____ What do you think, Lucia? I know you're interested in them, but would you like to study animal sciences at university?

Write soon.

Love,

Violetta



LISTENING

PREPARE FOR THE EXAM

Listening Part 5

1 **For each question, choose the correct answer.**

02 **You will hear Martha talking to a friend about a trip to the zoo. Which animal was each person most interested in?**

People		What they liked best	
0 brother	*E*	**A** bears	**E** monkeys
1 sister	☐	**B** dolphins	**F** penguins
2 dad	☐	**C** elephants	**G** snakes
3 mum	☐	**D** giraffes	**H** wild dogs
4 grandad	☐		
5 grandma	☐		

EXAM TIPS

- Always read the instructions, the questions (1–5) and all the answer options (A–H) before you listen.
- You can only use an answer A–H once. Remember you can't use the example!