

At Last Blast Off!

1. SpaceX
2. It was postponed due to bad weather.
3. The next day
4. 1) It was the first time that astronauts have left Earth from the USA for 9 years.
2) It was also the first time that astronauts have been taken into space by a private company.
5. NASA has been using Russian rockets to take its astronauts up to the ISS.
6. The journalist compares this to buying seats on an aeroplane.
7. £43 million
8. *Any acceptable reason that is justified by evidence from the text.*
e.g.
 - a. "I do not think that 'space tourism' will happen because most people won't be able to afford £43 million per ticket. I would love to go into space but not for that much money!"
 - b. "I think that 'space tourism' will happen because if people have seen that it works and is safe for the astronauts then they will also want the opportunity to do something that they could previously only dream of. I would love to go into space as it something that not many people have done."

Beetle Watch

1. It is called a stag beetle because the males have 'antlers' which they use to battle other males and impress the females - just like stags.
2. The PTES is asking for our help to spot stag beetles.
3. The insect is a larvae for up to seven years.
The insect is only a beetle for a few weeks.
4. 1. Egg 2. Larva 3. Cocoon 4. Beetle
5. This time of year is 'stag beetle season' because in May and June the adult beetles emerge in order to find a mate.
6. The best time to try and spot a stag beetle is on a warm, summer's evening when the insects like to fly around.
7. The writer says that you shouldn't worry about their 'antlers' as they don't bite.
8. E.g. I think that the journalist likes the insects because he uses phrases such as 'rare and magnificent creatures', 'iconic insect' and 'sadly now quite rare' which reveals his their positive feelings towards them.

Marine discoveries

1.
 - 1) Lobsters
 - 2) The Dumbo octopus
 - 3) Scale worms
2. The discovery of the worms and the octopus were similar because they were both found in the deep sea.
3. The creatures make a rasping sound by rubbing their antennae (feelers) against a rough spot beneath their eyes.
4. A harsh, grating noise
5.
 - 1) glittery and glamorous
 - 2) spangly
 - 3) shiny scales look like the sequins on some of the singer's [Elvis'] suits
6. The writer says that their behaviour is not so glamorous because they were 'wiggling then fighting and biting each other'.
7. Spangly = shiny and glittery
Teeming = full of creatures
Trench = a deep valley at the bottom of the sea
Antenna = the feelers on a creature

8.

Nickname	Reason for the nickname
Dumbo octopus	It has ear-like fins, which make it look a bit like the famous Disney elephant.
Elvis worms	Their shiny scales look like the sequins on some of the singer's [Elvis'] suits

Lobster - any reasonable nickname that is based on evidence from the text.
e.g. The megaphone lobster because it is really loud.

News in Pictures

1. ENGLAND = Cliff fall
SPAIN = Sand sculptures
WALES = Record-breaking weather
2. Andori Bastarrika is a sand sculpture artist who made a bull lying on a beach.
3. Lifelike is the adjective used that has a similar meaning to 'realistic'.
4. The water is so low in the reservoir because it has been the driest May in England ever recorded and the second driest in Wales. On top of that, it's been the sunniest spring on record in the UK.
5. The most powerful fact is: 'Only three summers have been sunnier than the spring we've just had.'
6. The family weren't in the house because they left when an earlier fall had caused the road to collapse.
7. Lucky escape is the best answer because it is a short, catchy headline that best describes what happened alongside the picture. *(However, as long as children have attempted to justify their answer then give them credit)*
8. The words are what give the details in the story such as where it was, who was involved and what happened so they are definitely needed. The images add to the story and allow you to picture it better.

The Kent Cliff Fall picture is probably the picture that gives you the most detail as to what happened as you can see a house hanging off a cliff. The Gipuzkoa, Spain picture is the one that you need the most as it would be really difficult to imagine this without the image - it really does look like a real bull!