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Grammar in the News

Zoo Shoots and Kills Gorilla

- **Complete the paragraph by circling the correct words.**

On Saturday 28 May, 2016, a 4-year-old boy was with **(1)**_____ family at the Cincinnati Zoo in Ohio, in the United States. Unfortunately, at about 4 p.m., **(2)**_____ young boy fell into the area **(3)**_____ a large, adult male gorilla lived. The child **(4)**_____ with the gorilla for ten minutes when zoo workers shot and killed the animal with a gun. The gorilla **(5)**_____ attack the boy, but the gorilla, named Harambe, was 17 years old **(6)**_____ weighed about 400 pounds (181 kilograms). That means the animal was about ten times **(7)**_____ than the boy. In addition, the gorilla was “violently dragging and throwing the child”. One visitor **(8)**_____ that, “everybody started screaming and going crazy.” Therefore, the situation was a very **(9)**_____ one, and zoo workers say it was the right decision to kill the gorilla. However, the gorilla was a Lowland Gorilla from Africa and **(10)**_____ now very few of them left in the wild. The boy was between the gorilla’s legs when it was shot, but now he is **(11)**_____ hospital. He needs medical care, but doctors **(12)**_____ that he should get better.

- 1.**
 (A) he’s
 (B) his
 (C) him

- 2.**
 (A) the
 (B) a
 (C) an

- 3.**
 (A) where
 (B) what
 (C) who

- 4.**
 (A) was
 (B) were
 (C) is

- 5.**
 (A) wasn’t
 (B) weren’t
 (C) didn’t

- 6.**
 (A) and
 (B) because
 (C) so

- 7.**
 (A) large
 (B) largest
 (C) larger

- 8.**
 (A) saying
 (B) say
 (C) said

- 9.**
 (A) dangerous
 (B) danger
 (C) dangerously

- 10.**
 (A) there are
 (B) there is
 (C) there

- 11.**
 (A) on
 (B) in
 (C) to

- 12.**
 (A) says
 (B) say
 (C) saying

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Vocabulary Practice

- **Match the words on the left with the meanings on the right.**

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| 1. adult | <u> C </u> | A. a certain place |
| 2. unfortunately | <u> </u> | B. used to describe medicine and hospitals |
| 3. area | <u> </u> | C. fully grown; not a baby or child |
| 4. attack | <u> </u> | D. not cared for by humans; in a natural area |
| 5. going crazy | <u> </u> | E. panicking; not staying calm and relaxed |
| 6. screaming | <u> </u> | F. action used to damage or hurt things or people |
| 7. in the wild | <u> </u> | G. sad to say something bad happened |
| 8. medical | <u> </u> | H. shouting |

How Much Do You Understand?

- **Write 'T' (True) or 'F' (False) next to each statement.**

1. The boy was 17 years old.
2. This news happened in the morning.
3. The boy's name was Harambe.
4. Zoo visitors stayed calm and relaxed.
5. The boy was very close to the gorilla when workers killed it.
6. The gorilla died, but the boy didn't die.

Discuss

- **Discuss the following questions with your classmates.**

1. Do you think killing the gorilla was the right decision? Why? / Why not?
2. Do you think that it's okay to keep wild animals in zoos? Why? / Why not?
3. Do you think the boy's parents should pay any money to the zoo?
Why? / Why not?

Grammar Focus adjectives; articles; comparative adjectives; conjunctions; past simple; possessive pronouns; prepositions; present simple; relative clauses; there is / there are

Level Intermediate

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|------|-------|
| 1. B | 7. C |
| 2. A | 8. C |
| 3. A | 9. A |
| 4. A | 10. A |
| 5. C | 11. B |
| 6. A | 12. B |

ANSWER KEY Page 2

● **Vocabulary Match**

1. C
2. G
3. A
4. F
5. E
6. H
7. D
8. B

● **How Much Do You Understand?**

1. F (*He was 4 years old.*)
2. F (*It happened at 4 o'clock in the afternoon.*)
3. F (*The gorilla's name was Harambe.*)
4. F (*The visitors screamed and went crazy.*)
5. T
6. T

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