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UNIT 11 RECORDING 1

P = Presenter, C = Charlotte

P: Hello ... in our programme today we're talking about intelligent animals. Charlotte Golding is an animal expert and she studies animals ... especially different kinds of extremely intelligent animals. Good morning, Charlotte.

C: Good morning.

P: So, tell us about some of the animals you study ... What kinds of things can they do?

C: Well, most people know that whales and dolphins are very intelligent ... they really can do some amazing things. They often work together in large groups to catch their food ... They speak to each other by making noises ...

P: Yes, that shows great intelligence ...

C: And other animals that can speak are African grey parrots ... They can learn to copy humans and to speak like them.

P: That's incredible ...!

C: Yes, and some of them can answer questions about things ...

P: Wow!

C: Dogs too ... are very good at communicating generally ... and some of them are very good at remembering things as well. One dog I studied can remember the names of thousands of things ... and he can go and get whichever thing his owner asks ... It's really amazing ... Thousands of them!

P: Wow! I find it difficult to remember names!

C: Yes ... well, talking of remembering things ... One animal ... one of my personal favourites ... is a chimpanzee ...

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P: A chimpanzee?

C: Yes, he can remember sequences of numbers ... He looks at a computer screen showing a sequence of numbers, from 1 to 10, for example, in different places on the screen ... And when numbers disappear, he can remember exactly where each number was ...

P: That's amazing!

C: Yes, and what's really amazing is that he only looks at the numbers for sixty milliseconds ... When I tried it, I didn't have time to even see all the numbers ... There was no chance to remember them at all!

P: No, I'm sure I couldn't do that either ...

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50

100

120

240

1,500

8,500

10,000

20,000

32 million

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- 1 The approximate number of active volcanoes in the world is 1,500.
- 2 The country with the largest number of active volcanoes is Indonesia, with over 120.
- 3 The approximate top speed of a killer whale is nearly 50 kilometres per hour.
- 4 The average distance that killer whales swim every year is 20,000 kilometres.
- 5 The height of some giant redwood trees in California is over one hundred metres.
- 6 Camels can survive without water in temperatures of 50°Celsius for approximately 240 hours.
- 7 The average weight of a male African elephant is 8,500 kilograms.
- 8 The approximate rat population of New York City is 32 million.
- 9 Damascus in Syria is perhaps the world's oldest city – it is 10,000 years old.

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South Africa is really a fantastic country to visit. It's one of the most beautiful and diverse countries in the world. We have deserts, grassland, mountains, tropical forests ... There aren't many countries in the world where you can see all these amazing things. But if you only have a little time, here are four places you really must visit! One city that a lot of people want to visit is Cape Town. It's a beautiful, beautiful city ... by the sea. And you can see the famous Table Mountain, where you will find a lot of different varieties of plants ... in fact, there are about 2,200 species of plants...that's more than the whole of the UK!

The Tugela Falls are in the Royal Natal National Park in the east part of the country. The Tugela Falls is the second highest waterfall in the world, and the highest in Africa ... the water falls 850m ... it's incredible to see!

Of course, in South Africa we have a lot of amazing wildlife, and the Kruger National Park is the place to see it ... We have a huge number of bird species – more than 500 in fact – and nearly 150 animal species. And you can find elephants, rhinoceros, zebra. My favourite is the cheetah, the fastest animal in the world ... Did you know a cheetah can run at 100 kilometres per hour? There isn't much chance of winning that race! That's fast!

There aren't any active volcanoes in South Africa, but there are a few dormant volcanoes ... for example, the Salpeterkop volcano. It's 66 million years old ... and it's not officially extinct! These are just a few of the fantastic places you can visit in South Africa. There are many more that I don't have time to tell you about. The best thing is to come and see us here in South Africa ... You're very welcome!

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A: OK ... so, number one ... the category is 'Countries' ... Question number one ... Where is the River Ganges?

B: Um ... let's look at the possible answers ... India ... or China ...? Err ... what do you think?

A: I think it's in India ...

B: I'm not sure ... but I think it's India, yes.

A: OK ... number two ... the category is 'History' ... and the question is: Who became President of Russia on 26th March 2000?

B: I've got no idea!

A: I don't know either. Let's look at the possible answers ... OK, it says ... umm ... Boris Yeltsin or ... Vladimir Putin ... ?

B: Well, I think it's Boris Yeltsin ... yes ... Boris Yeltsin ...

A: OK. Let's say that ... Yeltsin. Now ... Number three ... 'Science' ... How many kilometres are there in one mile?

B: I know this one. It's definitely 1.6 ... There are 1.6 kilometres in a mile.

A: Yes, that sounds right ... and 1.6 is one of the possible answers. Number four ... this one is also 'Science' ... How far is it from the Earth to the sun?

B: Oh ... umm ... what are the possible answers?

A: Well ... 50 million kilometres ... or 150 million kilometres ...? What do you think?

B: Errr ... I don't know ... maybe 50 million kilometres?

A: I've got no idea ... so ... OK ... let's say 50 million.

B: Great. OK ... Number five ... 'Sport' ... When did Spain win the World Cup? Do you know this one?

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- A:** Yes! They won it in 2010 – it was in South Africa, and they beat the Netherlands 1–0 ...
yes, I know this one ... it's definitely 2010.
- B:** Next one ... number six ... Countries ... What is the capital of Peru? Umm ... Bogotá?
Or ... Lima? ...