

# Questions – Newsreel 1

## Death threats for rhino hunter

1 How did Corey Knowlton obtain a permit to hunt a black rhino?

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2 In which African country will he hunt the rhino?

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3 Black rhinos are an \_\_\_\_\_ species.

4 How does the government say the 350,000 dollars will be used?

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## EU citizenship “for sale”

1 Politicians in Malta plan to sell citizenship for how much money per person.

- A 650,000 pounds
- B 650,000 dollars
- C 650,000 Euros

2 True or false? By paying the fee you would automatically receive a Maltese passport?

- True
- False

3 Why does the government in Malta believe it’s a good idea?

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4 Malta is the smallest country in the EU by both \_\_\_\_\_  
and \_\_\_\_\_ .



With a European Union passport you can live and work in any EU country.

## Australia feels the heat

1 There's a \_\_\_\_\_ in some parts of Australia with temperatures reaching over 40 degrees Celcius.

2 In which city is the Australian Open tennis tournament being held?

- A Sydney
- B Melbourne
- C Perth

3 True or false? Some matches have been postponed.

- True
- False

4 What did Caroline Wozniacki say at the press conference?

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## Teenager treks to South Pole

1 A \_\_\_\_\_ teenager has become the youngest person ever to reach to the South Pole.

2 How old is Lewis Clarke?

\_\_\_\_\_

3 It was a ..... expedition

A thorough

B tough

C rough

4 What does Lewis have to do now he has finished the trek?

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\_\_\_\_\_

## Translation time

1 Critics say people from outside Europe should not be able to buy a Maltese passport that gives them the right to live and work in any other EU country.

2 Knowing that I don't have to get up at 7(o'clock) tomorrow morning and ski for nine hours, pulling a heavy sled through all those nasty conditions - I'd say relief is probably the right word for it.

## Grammar grill

### 1 Superlatives

"Some matches have been suspended in the middle of the day when the temperatures are at their **highest**."

"A British teenager has become the **youngest** person ever to reach to the South Pole."

Form the superlative of the following adjectives– beware that some are irregular!

- a). big
- b.) happy
- c). beautiful
- d). tall
- e). good
- f). heavy
- g). bad
- h). long
- g). far

## **2 Fewer or less?**

There are fewer than 450,000 black rhinos left in the world today.

Or

There are less than 450,000 black rhinos left in the world today.

### ***The rules:***

Use fewer Use fewer if you're referring to people or things in the plural.

Use less when you're referring to something that can't be counted or doesn't have a plural.

### **Fill in the blanks:**

- a). People these days are buying ..... newspapers.
- b). It's a better job but they pay you ..... money.
- c). ..... students are choosing to study science.
- d). People want to spend ..... time in traffic jams

## **10-minute exercise**

English is one of the official languages of Malta – find out why!

## **The big debate**

Should hunting be legal or not? What is the case for and against hunting?

## Answers

### Death threats for rhino hunter

- 1 Corey Knowlton paid 350,000 dollars and won the permit in an auction
- 2 Namibia
- 3 endangered
- 4 The Namibian government say the money will be used for conservation work to protect the black rhino in the future

### EU citizenship "for sale"

- 1 C - 650,000 Euros
- 2 true
- 3 Because it will bring investment and business people to the country
- 4 size and population

### Australia feels the heat

- 1 heatwave
- 2 B - Melbourne
- 3 true
- 4 She said she put her (water) bottle down on court and it started to melt a little underneath.

### Teenager treks to South Pole

- 1 British
- 2 16
- 3 B - tough
- 4 Now he has to catch up with his schoolwork.

### Translation time

- 1 Kritiska röster menar att icke EU-medborgare inte ska få köpa ett Maltesiskt pass som ger dem rätten att bo och arbeta i EU.
- 2 Att veta att jag inte behöver gå upp klockan sju i morgon och skida i nio timmar släpandes på ett tungt släde i tuffa förhållanden, jag tror att lättnad är det rätta ordet.

### Grammar grill

- 1
  - a). biggest
  - b.) happiest
  - c). the most beautiful
  - d). tallest
  - e). best
  - f). heaviest
  - g). worst
  - h). longest
  - g). furthest

**2**

- a). People these days are buying fewer newspapers.
- b). It's a better job but they pay you less money.
- c). Fewer students are choosing to study science.
- d). People want to spend less time in traffic jams