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When I was about 12, I had an enemy, a girl who liked to point out my shortcomings. Sometimes she said I was thin. Sometimes she said I was lazy. Other times she said I wasn't a good student. And still other times she said I talked too much, and so on. I tried to put up with her.

At last, I became very angry with her. With tears in my eyes, I ran to my father, who listened to me quietly and asked, "Are the things she said true or false? Mary, haven't you ever wondered what you're really like? Go and make a list of everything she said and mark the points that agree with her comments. Pay no attention to the things she said that don't concern you."

I did as he told me. Much to my surprise, I discovered that over half the things were true.

I brought the list back to my dad. He refused to take it. "That's just for you," he said. "You know better than anyone else the truth about yourself. When something said about you is true, you'll find it will be helpful to you. Don't shut your ears. Listen to them all, but hear the truth and do what you think is right."

Many years have passed. The situation often appears in my mind. In our life we often meet with some trouble and we often go to someone and ask for advice. Some advice you will treasure all your life!

21. What did the author's father do after he heard his daughter's complaints?

- A. He agreed with her "enemy".
- B. he let her continue to put up with her "enemy".
- C. He told her to write down what her "enemy" had said about her.
- D. He told her not to pay attention to what her "enemy" had said.

22. The author felt _____ when she did the things as her father had told her.

- A. angry
- B. surprised
- C. disappointed
- D. delighted

23. Which of the following can we know from the passage?

- A. The "enemy" thought the author was pretty.
- B. The "enemy" thought the author studied hard.
- C. The author couldn't put up with her "enemy".
- D. The author is grateful to her father.

24. Which of the following can be the best title of the passage?

- A. What People Say About You Is Always Right
- B. A Serious Criticism
- C. The Best Advice I Ever Had
- D. My Parents

2.

Dolphins are not fish, but warm-blooded animals. They live in groups, and speak to each other in their own language. In this way they are like other animals, such as bees and birds. But dolphins are very different from almost all land animals. Their brain is nearly the same size as our own, and they live a long time — at least twenty or thirty years.

Like some animals, dolphins use sound to help them find their way around. They also make these sounds to talk to each other and to help them find food. We now know they do not use their ears to receive these sounds, but the lower part of the mouth, called the jaw.

Strangely, dolphins seem to like man, and for thousands of years there have been stories about the dolphin and its friendship with human beings.

There is a story about sailors in the 19th century. In a dangerous part of the sea off the coast of New Zealand, they learnt to look for a dolphin called Jack. From 1871 to 1903 Jack met every boat in the area and showed it the way. Then in 1903 a passenger on a boat called The Penguin shot and wounded Jack. He recovered and for nine years more continued to guide all ships through the area — except for The Penguin.

Today, some people continue to kill dolphins, but many countries of the world now protect them and in these places it is against the law to kill them.

25. By telling the story of Jack, the author wanted to show that _____.

- A. people are cruel to animals
- B. dolphins are friendly and clever
- C. Jack is different from other dolphins
- D. dolphins should be protected by law

26. Dolphins are different from many other animals in that they _____.

- A. live in groups
- B. have their own language
- C. are warm-blooded
- D. have large brains