Using language

Attributive clauses (2)

1 Look at the sentences from the reading passage and answer the question.

a Eventually, it manages to reach the places **where it will spend the winter.**
b The solution… comes at a time **when it is in serious trouble.**
c Sadly, human activity is the main reason **why the number of monarch butterflies is falling.**

1 What do "where", "when" and "why" refer to in each sentence?

Compare them with the following sentences and answer the questions.

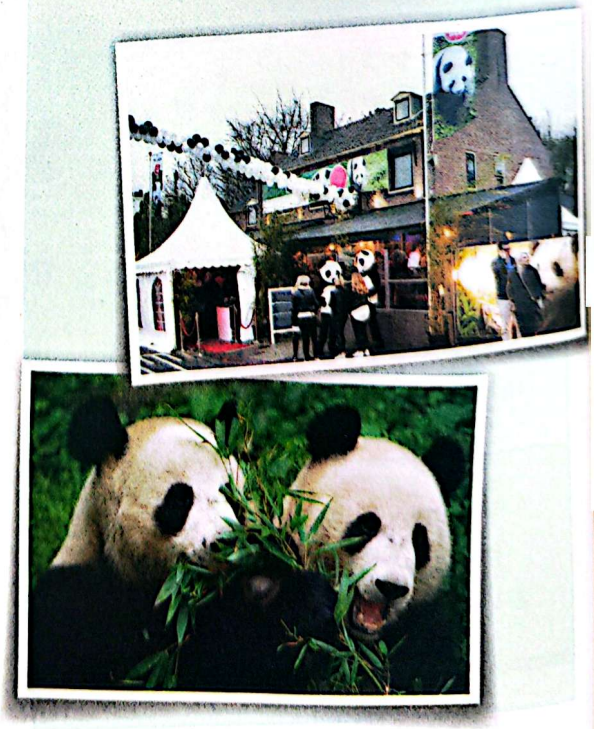
d Eventually, it manages to reach those places. It will spend the winter there.
e It is in serious trouble. The solution… comes at this time.
f Sadly, human activity is the main reason. For this reason, the number of monarch butterflies is falling.

2 What's the difference between the two groups of sentences?
3 Why does the author choose to use sentences (a), (b) and (c) in the reading passage?

Now look for more sentences with attributive clauses in the reading passage.

2 Read the passage and underline the words that *where*, *when* and *why* refer to.

In April 2017, two giant pandas from China arrived at a zoo in the Netherlands. There, they were welcomed to the Chinese-style compound **where** they were to live. On 30 May, after the preparations were complete, the day finally came **when** the pandas met their fans for the first time. People were excited – the zoo is the only place in the country **where** it is possible to see pandas. In fact, the last time there were pandas in the Netherlands was in 1987. And of course, the main reason **why** they were so excited is that pandas are just so cute!



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3 Complete the email with *where*, *when* or *why*.

From David Waters **To** Kay Silverman
Subject Back to nature

Hi Kay,

We're having an amazing time here in South Africa. Our accommodation is perfect. It is in a location [1]_____ we can watch animals wandering past on their way to the waterhole. Sunset is the time of day [2]_____ we sit on the balcony and count how many giraffes or antelopes we can see. I guess this is the reason [3]_____ this place is so popular. Next week, we are going to fly up to Zambia. That's one of the countries [4]_____ you can visit the famous Victoria Falls.

See you soon.

David

Animal idioms

4 Look at the pictures and complete the idioms with animal names.

1 as busy as a(n) _____

2 kill two _____ with one stone

3 When the cat's away, the _____ will play.

4 hold your _____

5 It's raining _____ and _____.



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