

Read for Meaning!

What can you discover about the Sanctuary volunteers?

STUDENT INTRODUCTION

- ▶ As well as a small permanent staff, the Donkey Sanctuary relies on a number of volunteers to help look after the donkeys and the farm.
- ▶ Colin works at the Isle of Wight Donkey Sanctuary and has been there longer than any of the other members of staff. He was recently interviewed about his job and below is a transcription of what he said, taken from the Donkey Sanctuary magazine.
- ▶ Notice how he gives extra information in his answers.



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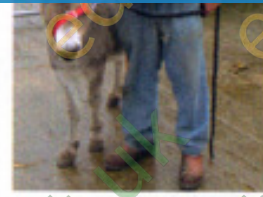
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Introduction

longest serving member of the staff. Colin has more stories to tell than most.

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trades' and repairs fencing, picks ragwort, talks to visitors and of course, feeds the donkeys.



1 HOW LONG HAVE YOU WORKED AT THE SANCTUARY?

Since 1993. I left a job working with the council and began my career with donkeys!

2 WHAT WAS YOUR FIRST TASK?

Making rabbit hutches! I was given the wood and I used my carpentry skills to build hutches. People gave us lots of rescued rabbits in those days and we re-homed them!

3 WHICH IS YOUR FAVOURITE DONKEY?

Dusty has always been my favourite. He is very kind and gentle! Seamus and Twiggy are the two who are usually mischievous with me.

4 WHAT ARE THE THREE THINGS YOU LIKE BEST ABOUT THE DONKEY SANCTUARY?

Friendly staff and volunteers – we work hard and enjoy the company of the animals. Talking to visitors, you meet lots of nice people here every day and they all support our work. Every day is different, you are just never sure what might happen on any given day!

5 WHAT IS THE HARDEST THING ABOUT LIFE AT THE DONKEY SANCTUARY?

Losing a donkey. You never get used to it, no matter how long you work here. You get close to the donkeys, know them really well and often over a long period of time. It is really upsetting when something happens to any of them.

6 WHEN YOU ARE NOT AT THE DONKEY SANCTUARY WHAT DO YOU DO TO RELAX?

I like gardening – I am really proud of my vegetables, though this year it hasn't been good for beetroot!

7 IF YOU DIDN'T WORK WITH DONKEYS, WHAT WOULD YOU DO?

I would be a builder; I am skilled joiner and carpenter. Maybe I could have been a ship's carpenter.

“ You get a warm welcome from friendly staff and meet very sweet donkeys. This place is run for the benefit of the donkeys and is well worth a visit and an hour of your day. Lee H ”

1.

Drama Starter

With a partner, read this aloud as if you were Colin and his interviewer.

Practise a few times and try to make it sound natural.

Note: Seamus is an Irish name and is pronounced *Shay-muss*.

2. Memory Challenge

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Now can you answer the questions without looking at the text?

- » Take it in turns responding as Colin.
- » You do not have to use exactly the same words, but try to give the same meaning for the answers.
- » The interviewer can still read the questions from the page.

Main Tasks

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First person pronouns: I, me, my, mine, we, us, our, ours

Second person pronouns: you, your, yours

Third person names, nouns and pronouns: it, its, he, him, his, she, her, hers, they, their, theirs

a) Most of this text has been written in the **first person**. Highlight 3 examples.

b) Using a different colour, highlight 3 examples of writing in the **second person**.

Do you notice a pattern?

Where is the second person mainly used?

c) Now highlight 3 examples of the **third person**.



4. Writing Task!

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Your task is to write an article about Colin using the third person.

PLAN

Paragraphs from the text	Sentences
Introduction	<i>Colin works at the Isle of Wight Donkey Sanctuary and has been there longer than any of the other members of staff.</i>
1	<i>He has worked at the Sanctuary since ...</i>
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Use information from the interview, but you don't need to use all of it.

You could use some quotes e.g. *Dusty has always been his favourite donkey. "He is very kind and gentle," says Colin.*

5. Final draft

- ✓ It is now time for you to check over your first draft, correct any mistakes or rewrite bits that don't sound right or don't make sense.
- ✓ When you are happy, use your best handwriting to write up the final draft!

