

Practice

1 Choose the correct words in *italics*. 4.31 Now listen and check.

- 1 Is there any chance of you *bringing* / *fetching* Clarissa from her piano lesson?
- 2 We'd better order a taxi to *bring* / *take* us to the airport next week.
- 3 Apparently the ambassador will *talk* / *speak* at the full assembly tomorrow.
- 4 Five modern masterpieces have been *stolen* / *robbed* from a gallery in Paris.
- 5 Since this government came into office, inflation has *raised* / *risen* four times.
- 6 After *lying* / *laying* the cloth on the ground, they leave it to dry in the hot sun.
- 7 My neighbour is such a chatterbox – she never stops *speaking* / *talking*!
- 8 I'll be able to join you once I've *made* / *done* these reports for my boss.
- 9 Whatever problems *raise* / *arise*, I'm sure you can deal with them.
- 10 Can you *take* / *bring* me a screwdriver? I need to change the fuse in this plug.
- 11 Some politicians would like to *rob* / *steal* us of our right to free speech.
- 12 My aunt says the vase is Victorian, but she isn't sure exactly when it was *done* / *made*.

2 GRAMMAR IN USE Complete the article with suitable forms of words from the box, as in the example.

bring (x2) do lie (x2) ~~make~~ raise rise rob speak steal take (x2)

Animal smuggling on the rise

WITH THE GROWING interest in exotic pets, unscrupulous criminals (0) ~~have been making~~ huge sums of money by illegally smuggling animals into many countries. As the number of these incidents (1), customs authorities and ecological organisations are becoming more worried about the effect on local wildlife.

(2) animals from their natural habitat is always a questionable practice because once non-indigenous animals (3) into a foreign country, they can easily escape and cause devastation to local animal populations. Many species (4) diseases to which indigenous animals have no defence. The ecological balance can be permanently upset, threatening the most vulnerable species with extinction.

The animals come from various sources. Some are captured in the wild, others (5) from their rightful owners (often zoos or nature reserves), but many are sold by illegal breeders. One of the most

serious problems is the theft of eggs from the nests of rare birds. The adult birds are frightened off and thieves simply (6) the eggs (7) at the bottom of the nest. Eggs are obviously much easier to smuggle than live birds and (8) nests is an easy way to acquire birds which are difficult to catch when fully grown.

Methods of smuggling range from the ingenious to the ridiculous. In 2007 a smuggling racket between the UK and Australia was smashed when customs officials discovered snakes and lizards hidden inside plastic garden statues. In December 2009 Gypsy Lawson arrived in Los Angeles with a rhesus monkey hidden under her shirt. When questioned about the suspicious lump under her clothing, she (9) to customs officers and claimed that she was pregnant. And last year a 23-year-old man was caught at Melbourne Airport in Australia with two racing pigeons inside his trousers, strapped to his legs.

What can be (10) about this problem? (11) at a conference last week, a leading ecological campaigner called on governments to (12) the fines and prison sentences given to animal smugglers. Increased penalties will deter many criminals, she believes. ■