

Leopard Man



1. Read the story

Look at the pictures on these pages.
What is the story about? Now read it.

ISLE OF SKYE, SCOTLAND ¹Tom Leppard, 68, has tattoos* from head to foot—the most tattoos in the world. They make him look like a leopard**. ²Tom lives alone on an island. He moved there 15 years ago and **built** a house with **sticks**, trees, and large **stones**. It has no water, **heat**, or **lights**. ³Tom takes a bath in the river near his house and **fishes** there, too. He is never **in a hurry**.

⁴Once a week, he puts on his clothes, gets into his small boat, and rows to town. He buys food

and books. He loves to read about the **history** of the world.

⁵The winter is hard for him because this **corner** of Scotland is cold. ⁶But Tom is happy to **escape** the modern world. “I like **life** here. I do **not** need **anything** more. I’m lonely in town, but I’m never lonely here.”

*tattoos: pictures on someone’s skin

**leopard: a wild animal, like a big cat, that is yellow with black circles

NEW WORDS

build *v*

heat *n*

in a hurry *adj*

escape *v*

stick *n*

light *n*

history *n*

life *n*

stone *n*

fish *v*

corner *n*

not...anything *pron*

>> See Glossary on page 96. >>

2. Rate the story

How much did you like it? Mark an **X**.

Not at All

A Lot

1

2

3

4

5

3. Check your comprehension

Check (✓) the endings that are true.

a. Tom Leppard is

___ a young man.

___ often in a hurry.

___ a reader.

___ a leopard.

b. He likes

___ tattoos.

___ history.

___ modern life.

___ his island.

4. Check your vocabulary

Complete the sentences with the New Words.

a. Tom built his home with large sto__s, trees, and sti__s.

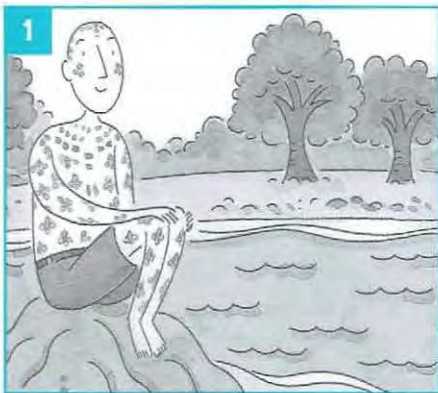
b. He likes to f___ in the river near his home and is never in a h_____.

c. He enjoys reading hi_____ books.

d. He likes his l_____, and he says, "I don't need an_____ more."

5. Listen to the story track 34

Now listen to the story two or three times. Look at the pictures below as you listen.



6. Retell the story

Cover the story and look at the pictures above. Retell the story using the New Words.

7. Answer the questions

About the story...

- What is special about Tom?
- What kind of house did he build?
- How does he get food?
- What does he want to escape? Why?

About you...

- What question would you like to ask Tom?
- Would you like to live like him? Why or why not?
- What do you do when you are lonely?
- What do you think? Are people in the modern world too often in a hurry?

8. Learn word partnerships

Study the partnerships below. Complete the sentences so they are true for you.

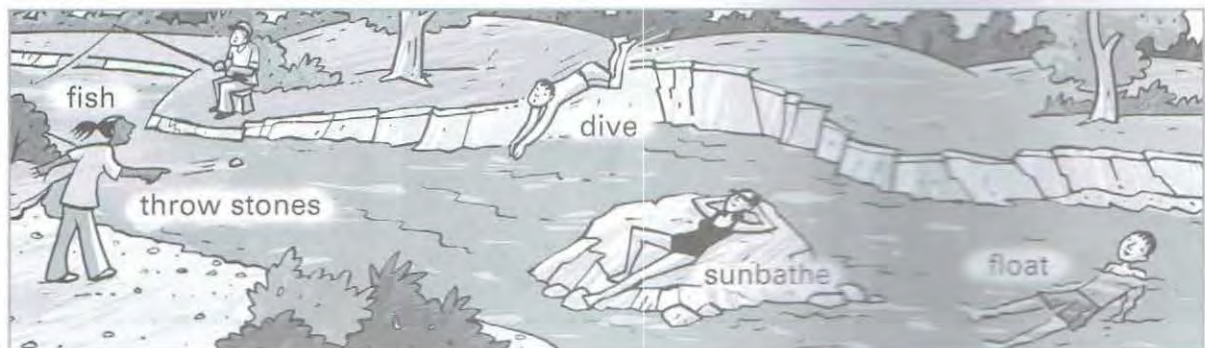
BUILD		
build	a house / a home	<i>Tom built a house with stones and trees.</i>
	an airport	<i>Seoul built an airport in 2001.</i>
	a school	<i>My town is going to build a new school.</i>
	a shopping mall	<i>The city will build a shopping mall.</i>
	a stadium	<i>I want my town to build a new stadium.</i>
	a skyscraper	<i>Taipei built the tallest skyscraper.</i>

- My town built a new _____.
- I want my town to build _____.
- _____ built _____.

9. Learn word groups

Complete the sentences so they are true for you. Use words from the picture.

RIVER ACTIVITIES



- When I was a child, I liked to _____ in the river.
- I didn't _____ there.
- Someday I would like to _____ in a big river.

10. Take a dictation track 35

Use your own paper to write the dictation. Check your answers on page 87.

11. Complete the story

Use the words from the box to complete the story.

lights in a hurry corner escape build a house heat life

Woman Builds Her Own Home

FAIRBANKS, ALASKA, USA Jeannine Patane always wanted to (1) _____ in Alaska. For two years, she lived in her car and saved her money. And then, for the next three years, she looked everywhere for some beautiful land* for her house. She wanted to (2) _____ the modern world. Finally, she found some land in the woods** and began her work.

She built her house all by herself. It is small—about four meters by four meters. She has (3) _____ because winters in this (4) _____ of the world are cold. And there are (5) _____ because the winters are dark. The house has no water. Patane brings water from town and takes a bath with rainwater or snow***.



(6) _____ in Alaska is slow, and Patane is never (7) _____. “I love summers,” she says. “I go out and just listen. I watch the birds and the animals.”

* land: a piece of ground

** woods: a place with many trees

*** snow: soft, white stuff that falls from the sky when it is cold



Talk about the stories

How are the lives of Tom Leppard and Jeannine Patane similar? How are they different? Which home would you most like to visit?