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# LISTENING ACTIVITY

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## ALL CREATURES GREAT AND SMALL

1. Listen to the audio and complete the text.  
Choose the word/s from the basket below.

treat • happened • hoped • needed • arrived • eyes •  
lying • temperature • wrong

When I 1 ..... at Dan Cooper's farm, the cow was 2 ..... with most of its body in the river. It wasn't dead, but it had a very high 3 ....., and it wasn't moving. 'Please do something! Mr Herriot,' Cooper said. Cooper wasn't a rich farmer, and I could see in his 4 ..... how important the cow was to him. I soon knew what was 5 ..... with the animal too: it couldn't move because its body 6 ..... calcium.<sup>1</sup> It's usually quite easy to 7 ..... cows with this problem, but it can kill sometimes—and Dan Cooper's cow looked really bad. I hoped I wasn't too late. I went into the river and gave the animal a calcium injection in the neck. Nothing 8 ....., so I gave it a second injection. Then we waited and 9 ..... . After a few minutes, the cow opened its eyes. Then, very slowly, it began to move. Later, Cooper and I helped it to stand up.

(from Chapter 3)

### QUICK QUIZ!

2. **WATCH THE VIDEO** ([https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vI58dhyF\\_LY](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vI58dhyF_LY)) and then circle the words below that **DO NOT** form their plural with an "s" because their singular and plural form are the same.

Fish • chair • sheep • ice-cream • information • bus • furniture • sandwich •  
equipment

1 **calcium** : bones and milk have got calcium in them.



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## PART 2

Listen to the audio and then do the activities below.

### 3. Are these sentences true (T) or false (F)?

- 1. Only big animals want to hurt you.  T  F
- 2. It's not easy to understand why an animals is ill.  T  F
- 3. Phin was a farmer who never smiled.  T  F
- 4. Phin's six calves were ill and they couldn't see anything.  T  F
- 5. Herriot said that the calves drank something poisonous.  T  F
- 6. The barn was the home of the calves for three years.  T  F

## QUICK QUIZ!

### 4. Complete the table with the correct form of the adjective.

NOUN	ADJECTIVE
1. poison	.....
2. danger	.....
3. difficulty	.....
4. illness	.....
5. thirst	.....
6. hunger	.....

