Pearls: reading tasks

1 Match a picture with one of the following words or phrases:
   beads  mother-of-pearl  mussels  oysters  pearl  shellfish
   a  b  c  d  e  f

2 Read the whole text and decide which ending is the best
   Tina learns a lot about pearls
   a but decides she prefers diamonds.
   b and says she likes them better than diamonds.
   c so her father buys her some pearl earrings.

3 Vocabulary Find a word or phrase in the text that...
   a ...means a collection of things, for example works of art, that are shown to the public (1)
   b ...is a synonym of mother-of-pearl (2)
   c ...means it’s not surprising (2)
   d ... means grown artificially (4)
   e ...means planned, not by accident and is a synonym of on purpose (4)
   f ...means water that is not salty (4)
   g ...is an antonym of different from (7)
   h ...is an antonym of another word in the same paragraph (7)

4 Match column A to column C with the correct linking word in column B to make true sentences about the text.

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<td>Tina is with her father in a jeweller’s shop</td>
<td>so</td>
<td>most cultured pearls come from Japan.</td>
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<td>Tina doesn’t know very much about pearls.</td>
<td>and</td>
<td>it’s quite easy to tell the difference between them.</td>
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<td>Natural pearls are very rare</td>
<td>because</td>
<td>he’s going to buy her a pair of pearl earrings.</td>
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<td>Most pearls are cultured nowadays</td>
<td>but</td>
<td>there is an exhibition with lots of information about them.</td>
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<td>Fake pearls and real pearls look very similar</td>
<td>However,</td>
<td>they are very expensive.</td>
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