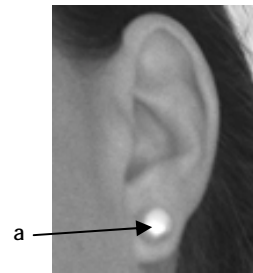
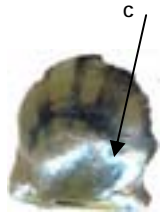
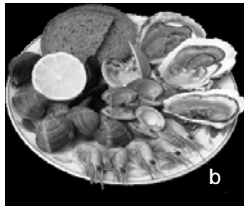


Pearls: reading tasks

1 Match a picture with one of the following words or phrases:

beads mother-of-pearl mussels oysters
pearl shellfish



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.

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