

**ŽUPANIJSKO NATJECANJE U ZNANJU ENGLESKOGA JEZIKA  
za 8. razrede osnovnih škola**

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| SLUŠANJE S RAZUMIJEVANJEM |
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**You will hear a recording about an amazing photograph.**

**You will have time to read through the task before you listen. Write your answers on the test first, but don't forget to copy your answers onto the Answer Sheet when you finish. The recording will be played twice, and there will be a short pause between the two listenings. You can write your answers during both the first and the second listening.**

(short pause)

**Listen to the text very carefully. Read the sentences and circle the correct option: A, B, or C. There is an example at the beginning (0). Write the correct letter on the Answer Sheet.**

(short pause)

**You now have 30 seconds to go through the task.**

**Now you will hear the recording.**

When I say "Art", what is the first thing that comes to your mind? Well, I know people who think of paintings or sculptures first. My cousin Tonya thinks of dancing and the opera. And for me, art is a variety of forms, but the first thing that comes to mind is definitely photography. If you are wondering why, I have to say I am not really sure. Is it the excitement of handling my mum's cheap old camera as a child? Or the need to be rational with the photos taken because we were limited to only 24 or 32 shots on a film and we couldn't afford any mistakes. Maybe it's the anxiety of waiting for the film to be taken to the shop and developed. The process of getting photos was long and slow back then, but I loved it!

I remember how I used to spend hours just flipping through the pages of all the magazines I could get my hands on. I found something interesting in each and every one of them, but National Geographic was my absolute favourite. The photos of breathtaking landscapes, exotic animals, unique people – I loved them all.

My favourite photo was, and still to this day is, an iconic masterpiece called "Afghan Girl". I remember seeing this particular photo for the first time when I was a child and being struck by the contrast between her piercing green eyes and the red scarf she was wearing. Her eyes were truly enchanting, not only because of their striking colour, but also because of all the pain and terror you could see in them. Even back then, I thought she was hauntingly beautiful.

I have read a lot about the photo and the mystery of this unknown girl. National Geographic Society photographer Steve McCurry took the photo in a refugee camp in 1984, but didn't take the girl's name. After this photo appeared on the cover of the magazine, everybody was curious about this beautiful girl with striking green eyes and a red scarf. There were several unsuccessful attempts to find and identify her back in the 1990s, but it was only in 2002, when a National Geographic team was sent to Afghanistan, that they finally succeeded. Her name was Sharbat Gula, she was then around 30, and lived with her family in a remote part of the country.

Why do I like this photo so much? Well, for me this photo and the girl in it speak so loudly about all the injustices done to girls all over the world in the past. I see such anger and terror in her face at the same time, that it makes me want to ease her suffering. Fortunately, I haven't gone through any of this, but I know that, even today, so many girls in the world aren't being given the same opportunities as boys – when it comes to education, jobs, finances, self-determination... Some live in constant fear for their lives, some are made to marry against their will, some are forced to work from an early age... and worse.

That is why I believe this photo to be such a beautiful and powerful piece of art – it makes us think and rethink the hardships that too many girls on this planet have to endure every day, even though we live in the 21<sup>st</sup> century.

***Count silently to 5 and then say the following :***

**You will now hear the recording again.**

***After the second reading, say the following:***

**You now have 1 minute to check your answers and copy them onto the Answer Sheet.**

***After 1 minute, say the following:***

**This is the end of the listening task. You may now go on to do the other parts of the test.**