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Brad Pitt movie scares farm animals

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THE READING

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A new Brad Pitt movie is in the headlines for scaring farm animals. The movie is called 'The Lost City of Z'. It is about a British soldier who disappeared in the Brazilian jungle in 1925 with his son. They were looking for a lost city called Z. Film makers wanted to make explosions and loud noises as special effects. However, farmers in the nearby town said the loud bangs frightened their animals. Mr Pitt is not acting in the film. He is the movie's producer.

Local people said the explosions slowly became louder. They said it sounded like a war. The noise shook windows. One farmer said his animals were "terrified". He said: "The dog was shivering under a chair....Another neighbour's cow and calf jumped the hedge and the cows were crying in fear." Mr Pitt might do something special for the people. He loves animals. He might be sad if he knows the animals were scared because of his film.

Sources: <http://www.theguardian.com/film/2015/sep/24/brad-pitt-movie-northern-ireland-farm-animals-frightened>
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VOCABULARY MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|----------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. in the | a. jungle |
| 2. It is about a British soldier | b. loud noises |
| 3. in the Brazilian | c. acting in the film |
| 4. They were looking | d. effects |
| 5. make explosions and | e. producer |
| 6. special | f. for a lost city |
| 7. Mr Pitt is not | g. headlines |
| 8. He is the movie's | h. who disappeared |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|---------------------------------|---------------------|
| 1. Local | a. were "terrified" |
| 2. the explosions slowly became | b. a war |
| 3. it sounded like | c. louder |
| 4. The noise shook | d. crying in fear |
| 5. One farmer said his animals | e. people |
| 6. Another neighbour's cow and | f. he knows |
| 7. the cows were | g. windows |
| 8. He might be sad if | h. calf |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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A new Brad Pitt movie (1) _____ for scaring farm animals. The movie is called 'The Lost City of Z'. It is about a British soldier (2) _____ the Brazilian jungle in 1925 with his son. They were looking (3) _____ called Z. Film makers (4) _____ explosions and loud noises (5) _____. However, farmers in the nearby town said the loud bangs frightened their animals. Mr Pitt (6) _____ the film. He is the movie's producer.

Local people said the explosions (7) _____. They said it (8) _____ war. The noise shook windows. One farmer said his animals (9) _____. He said: "The dog was shivering under a chair....Another neighbour's cow and calf jumped the hedge and the cows (10) _____ fear." Mr Pitt might do something special for the people. He loves animals. (11) _____ if he knows the animals were scared (12) _____.

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student A: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

a)

b)

c)

d)

e)

f)

g)

h)

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WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student B: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

a)

b)

c)

d)

e)

f)

g)

h)

WRITING

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Write about **farm animals** for 10 minutes. Comment on your partner's paper.
