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Brad Pitt movie scares farm animals

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THE ARTICLE

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A movie produced by Hollywood actor Brad Pitt has made the headlines for scaring farm animals. Filming is taking place in the countryside in Northern Ireland in the U.K. The movie is called 'The Lost City of Z' and is set in the 1920s. It is about a British soldier and spy who disappeared into the Brazilian jungle in 1925 with his son. They were searching for a lost civilisation, which the soldier called Z. He was never seen again. Film makers needed to create explosions and other loud noises for the movie's special effects. However, locals and farmers in the town of Ballygally complained that the loud bangs frightened their animals. No one knows if Mr Pitt was in the town at the time as he is not acting in the film.

Local people in the town said the explosions began on September 14 and gradually became bigger and louder. Some locals said it sounded like there was a war going on as the noise shook windows in houses. One farmer spoke to reporters about how his animals were "terrified". He said: "The dog was shivering under a chair and the hens had all gone. Then I heard there had been another explosion while I was out....Another neighbour's cow and calf jumped the hedge and the cows were crying in fear." Mr Pitt may do something special for the local people as he is a famous animal rights activist and might be upset if he heard animals had suffered because of his film.

Sources: <http://www.theguardian.com/film/2015/sep/24/brad-pitt-movie-northern-ireland-farm-animals-frightened>
<http://www.vanityfair.com/hollywood/2015/09/brad-pitt-lost-city-of-z-animals>
<http://mashable.com/2015/09/24/brad-pitt-scaring-chickens/#vUiPL2wTkZqC>

WARM-UPS

1. FARM ANIMALS: Students walk around the class and talk to other students about farm animals. Change partners often and share your findings.

2. CHAT: In pairs / groups, talk about these topics or words from the article. What will the article say about them? What can you say about these words and your life?

movie / headlines / farm animals / countryside / soldier / jungle / explosions / acting / gradually / louder / windows / terrified / crying / something special / animal rights

Have a chat about the topics you liked. Change topics and partners frequently.

3. BETTER MOVIES: How could these movies better? Complete this table with your partner(s). Change partners often and share what you wrote.

| Movie genre | How to make the movie better |
|-----------------|------------------------------|
| Action | |
| Animation | |
| Horror | |
| Science Fiction | |
| War | |
| Comedy | |

4. ANIMALS IN MOVIES: Students A **strongly** believe animals should not be used in movies; Students B **strongly** believe it's OK. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.

5. MOVIES: Rank these with your partner. Put the best kind of movies at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

- action
- science fiction
- horror
- animation
- romance
- comedy
- fantasy
- thriller

6. FARM: Spend one minute writing down all of the different words you associate with the word "farm". Share your words with your partner(s) and talk about them. Together, put the words into different categories.

BEFORE READING / LISTENING

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1509/150929-the-lost-city-of-z.html>

1. TRUE / FALSE: Read the headline. Guess if a-h below are true (T) or false (F).

- | | |
|--|-------|
| a. A movie made in Hollywood has frightened farm animals. | T / F |
| b. The movie is about something that happened between 1920 and 1929. | T / F |
| c. The movie is about two men who got lost in the Brazilian jungle. | T / F |
| d. Brad Pitt is one of the stars who acts in the movie. | T / F |
| e. Local people said the explosions were loud at first and then got quieter. | T / F |
| f. A local person said the explosion shattered the windows in his house. | T / F |
| g. Two cows jumped over a hedge in fear. | T / F |
| h. Brad Pitt is well known for caring about animals. | T / F |

2. SYNONYM MATCH: Match the following synonyms from the article.

- | | |
|-----------------|----------------|
| 1. scaring | a. vanished |
| 2. taking place | b. journalists |
| 3. disappeared | c. protested |
| 4. create | d. well known |
| 5. complained | e. make |
| 6. gradually | f. frightening |
| 7. reporters | g. fence |
| 8. hedge | h. troubled |
| 9. famous | i. happening |
| 10. upset | j. slowly |

3. PHRASE MATCH: (Sometimes more than one choice is possible.)

- | | |
|------------------------------------|----------------------|
| 1. made the | a. bigger and louder |
| 2. set in the | b. activist |
| 3. noises for the movie's special | c. their animals |
| 4. the loud bangs frightened | d. going on |
| 5. No one knows if Mr Pitt was | e. had suffered |
| 6. gradually became | f. headlines |
| 7. it sounded like there was a war | g. effects |
| 8. The dog was shivering | h. in the town |
| 9. a famous animal rights | i. 1920s |
| 10. be upset if he heard animals | j. under a chair |

GAP FILL

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1509/150929-the-lost-city-of-z.html>

A movie (1) _____ by Hollywood actor Brad Pitt has made the headlines for scaring farm animals. Filming is taking (2) _____ in the countryside in Northern Ireland in the U.K. The movie is called 'The Lost City of Z' and is (3) _____ in the 1920s. It is about a British soldier and (4) _____ who disappeared into the Brazilian jungle in 1925 with his son. They were searching for a lost civilisation, which the soldier called Z. He was never seen again. Film makers needed to (5) _____ explosions and other loud noises for the movie's special effects. However, (6) _____ and farmers in the town of Ballygally complained that the loud bangs (7) _____ their animals. No one knows if Mr Pitt was in the town at the time as he is not (8) _____ in the film.

set
create
produced
acting
place
frightened
spy
locals

Local people in the town said the (9) _____ began on September 14 and (10) _____ became bigger and louder. Some locals said it sounded like there was a war going on as the noise (11) _____ windows in houses. One farmer spoke to reporters about how his animals were "terrified". He said: "The dog was (12) _____ under a chair and the hens had all gone. Then I heard there had been (13) _____ explosion while I was out....Another neighbour's cow and calf jumped the hedge and the cows were crying in (14) _____." Mr Pitt may do something special for the local people as he is a famous animal rights (15) _____ and might be upset if he heard animals had (16) _____ because of his film.

another
shook
explosions
activist
gradually
fear
suffered
shivering

LISTENING – Guess the answers. Listen to check.

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1509/150929-the-lost-city-of-z.html>

- 1) A movie produced by Hollywood actor Brad Pitt has made the headlines for _____
 - a. scarring farm animals
 - b. scare in farm animal
 - c. scaring farm animals
 - d. scaring farm animal
- 2) It is about a British soldier and spy who disappeared into the Brazilian _____
 - a. jangle in 1925
 - b. jungle in 1925
 - c. judging in 1925
 - d. jingle in 1925
- 3) Film makers needed to create explosions and other loud noises for the movie's _____
 - a. special effects
 - b. special effect
 - c. special affects
 - d. special affect
- 4) farmers in the town of Ballygally complained that the loud bangs _____
 - a. frightened them animals
 - b. frightened they animals
 - c. frightened they're animals
 - d. frightened their animals
- 5) No one knows if Mr Pitt was in the town at the time as he is not _____
 - a. acting on the film
 - b. acting in the film
 - c. acting in a film
 - d. acting on a film
- 6) explosions began on September 14 and gradually became _____
 - a. bigger and loudly
 - b. big are and louder
 - c. bigger and louder
 - d. big are and loudly
- 7) Some locals said it sounded like there was a _____
 - a. war going in
 - b. war going on
 - c. war go in on
 - d. war go win on
- 8) One farmer spoke to reporters about how his animals _____
 - a. were "terrific"
 - b. were "terrifying"
 - c. were "terror fried"
 - d. were "terrified"
- 9) Another neighbour's cow and calf jumped the hedge and the cows _____
 - a. were crying in fear
 - b. were crying on fear
 - c. were crying in fears
 - d. were crying in feared
- 10) Mr Pitt may do something special for the local people as he is a famous animal _____
 - a. rights act a vest
 - b. rights activism
 - c. rights activist
 - d. rights activists

LISTENING – Listen and fill in the gaps

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1509/150929-the-lost-city-of-z.html>

A movie produced by Hollywood actor Brad Pitt has (1) _____ for scaring farm animals. Filming (2) _____ the countryside in Northern Ireland in the U.K. The movie is called 'The Lost City of Z' and is set in the 1920s. It is about a British soldier and spy who (3) _____ Brazilian jungle in 1925 with his son. They were searching for a lost civilisation, which the soldier called Z. He (4) _____ again. Film makers needed to create explosions and other loud noises for the movie's special effects. However, locals and farmers (5) _____ Ballygally complained that the loud bangs frightened their animals. No one knows if Mr Pitt was in the town (6) _____ is not acting in the film.

Local people in the town said the (7) _____ September 14 and gradually became bigger and louder. Some locals said it sounded like there was a war going (8) _____ shook windows in houses. One farmer spoke to reporters (9) _____ animals were "terrified". He said: "The dog was shivering under a chair and the hens had all gone. Then (10) _____ been another explosion while I was out....Another neighbour's cow and calf jumped the hedge and the cows were crying in fear." Mr Pitt may do something (11) _____ local people as he is a famous animal rights activist and might be upset if he heard animals (12) _____ of his film.

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1509/150929-the-lost-city-of-z.html>

1. What was Brad Pitt's role in the movie?

2. Where was the movie filmed?

3. How many people got lost in the Brazilian jungle?

4. Why did the film makers need to make explosions?

5. Who knows whether or not Brad Pitt was in the town?

6. When did the explosions begin?

7. What did the explosions shake in nearby houses?

8. Where was a dog shivering?

9. What did a cow jump over?

10. How might Brad Pitt feel if he knew that animals had suffered?

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1509/150929-the-lost-city-of-z.html>

1. What was Brad Pitt's role in the movie?
 - a) screenplay writer
 - b) actor
 - c) director
 - d) producer
2. Where was the movie filmed?
 - a) Iceland
 - b) Northern Ireland
 - c) New Zealand
 - d) Hollywood
3. How many people got lost in the Brazilian jungle?
 - a) 4
 - b) 3
 - c) 2
 - d) 1
4. Why did the film makers need to make explosions?
 - a) for special effects
 - b) to burn a house
 - c) they had too much gunpowder
 - d) to scare the animals
5. Who knows whether or not Brad Pitt was in the town?
 - a) a Brazilian
 - b) a hotel owner
 - c) no one
 - d) a local resident
6. When did the explosions begin?
 - a) at night
 - b) September 14
 - c) yesterday
 - d) at 3:57 pm
7. What did the explosions shake in nearby houses?
 - a) foundations
 - b) nerves
 - c) rattles
 - d) windows
8. Where was a dog shivering?
 - a) under a chair
 - b) in the cold
 - c) in the movie
 - d) in Hollywood
9. What did a cow jump over?
 - a) the moon
 - b) a dog
 - c) a hedge
 - d) an explosion
10. How might Brad Pitt feel if he knew that animals had suffered?
 - a) indifferent
 - b) upset
 - c) exhausted
 - d) confused

ROLE PLAY

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1509/150929-the-lost-city-of-z.html>

Role A – Action

You think action movies are best. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them things that are wrong with their movies. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): science fiction, horror or comedy.

Role B – Science Fiction

You think science fiction movies are best. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them things that are wrong with their movies. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): comedy, horror or action.

Role C – Comedy

You think horror movies are best. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them things that are wrong with their movies. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): science fiction, horror or action.

Role D – Horror

You think action movies are best. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them things that are wrong with their movies. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): science fiction, horror or comedy.

AFTER READING / LISTENING

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1509/150929-the-lost-city-of-z.html>

1. WORD SEARCH: Look in your dictionary / computer to find collocates, other meanings, information, synonyms ... for the words 'farm' and 'animal'.

| | |
|-------------|---------------|
| farm | animal |
|-------------|---------------|

- Share your findings with your partners.
- Make questions using the words you found.
- Ask your partner / group your questions.

2. ARTICLE QUESTIONS: Look back at the article and write down some questions you would like to ask the class about the text.

- Share your questions with other classmates / groups.
- Ask your partner / group your questions.

3. GAP FILL: In pairs / groups, compare your answers to this exercise. Check your answers. Talk about the words from the activity. Were they new, interesting, worth learning...?

4. VOCABULARY: Circle any words you do not understand. In groups, pool unknown words and use dictionaries to find their meanings.

5. TEST EACH OTHER: Look at the words below. With your partner, try to recall how they were used in the text:

| | |
|--|--|
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• made• set• 1925• again• special• acting | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 14• war• windows• dog• cow• upset |
|--|--|

FARM ANIMALS SURVEY

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1509/150929-the-lost-city-of-z.html>

Write five GOOD questions about farm animals in the table. Do this in pairs. Each student must write the questions on his / her own paper. When you have finished, interview other students. Write down their answers.

| | STUDENT 1 _____ | STUDENT 2 _____ | STUDENT 3 _____ |
|------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| Q.1. | | | |
| Q.2. | | | |
| Q.3. | | | |
| Q.4. | | | |
| Q.5. | | | |

- Now return to your original partner and share and talk about what you found out. Change partners often.
- Make mini-presentations to other groups on your findings.

FARM ANIMALS DISCUSSION

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

- 1) What did you think when you read the headline?
- 2) What springs to mind when you hear the word 'movie'?
- 3) What do you think about what you read?
- 4) What are the good things about making a movie near a town?
- 5) How do you think this movie sounds?
- 6) What do you think of Brad Pitt?
- 7) What could film makers do instead of making explosions?
- 8) How could the film makers not have frightened the animals?
- 9) What kind of movies do you like?
- 10) What advice do you have for the local people?

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FARM ANIMALS DISCUSSION

STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

- 11) Did you like reading this article? Why/not?
- 12) What do you know about Brad Pitt?
- 13) What are the bad things about making a movie near a town?
- 14) Why do you think the movie was not made in Hollywood?
- 15) Should the film makers have stopped filming if there were scared animals?
- 16) Is what happened cruelty to animals?
- 17) What does an animal rights activist do?
- 18) Who is your favourite actor and why?
- 19) What advice do you have for the film makers?
- 20) What questions would you like to ask Brad Pitt?

DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

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DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)

STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

LANGUAGE - CLOZE

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1509/150929-the-lost-city-of-z.html>

A movie produced by Hollywood actor Brad Pitt has (1) _____ the headlines for scaring farm animals. Filming is taking (2) _____ in the countryside in Northern Ireland in the U.K. The movie is called 'The Lost City of Z' and is (3) _____ in the 1920s. It is about a British soldier and spy who disappeared into the Brazilian jungle in 1925 with his son. They were searching (4) _____ a lost civilisation, which the soldier called Z. He was never seen again. Film makers needed to create explosions and other loud noises for the movie's (5) _____ effects. However, locals and farmers in the town of Ballygally complained that the loud bangs frightened their animals. No one knows if Mr Pitt was in the town at the time as he is not (6) _____ in the film.

Local people in the town said the explosions (7) _____ on September 14 and gradually became bigger and louder. Some locals said it sounded like there was a war going (8) _____ as the noise shook windows in houses. One farmer spoke to reporters about how his animals were "terrified". He said: "The dog was shivering under a chair and the hens had all (9) _____. Then I heard there had been another explosion while I was (10) _____Another neighbour's cow and calf jumped the hedge and the cows were crying (11) _____ fear." Mr Pitt may do something special for the local people as he is a famous animal rights activist and might be upset if he heard animals had suffered because (12) _____ his film.

Put the correct words from the table below in the above article.

- | | | | | |
|-----|----------------|---------------|----------------|----------------|
| 1. | (a) done | (b) made | (c) written | (d) won |
| 2. | (a) peace | (b) place | (c) plus | (d) pleasure |
| 3. | (a) sot | (b) sat | (c) sit | (d) set |
| 4. | (a) at | (b) for | (c) on | (d) as |
| 5. | (a) specialise | (b) special | (c) specialism | (d) speciality |
| 6. | (a) acted | (b) acts | (c) acting | (d) actor |
| 7. | (a) begins | (b) beginning | (c) began | (d) beginner |
| 8. | (a) up | (b) over | (c) on | (d) around |
| 9. | (a) going | (b) went | (c) been | (d) gone |
| 10. | (a) out | (b) over | (c) over | (d) above |
| 11. | (a) in | (b) of | (c) to | (d) on |
| 12. | (a) as | (b) to | (c) of | (d) up |

SPELLING

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1509/150929-the-lost-city-of-z.html>

Paragraph 1

1. udrpdcoe by Hollywood actor Brad Pitt
2. made the Inseihade
3. in the tindyerucso
4. rpsaidpdaee into the Brazilian jungle
5. eoslopisxn and other loud noises
6. farmers in the town of Ballygally coadlnepmi

Paragraph 2

7. galldayru became bigger
8. his animals were fiertrdei
9. The dog was srinvigeh
10. jumped the ehgde
11. a famous animal rights tciastvi
12. upset if he heard animals had erudfefs

PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1509/150929-the-lost-city-of-z.html>

Number these lines in the correct order.

- () farm animals. Filming is taking place in the countryside in Northern Ireland in the U.K. The movie is called
- () bangs frightened their animals. No one knows if Mr Pitt was in the town at the time as he is not acting in the film.
- () disappeared into the Brazilian jungle in 1925 with his son. They were searching for a lost
- () became bigger and louder. Some locals said it sounded like there was a war going on as the noise shook
- () windows in houses. One farmer spoke to reporters about how his animals were "terrified". He said: "The dog
- () rights activist and might be upset if he heard animals had suffered because of his film.
- (**1**) A movie produced by Hollywood actor Brad Pitt has made the headlines for scaring
- () civilisation, which the soldier called Z. He was never seen again. Film makers needed to create explosions and other
- () 'The Lost City of Z' and is set in the 1920s. It is about a British soldier and spy who
- () loud noises for the movie's special effects. However, locals and farmers in the town of Ballygally complained that the loud
- () explosion while I was out....Another neighbour's cow and calf jumped the hedge and the cows
- () was shivering under a chair and the hens had all gone. Then I heard there had been another
- () Local people in the town said the explosions began on September 14 and gradually
- () were crying in fear." Mr Pitt may do something special for the local people as he is a famous animal

PUT THE WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER

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1. for animals has headlines farm Pitt the scaring Brad made .

2. about a British soldier and spy who disappeared It is .

3. civilization lost a for searching were They .

4. the Other movie's loud special noises effects for .

5. time in knows the was one at Pitt No town Mr the if .

6. explosions Local the the in said began people town .

7. like a on sounded was going It there war .

8. had Then been I another heard explosion there .

9. something special for the local people Mr Pitt may do .

10. heard suffered his He had of animals because film .

CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD (20 PAIRS)

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1509/150929-the-lost-city-of-z.html>

A movie *produced / producing* by Hollywood actor Brad Pitt has made the headlines for *scares / scaring* farm animals. Filming is *taking / talking* place in the countryside in Northern Ireland in the U.K. The movie is called 'The Lost City of Z' and is *set / sat* in the 1920s. It is about a British soldier and spy who *disappearance / disappeared* into the Brazilian jungle in 1925 with his son. They were searching for a lost *civilised / civilisation*, which the soldier called Z. He was never seen *again / more*. Film makers *needed / necessary* to create explosions and other *loudly / loud* noises for the movie's special effects. However, locals and farmers in the town of Ballygally complained that the loud bangs frightened their animals. No one knows if Mr Pitt was in the town at the time as he is not *action / acting* in the film.

Local / Locally people in the town said the *expulsions / explosions* began on September 14 and *gradually / gradual* became bigger and louder. Some locals said it sounded like there was a war *going / gone* on as the noise shook windows in houses. One farmer *spoke / speaking* to reporters about how his animals were "terrified". He said: "The dog was *shivered / shivering* under a chair and the hens had *every / all* gone. Then I heard there had been another explosion while I was out....Another neighbour's cow and calf *jumped / trimmed* the hedge and the cows were crying in *afraid / fear*." Mr Pitt may do something special for the local people as he is a famous animal rights activist and might be upset if he heard animals had *suffered / suffer* because of his film.

Talk about the connection between each pair of words in italics, and why the correct word is correct.

INSERT THE VOWELS (a, e, i, o, u)

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_ m_v__ pr_d_c_d by H_llyw__d _ct_r Br_d P_tt h_s
m_d__ th__ h__dl_n_s f_r sc_r_ng f_rm __n_m_ls.
F_lm_ng __s t_k_ng pl_c__ _n th__ c__ntrys_d__ _n
N_rth_rn __r_l_nd __n th__ __.K. Th__ m_v__ __s c_ll_d 'Th__
L_st C_ty __f Z' __nd __s s_t __n th__ 1920s. __t_s __b__t __
Br_t_sh s_ld__r __nd spy wh__ d_s pp__r_d __nt__ th__
Br_z_l__n j_ngl__ _n 1925 w_th h_s s_n. Th_y w_r__
s__rch_ng f_r __l_st c_v_l_s_t__n, wh_ch th__ s_ld__r
c_ll_d Z. H__ w_s n_v_r s__n __g__n. F_lm m_k_rs
n__d_d t_cr__t __xpl_s__ns __nd th_r l__d n__s s_f_r
th__ m_v__'s sp_c__l __ff_cts. H_w_v_r, l_c_ls __nd
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Mr P_tt w_s __n th__ t_wn __t th__ t_m__ __s h__ __s n_t
__ct__ng __n th__ f_lm.

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l__d_r. S_m__l_c_ls s__d __t_s __nd_d l_k__ th_r w_s __
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__n __f_rm_r sp_k__ t_r p_r_t_rs __b__t h_w h_s __n_m_ls
w_r__ "t_rr_f__d". H__s__d: "Th__ d_g w_s sh_v_r_ng
__nd_r __ch__r __nd th__ h_ns h_d __ll_g_n. Th_n __h__rd
th_r__ h_d b__n __n th_r __xpl_s__n wh_l__ __w_s
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PUNCTUATE THE TEXT AND ADD CAPITALS

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PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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FREE WRITING

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

HOMework

1. VOCABULARY EXTENSION: Choose several of the words from the text. Use a dictionary or Google's search field (or another search engine) to build up more associations / collocations of each word.

2. THE LOST CITY OF Z: Search the Internet and find out more about this movie. Share what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

3. FARM ANIMALS: Make a poster about farm animals. Show your work to your classmates in the next lesson. Did you all have similar things?

4. TERRIFIED ANIMALS: Write a magazine article about the farm animals that were terrified by the movie filming. Include imaginary interviews with local farmers and the movie's makers.

Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Write down any new words and expressions you hear from your partner(s).

5. WHAT HAPPENED NEXT? Write a newspaper article about the next stage in this news story. Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Give each other feedback on your articles.

6. LETTER: Write a letter to an expert on farm animals. Ask him/her three questions about them. Give him/her three of your ideas on how to give farm animals a better life. Read your letter to your partner(s) in your next lesson. Your partner(s) will answer your questions.

ANSWERS

TRUE / FALSE (p.4)

a F b T c T d F e F f F g T h T

SYNONYM MATCH (p.4)

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|-----------------|----------------|
| 1. scaring | a. frightening |
| 2. taking place | b. happening |
| 3. disappeared | c. vanished |
| 4. create | d. make |
| 5. complained | e. protested |
| 6. gradually | f. slowly |
| 7. reporters | g. journalists |
| 8. hedge | h. fence |
| 9. famous | i. well known |
| 10. upset | j. troubled |

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (p.8)

1. Producer
2. Northern Ireland
3. Two
4. For special effects
5. No one
6. September 14
7. Windows
8. Under a chair
9. A hedge
10. Upset

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ (p.9)

1. d 2. b 3. c 4. a 5. c 6. b 7. d 8. a 9. c 10. b

ALL OTHER EXERCISES

Please check for yourself by looking at the Article on page 2.
(It's good for your English ;-)