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Level 0 – 7th May, 2020

Giant hornets reach North America

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Please try Levels 1, 2 and 3. They are (a little) harder.

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THE READING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2005/200507-asian-giant-hornet-0.html>

The Asian giant hornet is scary. They are from Japan and Korea but are moving to the USA. They kill around 40 people a year in Japan. They also kill honeybees. A few dozen hornets can kill 30,000 bees in a few hours. People on the west coast of the USA have to be careful of the hornets. Beekeepers are worried about their bees.

Hornets are five centimeters long. A bee breeder said: "They're like something out of a monster cartoon." The hornet's sting is very painful. A beekeeper said it is like "red-hot thumbtacks...in [your] flesh". They sting through the clothes beekeepers wear. Hornets give a warning sound before they sting. They click their jaws.

Sources: <https://www.accuweather.com/en/weather-news/terrifying-murder-hornets-invade-us/733548>
<https://www.nationalgeographic.com/animals/2020/05/asian-giant-hornets-arrive-united-states/>
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PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|---------------------------|---------------------|
| 1. The Asian giant hornet | a. kill honeybees |
| 2. around 40 | b. in a few hours |
| 3. They also | c. about their bees |
| 4. A few | d. people a year |
| 5. kill 30,000 bees | e. is scary |
| 6. People on the west | f. the hornets |
| 7. have to be careful of | g. dozen hornets |
| 8. Beekeepers are worried | h. coast of the USA |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|------------------------------|----------------------|
| 1. Hornets are five | a. before they sting |
| 2. A bee | b. cartoon |
| 3. a monster | c. thumbtacks |
| 4. The hornet's sting is | d. their jaws |
| 5. red-hot | e. breeder |
| 6. sting through the clothes | f. centimeters long |
| 7. give a warning sound | g. beekeepers wear |
| 8. They click | h. very painful |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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The Asian giant (1) _____ . They are from Japan and Korea but (2) _____ the USA. They kill around 40 people a year in Japan. (3) _____ honeybees. A (4) _____ can kill 30,000 bees in a few hours. People on the (5) _____ the USA have to be careful of the hornets. Beekeepers are (6) _____ bees.

Hornets are (7) _____. A bee breeder said: "They're like something out of (8) _____." The hornet's sting (9) _____. A beekeeper said it is like "red-hot thumbtacks... (10) _____". They sting (11) _____ beekeepers wear. Hornets give a warning sound before they sting. They (11) _____.

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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HORNETS SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2005/200507-asian-giant-hornet-4.html>

Write five GOOD questions about hornets 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.

WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

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

a) _____

b) _____

c) _____

d) _____

e) _____

f) _____

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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) _____

