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Giant hornets reach North America

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Please try Levels 0, 2 and 3. They are (a little) harder.

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THE READING

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Few insects are as scary as the Asian giant hornet. They live in Japan and Korea but are moving to the USA and Canada. The hornets 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. Authorities in Washington on the west coast of the USA have warned people to be careful of the hornets. Beekeepers are worried about their bees.

The hornets are about five centimeters long. A bee breeder said: "They're like something out of a monster cartoon with this huge yellow-orange face." The hornet's sting is very painful. A beekeeper said it is "like having red-hot thumbtacks driven into [your] flesh". The hornet's stinger can go through the clothes beekeepers wear. Another beekeeper said: "They give a warning before they sting. They snap their jaws and make a clicking sound."

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. Few insects are | a. careful of the hornets |
| 2. moving to | b. hornets |
| 3. They also | c. about their bees |
| 4. A few dozen | d. the USA |
| 5. kill 30,000 bees | e. coast of the USA |
| 6. on the west | f. as scary |
| 7. warned people to be | g. in a few hours |
| 8. Beekeepers are worried | h. kill honeybees |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|-------------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. The hornets are about | a. is very painful |
| 2. like something out of a | b. their jaws |
| 3. The hornet's sting | c. into your flesh |
| 4. red-hot thumbtacks driven | d. sound |
| 5. go through the clothes | e. they sting |
| 6. They give a warning before | f. monster cartoon |
| 7. They snap | g. beekeepers wear |
| 8. make a clicking | h. five centimeters long |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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Few insects are (1) _____ the Asian giant hornet. They live in Japan and Korea (2) _____ to the USA and Canada. The hornets (3) _____ people a year in Japan. They also kill honeybees. A few dozen hornets can kill 30,000 bees (4) _____ hours. Authorities in Washington on the (5) _____ the USA have warned people to be careful of the hornets. Beekeepers are (6) _____ bees.

The hornets (7) _____ centimeters long. A bee breeder said: "They're like something out of (8) _____ with this huge yellow-orange face." The hornet's (9) _____ painful. A beekeeper said it is "like having red-hot thumbtacks driven (10) _____". The hornet's stinger (11) _____ the clothes beekeepers wear. Another beekeeper said: "They give a warning before they sting. They snap their jaws and make (12) _____."

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) _____

