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Three baby ducks hatch from supermarket eggs

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THE ARTICLE

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A woman received a big surprise after she bought some duck eggs from a supermarket. Three of the eggs hatched. The woman now has three baby ducks, or ducklings. The woman named the ducklings Beep, Peep and Meep. Charli Lello, 29, bought the eggs from the Waitrose supermarket last month. She was spending all day at home because she was furloughed from her job as an assistant manager in a shop. She decided to use her free time to do things around the house. Ms Lello told reporters that she got the idea for incubating the eggs after seeing a video on Facebook. The video showed how someone hatched quail eggs after buying them from a supermarket.

Lello said the ducklings would live, "a very happy life". She said they would be good company for her pet chickens. She explained why she tried her experiment. She said: "While I was in Waitrose, I saw the duck eggs and thought maybe they would [hatch]. I was so excited for them to hatch, but I still had in the back of my mind that these are supermarket eggs." She said she was surprised when the eggs hatched. She said: "They have been collected, bashed around on a delivery truck, then rattled around on a trolley onto a shelf." She added that it had been an "amazing" experience. She called her ducklings "the cutest little balls of fluff". A duck farm said it is very unusual for ducklings to hatch from supermarket eggs.

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<https://metro.co.uk/2019/02/19/teenage-boy-hatches-duck-egg-bought-waitrose-8669641/>

WARM-UPS

1. DUCKS: Students walk around the class and talk to other students about ducks. 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?

surprise / duck / egg / supermarket / last month / furloughed / free time / reporters / happy / chickens / experiment / excited / delivery truck / trolley / fluff / farm / cute

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

3. CHICKENS: Students A **strongly** believe chickens came before eggs; Students B **strongly** believe eggs came before chickens. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.

4. BABIES: What are the babies (or young) of these animals called?* What do you know about them? Complete this table with your partner(s). Change partners often and share what you wrote.

	Name of the Young	What You Know about Them
Kangaroos		
Sheep		
Lions		
Chickens		
Dogs		
Cats		

* Answers on page 27

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

6. PETS: Rank these with your partner. Put the best pets at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

- ducklings
- goldfish
- lizard
- tarantula
- tortoise
- beetle
- horse
- rabbit

VOCABULARY MATCHING

Paragraph 1

- | | |
|---------------|---|
| 1. received | a. A person who helps a person with a higher position in their job. |
| 2. hatched | b. A newborn and young duck. |
| 3. duckling | c. The opening of an egg with the baby bird, fish, snake, tortoise or alligator coming out. |
| 4. furloughed | d. Sitting on an egg or keeping it warm so the young inside can grow and come out. |
| 5. assistant | e. Got. |
| 6. manager | f. Asked by a company not to work for a period of time (a few weeks, months...). |
| 7. incubating | g. A person who controls all or part of a company or similar organization. |

Paragraph 2

- | | |
|---------------|---|
| 8. company | h. Damaged or broken by being hit hard. |
| 9. experiment | i. A long, flat bit of wood, metal or plastic put on a wall to put things on. |
| 10. mind | j. A large metal basket on wheels, used for carrying heavy or large things, like food in a supermarket or bags at an airport. |
| 11. bashed | k. Action that is taken without being sure of what will happen. |
| 12. trolley | l. The very soft things like the fur or feathers of a young animal or bird. |
| 13. shelf | m. Someone or something that is a friend or makes people happy. |
| 14. fluff | n. The part of the brain that makes us think and feel. |

BEFORE READING / LISTENING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2006/200616-ducks.html>

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

- a. A woman was sad when she bought duck eggs from a supermarket. **T / F**
- b. The woman named her ducklings Meep, Peep and Beep. **T / F**
- c. The woman is raising the ducklings despite working nine to five. **T / F**
- d. The woman got the idea for incubating eggs from a YouTube video. **T / F**
- e. The new ducklings will be friends for the woman's pet chickens. **T / F**
- f. The woman knew the supermarket eggs would hatch. **T / F**
- g. The woman said the eggs had been bashed around on a delivery truck. **T / F**
- h. A farm said it was common for supermarket eggs to hatch. **T / F**

2. SYNONYM MATCH: (The words in **bold** are from the news article.)

- | | |
|----------------------|----------------|
| 1. received | a. friendship |
| 2. named | b. laid off |
| 3. bought | c. fuzz |
| 4. furloughed | d. called |
| 5. reporters | e. thrilled |
| 6. company | f. journalists |
| 7. excited | g. got |
| 8. trolley | h. uncommon |
| 9. fluff | i. cart |
| 10. unusual | j. purchased |

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

- | | |
|---------------------------------------|----------------------------|
| 1. A woman received | a. of fluff |
| 2. Three of the eggs | b. an assistant manager |
| 3. She was spending all | c. of my mind |
| 4. she was furloughed from her job as | d. hatched |
| 5. she got the idea | e. be good company |
| 6. She said they would | f. a big surprise |
| 7. She explained why she | g. on a delivery truck |
| 8. in the back | h. day at home |
| 9. bashed around | i. tried her experiment |
| 10. the cutest little balls | j. for incubating the eggs |

GAP FILL

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2006/200616-ducks.html>

A woman received a big (1) _____ after she bought some duck eggs from a supermarket. Three of the eggs hatched. The woman now has three baby ducks, or ducklings. The woman (2) _____ the ducklings Beep, Peep and Meep. Charli Lello, 29, bought the eggs from the Waitrose supermarket (3) _____ month. She was spending all day at home because she was furloughed from her (4) _____ as an assistant manager in a shop. She decided to use her (5) _____ time to do things (6) _____ the house. Ms Lello told reporters that she got the (7) _____ for incubating the eggs after seeing a video on Facebook. The video showed how someone hatched quail eggs after buying (8) _____ from a supermarket.

free
last
idea
surprise
them
named
around
job

Lello said the ducklings would live, "a very (9) _____ life". She said they would be good company for her (10) _____ chickens. She explained why she tried her experiment. She said: "While I was in Waitrose, I saw the duck eggs and thought (11) _____ they would [hatch]. I was so excited for (12) _____ to hatch, but I still had in the back of my (13) _____ that these are supermarket eggs." She said she was surprised when the eggs hatched. She said: "They have been (14) _____, bashed around on a delivery truck, then rattled around on a trolley onto a (15) _____." She added that it had been an "amazing" experience. She called her ducklings "the (16) _____ little balls of fluff". A duck farm said it is very unusual for ducklings to hatch from supermarket eggs.

maybe
happy
collected
cutest
mind
pet
shelf
them

LISTENING – Guess the answers. Listen to check.

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2006/200616-ducks.html>

- 1) A woman received a big surprise after she _____ eggs
 - a. bought sum duck
 - b. bought same duck
 - c. bought soon duck
 - d. bought some duck
- 2) The woman now has three baby _____
 - a. ducks, or duck things
 - b. ducks, or duck dings
 - c. ducks, or ducklings
 - d. ducks, or duck clings
- 3) She was spending all day at home because she was _____ job
 - a. furloughed from her
 - b. furrowed from her
 - c. fur lowered from her
 - d. furthered from her
- 4) She decided to use her free time to do things _____
 - a. around the house
 - b. abound the house
 - c. astound then house
 - d. around a house
- 5) The video showed how someone _____
 - a. batched quail eggs
 - b. hatched quail eggs
 - c. thatched quail eggs
 - d. matched quail eggs
- 6) Lello said the ducklings would live, "a _____".
 - a. very happily life
 - b. very hoppy life
 - c. very hopping life
 - d. very happy life
- 7) I was so excited for them to hatch, but I still had in the back _____
 - a. off my mind
 - b. of my minds
 - c. of my mind
 - d. off my minds
- 8) They have been collected, bashed around on _____
 - a. a delivery track
 - b. a delivery trick
 - c. a delivery truck
 - d. a delivery tack
- 9) She added that it had been an _____
 - a. "amaze in" experience
 - b. "a mazing" experience
 - c. "Amazon" experience
 - d. "amazing" experience
- 10) She called her ducklings "the cutest little _____"
 - a. balls of gruff
 - b. balls of fluffy
 - c. balls of fluff
 - d. balls of trough

LISTENING – Listen and fill in the gaps

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Lello said the ducklings would live, "a very happy life". She said they would be (7) _____ her pet chickens. She explained why she tried her experiment. She said: "While (8) _____ Waitrose, I saw the duck eggs and thought maybe they would [hatch]. I was so excited for (9) _____, but I still had in the back of my mind that these are supermarket eggs." She said she was surprised when the eggs hatched. She said: "They have been collected, (10) _____ a delivery truck, then rattled around on a trolley (11) _____." She added that it had been an "amazing" experience. She called her ducklings "the cutest little balls of fluff". A duck farm said it is (12) _____ ducklings to hatch from supermarket eggs.

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2006/200616-ducks.html>

1. What did the article say the woman received?
2. How old is the woman who bought the eggs?
3. Where has the woman spent most of her days recently?
4. What is the woman's job?
5. Where did the woman see a video on incubating eggs?
6. Who are the ducklings' new friends?
7. What was in the back of the woman's mind when she bought the eggs?
8. Where did the woman say the eggs had been bashed around in?
9. What kind of experience did the woman call incubating the eggs?
10. What did a duck farm say about incubating supermarket eggs?

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2006/200616-ducks.html>

- 1) What did the article say the woman received?
 - a) a package
 - b) An Amazon delivery
 - c) a surprise
 - d) bad news
- 2) How old is the woman who bought the eggs?
 - a) 29
 - b) 28
 - c) 27
 - d) 26
- 3) Where has the woman spent most of her days recently?
 - a) at work
 - b) at home
 - c) on a farm
 - d) in a pet shop
- 4) What is the woman's job?
 - a) a pet shop owner
 - b) a farmer
 - c) a vet
 - d) an assistant manager
- 5) Where did the woman see a video on incubating eggs?
 - a) on YouTube
 - b) on TV
 - c) on Facebook
 - d) at a train station
- 6) Who are the ducklings' new friends?
 - a) some cows
 - b) the woman's pet chickens
 - c) the woman's neighbours
 - d) a horse and a cat
- 7) What was in the back of the woman's mind when she bought the eggs?
 - a) the price of eggs
 - b) her job
 - c) coronavirus
 - d) they were supermarket eggs
- 8) Where did the woman say the eggs had been bashed around in?
 - a) a farm
 - b) a delivery truck
 - c) a supermarket trolley
 - d) a shelf
- 9) What kind of experience did the woman call incubating the eggs?
 - a) an interesting experience
 - b) an amazing experience
 - c) a nice experience
 - d) an educational experience
- 10) What did a duck farm say about incubating supermarket eggs?
 - a) it was unusual
 - b) it was very rare
 - c) it was unheard of
 - d) it was normal

ROLE PLAY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2006/200616-ducks.html>

Role A – Duckling

You think a duckling is the best pet. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their animals. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): goldfish, horse or tarantula.

Role B – Goldfish

You think a goldfish is the best pet. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their animals. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): duckling, horse or tarantula.

Role C – Horse

You think a horse is the best pet. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their animals. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): goldfish, duckling or tarantula.

Role D – Tarantula

You think a tarantula is the best pet. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their animals. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): goldfish, horse or duckling.

AFTER READING / LISTENING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2006/200616-ducks.html>

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

supermarket	egg
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- 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">• surprise• named• decided• idea• good• after	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• life• tried• excited• delivery• balls• unusual
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DUCKS SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about ducks 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.

DUCKS DISCUSSION

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

1. What did you think when you read the headline?
2. What images are in your mind when you hear the word 'duck'?
3. What is the biggest surprise you had?
4. What do you think of ducks?
5. Would you prefer to eat duck eggs or chicken eggs?
6. What do you think of the names of the ducklings?
7. What would you do if you had lots of free time?
8. What do you know about ducks?
9. Would you like to keep ducklings?
10. What three adjectives best describe this story and why?

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DUCKS 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 think of when you hear the word 'egg'?
13. What do you think about what you read?
14. What do you think the best pets are?
15. Would you like to incubate some duck eggs?
16. How surprised are you that the ducklings hatched?
17. How cute do you think ducklings are?
18. What amazing experiences have you had in your life?
19. What do you think of eggs?
20. What questions would you like to ask the lady with the ducklings?

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

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

- | | | | | |
|-----|--------------|----------------|--------------|---------------|
| 1. | (a) then | (b) further | (c) post | (d) after |
| 2. | (a) duckings | (b) duckies | (c) ducklets | (d) ducklings |
| 3. | (a) furrowed | (b) furloughed | (c) furlong | (d) fried |
| 4. | (a) item | (b) it | (c) things | (d) that |
| 5. | (a) seen | (b) sees | (c) seeing | (d) saw |
| 6. | (a) them | (b) thus | (c) then | (d) through |
| 7. | (a) happily | (b) happy | (c) hapless | (d) happen |
| 8. | (a) tried | (b) trial | (c) tired | (d) tied |
| 9. | (a) mend | (b) mind | (c) mine | (d) meme |
| 10. | (a) based | (b) basted | (c) bashed | (d) bolted |
| 11. | (a) bats | (b) pins | (c) balls | (d) nets |
| 12. | (a) of | (b) at | (c) on | (d) for |

SPELLING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2006/200616-ducks.html>

Paragraph 1

1. A woman received a big eiprrssu
2. three baby ducks, or nckliudgs
3. she was uferloghud from her job
4. an tssastnia manager in a shop
5. gcnntibau the eggs
6. how smeoneo hatched quail eggs

Paragraph 2

7. why she tried her nrimpextee
8. I was so exietdc for them to hatch
9. rattled around on a orellty
10. it had been an "amazing" nerreexpeic
11. the cutest little balls of ufffl
12. it is very nualsuu

PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2006/200616-ducks.html>

Number these lines in the correct order.

- () Beep, Peep and Meep. Charli Lello, 29, bought the eggs from the Waitrose supermarket last month. She was spending all
- () day at home because she was furloughed from her job as an assistant manager
- () little balls of fluff". A duck farm said it is very unusual for ducklings to hatch from supermarket eggs.
- () reporters that she got the idea for incubating the eggs after seeing a video on Facebook. The video
- (**1**) A woman received a big surprise after she bought some duck eggs from a supermarket. Three of the
- () the duck eggs and thought maybe they would [hatch]. I was so excited for them to hatch, but I still had in the back of my
- () showed how someone hatched quail eggs after buying them from a supermarket.
- () eggs hatched. The woman now has three baby ducks, or ducklings. The woman named the ducklings
- () chickens. She explained why she tried her experiment. She said: "While I was in Waitrose, I saw
- () Lello said the ducklings would live, "a very happy life". She said they would be good company for her pet
- () mind that these are supermarket eggs." She said she was surprised when the eggs hatched. She said:
- () in a shop. She decided to use her free time to do things around the house. Ms Lello told
- () on a trolley onto a shelf." She added that it had been an "amazing" experience. She called her ducklings "the cutest
- () "They have been collected, bashed around on a delivery truck, then rattled around

PUT THE WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2006/200616-ducks.html>

1. baby now The three has woman ducks .
2. at was home . spending day all She
3. free to her things . time Use do
4. for got idea the She incubating eggs . the
5. someone video quail hatched The showed how eggs .
6. would live happy a The very ducklings life .
7. her tried explained she why experiment . She
8. to them so excited was I for hatch .
9. on a onto a trolley Rattled shelf . around
10. to ducklings It very for is hatch . unusual

CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD (20 PAIRS)

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2006/200616-ducks.html>

A woman received a big surprise after she *buying / bought* some duck eggs from a supermarket. Three of the eggs hatched. The woman now has *thrice / three* baby ducks, or ducklings. The woman *named / naming* the ducklings Beep, Peep and Meep. Charli Lello, 29, bought the eggs from the Waitrose supermarket last *month / monthly*. She was spending *whole / all* day at home because she was *thoroughly / furloughed* from her job as an assistant manager *in / on* a shop. She decided to use her *freely / free* time to do things around the house. Ms Lello told reporters that she got the idea for *incubate / incubating* the eggs after seeing a video on Facebook. The video showed how someone hatched quail eggs after buying them *for / from* a supermarket.

Lello said the ducklings would live, "a very *happy / happily* life". She said they would be good company for her *pat / pet* chickens. She explained why she tried her *experienced / experiment*. She said: "While I was in Waitrose, I saw the duck eggs and *thought / though* maybe they would [hatch]. I was so excited *of / for* them to hatch, but I still had in the back of my mind that these are supermarket eggs." She said she was *surprising / surprised* when the eggs hatched. She said: "They have been collected, *bashed / biased* around on a *deliver / delivery* truck, then rattled around on a trolley onto a shelf." She added that it had been an "amazing" experience. She called her ducklings "the cutest little *bats / balls* of fluff". A duck farm said it is very unusual for ducklings to hatch from supermarket *eggs / egged*.

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)

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2006/200616-ducks.html>

A w_m_n r_c__ v_d _ b_g s_r p_r_s_ _f t_r s h_ b__
g h t s_m_ d_c k _g g s f_r_m _ s_p_r m_r k_t . Th
r__ _f t h_ _g g s h_t c h_d . Th_ w_m_n n_w h_s
t h r__ b_b y d_c k s , _r d_c k l_n g s . Th_ w_m_n
n_m_d t h_ d_c k l_n g s B__ p , P__ p _n d M__ p .
C h_r l_ L_l l_ , 2 9 , b__ g h t t h_ _g g s f_r_m t h_
W__ t r_s_ s_p_r m_r k_t l_s t m_n t h . S h_ w_s s
p_n d_n g _l l d_y _t h_m_ b_c__ s_ s h_ w_s f_r
l__ g h_d f_r_m h_r j_b _s _n _s s_s t_n t m_n_g_r
_n _ s h_p . S h_ d_c_d_d t_ _s_ h_r f_r__ t_m_ t_
d_ t h_n g s _r__ n d t h_ h__ s_ . M s L_l l_ t_l d
r_p_r t_r s t h_t s h_ g_t t h_ _d__ f_r _n c_b_t_n g
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PUNCTUATE THE TEXT AND ADD CAPITALS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2006/200616-ducks.html>

a woman received a big surprise after she bought some duck eggs from a supermarket three of the eggs hatched the woman now has three baby ducks or ducklings the woman named the ducklings beep peep and meep charli lello 29 bought the eggs from the waitrose supermarket last month she was spending all day at home because she was furloughed from her job as an assistant manager in a shop she decided to use her free time to do things around the house ms lello told reporters that she got the idea for incubating the eggs after seeing a video on facebook the video showed how someone hatched quail eggs after buying them from a supermarket

lello said the ducklings would live a very happy life she said they would be good company for her pet chickens she explained why she tried her experiment she said while i was in waitrose i saw the duck eggs and thought maybe they would hatch i was so excited for them to hatch but i still had in the back of my mind that these are supermarket eggs she said she was surprised when the eggs hatched she said they have been collected bashed around on a delivery truck then rattled around on a trolley onto a shelf she added that it had been an amazing experience she called her ducklings the cutest little balls of fluff a duck farm said it is very unusual for ducklings to hatch from supermarket eggs

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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A woman received a big surprise after she bought some duck eggs from a supermarket. Three of the eggs hatched. The woman now has three baby ducks, or ducklings. The woman named the ducklings Beep, Peep and Meepp. Charli Lello, 29, bought the eggs from the Waitrose supermarket last month. She was spending all day at home because she was furloughed from her job as an assistant manager in a shop. She decided to use her free time to do things around the house. Ms Lello told reporters that she got the idea for incubating the eggs after seeing a video on Facebook. The video showed how someone hatched quail eggs after buying them from a supermarket. Lello said the ducklings would live, "a very happy life". She said they would be good company for her pet chickens. She explained why she tried the experiment. She said: "While I was in Waitrose, I saw the duck eggs and thought maybe they would [hatch]. I was so excited for them to hatch, but I still had in the back of my mind that these are supermarket eggs." She said she was surprised when the eggs hatched. She said: "They have been collected, bashed around on a delivery truck, then rattled around on a trolley onto a shelf." She added that it had been an "amazing" experience. She called her ducklings "the cutest little balls of fluff". A duck farm said it is very unusual for ducklings to hatch from supermarket eggs.

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. INTERNET: Search the Internet and find out more about this news story. Share what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

3. DUCKS: Make a poster about ducks. Show your work to your classmates in the next lesson. Did you all have similar things?

4. KEEPING DUCKS: Write a magazine article about everybody keeping ducks and chickens at home so they can have fresh eggs. Include imaginary interviews with people who are for and against this.

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 ducks. Ask him/her three questions about them. Give him/her three of your opinions on ducks. Read your letter to your partner(s) in your next lesson. Your partner(s) will answer your questions.

ANSWERS

VOCABULARY (p.4)

1. e 2. c 3. b 4. f 5. a 6. g 7. d
8. m 9. k 10. n 11. h 12. j 13. i 14. l

TRUE / FALSE (p.5)

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

SYNONYM MATCH (p.5)

1. g	2. d	3. j	4. b	5. f
6. a	7. e	8. i	9. c	10. h

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (p.9)

1. A surprise
2. 29
3. At home
4. An assistant manager
5. On Facebook
6. The woman's pet chickens
7. They were supermarket eggs
8. A delivery truck
9. An amazing experience
10. It was unusual

WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER (p.20)

1. The woman now has three baby ducks.
2. She was spending all day at home.
3. Use her free time to do things.
4. She got the idea for incubating the eggs.
5. The video showed how someone hatched quail eggs.
6. The ducklings would live a very happy life.
7. She explained why she tried her experiment.
8. I was so excited for them to hatch.
9. Rattled around on a trolley onto a shelf.
10. It is very unusual for ducklings to hatch.

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ (p.10)

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

ANIMAL YOUNG

kangaroo = joey | sheep = lamb | lion = cub | chicken = chick | dog = puppy | cat = kitten

ALL OTHER EXERCISES

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