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Level 2 – 7th December, 2018

Rare white reindeer photographed in Norway

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Please try Levels 0, 1 and 3. They are (a little) harder.

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THE READING

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A man has photographed a rare white reindeer while on a walk in the north of Norway. Mads Nordsveen, from Norway's capital city, was hiking in the mountains. While walking through the snow, he saw a small white animal. He realized it was a reindeer. He said it was so white, "he almost disappeared into the snow". Nordsveen said the experience was "magical" and like a "fairy tale". He said: "The reindeer came to me very close and we looked into each other's eyes. He was very calm....He behaved as if he was posing for my photos. He was very curious...like a little explorer."

The photograph has gone viral on social media. It has been liked over 30,000 times since Nordsveen uploaded it. It is good luck in Norway to see a white reindeer. It is also good timing as Christmas is coming. According to folklore, Santa Claus' sleigh is pulled by eight flying reindeer. They help Santa to deliver presents to children. However, Santa's reindeer are usually brown. A white reindeer's unusual appearance is because of a genetic problem that removes colour from its fur. They are not albino. In the USA, reindeer are known as caribou.

Sources: <https://www.bbc.com/news/world-europe-46442538>
<https://globalnews.ca/news/4726909/rare-white-reindeer-calf/>
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PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|-----------------------------------|----------------------------|
| 1. while on a walk | a. the mountains |
| 2. Norway's | b. snow |
| 3. hiking in | c. it was a reindeer |
| 4. he saw a small | d. other's eyes |
| 5. He realized | e. in the north |
| 6. he almost disappeared into the | f. white animal |
| 7. the experience was "magical" | g. capital city |
| 8. we looked into each | h. and like a "fairy tale" |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|----------------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. The photograph has gone viral | a. are known as caribou |
| 2. It is also good | b. presents to children |
| 3. Christmas is | c. timing |
| 4. pulled by eight | d. problem |
| 5. They help Santa to deliver | e. flying reindeer |
| 6. A white reindeer's unusual | f. on social media |
| 7. a genetic | g. appearance |
| 8. In the USA, reindeer | h. coming |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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A man has photographed (1) _____ reindeer while on a walk in (2) _____ Norway. Mads Nordsveen, from Norway's capital city, was hiking in the mountains. While walking (3) _____, he saw a small white animal. He realized it was a reindeer. He said it (4) _____, "he almost disappeared into the snow". Nordsveen said the experience was "magical" and like (5) _____. He said: "The reindeer came to me very close and we looked into each other's eyes. He was very calm....He behaved as if he was posing for my photos. He (6) _____...like a little explorer."

The photograph has (7) _____ social media. It has been liked over 30,000 times since Nordsveen uploaded it. It is (8) _____ Norway to see a white reindeer. It is also good timing as Christmas is coming. According to folklore, Santa Claus' sleigh (9) _____ eight flying reindeer. They help Santa to (10) _____ children. However, Santa's reindeer are usually brown. A white reindeer's unusual appearance is because (11) _____ problem that removes colour from its fur. They are not albino. In the USA, reindeer (12) _____ caribou.

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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REINDEER SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1812/181207-reindeer-4.html>

Write five GOOD questions about Reindeer 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) _____

