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**Level 5 – 23rd November, 2020**

## **Car-licking moose a problem on Canada's roads**

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**Please try Levels 4 and 6. They are (a little) harder.**

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# THE READING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2011/201123-moose-5.html>

Many road signs around the world amuse and bemuse motorists. The latest to raise smiles and possibly bewilderment are in Canada. Transport authorities in the town of Jasper have erected electronic signs to warn drivers not to let moose lick their cars. Moose are the largest members of the deer family and are native to Canada. They are a frequent sight on roads. An addiction to salt has led them to sate their need by licking cars. Vehicles are splashed with road salt. It is common to see moose licking salt on the roads, but they have now developed a taste for licking it off cars.

A spokesperson explained why the salt licking was a problem. He warned that the moose's addiction could be fatal. He said the behaviour started a few years ago and now is common. He said: "It's perpetuated by the moose's obsession with salt." A tour operator said: "This road salt is kind of like a drug for the moose." The salt habit poses additional dangers for the moose. Cars are usually covered with a whole host of harmful chemicals. In addition, moose are vulnerable to pneumonia. Licking car surfaces could increase the risk of spreading disease.

Sources: <https://www.thedrive.com/news/37736/now-canada-has-road-signs-telling-people-not-to-let-moose-lick-their-cars>  
<https://interestingengineering.com/dont-let-the-moose-lick-your-car-canadians-warned>  
<https://carbuzz.com/news/car-licking-moose-causing-problems-in-canada>

# PHRASE MATCHING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2011/201123-moose-5.html>

## PARAGRAPH ONE:

- |                             |                         |
|-----------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. amuse and                | a. of the deer family   |
| 2. erected electronic signs | b. need by licking cars |
| 3. the largest members      | c. licking it off cars  |
| 4. An addiction             | d. to warn drivers      |
| 5. sate their               | e. to see moose         |
| 6. Vehicles are splashed    | f. bemuse motorists     |
| 7. It is common             | g. with road salt       |
| 8. developed a taste for    | h. to salt              |

## PARAGRAPH TWO:

- |                                |                         |
|--------------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. why the salt licking        | a. of harmful chemicals |
| 2. the moose's addiction could | b. obsession with salt  |
| 3. perpetuated by the moose's  | c. spreading disease    |
| 4. This road salt is kind      | d. be fatal             |
| 5. The salt habit poses        | e. to pneumonia         |
| 6. covered with a whole host   | f. of like a drug       |
| 7. moose are vulnerable        | g. additional dangers   |
| 8. increase the risk of        | h. was a problem        |

# LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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A spokesperson explained why the salt licking was a problem. He warned that the moose's addiction (7) \_\_\_\_\_. He said the behaviour started a few years ago and (8) \_\_\_\_\_. He said: "It's perpetuated by the moose's (9) \_\_\_\_\_." A tour operator said: "This road salt is kind of like a drug for the moose." The (10) \_\_\_\_\_ additional dangers for the moose. Cars are usually covered with a whole (11) \_\_\_\_\_ chemicals. In addition, moose are vulnerable to pneumonia. Licking car surfaces could increase the (12) \_\_\_\_\_ disease.

# PUT A SLASH ( / ) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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# SALT SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2011/201123-moose-4.html>

Write five GOOD questions about salt 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) \_\_\_\_\_

