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**Level 2** – 2nd May 2024

## Child's bedroom 'monster' was 60,000 bees

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# THE READING

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Children can be afraid of the dark and have nightmares in bed. They are scared of noises at night, or of imaginary monsters. For one little girl in the USA, the monster was real. Three-year-old Saylor kept telling her parents about the "monsters in the wall" of her bedroom. Her parents thought the "monsters" came from Saylor's imagination. Her mother said Saylor had just seen the movie *Monsters, Inc.* She thought that was why Saylor was seeing monsters. Saylor's parents were shocked when they found out there were 60,000 bees behind Saylor's bedroom wall.

Saylor's mother called a beekeeper, who said the insects were honeybees. These are protected in the USA, so they could not be killed. The beekeeper used a camera to see the heat patterns behind the wall. He had never seen so many bees in a house. He drilled a hole in the bedroom wall. Saylor's mother said: "They just came pouring out like a horror movie." The beekeeper removed 45 kg of honeycomb. He captured the bees and put them in special boxes. They are now living in safety on a honeybee sanctuary. The bees caused more than \$20,000 in damages to the house.

Sources: <http://news.yahoo.com/little-girl-said-monsters-were-231916421.html>  
<https://www.unilad.com/community/viral/mom-finds-50000-bees-in-her-wall-068381-20240429>  
<https://www.upworthy.com/mom-shocked-daughter-describes-monsters-living-in-walls>

# PHRASE MATCHING

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## PARAGRAPH ONE:

- |                             |                          |
|-----------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. Children can be afraid   | a. was seeing monsters   |
| 2. have nightmares          | b. noises at night       |
| 3. They are scared of       | c. were shocked          |
| 4. the "monsters" came from | d. Saylor's bedroom wall |
| 5. Saylor had just          | e. Saylor's imagination  |
| 6. that was why Saylor      | f. of the dark           |
| 7. Saylor's parents         | g. seen the movie        |
| 8. 60,000 bees behind       | h. in bed                |

## PARAGRAPH TWO:

- |                                    |                        |
|------------------------------------|------------------------|
| 1. the insects                     | a. of honeycomb        |
| 2. These are protected             | b. sanctuary           |
| 3. He drilled                      | c. in the USA          |
| 4. They just came pouring out like | d. \$20,000 in damages |
| 5. The beekeeper removed 45 kg     | e. a horror movie      |
| 6. He captured                     | f. a hole              |
| 7. living in safety on a honeybee  | g. the bees            |
| 8. The bees caused more than       | h. were honeybees      |

# LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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Saylor's mother called a beekeeper, who said (7) \_\_\_\_\_ honeybees. These are protected in the USA, so they could (8) \_\_\_\_\_. The beekeeper used a camera to see the heat patterns behind the wall. He had never seen so many bees in a house. He (9) \_\_\_\_\_ in the bedroom wall. Saylor's mother said: "They just came pouring out like a horror movie." The beekeeper removed 45 kg of honeycomb. (10) \_\_\_\_\_ bees and put them in special boxes. They are now (11) \_\_\_\_\_ on a honeybee sanctuary. The bees caused more than \$20,000 (12) \_\_\_\_\_ the house.

# PUT A SLASH ( / ) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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# MONSTERS SURVEY

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

**WRITING**

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2405/240502-monster-bees-2.html>

Write about **monsters** for 10 minutes. Read and talk about your partner's paper.

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