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**Level 0 – 28th October, 2019**

## **Russian eagle creates huge data roaming phone bill**

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**Please try Levels 1, 2 and 3. They are (a little) harder.**

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# THE READING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1910/191028-data-roaming-0.html>

A phone bill shocked scientists in Russia. It was bigger than they thought. An eagle they were following in their research flew too far. It was using SMS and flew across Asia to Iran. Its SMS used the Internet of other countries. The scientists had to pay the data roaming charges for this. The research team ran out of money.

The team started an Internet page to raise money called "Top up the eagle's mobile". Bird lovers gave \$1,600 to pay the bill. Russia's mobile phone operator cancelled the phone bill. It put the team on a cheaper package. A scientist wants the eagle to keep sending SMS data. This will help his project and protect all eagles.

Sources: <https://www.bbc.com/news/world-europe-50180781>  
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# PHRASE MATCHING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1910/191028-data-roaming-0.html>

## PARAGRAPH ONE:

- |                         |                       |
|-------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. A phone bill shocked | a. of other countries |
| 2. An eagle they were   | b. to Iran            |
| 3. flew too             | c. team               |
| 4. flew across Asia     | d. following          |
| 5. the Internet         | e. of money           |
| 6. pay the data roaming | f. far                |
| 7. The research         | g. scientists         |
| 8. ran out              | h. charges            |

## PARAGRAPH TWO:

- |                                    |                     |
|------------------------------------|---------------------|
| 1. raise                           | a. help his project |
| 2. Bird                            | b. phone operator   |
| 3. Russia's mobile                 | c. SMS data         |
| 4. cancelled the phone             | d. eagles           |
| 5. a cheaper                       | e. bill             |
| 6. wants the eagle to keep sending | f. lovers           |
| 7. This will                       | g. package          |
| 8. protect all                     | h. money            |

# LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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A phone (1) \_\_\_\_\_ in Russia. It was bigger  
(2) \_\_\_\_\_. An eagle they were following in their  
research (3) \_\_\_\_\_. It was using SMS and flew  
across Asia to Iran. Its SMS used the Internet  
(4) \_\_\_\_\_. The scientists had to  
(5) \_\_\_\_\_ roaming charges for this. The research  
team (6) \_\_\_\_\_ money.

The team started an Internet (7) \_\_\_\_\_ money  
called "Top up the eagle's mobile". (8) \_\_\_\_\_  
\$1,600 to (9) \_\_\_\_\_. Russia's mobile phone  
operator (10) \_\_\_\_\_ bill. It put the team on a  
cheaper package. A scientist wants the eagle  
(11) \_\_\_\_\_ SMS data. This will help  
(12) \_\_\_\_\_ protect all eagles.

# PUT A SLASH ( / ) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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An eagle they were following in their research flew too far. It was using SMS

and flew across Asia to Iran. Its SMS used the Internet of other countries

. The scientists had to pay the data roaming charges for this. The research

team ran out of money. The team started an Internet page to raise money

called "Top up the eagle's mobile". Bird lovers gave \$1,600 to pay the bill.

Russia's mobile phone operator cancelled the phone bill. It put the team on

na cheaper package. A scientist wants the eagle to keep sending SMS data

and protect all eagles.

# SMS SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1910/191028-data-roaming-4.html>

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

