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

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THE ARTICLE

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Most small children are afraid of the dark and can have nightmares in bed. They are scared of noises at night, or are frightened of imaginary monsters in their bedroom. For one little girl in the USA, the monster turned out to be real. Three-year-old Saylor spent months telling her parents that there were "monsters in the wall" of her bedroom. Saylor's parents thought the "monsters" came from their daughter's overactive imagination. Saylor's mother said the little girl had just seen the Pixar movie *Monsters, Inc.* She thought that was the reason Saylor was seeing monsters. However, Saylor's parents were shocked when they found out there was something behind their daughter's bedroom wall. There were 60,000 bees.

After the mother found the bees, she called a beekeeper. The beekeeper said the insects were honeybees. These are a protected species in the USA, so they could not be killed. The beekeeper used a thermal camera to see the heat patterns behind the wall. He said he had never seen so many bees in a house. He drilled a hole in the bedroom wall and hundreds of the creatures flew out. The mother said: "They just came pouring out like a horror movie." The beekeeper has removed about 45 kg of honeycomb. The beekeeper 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>

WARM-UPS

1. BEES: Students walk around the class and talk to other students about bees. 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?

children / the dark / nightmares / noises / monsters / imagination / reason / bees
insects / protected species / heat / patterns / horror movie / honeycomb / damages

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

3. COUNSELLING: Students A **strongly** believe all children need counselling when they have a nightmare; Students B **strongly** believe this is not necessary. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.

4. MONSTERS: What do you know about these monsters? How dangerous might they be? Complete this table with your partner(s). Change partners often and share what you wrote.

	What I Know	How Dangerous They Are
Frankenstein		
Godzilla		
Loch Ness Monster		
Dragons		
The Yeti		
Sea monsters		

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

6. USEFUL INSECTS: Rank these with your partner. Put the most useful insects at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

- Bees
- Worms
- Butterflies
- Ants
- Praying mantis
- Spiders
- Centipedes
- Cockroaches

VOCABULARY MATCHING

Paragraph 1

- | | |
|---------------|---|
| 1. afraid | a. When something is too busy or works too much, like when your mind won't stop thinking about things. |
| 2. nightmare | b. A solid structure that divides or surrounds an area, like the sides of a house or room. |
| 3. imaginary | c. Feeling scared or worried about something that might happen. |
| 4. overactive | d. Something that you can only see or think about in your mind, like a made-up story or a pretend friend. |
| 5. reason | e. A very bad dream that can make you feel scared or upset when you are sleeping. |
| 6. shocked | f. Why something happens or why someone does something. |
| 7. wall | g. Feeling very surprised or upset because something unexpected or bad happened. |

Paragraph 2

- | | |
|--------------|---|
| 8. insect | h. When something is kept safe from harm or danger, like when you wear a helmet to protect your head. |
| 9. protected | i. A group of similar living things that can produce babies together, like dogs, cats, or birds. |
| 10. species | j. Any living being, like animals, insects, or even imaginary beings like dragons or unicorns. |
| 11. thermal | k. A small creature with six legs and usually wings, like bees beetles and butterflies. |
| 12. drilled | l. When someone or something is taken and kept in a place they can't escape from. |
| 13. creature | m. Make a hole in or through something by using a special tool. |
| 14. captured | n. Related to heat or warmth. |

BEFORE READING / LISTENING

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

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

1. The article says all small children are afraid of the dark. **T / F**
2. Children are scared of noises throughout the day. **T / F**
3. The girl's parents thought a movie made the girl imagine monsters. **T / F**
4. There were 60,000 bees in the ceiling of the little girl's bedroom. **T / F**
5. Honeybees are a protected species in the USA. **T / F**
6. A beekeeper used a special microphone to listen to the bees. **T / F**
7. The beekeeper drilled a hole in the wall of the little girl's bedroom. **T / F**
8. The house needs \$20,000 in repairs because of the bees. **T / F**

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

- | | |
|---------------------|---------------|
| 1. afraid | a. cause |
| 2. real | b. swarming |
| 3. reason | c. discovered |
| 4. shocked | d. created |
| 5. found out | e. genuine |
| 6. insects | f. bugs |
| 7. pouring | g. refuge |
| 8. captured | h. scared |
| 9. sanctuary | i. surprised |
| 10. caused | j. caught |

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

- | | |
|--|-----------------------------|
| 1. Most small children are afraid | a. in their bedroom |
| 2. frightened of imaginary monsters | b. hole in the bedroom wall |
| 3. the monster turned | c. the bees |
| 4. their daughter's overactive | d. daughter's bedroom wall |
| 5. there was something behind their | e. in damages |
| 6. These are a protected | f. imagination |
| 7. He drilled a | g. out like a horror movie |
| 8. They just came pouring | h. of the dark |
| 9. The beekeeper captured | i. species in the USA |
| 10. The bees caused more than \$20,000 | j. out to be real |

GAP FILL

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

Most small children are (1) _____ of the dark and can have nightmares in bed. They are scared of noises at night, or are frightened of (2) _____ monsters in their bedroom. For one little girl in the USA, the monster (3) _____ out to be real. Three-year-old Saylor spent months (4) _____ her parents that there were "monsters in the (5) _____ " of her bedroom. Saylor's parents thought the "monsters" came from their daughter's (6) _____ imagination. Saylor's mother said the little girl had just seen the Pixar movie Monsters, Inc. She thought that was the (7) _____ Saylor was seeing monsters. However, Saylor's parents were shocked when they found out there was something (8) _____ their daughter's bedroom wall. There were 60,000 bees.

turned
wall
behind
afraid
reason
telling
imaginary
overactive

After the mother found the bees, she called a beekeeper. The beekeeper said the (9) _____ were honeybees. These are a protected species in the USA, so they could not be (10) _____. The beekeeper used a thermal camera to see the heat (11) _____ behind the wall. He said he had never seen so many bees in a house. He drilled a (12) _____ in the bedroom wall and hundreds of the creatures flew out. The mother said: "They just came (13) _____ out like a horror movie." The beekeeper has removed about 45 kg of honeycomb. The beekeeper (14) _____ the bees and put them in special boxes. They are now living in (15) _____ on a honeybee sanctuary. The bees caused more than \$20,000 in (16) _____ to the house.

patterns
damages
hole
captured
insects
safety
killed
pouring

LISTENING – Guess the answers. Listen to check.

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

- 1) Most small children are afraid of the dark and can have _____
 - a. nightmares on bed
 - b. nightmares at bed
 - c. nightmares in bed
 - d. nightmares imbed
- 2) They are scared of noises at night, or are frightened _____
 - a. of imagine a monsters
 - b. of imagine airy monsters
 - c. of imaginary monsters
 - d. of imaginary monster
- 3) For one little girl in the USA, the monster turned out _____
 - a. to be really
 - b. to be reel
 - c. to be royal
 - d. to be real
- 4) She thought that was the reason Saylor _____
 - a. was seeing monsters
 - b. was seen monsters
 - c. was see in monsters
 - d. was sewn monsters
- 5) shocked when they found out there was something behind _____
 - a. they're daughter's bedroom
 - b. them daughter's bedroom
 - c. their daughter's bedroom
 - d. they daughter's bedroom
- 6) After the mother found the bees, she _____
 - a. called a beekeeper
 - b. culled a beekeeper
 - c. killed a beekeeper
 - d. scold a beekeeper
- 7) the insects were honeybees. These are _____
 - a. a protected specials
 - b. a protective species
 - c. a protector species
 - d. a protected species
- 8) The beekeeper used a thermal camera to see _____
 - a. the heater patterns
 - b. the hot patterns
 - c. the heat patterns
 - d. the heats patterns
- 9) He drilled a hole in the bedroom wall and hundreds of the _____
 - a. creatures blew out
 - b. creatures grew out
 - c. creatures slew out
 - d. creatures flew out
- 10) The bees caused more than _____
 - a. \$20,000 on damages
 - b. \$20,000 up damages
 - c. \$20,000 in damages
 - d. \$20,000 out damages

LISTENING – Listen and fill in the gaps

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After the mother found the bees, she called a beekeeper. The beekeeper said the insects were honeybees. These are (7) _____ in the USA, so they could not be killed. The beekeeper used a thermal camera to see the (8) _____ the wall. He said he had never seen so many bees in a house. He (9) _____ in the bedroom wall and hundreds of the creatures flew out. The mother said: "They just came pouring out like (10) _____." The beekeeper has removed about 45 kg of honeycomb. The beekeeper (11) _____ and put them in special boxes. They are now living in safety on a honeybee sanctuary. The bees caused more than \$20,000 (12) _____ the house.

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

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

1. What does the article say children can have in bed?
2. How long did Saylor spend telling her parents about monsters?
3. Where did Saylor's parents think the monsters came from?
4. Where in the house were the bees?
5. How did Saylor's parents feel when they discovered the bees?
6. Who did Saylor's mother call?
7. What did the beekeeper use to see the heat pattern of the bees?
8. What did the beekeeper drill a hole in?
9. What did the beekeeper take from the house that weighed 45 kg?
10. How much is the repair bill caused by the bees?

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ

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

- 1) What does the article say children can have in bed?
 - a) difficulty sleeping
 - b) breakfast
 - c) nightmares
 - d) teddy bears
- 2) How long did Saylor spend telling her parents about monsters?
 - a) months
 - b) a few hours
 - c) two years
 - d) a week or two
- 3) Where did Saylor's parents think the monsters came from?
 - a) Saylor's imagination
 - b) Africa
 - c) a local forest
 - d) a zoo
- 4) Where in the house were the bees?
 - a) in the garden
 - b) behind Saylor's bedroom wall
 - c) under Saylor's bed
 - d) above Saylor's ceiling
- 5) How did Saylor's parents feel when they discovered the bees?
 - a) confused
 - b) terrified
 - c) worried
 - d) shocked
- 6) Who did Saylor's mother call?
 - a) a honey expert
 - b) a beekeeper
 - c) her husband
 - d) the police
- 7) What did the beekeeper use to see the heat pattern of the bees?
 - a) a thermal camera
 - b) a microscope
 - c) a smartphone
 - d) a computer
- 8) What did the beekeeper drill a hole in?
 - a) the ceiling
 - b) a bee
 - c) the bedroom wall
 - d) the ground
- 9) What did the beekeeper take from the house that weighed 45 kg?
 - a) wood
 - b) the mother
 - c) the daughter
 - d) honeycomb
- 10) How much is the repair bill caused by the bees?
 - a) \$20,000
 - b) \$12,000
 - c) \$22,000
 - d) \$200,000

ROLE PLAY

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Role A – Bees

You think bees are the most useful insects. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their insects aren't as useful. Also, tell the others which are the least useful of these (and why): worms, spiders or centipedes.

Role B – Worms

You think worms are the most useful insects. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their insects aren't as useful. Also, tell the others which are the least useful of these (and why): bees, spiders or centipedes.

Role C – Spiders

You think spiders are the most useful insects. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their insects aren't as useful. Also, tell the others which are the least useful of these (and why): worms, bees or centipedes.

Role D – Centipedes

You think centipedes are the most useful insects. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their insects aren't as useful. Also, tell the others which are the least useful of these (and why): worms, spiders or bees.

AFTER READING / LISTENING

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

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

monster	bee
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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">• small• real• months• imagination• reason• behind	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• insects• killed• many• horror• special• caused
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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.

MONSTERS 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 'monster'?
3. What were you afraid of when you were a small child?
4. Did you think there were monsters in your bedroom?
5. What do you think of monsters?
6. Why are there so many movies about monsters?
7. What do you know about bees?
8. Do you think the little girl will be afraid of bees?
9. What insects are you scared of?
10. How would you deal with 60,000 bees in your room?

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MONSTERS 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 'bee'?
13. What do you think of the sound of bees?
14. What do you think of bees?
15. What do you think of the job of a beekeeper?
16. How important are honeybees?
17. What do you know about honeycomb?
18. Why do you think bees are a protected species?
19. What different things can we do with honey?
20. What questions would you like to ask the little girl?

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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After the mother found the bees, she called a beekeeper. The beekeeper said the insects were honeybees. These are a (7) _____ species in the USA, so they could not be killed. The beekeeper used a thermal camera to see the (8) _____ patterns behind the wall. He said he had never seen so many bees in a house. He (9) _____ a hole in the bedroom wall and hundreds of the creatures flew out. The mother said: "They just came (10) _____ out like a horror movie." The beekeeper has removed about 45 kg of honeycomb. The beekeeper (11) _____ 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 (12) _____ damages to the house.

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

- | | | | | |
|-----|--------------|---------------|----------------|-------------------|
| 1. | (a) of | (b) to | (c) at | (d) on |
| 2. | (a) noisy | (b) noiseless | (c) noises | (d) noiselessness |
| 3. | (a) in | (b) up | (c) out | (d) down |
| 4. | (a) imagine | (b) imagined | (c) imaginary | (d) imagination |
| 5. | (a) saw | (b) see | (c) seen | (d) seeing |
| 6. | (a) anything | (b) something | (c) thing | (d) nothing |
| 7. | (a) protect | (b) protected | (c) protection | (d) protective |
| 8. | (a) heats | (b) heat | (c) heater | (d) heating |
| 9. | (a) grilled | (b) thrilled | (c) drilled | (d) shrilled |
| 10. | (a) boring | (b) soaring | (c) souring | (d) pouring |
| 11. | (a) drove | (b) rented | (c) founded | (d) captured |
| 12. | (a) by | (b) at | (c) on | (d) in |

SPELLING

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Paragraph 1

1. children are adriaf of the dark
2. have segrimnath in bed
3. frightened of aiigrnamy monsters
4. their daughter's overactive ntiiaaimong
5. the ensroa Saylor was seeing monsters
6. Saylor's ntspear were shocked

Paragraph 2

7. the tsncise were honeybees
8. a protected secespi in the USA
9. hundreds of the cretsurae flew out
10. The beekeeper tadpuce the bees
11. living in safety on a honeybee nsraacytu
12. more than \$20,000 in daasgme

PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

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

Number these lines in the correct order.

- () pouring out like a horror movie." The beekeeper has removed about 45 kg of honeycomb. The beekeeper captured the bees
- () imagination. Saylor's mother said the little girl had just seen the Pixar movie Monsters, Inc. She thought that was the
- () and put them in special boxes. They are now living in safety on a honeybee
- () at night, or are frightened of imaginary monsters in their bedroom. For one little girl in the USA, the monster turned
- () reason Saylor was seeing monsters. However, Saylor's parents were shocked when they found out there was something
- () camera to see the heat patterns behind the wall. He said he had never seen so many bees in a house. He drilled a
- () behind their daughter's bedroom wall. There were 60,000 bees.
- () After the mother found the bees, she called a beekeeper. The beekeeper said the insects were
- () hole in the bedroom wall and hundreds of the creatures flew out. The mother said: "They just came
- () out to be real. Three-year-old Saylor spent months telling her parents that there were "monsters in the wall"
- (**1**) Most small children are afraid of the dark and can have nightmares in bed. They are scared of noises
- () sanctuary. The bees caused more than \$20,000 in damages to the house.
- () of her bedroom. Saylor's parents thought the "monsters" came from their daughter's overactive
- () honeybees. These are a protected species in the USA, so they could not be killed. The beekeeper used a thermal

PUT THE WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER

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

1. afraid small dark . of children are the Most
2. They at are scared night . of noises
3. bedroom . in of her wall monsters The the
4. the had The girl movie . just little seen
5. they shocked were out . They found when
6. beekeeper insects honeybees . said the were The
7. protected USA . a These species in are the
8. never many had seen so He bees .
9. drilled the a in hole wall . He bedroom
10. caused damages . The bees \$20,000 than more in

CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD (20 PAIRS)

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

Most small children are *scary / afraid* of the dark and can have nightmares in bed. They are scared of noises *in / at* night, or are frightened of imaginary monsters in their bedroom. For one little girl in the USA, the monster turned *out / in* to be real. Three-year-old Saylor spent months telling her parents that there were "monsters in the wall" of her bedroom. Saylor's parents *thoughtless / thought* the "monsters" came from their daughter's overactive *imagine / imagination*. Saylor's mother said the little girl had just *seen / saw* the Pixar movie Monsters, Inc. She thought that was the reason Saylor was *seeing / seen* monsters. However, Saylor's parents were *shocking / shocked* when they found out there was *something / anything* behind their daughter's bedroom wall. *They / There* were 60,000 bees.

After the mother *found / fund* the bees, she called a beekeeper. The beekeeper *said / called* the insects were honeybees. These are a *protected / protection* species in the USA, so they could not be *dead / killed*. The beekeeper used *a / the* thermal camera to see the heat patterns behind the wall. He said he had never seen *so / such* many bees in a house. He drilled a *whole / hole* in the bedroom wall and hundreds of the creatures flew out. The mother said: "They just came *pouring / poured* out like a horror movie." The beekeeper has removed about 45 kg of honeycomb. The beekeeper captured the bees and put them in special boxes. They are now living in *safely / safety* on a honeybee sanctuary. The bees caused more than \$20,000 *in / at* damages to the house.

Talk about the connection between each pair of words in italics, and why the correct word is correct. Look up the definition of new words.

INSERT THE VOWELS (a, e, i, o, u)

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M_st sm_ll ch_ldr_n _r_ _fr__d _f th_ d_rk _nd c_n
h_v_ n_gh_t m_r_s _n b_d. Th_y _r_ sc_r_d _f n__s_s
_t n_gh_t, _r_ _r_ fr_gh_t_n_d _f _m_g_n_ry m_nst_rs _n
th__r b_dr__m. F_r _n_ lttl_ g_rl _n th_ _S_, th_
m_nst_r t_rn_d __t t_ b_ r__l. Thr__-y__r-ld S_yl_r
sp_nt m_nths t_ll_ng h_r p_r_nts th_t th_r_ w_r_
"m_nst_rs _n th_ w_ll" _f h_r b_dr__m. S_yl_r's
p_r_nts th__gh_t th_ "m_nst_rs" c_m_ fr_m th__r
d__gh_t_r's _v_r_ct_v_ _m_g_n_t__n. S_yl_r's m_th_r
s__d th_ lttl_ g_rl h_d j_st s__n th_ P_x_r m_v__
M_nst_rs, _nc. Sh_ th__gh_t th_t w_s th_ r__s_n S_yl_r
w_s s__ng m_nst_rs. H_w_v_r, S_yl_r's p_r_nts w_r_
sh_ck_d wh_n th_y f__nd __t th_r_ w_s s_m_th_ng
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PUNCTUATE THE TEXT AND ADD CAPITALS

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

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

4. NO MONSTERS: Write a magazine article about not telling children about monsters. 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 monsters. Ask him/her three questions about them. Give him/her three of your opinions on monsters. Read your letter to your partner(s) in your next lesson. Your partner(s) will answer your questions.

ANSWERS

VOCABULARY (p.4)

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

TRUE / FALSE (p.5)

- 1 F 2 F 3 T 4 F 5 T 6 F 7 T 8 T

SYNONYM MATCH (p.5)

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

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (p.9)

1. Nightmares
2. Months
3. Saylor's imagination
4. Behind Saylor's bedroom wall
5. Shocked
6. A beekeeper
7. A thermal camera
8. The bedroom wall
9. Honeycomb
10. \$20,000

WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER (p.19)

1. Most small children are afraid of the dark.
2. They are scared of noises at night.
3. The monsters in the wall of her bedroom.
4. The little girl had just seen the movie.
5. They were shocked when they found out.
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7. These are a protected species in the USA.
8. He had never seen so many bees.
9. He drilled a hole in the bedroom wall.
10. The bees caused more than \$20,000 in damages.

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ (p.10)

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

ALL OTHER EXERCISES

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