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30,000 bees attack couple, kill ponies

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THE READING

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Bee attacks are usually only in horror movies or nightmares. For a Texas couple, the nightmare became true. Kristen Beauregard, 44, and her boyfriend were in their garden with their two ponies. Ms Beauregard said everything was OK until one pony started jumping. It was very frightened. Suddenly she saw a dark cloud in the sky – it was a swarm of 30,000 bees. She said: "It got all dark, like it was night time, there were so many bees."

The bees attacked the couple and their horses. The couple jumped into their pool. Ms Beauregard was stung 200 times. The pool saved their lives because the bees could not attack under the water. Kristen said: "Every time we stuck our heads out for air, they would cover us and start stinging us. We were trying to breathe and they were stinging us." The ponies got stung thousands of times. One died on the farm, the other at a clinic later that evening.

Sources: <http://news.sky.com/story/1121217/swarm-of-bees-attacks-couple-and-kills-horses>
<http://www.nbcdfw.com/news/local/Thousands-of-Bees-Attack-Woman-Kill-Horses-217198861.html>

VOCABULARY MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

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|--------------------------|---------------------------|
| 1. only in horror movies | a. like it was night time |
| 2. the nightmare became | b. frightened |
| 3. everything | c. or nightmares |
| 4. It was very | d. many bees |
| 5. she saw a dark | e. was OK |
| 6. a swarm of | f. true |
| 7. It got all dark, | g. 30,000 bees |
| 8. there were so | h. cloud in the sky |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

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|-----------------------------------|---------------------|
| 1. The bees attacked the couple | a. 200 times |
| 2. The couple jumped | b. out for air |
| 3. stung | c. to breathe |
| 4. The pool saved | d. and their horses |
| 5. the bees could not attack | e. of times |
| 6. we stuck our heads | f. into their pool |
| 7. We were trying | g. their lives |
| 8. The ponies got stung thousands | h. under the water |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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Bee attacks (1) _____ in horror movies or nightmares. For a Texas couple, (2) _____ true. Kristen Beauregard, 44, and her (3) _____ garden with their two ponies. Ms Beauregard said everything was OK until one (4) _____. It was very frightened. Suddenly (5) _____ in the sky - it was a swarm of 30,000 bees. She said: " (6) _____, like it was night time, there were so many bees."

The bees (7) _____ and their horses. The couple jumped into their pool. Ms Beauregard (8) _____. The pool (9) _____ because the bees could not attack under the water. Kristen said: "(10) _____ our heads out for air, they would cover us and start stinging us. We were (11) _____ they were stinging us." The ponies got (12) _____ times. One died on the farm, the other at a clinic later that evening.

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student A: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

a)

b)

c)

d)

e)

f)

g)

h)

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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)

g)

h)
