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Level 2

30,000 bees attack couple, kill ponies

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THE READING

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Being attacked by bees is usually only in horror movies or nightmares. For a couple in Texas, the nightmare turned into true life on Wednesday. Kristen Beauregard, 44, and her boyfriend were in their garden with their two ponies. Ms Beauregard said everything was normal until one pony started jumping. It was very frightened about something. Suddenly she saw a dark cloud in the sky and she knew 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.

Luckily, the couple jumped into their swimming pool. Ms Beauregard was stung 200 times. Her boyfriend counted over 50 stings on his arms, neck and head. The pool saved their lives because the bees could not attack under the water. Kristen said it was terrifying: "We were trying to stand up in the water but 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." Sadly, the two ponies did not escape. They 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>

MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

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|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| 1. Being | a. cloud in the sky |
| 2. only in horror movies | b. life |
| 3. true | c. attacked by bees |
| 4. It was very frightened | d. the couple |
| 5. she saw a dark | e. of 30,000 bees |
| 6. a swarm | f. or nightmares |
| 7. It got all dark, | g. about something |
| 8. The bees attacked | h. like it was night time |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

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|----------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. Her boyfriend counted | a. did not escape |
| 2. The pool saved | b. over 50 stings |
| 3. Kristen said it | c. thousands of times |
| 4. We were trying to stand | d. their lives |
| 5. we stuck our heads | e. the other at a clinic |
| 6. the two ponies | f. out for air |
| 7. They got stung | g. up in the water |
| 8. One died on the farm, | h. was terrifying |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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Being attacked by bees (1) _____ in horror movies or nightmares. For a couple in Texas, (2) _____ into true life on Wednesday. Kristen Beauregard, 44, and her boyfriend (3) _____ with their two ponies. Ms Beauregard said everything (4) _____ one pony started jumping. It was very frightened about something. Suddenly she saw (5) _____ sky and she knew it was a swarm of 30,000 bees. She said: "It got all dark, like it was night time, (6) _____ bees." The bees attacked the couple and their horses.

Luckily, the couple (7) _____ swimming pool. Ms Beauregard (8) _____. Her boyfriend counted over 50 stings on his arms, neck and head. The pool saved their lives because the bees could (9) _____ water. Kristen said it was terrifying: "We were (10) _____ in the water but every time we stuck our heads out for air, they would cover (11) _____ us. We were trying to breathe and they were stinging us." Sadly, the two ponies did not escape. They got (12) _____. 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)

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d)

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