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## Level 3

# 30,000 bees attack couple, kill ponies

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# THE ARTICLE

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Luckily they had a swimming pool, so the couple jumped in. Ms Beauregard was stung over 200 times by the bees. Her boyfriend counted over 50 stings on his arms, neck and head. The pool probably saved their lives because the bees could not attack them under the water. Kristen explained how terrifying it was. She said: "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 on the face and on the nose." Unfortunately, the two ponies could not escape from the bees. They got stung thousands of times. One died on the farm, the other passed away at the vet's 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>

# 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, decide which of these topics or words from the article are most interesting and which are most boring.

*horror movies / nightmares / reality / garden / exercising / normal / dark cloud / night / swimming pool / stings / under water / terrifying / breathe / escape / passed away*

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

**3. ANIMAL ATTACKS:** What's the best thing to do? Complete this table with your partner(s). Change partners often and share what you wrote.

	Why are they dangerous?	What's the best thing to do?
Bees		
Snakes		
Bears		
Sharks		
Crocodiles		
Elephants		

**4. DANGEROUS:** Students A **strongly** believe bees are among the most dangerous animals; Students B **strongly** believe they aren't. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.

**5. NIGHTMARES:** Rank these and share your rankings with your partner. Put the biggest nightmare at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

- attacked by bees
- getting lost
- falling
- natural disasters
- failing exams
- losing mobile phone
- airplane engine trouble
- having no money

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

# BEFORE READING / LISTENING

From [http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1307/130731-bee\\_attack.html](http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1307/130731-bee_attack.html)

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

- |  |       |
|--|-------|
| a. A couple was attacked by bees while watched a horror movie.       | T / F |
| b. A pony attacked the bees.   | T / F |
| c. The woman saw something she thought was a bright, white cloud.    | T / F |
| d. There were so many bees it went dark, like it was nighttime.      | T / F |
| e. It is likely that a swimming pool saved the couple from death.    | T / F |
| f. The man had 250 stings on his arms, neck and head.                | T / F |
| g. The bees tried to attack the couple while they were in the water. | T / F |
| h. The ponies could not get away from the swarm.                     | T / F |

**2. SYNONYM MATCH:** Match the following synonyms from the article.

- |                 |                |
|-----------------|----------------|
| 1. usually      | a. frightening |
| 2. happens      | b. ordinary    |
| 3. nightmare    | c. run away    |
| 4. normal       | d. normally    |
| 5. realised     | e. fortunately |
| 6. luckily      | f. added up    |
| 7. counted      | g. occurs      |
| 8. terrifying   | h. died        |
| 9. escape       | i. bad dream   |
| 10. passed away | j. understood  |

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

- |                                    |                      |
|------------------------------------|----------------------|
| 1. usually only happens            | a. trying to breathe |
| 2. the nightmare turned            | b. their two ponies  |
| 3. in their garden exercising      | c. their lives       |
| 4. Suddenly she saw a dark         | d. of bees           |
| 5. it was a swarm                  | e. from the bees     |
| 6. stung over                      | f. into reality      |
| 7. The pool probably saved         | g. in horror movies  |
| 8. We were                         | h. away at the vet's |
| 9. the two ponies could not escape | i. 200 times         |
| 10. the other passed               | j. cloud in the sky  |

# GAP FILL

From [http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1307/130731-bee\\_attack.html](http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1307/130731-bee_attack.html)

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*frightened*  
*reality*  
*swarm*  
*happens*  
*attacked*  
*cloud*  
*couple*  
*normal*

Luckily they had a swimming pool, so the couple (9) \_\_\_\_\_ in. Ms Beauregard was (10) \_\_\_\_\_ over 200 times by the bees. Her boyfriend counted over 50 stings on his arms, neck and head. The pool probably (11) \_\_\_\_\_ their lives because the bees could not attack them under the water. Kristen explained how (12) \_\_\_\_\_ it was. She said: "We were trying to stand up in the water but every time we (13) \_\_\_\_\_ our heads out for air, they would cover us and start stinging us. We were trying to (14) \_\_\_\_\_ and they were stinging us on the face and on the nose." Unfortunately, the two ponies could not (15) \_\_\_\_\_ from the bees. They got stung thousands of times. One died on the farm, the other (16) \_\_\_\_\_ away at the vet's clinic later that evening.

*stuck*  
*breathe*  
*saved*  
*passed*  
*jumped*  
*escape*  
*stung*  
*terrifying*

# LISTENING – Guess the answers. Listen to check

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- 1) Being attacked by killer bees usually only happens in horror \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. movies or nightmare
  - b. movies or nightmarish
  - c. movies or nightmares
  - d. movies or night mares
- 2) For a couple in Texas, the nightmare \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. turned into reality
  - b. turned into brutality
  - c. turned into realty
  - d. turned into relativity
- 3) everything was normal until one of the ponies started \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. kicking and jumped
  - b. kicked and jumping
  - c. kicked and jumped
  - d. kicking and jumping
- 4) Suddenly she saw a dark cloud in the sky and she realised it was \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. a pride of bees
  - b. a swarm of bees
  - c. a flock of bees
  - d. a school of bees
- 5) She said: "It got all dark, like it was night time, there were \_\_\_\_\_"
  - a. so many bees
  - b. so much bees
  - c. so most bees
  - d. so any bees
- 6) The pool probably saved their lives because the bees could not attack them \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. underneath the water
  - b. under the water
  - c. underling the water
  - d. under a water
- 7) Kristen explained how \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. terrified it was
  - b. terrifying it was
  - c. terrifyingly it was
  - d. terrifies it was
- 8) they were \_\_\_\_\_ the face and on the nose
  - a. stinging us in
  - b. stinging us at
  - c. stinging us over
  - d. stinging us on
- 9) Unfortunately, the two ponies could not \_\_\_\_\_ bees
  - a. escaped from the
  - b. escape from the
  - c. escapes from the
  - d. escapee from the
- 10) the other passed away at the vet's clinic \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. later that eve in
  - b. later that even in
  - c. later that evening
  - d. later that evenings

## LISTENING – Listen and fill in the gaps

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# COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

From [http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1307/130731-bee\\_attack.html](http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1307/130731-bee_attack.html)

1. What usually only happens in nightmares?

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2. What were the couple doing in their garden?

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3. What did one of the ponies start to do?

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4. What did the woman see that looked like a cloud?

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5. Why did it go dark?

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6. What saved the couple?

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7. How many times did the man get stung?

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8. Why couldn't the bees keep stinging the couple?

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9. Why did the couple put their heads out of the water?

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10. Where did the second pony die?

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# MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ

From [http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1307/130731-bee\\_attack.html](http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1307/130731-bee_attack.html)

1. What usually only happens in nightmares?
  - a) horror movies
  - b) bee attacks
  - c) seeing bees as big as horses
  - d) killing bees
2. What were the couple doing in their garden?
  - a) looking for bees
  - b) exercising
  - c) jumping
  - d) exercising their horses
3. What did one of the ponies start to do?
  - a) jump and kick
  - b) run
  - c) be normal
  - d) sleep
4. What did the woman see that looked like a cloud?
  - a) a cloud
  - b) smoke
  - c) a swarm of bees
  - d) a shadow
5. Why did it go dark?
  - a) the weather turned bad
  - b) there were so many bees
  - c) it was 8pm
  - d) a cloud blocked the sun
6. What saved the couple?
  - a) firefighters
  - b) the ponies
  - c) their pool
  - d) cans of insect killer
7. How many times did the man get stung?
  - a) 200
  - b) 250
  - c) between 200 and 250
  - d) more than 50
8. Why couldn't the bees keep stinging the couple?
  - a) the couple was under the water
  - b) the bees ran out of sting
  - c) the bees died
  - d) they went to another town
9. Why did the couple put their heads out of the water?
  - a) to breathe
  - b) to see if the bees were still there
  - c) to escape
  - d) it was dark
10. Where did the second pony die?
  - a) in the field
  - b) at the vet's
  - c) in an ambulance
  - d) in the swimming pool

# ROLE PLAY

From [http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1307/130731-bee\\_attack.html](http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1307/130731-bee_attack.html)

## **Role A – Bees**

You think bees are the most dangerous animals. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them things that are wrong with their animals. Also, tell the others which is the least dangerous of these (and why): snakes, spiders or elephants.

## **Role B – Snakes**

You think snakes are the most dangerous animals. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them things that are wrong with their animals. Also, tell the others which is the least dangerous of these (and why): bees, spiders or elephants.

## **Role C – Spiders**

You think spiders are the most dangerous animals. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them things that are wrong with their animals. Also, tell the others which is the least dangerous of these (and why): snakes, bees or elephants.

## **Role D – Elephants**

You think elephants are the most dangerous animals. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them things that are wrong with their animals. Also, tell the others which is the least dangerous of these (and why): snakes, spiders or bees.

# AFTER READING / LISTENING

From [http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1307/130731-bee\\_attack.html](http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1307/130731-bee_attack.html)

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

horror	movie

- 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"><li>• killer</li><li>• reality</li><li>• garden</li><li>• something</li><li>• cloud</li><li>• night</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• jumped</li><li>• 50</li><li>• saved</li><li>• air</li><li>• nose</li><li>• passed</li></ul>
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# BEES SURVEY

From [http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1307/130731-bee\\_attack.html](http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1307/130731-bee_attack.html)

Write five GOOD questions about bees 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.

## BEES DISCUSSION

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

- a) What did you think when you read the headline?
- b) What springs to mind when you hear the word 'bee'?
- c) What do you think about this news story?
- d) How dangerous are bees?
- e) What is your worst nightmare?
- f) What would you do if you saw a swarm of bees?
- g) Have you ever been stung by a bee or other insect? What happened?
- h) What do you do when a bee is near you?
- i) Why are people afraid of bees?
- j) Why are bees in cartoons usually cute?

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## BEES DISCUSSION

STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

- a) Did you like reading this article? Why/not?
- b) What should you do if you are stung by a bee?
- c) How dangerous can a bee sting be?
- d) What insects do you like and dislike?
- e) Is being a beekeeper dangerous?
- f) What would you be thinking if you were in a pool with thousands of bees above?
- g) Do you like bees?
- h) What does the expression "the birds and the bees" mean? Why?
- i) Why do we say we are as busy as a bee?
- j) What questions would you like to ask a bee expert?

# 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. \_\_\_\_\_

# MULTIPLE CHOICE - LANGUAGE

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Luckily they had a swimming pool, so the couple jumped (7) \_\_\_\_\_. Ms Beauregard was stung over 200 times (8) \_\_\_\_\_ the bees. Her boyfriend counted over 50 stings on his arms, neck and head. The pool probably (9) \_\_\_\_\_ their lives because the bees could not attack them under the water. Kristen explained how terrifying it was. She said: "We were trying to stand up in the water but every time we stuck our heads out for air, they (10) \_\_\_\_\_ cover us and start stinging us. We were trying to breathe and they were stinging us on the face and on the nose." Unfortunately, the two ponies could not escape (11) \_\_\_\_\_ the bees. They got stung thousands of times. One died on the farm, the other passed (12) \_\_\_\_\_ at the vet's clinic later that evening.

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

- |     |                |                |             |              |
|-----|----------------|----------------|-------------|--------------|
| 1.  | (a) happenings | (b) happening  | (c) happen  | (d) happens  |
| 2.  | (a) really     | (b) real       | (c) realism | (d) reality  |
| 3.  | (a) playing    | (b) exercising | (c) looking | (d) being    |
| 4.  | (a) usually    | (b) that       | (c) until   | (d) so       |
| 5.  | (a) swarm      | (b) school     | (c) flock   | (d) pride    |
| 6.  | (a) so         | (b) such       | (c) loads   | (d) lots     |
| 7.  | (a) out        | (b) up         | (c) over    | (d) in       |
| 8.  | (a) by         | (b) for        | (c) of      | (d) at       |
| 9.  | (a) added      | (b) saved      | (c) claimed | (d) lost     |
| 10. | (a) should     | (b) might      | (c) would   | (d) ought to |
| 11. | (a) for        | (b) of         | (c) from    | (d) if       |
| 12. | (a) over       | (b) away       | (c) from    | (d) up       |

# SPELLING

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## Paragraph 1

1. ohorrr movies or aiemrnshgt
2. turned into yaertil
3. sgnirxicee their two ponies
4. The animal was very ehenfridt
5. she ereilads it
6. a wmrsa of bees

## Paragraph 2

7. The pool bblyarop saved their lives
8. Kristen explained how geinryfrti it was
9. trying to etbhrae
10. rUonnltyeufat, the two ponies could not escape
11. They got stung duhtsnoas of times
12. passed away at the vet's iclicn

# PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

From [http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1307/130731-bee\\_attack.html](http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1307/130731-bee_attack.html)

**Number these lines in the correct order.**

- ( ) of bees. She said: "It got all dark, like it was night time, there
- ( ) thousands of times. One died on the farm, the other passed away at the vet's clinic later that evening.
- ( ) how terrifying it was. She said: "We were trying to stand up in the water but every time we stuck
- ( ) Luckily they had a swimming pool, so the couple jumped in. Ms Beauregard was
- ( ) her boyfriend were in their garden exercising their two ponies. Ms Beauregard told reporters that everything was
- ( ) couple in Texas, the nightmare turned into reality on Wednesday night. Kristen Beauregard, 44, and
- ( ) about something. Suddenly she saw a dark cloud in the sky and she realised it was a swarm
- ( **1** ) Being attacked by killer bees usually only happens in horror movies or nightmares. For a
- ( ) stung over 200 times by the bees. Her boyfriend counted over 50 stings on his arms, neck and head. The pool
- ( ) normal until one of the ponies started kicking and jumping. The animal was very frightened
- ( ) our heads out for air, they would cover us and start stinging us. We were trying to breathe and they were
- ( ) probably saved their lives because the bees could not attack them under the water. Kristen explained
- ( ) were so many bees." The bees attacked the couple and their horses.
- ( ) stinging us on the face and on the nose." Unfortunately, the two ponies could not escape from the bees. They got stung

# PUT THE WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER

From [http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1307/130731-bee\\_attack.html](http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1307/130731-bee_attack.html)

1. reality The on nightmare Wednesday turned night into.

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2. something about frightened very was animal The.

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3. the Suddenly a in saw cloud sky she dark.

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4. was night time It got all dark , like it.

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5. couple The and bees their attacked horses the.

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6. on arms his over stings 50 Her counted boyfriend .

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7. saved lives The probably their pool.

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8. . and they were stinging us We were trying to breathe

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9. bees two not the The could from ponies escape.

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10. vet's passed clinic away at The the other.

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# CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD (20 PAIRS)

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**Talk about the connection between each pair of words in italics, and why the correct word is correct.**

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

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# PUNCTUATE THE TEXT AND ADD CAPITALS

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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 bees. Share what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

**3. BEE STINGS:** Make a poster about bee stings. Show your work to your classmates in the next lesson. Did you all have similar things?

**4. BEE DANGERS:** Write a magazine article about bee dangers. Include imaginary interviews with bee experts.

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 a bee expert. Ask him/her three questions about bees. Give him/her three of your opinions on them. Read your letter to your partner(s) in your next lesson. Your partner(s) will answer your questions.

# ANSWERS

## TRUE / FALSE (p.4)

a F    b F    c F    d T    e T    f F    g T    h T

## SYNONYM MATCH (p.4)

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|-----------------|----------------|
| 1. usually      | a. normally    |
| 2. happens      | b. occurs      |
| 3. nightmare    | c. bad dream   |
| 4. normal       | d. ordinary    |
| 5. realised     | e. understood  |
| 6. luckily      | f. fortunately |
| 7. counted      | g. added up    |
| 8. terrifying   | h. frightening |
| 9. escape       | i. run away    |
| 10. passed away | j. died        |

## COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (p.8)

1. Being attacked by bees
2. Exercising their ponies
3. Kick and jump
4. A swarm of bees
5. Because there were so many bees
6. Their swimming pool
7. More than 50 times
8. They were under water
9. To breathe
10. At the vet's clinic

## MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ (p.9)

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

## ALL OTHER EXERCISES

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