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Crocodiles moved from world's tallest statue

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THE ARTICLE

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1901/190129-statue-of-unity.html>

Workers in India are moving over 300 crocodiles from their home because they are too near a new tourist sight. Officials in India's state of Gujarat want to move the crocs because they could be a danger to tourists visiting the new Statue of Unity. The statue opened to the public last October. It is 182m high and is the tallest statue in the world. It is next to a reservoir, which is also home to many crocodiles. Tourism officials want the giant reptiles moved so seaplanes for tourists can land on the reservoir. If the crocodiles stayed, they could be dangerous and attack tourists. Officials are using cages to catch the animals. Some of them are over 3m long. They are going to a new home in another part of Gujarat.

Animal lovers are angry that people are moving the crocodiles. Dr Jitendra Gavali said: "The government is disturbing their habitat and putting their lives at risk. The government hasn't thought out where it will release the captured crocodiles safely." So far, only 17 of the animals have been caught and moved. The editor of the environmental magazine 'Sanctuary Asia', Bittu Sahgal, said the idea to move the crocodiles was crazy. He tweeted: "Have we collectively lost our minds? As any environmentalist will tell you, this is sheer insanity." Indian journalist and activist Pritish Nandy said moving the crocodiles could break India's wildlife protection laws. An official said the crocodiles had to go for "security reasons".

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WARM-UPS

1. CROCODILES: Students walk around the class and talk to other students about crocodiles. 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?

workers / India / tourist sight / danger / statue / reptiles / reservoir / cages / home / animal lovers / habitat / government / environmental / crazy / journalist / protection

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

3. ANIMAL HABITATS: Students A **strongly** believe all animal habitats worldwide should be protected forever; Students B **strongly** believe we need to build on any land. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.

4. TOURIST SITES: What damage is caused by tourist sites? How can we stop this? Complete this table with your partner(s). Change partners often and share what you wrote.

	Damage	How we can stop the damage
Animal habitats		
Local culture		
Pollution		
Noise		
Scarce resources		
History and traditions		

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

6. STATUES: Rank these with your partner. Put the best statues at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

- Statue of Liberty
- Statue of Unity
- Christ the Redeemer
- Rodin's Thinker
- Michelangelo's David
- Venus de Milo
- Easter Island Moai
- Tian Tan Buddha

VOCABULARY MATCHING

Paragraph 1

- | | |
|---------------|---|
| 1. sight | a. All of the people of a country. |
| 2. state | b. A person who has in a government office or has higher-level duties. |
| 3. official | c. An organized area of land with a government that is part of a country or republic. |
| 4. tourist | d. A structure of bars or wires in which birds or other animals are kept. |
| 5. the public | e. Places of interest to tourists and visitors in a city, town, or other place. |
| 6. reservoir | f. A person who is traveling or visiting a place for pleasure. |
| 7. cage | g. A large natural or artificial lake used as a source of water supply. |

Paragraph 2

- | | |
|----------------------|--|
| 8. lovers | h. Interfering with the normal functioning of something. |
| 9. disturbing | i. Gone crazy. |
| 10. habitat | j. The state of being seriously mentally ill; madness. |
| 11. captured | k. The natural home or environment of an animal, plant, or other organism. |
| 12. lost our minds | l. A person who is concerned with the protection of the environment. |
| 13. environmentalist | m. Caught and taken into one's possession or control by force. |
| 14. insanity | n. People who really like or enjoy something. |

BEFORE READING / LISTENING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1901/190129-statue-of-unity.html>

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

- a. Just under 300 crocodiles are being moved from a tourist site in India. **T / F**
- b. Officials say the crocodiles are a danger to the Statue of Unity. **T / F**
- c. Officials want to move the crocs so seaplanes can land on a reservoir. **T / F**
- d. The crocodiles are being caught using giant nets. **T / F**
- e. Animal lovers are happy that the crocodiles are being moved. **T / F**
- f. A doctor said the government hasn't thought about the animals' safety. **T / F**
- g. An environmentalist said moving the crocs was a crazy idea. **T / F**
- h. Moving the crocs could break India's wildlife protection laws. **T / F**

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

- | | |
|-------------------|---------------|
| 1. moving | a. annoyed |
| 2. danger | b. area |
| 3. giant | c. leave |
| 4. catch | d. mad |
| 5. part | e. relocating |
| 6. angry | f. total |
| 7. habitat | g. capture |
| 8. crazy | h. hazard |
| 9. sheer | i. home |
| 10. go | j. huge |

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

- | | |
|---|----------------------------|
| 1. they could | a. reasons |
| 2. giant | b. to catch the animals |
| 3. they could be dangerous | c. lovers are angry |
| 4. Officials are using cages | d. be a danger to tourists |
| 5. going to a new home in another | e. and attack tourists |
| 6. Animal | f. have been caught |
| 7. The government is disturbing their | g. insanity |
| 8. So far, only 17 of the animals | h. part of Gujarat |
| 9. this is sheer | i. habitat |
| 10. the crocodiles had to go for security | j. reptiles |

GAP FILL

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1901/190129-statue-of-unity.html>

Workers in India are moving over 300 crocodiles from their home because they are too (1) _____ a new tourist sight. Officials in India's state of Gujarat want to move the crocs because they could be a (2) _____ to tourists visiting the new Statue of Unity. The statue opened to the (3) _____ last October. It is 182m high and is the tallest statue in the world. It is next to a (4) _____, which is also home to many crocodiles. Tourism officials want the giant (5) _____ moved so seaplanes for tourists can land on the reservoir. If the crocodiles stayed, they could be dangerous and (6) _____ tourists. Officials are using (7) _____ to catch the animals. Some of them are over 3m long. They are going to a new home in another (8) _____ of Gujarat.

danger
reptiles
part
near
reservoir
cages
public
attack

Animal lovers are (9) _____ that people are moving the crocodiles. Dr Jitendra Gavali said: "The government is disturbing their (10) _____ and putting their lives at (11) _____. The government hasn't thought out where it will release the captured crocodiles safely." So far, only 17 of the animals have been caught and moved. The editor of the (12) _____ magazine 'Sanctuary Asia', Bittu Sahgal, said the (13) _____ to move the crocodiles was crazy. He tweeted: "Have we collectively (14) _____ our minds? As any environmentalist will tell you, this is sheer insanity." Indian journalist and (15) _____ Prithvi Nandy said moving the crocodiles could break India's wildlife protection laws. An official said the crocodiles had to go for "security (16) _____".

habitat
lost
environmental
activist
angry
idea
reasons
risk

LISTENING – Guess the answers. Listen to check.

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1901/190129-statue-of-unity.html>

- 1) moving over 300 crocodiles from their home because they are too _____ tourist sight
 - a. nearly a new
 - b. nearer new
 - c. near a new
 - d. near anew
- 2) Officials in India's state of Gujarat want to move the crocs because they could _____
 - a. be endanger
 - b. be a danger
 - c. be in danger
 - d. bear a danger
- 3) officials want the giant reptiles moved so seaplanes for tourists can land _____
 - a. in the reservoir
 - b. on the reservoir
 - c. on their reservoir
 - d. on there reservoir
- 4) If the crocodiles stayed, they could be dangerous and _____
 - a. attack tourists
 - b. attacks tourists
 - c. attacked tourists
 - d. attacker tourists
- 5) Some of them are over 3m long. They are going to a new home in _____ Gujarat
 - a. another part off
 - b. another party of
 - c. another part of
 - d. other part of
- 6) Animal lovers are angry that people are _____ crocodiles
 - a. moving their
 - b. moving a
 - c. move in the
 - d. moving the
- 7) The government is disturbing their habitat and putting their _____
 - a. lives to risk
 - b. lives at risky
 - c. lives at risk
 - d. live at risk
- 8) He tweeted: "Have we collectively _____?"
 - a. lost our minds
 - b. lost our mind
 - c. lost your minds
 - d. lost your mind
- 9) Nandy said moving the crocodiles could break India's wildlife _____
 - a. protecting laws
 - b. protective laws
 - c. protect in laws
 - d. protection laws
- 10) An official said the crocodiles had to go for " _____ "
 - a. securities reasons
 - b. security reason
 - c. secretary reasons
 - d. secure a tea reasons

LISTENING – Listen and fill in the gaps

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1901/190129-statue-of-unity.html>

Workers in India (1) _____ 300 crocodiles from their home because they are (2) _____ new tourist sight. Officials in India's state of Gujarat want to move the crocs because they could be a danger to tourists (3) _____ Statue of Unity. The statue opened to the public last October. It is 182m high and is the tallest statue in the world. It is next (4) _____, which is also home to many crocodiles. Tourism officials want the giant reptiles moved so seaplanes for tourists can land on the reservoir. If the crocodiles stayed, they could be dangerous (5) _____. Officials are using cages to catch the animals. Some of them are over 3m long. They are going to a new home in (6) _____ Gujarat.

Animal lovers are angry that (7) _____ the crocodiles. Dr Jitendra Gavali said: "The government is disturbing their habitat and putting their lives at risk. The government hasn't (8) _____ it will release the captured crocodiles safely." So far, only 17 of the animals have been (9) _____. The editor of the environmental magazine 'Sanctuary Asia', Bittu Sahgal, said the idea to move the crocodiles was crazy. He tweeted: "Have we collectively (10) _____? As any environmentalist will tell you, (11) _____ insanity." Indian journalist and activist Prithvi Nandy said moving the crocodiles could break India's (12) _____. An official said the crocodiles had to go for "security reasons".

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1901/190129-stature-of-unity.html>

1. How many crocodiles are being moved?
2. What is the name of the statue the crocodiles live near?
3. How tall is the statue?
4. What did officials want to land on a reservoir?
5. What did officials use to catch the crocodiles?
6. Who is angry because the crocodiles are being moved?
7. How many crocodiles did the article say have been caught so far?
8. What did a magazine editor call the idea to move the crocodiles?
9. What did a magazine editor suggest people have lost?
10. What reasons did an official give for moving the crocodiles?

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1901/190129-statue-of-unity.html>

- 1) How many crocodiles are being moved?
 - a) around 300
 - b) under 300
 - c) over 300
 - d) exactly 300
- 2) What is the name of the statue the crocodiles live near?
 - a) Statue of Unity
 - b) Alligator Statue
 - c) Statue of India
 - d) Statue of Gujarat
- 3) How tall is the statue?
 - a) 281 meters
 - b) 182 meters
 - c) 128 meters
 - d) 218 meters
- 4) What did officials want to land on a reservoir?
 - a) a pier
 - b) lots of fish
 - c) a fish
 - d) a seaplane
- 5) What did officials use to catch the crocodiles?
 - a) hooks
 - b) sheep
 - c) cages
 - d) nets
- 6) Who is angry because the crocodiles are being moved?
 - a) officials
 - b) animal lovers
 - c) crocodile farms
 - d) tourists
- 7) How many crocodiles did the article say have been caught so far?
 - a) 23
 - b) 15
 - c) 19
 - d) 17
- 8) What did a magazine editor call the idea to move the crocodiles?
 - a) risky
 - b) crazy
 - c) sensible
 - d) brave
- 9) What did a magazine editor suggest people have lost?
 - a) land
 - b) their minds
 - c) money
 - d) hope
- 10) What reasons did an official give for moving the crocodiles?
 - a) security reasons
 - b) good reasons
 - c) no reason
 - d) environmental reasons

ROLE PLAY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1901/190129-statue-of-unity.html>

Role A – Statue of Unity

You think the Statue of Unity is the world's best statue. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their statues. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): the Statue of Liberty, the Venus de Milo or the Easter Island Moai.

Role B – Statue of Liberty

You think the Statue of Liberty is the world's best statue. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their statues. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): the Statue of Unity, the Venus de Milo or the Easter Island Moai.

Role C – Venus de Milo

You think the Venus de Milo is the world's best statue. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their statues. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): the Statue of Liberty, the Statue of Unity or the Easter Island Moai.

Role D – Easter Island Moai

You think the Easter Island Moai are the world's best statues. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their statues. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): the Statue of Liberty, the Venus de Milo or the Statue of Unity.

AFTER READING / LISTENING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1901/190129-statue-of-unity.html>

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

statue	unity

- 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">• 300• danger• 182• giant• cages• home	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• angry• risk• 17• idea• break• reasons
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CROCODILES SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1901/190129-stature-of-unity.html>

Write five GOOD questions about crocodiles 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.

CROCODILES 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 'statue'?
3. What do you know about crocodiles?
4. What is the most famous statue in your country?
5. Would you like to visit the Statue of Unity?
6. Do you think the crocodiles should be moved?
7. Should we try and live together with animals?
8. How could officials stop crocodiles attacking people?
9. How dangerous and scary are crocodiles?
10. Why are crocodiles so dangerous?

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CROCODILES 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 'crocodile'?
13. What do you think about what you read?
14. What is the difference between crocodiles and alligators?
15. What is the best statue in the world?
16. Is it wrong to move animals for a new building?
17. How much of an animal lover are you?
18. How much do humans care about animal habitats?
19. Which is more important - business or nature?
20. What questions would you like to ask the tourist sight officials?

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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Animal (7) _____ are angry that people are moving the crocodiles. Dr Jitendra Gavali said: "The government is disturbing their (8) _____ and putting their lives at risk. The government hasn't thought out where it will release the (9) _____ crocodiles safely." So far, only 17 of the animals have been caught and moved. The editor of the environmental magazine 'Sanctuary Asia', Bittu Sahgal, said the idea to move the crocodiles was (10) _____. He tweeted: "Have we collectively lost our minds? As any environmentalist will tell you, this is (11) _____ insanity." Indian journalist and activist Prithvi Nandy said moving the crocodiles could break India's wildlife protection laws. An official said the crocodiles had to go for "security (12) _____".

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

- | | | | | |
|-----|----------------|--------------|--------------|---------------|
| 1. | (a) near | (b) nearly | (c) neared | (d) nears |
| 2. | (a) bin | (b) been | (c) be | (d) being |
| 3. | (a) publicity | (b) publicly | (c) public | (d) publican |
| 4. | (a) amphibians | (b) mammals | (c) amoeba | (d) reptiles |
| 5. | (a) at | (b) to | (c) on | (d) of |
| 6. | (a) throw | (b) catch | (c) suck | (d) express |
| 7. | (a) loves | (b) lovers | (c) lovelies | (d) love-ins |
| 8. | (a) habit | (b) habitat | (c) inhabit | (d) inhabited |
| 9. | (a) captivate | (b) catapult | (c) captured | (d) caption |
| 10. | (a) lazy | (b) hazy | (c) mazy | (d) crazy |
| 11. | (a) sheep | (b) sheen | (c) sheet | (d) sheer |
| 12. | (a) answers | (b) believes | (c) motifs | (d) reasons |

SPELLING

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Paragraph 1

1. they are too near a new ouisrtt sight
2. they could be a ngaerd
3. The statue opened to the ublqip
4. It is next to a vrrsiereo
5. the giant lpeteris
6. ailcsoffi are using cages

Paragraph 2

7. disturbing their thtiaab
8. eealers the captured crocodiles
9. eotdir of the environmental magazine
10. ostrnilaju and activist
11. break India's wildlife etrotpcion laws
12. ytucires reasons

PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1901/190129-statue-of-unity.html>

Number these lines in the correct order.

- () be a danger to tourists visiting the new Statue of Unity. The statue opened to the public last October. It is 182m
- () protection laws. An official said the crocodiles had to go for "security reasons".
- () sight. Officials in India's state of Gujarat want to move the crocs because they could
- () crocodiles safely." So far, only 17 of the animals have been caught and moved. The editor
- () to catch the animals. Some of them are over 3m long. They are going to a new home in another part of Gujarat.
- () crocodiles. Tourism officials want the giant reptiles moved so seaplanes for tourists can land on the
- () Animal lovers are angry that people are moving the crocodiles. Dr Jitendra Gavali said: "The government is
- () journalist and activist Prithvi Nandy said moving the crocodiles could break India's wildlife
- () of the environmental magazine 'Sanctuary Asia', Bittu Sahgal, said the idea to move the crocodiles was
- () reservoir. If the crocodiles stayed, they could be dangerous and attack tourists. Officials are using cages
- () disturbing their habitat and putting their lives at risk. The government hasn't thought out where it will release the captured
- () crazy. He tweeted: "Have we collectively lost our minds? As any environmentalist will tell you, this is sheer insanity." Indian
- () high and is the tallest statue in the world. It is next to a reservoir, which is also home to many
- (**1**) Workers in India are moving over 300 crocodiles from their home because they are too near a new tourist

PUT THE WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1901/190129-statue-of-unity.html>

1. 300 are India over crocodiles . moving in Workers
2. October . last The to public statue opened the
3. tourists land can Seaplanes the for reservoir . on
4. cages using catch are Officials to animals . the
5. another A part new home of in Gujarat .
6. putting Disturbing lives at risk . and habitat their
7. caught . of Only animals the 17 been have
8. to crocodiles the move idea was crazy . The
9. the crocodiles laws . Moving wildlife could break
10. crocodiles The had go reasons . to for security

CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD (20 PAIRS)

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1901/190129-statue-of-unity.html>

Workers in India are *moving* / *moved* over 300 crocodiles from their home because they are too near a new tourist *slight* / *sight*. Officials in India's state of Gujarat want to move the crocs because they could be a danger to tourists *visit* / *visiting* the new Statue of Unity. The statue opened to the public last October. It is 182m high and is the tallest statue *on* / *in* the world. It is next to a reservoir, which is also *house* / *home* to many crocodiles. Tourism officials want the *giant* / *giants* reptiles moved so seaplanes for tourists can *land* / *ground* on the reservoir. If the crocodiles stayed, they could be *dangerous* / *endanger* and attack tourists. Officials are using cages to *catch* / *patch* the animals. Some of them are over 3m long. They are going to a new home in another *partner* / *part* of Gujarat.

Animal *lovers* / *loves* are angry that people are moving the crocodiles. Dr Jitendra Gavali said: "The government is disturbing *there* / *their* habitat and putting their lives *on* / *at* risk. The government hasn't thought *out* / *in* where it will release the captured crocodiles safely." So *afar* / *far*, only 17 of the animals have been caught and moved. The *edition* / *editor* of the environmental magazine 'Sanctuary Asia', Bittu Sahgal, said the *ideal* / *idea* to move the crocodiles was crazy. He tweeted: "Have we collectively lost our minds? As any environmentalist will tell you, this is *sheer* / *steer* insanity." Indian journalist and *activism* / *activist* Pritish Nandy said moving the crocodiles could break India's wildlife protection laws. An official said the crocodiles had to go for "security *reasons* / *reason*".

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)

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1901/190129-statue-of-unity.html>

W_r k_r s _n I n d__ _r_ m_v_n g _v_r 3 0 0 c
r_c_d_l_s fr_m th__ r h_m_ b_c__ s_ th_y _r_ t__
n__ r _ n_w t__ r_s t s_t_. Off_c__ l_s _n I n d__ '
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b_c__ s_ th_y c__ l_d b_ _ d_n g_r t_ t__ r_s t_s
v_s_t_n g th_ n_w S_t_t__ _f U_n_t_y. Th_ s_t_t__
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PUNCTUATE THE TEXT AND ADD CAPITALS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1901/190129-statue-of-unity.html>

workers in india are moving over 300 crocodiles from their home because they are too near a new tourist sight officials in indias state of gujarat want to move the crocs because they could be a danger to tourists visiting the new statue of unity the statue opened to the public last october it is 182m high and is the tallest statue in the world it is next to a reservoir which is also home to many crocodiles tourism officials want the giant reptiles moved so seaplanes for tourists can land on the reservoir if the crocodiles stayed they could be dangerous and attack tourists officials are using cages to catch the animals some of them are over 3m long they are going to a new home in another part of gujarat

animal lovers are angry that people are moving the crocodiles dr jitendra gavali said the government is disturbing their habitat and putting their lives at risk the government hasnt thought out where it will release the captured crocodiles safely so far only 17 of the animals have been caught and moved the editor of the environmental magazine sanctuary asia bittu sahgai said the idea to move the crocodiles was crazy he tweeted have we collectively lost our minds as any environmentalist will tell you this is sheer insanity indian journalist and activist prithvi nandy said moving the crocodiles could break indias wildlife protection laws an official said the crocodiles had to go for security reasons.

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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Workers in India are moving over 300 crocodiles from their home because they are too near a new tourist sight. Officials in India's state of Gujarat want to move the crocs because they could be a danger to tourists visiting the new Statue of Unity. The statue opened to the public last October. It is 182m high and is the tallest statue in the world. It is next to a reservoir, which is also home to many crocodiles. Tourism officials want the giant reptiles moved so seaplanes for tourists can land on the reservoir. If the crocodile stayed, they could be dangerous and attack tourists. Officials are using cages to catch the animals. Some of them are over 3m long. They are going to a new home in another part of Gujarat. Animal lovers are angry that people are moving the crocodiles. Dr Jitendra Gaval said: "The government is disturbing their habitat and putting their lives at risk. The government hasn't thought out where it will release the captured crocodiles safely." So far, only 17 of the animals have been caught and moved. The editor of the environmental magazine 'Sanctuary Asia', Bittu Sahgal, said the idea to move the crocodiles was crazy. He tweeted: "Have we collectively lost our minds? As any environmentalist will tell you, this is sheer insanity." Indian journalist and activist Pritish Nandy said moving the crocodiles could break India's wildlife protection laws. An official said the crocodiles had to go for "security reasons".

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

4. HABITAT: Write a magazine article about protecting the habitat of animals near tourist sights. 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 crocodiles. Ask him/her three questions about crocodiles. Give him/her three of your ideas. Read your letter to your partner(s) in your next lesson. Your partner(s) will answer your questions.

ANSWERS

VOCABULARY (p.4)

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

TRUE / FALSE (p.5)

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

SYNONYM MATCH (p.5)

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|------------|---------------|
| 1. moving | a. relocating |
| 2. danger | b. hazard |
| 3. giant | c. huge |
| 4. catch | d. capture |
| 5. part | e. area |
| 6. angry | f. annoyed |
| 7. habitat | g. home |
| 8. crazy | h. mad |
| 9. sheer | i. total |
| 10. go | j. leave |

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (p.9)

- Over 300
- Statue of Unity
- 182m
- A seaplane
- Cages
- Animal lovers
- 17
- Crazy
- Their minds
- Security reasons

WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER (p.20)

- Workers in India are moving over 300 crocodiles.
- The statue opened to the public last October.
- Seaplanes for tourists can land on the reservoir.
- Officials are using cages to catch the animals.
- A new home in another part of Gujarat.
- Disturbing their habitat and putting lives at risk.
- Only 17 of the animals have been caught.
- The idea to move the crocodiles was crazy.
- Moving the crocodiles could break wildlife laws.
- The crocodiles had to go for security reasons.

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ (p.10)

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

ALL OTHER EXERCISES

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