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## **Russian eagle creates huge data roaming phone bill**

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# THE ARTICLE

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1910/191028-data-roaming.html>

Scientists in Russia got a shock when their phone bill arrived. The bill was a lot bigger than they expected it to be. The reason was because the steppe eagle they were following in their research flew too far from Russia. The scientists were tracking the eagle as it migrated across the European and Asian continents. The bird had SMS transmitters fitted to its body. This meant that when it flew outside Russia, the transmitters used the Internet services of other countries. The scientists thus had to pay data roaming charges. These are the charges you pay to use your mobile phone in other countries. The research team ran out of money after the eagle flew to Iran and Pakistan.

The team started a page on a crowdfunding site to help raise money to pay the bill. The page was called "Top up the eagle's mobile". Bird lovers from around the world contributed money to the page. The scientists raised \$1,600 to pay the bill. Russia's mobile phone operator Megafon then heard of the scientists' problems and offered to cancel the debt. It also moved the team's phone package to one at a cheaper rate. The problem for the team started when the eagle flew outside of Russia and Kazakhstan. An SMS in Kazakhstan cost 30 US cents, but one from Iran cost 50 cents. A scientist said he wanted the eagle to continue sending SMS data to help his project, which will help protect all steppe eagles.

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# WARM-UPS

**1. SMS:** Students walk around the class and talk to other students about SMS. 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?

scientists / shock / phone bill / eagle / continents / Internet / data / roaming / Iran / crowdfunding / bird / lovers / operator / problems / debt / 50 cents / project / protect

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

**3. NO ROAMING CHARGES:** Students A **strongly** believe roaming charges are bad; Students B **strongly** believe they are good. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.

**4. BILLS:** What do you think of your bills? How can you reduce them? Complete this table with your partner(s). Change partners often and share what you wrote.

	What Do You Think?	How To Reduce It
Phone bill		
Electricity bill		
Gas bill		
Water bill		
Repair bill		
Cleaning bill		

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

**6. BIRDS:** Rank these with your partner. Put the best birds at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

- eagles
- sparrows
- emus
- peacocks
- kingfishers
- parrots
- hummingbirds
- penguins

# VOCABULARY MATCHING

## Paragraph 1

- |                |  |
|----------------|--|
| 1. shock       | a. Thought that something would happen.  |
| 2. bill        | b. A set of equipment used to generate and transmit electromagnetic waves.   |
| 3. expected    | c. A sudden upsetting or surprising event or experience.   |
| 4. tracking    | d. A piece of paper that shows how much money you owe for goods or services.   |
| 5. migrated    | e. Following the course or path of someone or something, usually in order to find them or note their location at various points. |
| 6. transmitter | f. When an animal, bird or fish moved from one region or habitat to another according to the seasons.                            |
| 7. charge      | g. Want an amount of money for providing a good or service.  |

## Paragraph 2

- |                 |   |
|-----------------|---|
| 8. raise        | h. End forever.   |
| 9. top up       | i. Collect or get money or resources.                     |
| 10. lovers      | j. Gave.  |
| 11. contributed | k. The amount of money a person, company or country owes. |
| 12. cancel      | l. Add to something to make it bigger.                    |
| 13. debt        | m. Keep safe from harm or injury.                         |
| 14. protect     | n. People who really, really, really like something.      |

# BEFORE READING / LISTENING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1910/191028-data-roaming.html>

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

- a. Scientists in Russia were shocked by a phone bill. **T / F**
- b. An eagle they were tracking was the cause of the high phone bill. **T / F**
- c. The cause of the phone bill was the eagle damaging Internet cables. **T / F**
- d. The eagle flew across Russia and China to Japan. **T / F**
- e. Bird lovers worldwide helped the scientists to pay the phone bill. **T / F**
- f. The bill was over \$16,000. **T / F**
- g. Russia's government told the scientists all future bills would be free. **T / F**
- h. A scientist now wants the eagle to stop sending SMS data. **T / F**

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

- |                       |                   |
|-----------------------|-------------------|
| 1. <b>shock</b>       | a. attached       |
| 2. <b>expected</b>    | b. keep on        |
| 3. <b>tracking</b>    | c. fees           |
| 4. <b>fitted</b>      | d. surprise       |
| 5. <b>charges</b>     | e. gave           |
| 6. <b>raise</b>       | f. thought        |
| 7. <b>contributed</b> | g. safeguard      |
| 8. <b>cheaper</b>     | h. following      |
| 9. <b>continue</b>    | i. less expensive |
| 10. <b>protect</b>    | j. collect        |

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

- |  |                              |
|--|------------------------------|
| 1. Scientists in Russia got a shock when | a. continue sending SMS data |
| 2. flew too                              | b. out of money              |
| 3. it migrated across the European       | c. their phone bill arrived  |
| 4. charges you pay to use                | d. all steppe eagles         |
| 5. The research team ran                 | e. and Asian continents      |
| 6. help raise money                      | f. \$1,600                   |
| 7. The scientists raised                 | g. your mobile phone         |
| 8. one at a cheaper                      | h. to pay the bill           |
| 9. he wanted the eagle to                | i. far                       |
| 10. help protect                         | j. rate                      |

# GAP FILL

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1910/191028-data-roaming.html>

Scientists in Russia got a shock when their phone (1) \_\_\_\_\_ arrived. The bill was a lot bigger than they (2) \_\_\_\_\_ it to be. The reason was because the steppe eagle they were (3) \_\_\_\_\_ in their research flew too far from Russia. The scientists were tracking the eagle as it (4) \_\_\_\_\_ across the European and Asian continents. The bird had SMS transmitters fitted to its body. This (5) \_\_\_\_\_ that when it flew outside Russia, the transmitters used the Internet services of other countries. The scientists (6) \_\_\_\_\_ had to pay data roaming charges. These are the charges you (7) \_\_\_\_\_ to use your mobile phone in other countries. The research team (8) \_\_\_\_\_ out of money after the eagle flew to Iran and Pakistan.

*thus*  
*ran*  
*migrated*  
*expected*  
*pay*  
*bill*  
*meant*  
*following*

The team started a page on a crowdfunding site to help (9) \_\_\_\_\_ money to pay the bill. The page was called "Top up the eagle's mobile". Bird (10) \_\_\_\_\_ from around the world contributed money to the page. The scientists raised \$1,600 to pay the (11) \_\_\_\_\_. Russia's mobile phone operator Megafon then heard of the scientists' problems and offered to cancel the (12) \_\_\_\_\_. It also moved the team's phone package to one at a cheaper (13) \_\_\_\_\_. The problem for the team started when the eagle (14) \_\_\_\_\_ outside of Russia and Kazakhstan. An SMS in Kazakhstan cost 30 US cents, but one from Iran cost 50 cents. A scientist said he wanted the eagle to (15) \_\_\_\_\_ sending SMS data to help his project, which will help (16) \_\_\_\_\_ all steppe eagles.

*bill*  
*flew*  
*raise*  
*protect*  
*lovers*  
*continue*  
*rate*  
*debt*

# LISTENING – Guess the answers. Listen to check.

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1910/191028-data-roaming.html>

- 1) Scientists in Russia got a shock when their \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. phone bill arrive
  - b. phone bill arrival
  - c. phone bill arrives
  - d. phone bill arrived
- 2) The bill was a lot bigger than they \_\_\_\_\_ be
  - a. expected it to
  - b. expected them to
  - c. expecting it to
  - d. expected it too
- 3) the steppe eagle they were following in their research \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. flown too farther
  - b. flew too far
  - c. flew too further
  - d. flown too far
- 4) tracking the eagle as it migrated across the European and \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. Asian continent
  - b. Asian incontinence
  - c. Asian continents
  - d. Asian continentals
- 5) phone in other countries. The research team ran \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. up of money
  - b. into of money
  - c. naught of money
  - d. out of money
- 6) The team started a page on a crowdfunding site to help raise money to \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. play the bill
  - b. paid the bill
  - c. pays the bill
  - d. pay the bill
- 7) The team started a page on a crowdfunding site to \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. help rise money
  - b. help raised money
  - c. help raises money
  - d. help raise money
- 8) Bird lovers from around the world \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. contributed money
  - b. contribute it money
  - c. contra abutted money
  - d. contra butted money
- 9) Megafon then heard of the scientists' problems and offered to \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. cancel the debit
  - b. cancel the debt
  - c. cancel the death
  - d. cancel the deal
- 10) he wanted the eagle to continue sending SMS data to \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. help his project
  - b. help his protect
  - c. help his profit
  - d. help his proffer

# LISTENING – Listen and fill in the gaps

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1910/191028-data-roaming.html>

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# COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1910/191028-data-roaming.html>

1. Who got a shock?
2. What kind of eagle were the scientists tracking?
3. What was an eagle fitted with?
4. What did the eagle use in other countries?
5. Which two countries did the eagle fly to?
6. What did the team of scientists start to help pay the bill?
7. How much money did the scientists raise?
8. What did Russia's mobile phone operator do with the bill?
9. How much does an SMS in Kazakhstan cost?
10. What does a scientist want the eagle to keep doing?

# MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1910/191028-data-roaming.html>

- 1) Who got a shock?
  - a) scientists
  - b) an eagle
  - c) a phone company
  - d) Russia's president
- 2) What kind of eagle were the scientists tracking?
  - a) a Siberian eagle
  - b) a bald eagle
  - c) a steppe eagle
  - d) a golden eagle
- 3) What was an eagle fitted with?
  - a) a uniform
  - b) a tiny helmet
  - c) a pager
  - d) transmitters
- 4) What did the eagle use in other countries?
  - a) roads and rivers
  - b) Internet services
  - c) the toilet
  - d) time
- 5) Which two countries did the eagle fly to?
  - a) Iran and Pakistan
  - b) China and Japan
  - c) China and North Korea
  - d) Iran and Saudi Arabia
- 6) What did the team of scientists start to help pay the bill?
  - a) a lottery
  - b) a loan account
  - c) a competition
  - d) a crowdfunding site
- 7) How much money did the scientists raise?
  - a) \$1,700
  - b) \$1,800
  - c) \$1,600
  - d) \$1,500
- 8) What did Russia's mobile phone operator do with the bill?
  - a) they demanded immediate payment
  - b) they cancelled it
  - c) they reviewed it
  - d) they extended it
- 9) How much does an SMS in Kazakhstan cost?
  - a) 10 cents
  - b) 20 cents
  - c) 30 cents
  - d) 40 cents
- 10) What does a scientist want the eagle to keep doing?
  - a) living
  - b) sending SMS data
  - c) reproducing
  - d) representing Russian wildlife

# ROLE PLAY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1910/191028-data-roaming.html>

## **Role A – Eagles**

You think eagles are the best birds. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their birds. Also, tell the others which is the least interesting of these (and why): emus, parrots or penguins.

## **Role B – Emus**

You think emus are the best birds. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their birds. Also, tell the others which is the least interesting of these (and why): eagles, parrots or penguins.

## **Role C – Parrots**

You think parrots are the best birds. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their birds. Also, tell the others which is the least interesting of these (and why): emus, eagles or penguins.

## **Role D – Penguins**

You think penguins are the best birds. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their birds. Also, tell the others which is the least interesting of these (and why): emus, parrots or eagles.

# AFTER READING / LISTENING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1910/191028-data-roaming.html>

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

eagle	data

- 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>• shock</li><li>• expected</li><li>• reason</li><li>• migrated</li><li>• continent</li><li>• ran</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• crowdfunding</li><li>• lovers</li><li>• debt</li><li>• rate</li><li>• outside</li><li>• project</li></ul>
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# SMS SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1910/191028-data-roaming.html>

Write five GOOD questions about SMS 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.

# DATA ROAMING 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 'eagle'?
3. What do you think of eagles?
4. What kinds of eagles are in your country?
5. What do you know about data roaming?
6. What do you think of mobile phone charges?
7. How important are SMS and text messages to you?
8. Why are the scientists doing this research?
9. How could we better protect eagles?
10. How can we make data roaming better?

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# DATA ROAMING 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 'data'?
13. What do you think about what you read?
14. What experiences have you had of data roaming?
15. Should phone charges be the same worldwide?
16. Why do companies charge for data roaming?
17. What do you think of the crowdfunding page?
18. How much of a bird lover are you?
19. What will data roaming be like in the future?
20. What questions would you like to ask the scientists?

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

- |     |             |                |              |                |
|-----|-------------|----------------|--------------|----------------|
| 1.  | (a) shocked | (b) shock      | (c) shocker  | (d) shocking   |
| 2.  | (a) do      | (b) be         | (c) pay      | (d) have       |
| 3.  | (a) tacking | (b) ticking    | (c) trucking | (d) tracking   |
| 4.  | (a) mean    | (b) meant      | (c) meanie   | (d) meaning    |
| 5.  | (a) charge  | (b) change     | (c) changes  | (d) charges    |
| 6.  | (a) stepped | (b) walked     | (c) ran      | (d) fell       |
| 7.  | (a) raise   | (b) up         | (c) rise     | (d) higher     |
| 8.  | (a) loves   | (b) lovelies   | (c) lovers   | (d) loaves     |
| 9.  | (a) found   | (b) understood | (c) listened | (d) heard      |
| 10. | (a) rate    | (b) late       | (c) ratio    | (d) later      |
| 11. | (a) one     | (b) onesie     | (c) once     | (d) onus       |
| 12. | (a) project | (b) projectile | (c) protect  | (d) projection |



# SPELLING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1910/191028-data-roaming.html>

## Paragraph 1

1. when their phone bill rvadrie
2. bigger than they teeepxdc it to be
3. the European and Asian stteocnni
4. SMS serttatsminr fitted to its body
5. used the Internet eevisrcs of other countries
6. These are the gehcars you pay

## Paragraph 2

7. the world ocubtetrind money
8. Russia's mobile phone oaoterrp
9. offered to anlcec the debt
10. moved the team's phone eacagkp
11. help his orctjep
12. ortetpc all steppe eagles

# PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1910/191028-data-roaming.html>

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

- ( ) far from Russia. The scientists were tracking the eagle as it migrated across the European and Asian
- ( ) "Top up the eagle's mobile". Bird lovers from around the world contributed money to the page. The scientists raised
- ( ) charges. These are the charges you pay to use your mobile phone in other
- ( ) when the eagle flew outside of Russia and Kazakhstan. An SMS in Kazakhstan cost
- ( **1** ) Scientists in Russia got a shock when their phone bill arrived. The bill was a lot bigger than they expected
- ( ) countries. The research team ran out of money after the eagle flew to Iran and Pakistan.
- ( ) \$1,600 to pay the bill. Russia's mobile phone operator Megafon then heard of the scientists' problems and offered
- ( ) transmitters used the Internet services of other countries. The scientists thus had to pay data roaming
- ( ) to cancel the debt. It also moved the team's phone package to one at a cheaper rate. The problem for the team started
- ( ) 30 US cents, but one from Iran cost 50 cents. A scientist said he wanted the eagle to
- ( ) it to be. The reason was because the steppe eagle they were following in their research flew too
- ( ) continue sending SMS data to help his project, which will help protect all steppe eagles.
- ( ) The team started a page on a crowdfunding site to help raise money to pay the bill. The page was called
- ( ) continents. The bird had SMS transmitters fitted to its body. This meant that when it flew outside Russia, the

# PUT THE WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1910/191028-data-roaming.html>

1. when Got shock bill a arrived . phone their
2. tracking were the Scientists eagle it as migrated .
3. the Transmitters used other Internet of countries . services
4. pay mobile your to use Charges you phone .
5. ran The of money . research out team
6. lovers world the from around money . Bird contributed
7. \$1,600 scientists bill . The to pay raised the
8. moved team's It package . also phone the
9. the eagle flew started Problems when Russia . outside
10. sending wanted to eagle He continue the SMS .

# CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD (20 PAIRS)

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1910/191028-data-roaming.html>

Scientists in Russia got a *shocking* / *shock* when their phone bill arrived. The bill was a lot bigger than they *expectation* / *expected* it to be. The reason was because the steppe eagle they were following *on* / *in* their research flew too far from Russia. The scientists were *tacking* / *tracking* the eagle as it *migrated* / *mitigated* across the European and Asian continents. The bird had SMS transmitters *flitted* / *fitted* to its body. This *meant* / *meaning* that when it flew outside Russia, the transmitters used the Internet services of *another* / *other* countries. The scientists thus had to *pay* / *paid* data roaming charges. These are the charges you pay to use your mobile phone in other countries. The research team *ran* / *walked* out of money after the eagle flew to Iran and Pakistan.

The team started a page on a crowdfunding site to help *rise* / *raise* money to pay the bill. The page was *naming* / *called* "Top up the eagle's mobile". Bird lovers from around the world *giving* / *contributed* money to the page. The scientists *raised* / *arisen* \$1,600 to pay the bill. Russia's mobile phone *operator* / *caller* Megafon then heard of the scientists' problems and offered to cancel the *debt* / *credit*. It also moved the team's phone *parcel* / *package* to one at a cheaper rate. The problem for the team started when the eagle flew *into* / *outside* of Russia and Kazakhstan. An SMS in Kazakhstan cost 30 US cents, but one from Iran cost 50 cents. A scientist said he *warned* / *wanted* the eagle to continue sending SMS data to help his project, which will help protect *whole* / *all* steppe eagles.

**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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S c\_\_ n t\_s t\_s \_n R\_s s\_\_ g\_t \_ s h\_c k w h\_n t h\_\_  
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r\_t\_c t \_l l s t\_p p\_ \_\_ g l\_s .

# PUNCTUATE THE TEXT AND ADD CAPITALS

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## PUT A SLASH ( / ) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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

**4. DATA ROAMING:** Write a magazine article about making data roaming free of charge. 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 SMS. Ask him/her three questions about SMS. Give him/her three of your ideas on how to make SMS better. 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. d    3. a    4. e    5. f    6. b    7. g  
8. i    9. l    10. n    11. j    12. h    13. k    14. m

## TRUE / FALSE (p.5)

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

## SYNONYM MATCH (p.5)

- |                |                   |
|----------------|-------------------|
| 1. shock       | a. surprise       |
| 2. expected    | b. thought        |
| 3. tracking    | c. following      |
| 4. fitted      | d. attached       |
| 5. charges     | e. fees           |
| 6. raise       | f. collect        |
| 7. contributed | g. gave           |
| 8. cheaper     | h. less expensive |
| 9. continue    | i. keep on        |
| 10. protect    | j. safeguard      |

## COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (p.9)

1. Scientists
2. A steppe eagle
3. SMS transmitters
4. Internet services
5. Iran and Pakistan
6. A crowdfunding page
7. \$1,600
8. They cancelled it
9. 30 US cents
10. Sending SMS data

## WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER (p.20)

1. Got a shock when their phone bill arrived.
2. Scientists were tracking the eagle as it migrated.
3. Transmitters used the Internet services of other countries.
4. Charges you pay to use your mobile phone.
5. The research team ran out of money.
6. Bird lovers from around the world contributed money.
7. The scientists raised \$1,600 to pay the bill.
8. It also moved the team's phone package.
9. Problems started when the eagle flew outside Russia.
10. He wanted the eagle to continue sending SMS.

## MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ (p.10)

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

## ALL OTHER EXERCISES

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