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**Level 2** – 7th May, 2020

## Giant hornets reach North America

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Please try Levels 0, 1 and 3. They are (a little) harder.

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# THE READING

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Few insects are as scary and as venomous as the Asian giant hornet. These fearsome creatures live in Japan and Korea but are moving across the Pacific Ocean to the USA and Canada. The hornets kill around 40 people a year in Japan. They also destroy colonies of honeybees. A few dozen hornets can kill an entire colony of 30,000 bees in a few hours. They take off the heads of the bees. Authorities in Washington on the west coast of the USA have warned people to be careful of the hornets. Beekeepers are worried about their beehives.

The hornets are big - about five centimeters long. A bee breeder said: "They're like something out of a monster cartoon with this huge yellow-orange face." The hornet's sting is very painful. A beekeeper described the pain. He said: "It was like having red-hot thumbtacks driven into my flesh." The hornet's stinger is half a centimeter long. It can go through the clothes beekeepers wear. Another beekeeper said: "They give a warning before they sting. They snap their jaws and make a clicking sound. But if you stick around to notice that, you're probably already in a world of hurt."

Sources: <https://www.accuweather.com/en/weather-news/terrifying-murder-hornets-invade-us/733548>  
<https://www.nationalgeographic.com/animals/2020/05/asian-giant-hornets-arrive-united-states/>  
<https://www.usatoday.com/story/news/nation/2020/05/04/murder-hornets-us-here-6-other-scary-dangerous-bugs/3076740001/>

# PHRASE MATCHING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2005/200507-asian-giant-hornet-2.html>

## PARAGRAPH ONE:

- |                             |                         |
|-----------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. Few insects are as scary | a. dozen hornets        |
| 2. fearsome                 | b. coast of the USA     |
| 3. moving across            | c. creatures            |
| 4. A few                    | d. about their beehives |
| 5. kill an entire colony    | e. the Pacific Ocean    |
| 6. on the west              | f. the hornets          |
| 7. be careful of            | g. of 30,000 bees       |
| 8. Beekeepers are worried   | h. and as venomous      |

## PARAGRAPH TWO:

- |                                   |                         |
|-----------------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. like something out of a        | a. driven into my flesh |
| 2. The hornet's sting is          | b. beekeepers wear      |
| 3. like having red-hot thumbtacks | c. sound                |
| 4. The hornet's stinger is half   | d. very painful         |
| 5. go through the clothes         | e. a centimeter long    |
| 6. They give a warning before     | f. notice that          |
| 7. make a clicking                | g. monster cartoon      |
| 8. if you stick around to         | h. they sting           |

# LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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Few insects are as scary and (1) \_\_\_\_\_ the Asian giant hornet. These fearsome (2) \_\_\_\_\_ Japan and Korea but are moving across the Pacific Ocean to the USA and Canada. The (3) \_\_\_\_\_ 40 people a year in Japan. They also (4) \_\_\_\_\_ honeybees. A few dozen hornets can kill an entire colony of 30,000 bees in a few hours. They take off (5) \_\_\_\_\_ the bees. Authorities in Washington on the west coast of the USA have warned people to be careful of the hornets. Beekeepers (6) \_\_\_\_\_ their beehives.

The hornets are big - about five centimeters long. A bee breeder said: "They're like something out of (7) \_\_\_\_\_ with this huge yellow-orange face." The hornet's (8) \_\_\_\_\_ painful. A beekeeper described the pain. He said: "It (9) \_\_\_\_\_ red-hot thumbtacks driven into my flesh." The hornet's stinger is half a centimeter long. It can (10) \_\_\_\_\_ clothes beekeepers wear. Another beekeeper said: "They give a warning before they sting. They snap their jaws and make (11) \_\_\_\_\_. But if you stick around to notice that, you're probably already in a (12) \_\_\_\_\_."

# PUT A SLASH ( / ) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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# HORNETS SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2005/200507-asian-giant-hornet-4.html>

Write five GOOD questions about hornets 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.

## WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

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

a) \_\_\_\_\_

b) \_\_\_\_\_

c) \_\_\_\_\_

d) \_\_\_\_\_

e) \_\_\_\_\_

f) \_\_\_\_\_

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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) \_\_\_\_\_

