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THE ARTICLE

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An Indian woman has killed a leopard that attacked her near her village. Kamla Devi, 56, was on her way to fetch water from a canal in India's northern Uttarakhand state when the big cat jumped on her. She fought the animal for 30 minutes and finally killed it. She is now recovering in hospital. She has many deep bites and cuts on her body and three fractures on her hands. Ms Devi told reporters: "I thought I was dead but I did not lose patience and courage....I fought head on with it for almost half an hour. Then I understood it was dead." She said she tried to stab the leopard with the small sickle she carried for use on her small farm. She remembers smashing some of the animal's teeth during the struggle.

Doctors are surprised she survived the attack. Most people attacked by a leopard have almost no chance of surviving. Her doctor Abdul Rahul said: "She has two fractures on the right hand and one on the left. She also has deep injuries on her head and legs. There are bite marks all over her body." Another doctor said: "The condition of the woman is stable. We have not counted the number of stitches, but there must be more than 100." One of Ms Devi's friends said: "She is very brave. She attacked the leopard and took the fight head on." Lakhpat Rawat, a leopard expert, told 'India Today': "Walking for one kilometer after the attack, with blood oozing out from her body, speaks a lot about her strong willpower to survive."

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WARM-UPS

1. LEOPARDS: Students walk around the class and talk to other students about leopards. 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?

leopard / fetch water / recovering / hospital / bites / patience / farm / teeth / struggle / surprised / survived / doctor / injuries / condition / stable / stitches / expert / blood

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

3. ATTACK: What's the best way to fight or beat these things? Complete this table with your partner(s). Change partners often and share what you wrote.

Type of attack	How to fight it	Chances of success
leopard		
panic		
mosquito		
cyber		
racist		
heart		

4. BEARS: Students A **strongly** believe bears are more dangerous than leopards; Students B **strongly** believe the opposite. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.

5. DANGEROUS: Rank these with your partner. Put the most dangerous at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

- leopard
- shark
- wolf
- bear
- tarantula
- scorpion
- snake
- crocodile

6. BITES: Spend one minute writing down all of the different words you associate with the word "bites". 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/1408/140829-leopard.html>

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

- | | |
|--|-------|
| a. A 26-year-old Indian woman fought and killed a leopard. | T / F |
| b. The fight between the woman and the leopard lasted half an hour. | T / F |
| c. The woman never feared for her life during the fight. | T / F |
| d. The woman managed to break some of the leopard's teeth. | T / F |
| e. Doctors are not surprised the woman survived the attack. | T / F |
| f. The woman has injuries to both of her hands. | T / F |
| g. The woman needed more than 100 stitches for her cuts. | T / F |
| h. The woman had to walk for 10 kilometres after the leopard attack. | T / F |

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

- | | |
|---------------|------------------|
| 1. fetch | a. steady |
| 2. fractures | b. breaking |
| 3. courage | c. courageous |
| 4. smashing | d. breaks |
| 5. struggle | e. wounds |
| 6. chance | f. bravery |
| 7. injuries | g. possibility |
| 8. stable | h. fight |
| 9. brave | i. determination |
| 10. willpower | j. get |

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

- | | |
|----------------------------|----------------------------|
| 1. a leopard that attacked | a. in hospital |
| 2. on her way to fetch | b. out from her body |
| 3. She is now recovering | c. patience |
| 4. I did not lose | d. marks all over her body |
| 5. She said she tried to | e. her near her village |
| 6. have almost no | f. of stitches |
| 7. There are bite | g. willpower |
| 8. counted the number | h. stab the leopard |
| 9. blood oozing | i. water from a canal |
| 10. strong | j. chance of surviving |

GAP FILL

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dead
fractures
fought
use
fetch
lose
finally
during

Doctors are (9) _____ she survived the attack. Most people attacked by a leopard have almost no (10) _____ of surviving. Her doctor Abdul Rahul said: "She has two fractures on the right hand and one on the left. She also has deep (11) _____ on her head and legs. There are bite marks all over her body." Another doctor said: "The condition of the woman is (12) _____. We have not counted the number of stitches, but there must be more than 100." One of Ms Devi's friends said: "She is very (13) _____. She attacked the leopard and took the fight head on." Lakhpat Rawat, a leopard (14) _____, told 'India Today': "Walking for one kilometer after the attack, with (15) _____ oozing out from her body, speaks a lot about her strong willpower to (16) _____."

expert
brave
chance
blood
surprised
survive
stable
injuries

LISTENING – Guess the answers. Listen to check.

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- 1) Kamla Devi, 56, was on her way _____
 - a. to fresh water
 - b. to fetch water
 - c. to vet water
 - d. to stretch water
- 2) She has many deep bites and cuts on her body and three _____ hands
 - a. fractures on her
 - b. fracture on her
 - c. fractured on her
 - d. fracturing on her
- 3) I thought I was dead but I did not lose patience _____
 - a. or courage
 - b. end courage
 - c. in courage
 - d. and courage
- 4) the small sickle she carried for use on _____
 - a. the small farm
 - b. their small farm
 - c. her small farm
 - d. here small farm
- 5) She remembers smashing some of the animal's teeth _____
 - a. during the struggles
 - b. during the struggled
 - c. during the struggling
 - d. during the struggle
- 6) Most people attacked by a leopard have almost no _____
 - a. chance of survival
 - b. chance of survive in
 - c. chance of survives in
 - d. chance of surviving
- 7) The condition of the _____
 - a. woman is stable
 - b. woman is staple
 - c. woman is stay ball
 - d. woman is stay bill
- 8) We have not counted the _____
 - a. number of snitches
 - b. number of stretches
 - c. number of slashes
 - d. number of stitches
- 9) Walking for one kilometer after the attack, with _____
 - a. blood losing out
 - b. blood fusing out
 - c. blood oozing out
 - d. blood boozing out
- 10) speaks a lot about her strong _____
 - a. willing power to survive
 - b. willpower to survive
 - c. will powers to survive
 - d. wills power to survive

LISTENING – Listen and fill in the gaps

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Doctors are surprised she (7) _____. Most people attacked by a leopard have almost no (8) _____. Her doctor Abdul Rahul said: "She has two fractures on the right hand and one on the left. She also (9) _____ her head and legs. There are bite marks all over her body." Another doctor said: "The condition of the woman is stable. We have not counted the (10) _____, but there must be more than 100." One of Ms Devi's friends said: "She is very brave. She attacked the leopard and (11) _____ on." Lakhpat Rawat, a leopard expert, told 'India Today': "Walking for one kilometer after the attack, with (12) _____ from her body, speaks a lot about her strong willpower to survive."

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

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1. How old is the woman who was attacked?

2. Where was the woman going before she was attacked?

3. Where is the woman now?

4. What did the woman try to do with her small sickle?

5. What did the woman smash?

6. What are doctors surprised about?

7. How many fractures are there on her right hand?

8. How many stitches did the woman need?

9. How far did the woman have to walk after the attack?

10. What was oozing out of her body?

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1408/140829-leopard.html>

1. How old is the woman who was attacked?
 - a) 36
 - b) 46
 - c) 56
 - d) 66
2. Where was the woman going before she was attacked?
 - a) to a canal
 - b) home
 - c) to her office
 - d) hiking
3. Where is the woman now?
 - a) hiding
 - b) on holiday
 - c) at home
 - d) in hospital
4. What did the woman try to do with her small sickle?
 - a) hide it
 - b) stab the leopard
 - c) take it from the leopard's mouth
 - d) throw it
5. What did the woman smash?
 - a) hopes and fears
 - b) the leopard-fighting world record
 - c) some of the leopard's teeth
 - d) a window
6. What are doctors surprised about?
 - a) she took so long to kill the cat
 - b) the woman survived
 - c) how few injuries she had
 - d) the size of the leopard
7. How many fractures are there on her right hand?
 - a) 1
 - b) 3
 - c) 5
 - d) 2
8. How many stitches did the woman need?
 - a) hundreds
 - b) over 100
 - c) 99
 - d) 100
9. How far did the woman have to walk after the attack?
 - a) 1km
 - b) 3km
 - c) 8km
 - d) 11km
10. What was oozing out of her body?
 - a) hair
 - b) teeth
 - c) confidence
 - d) blood

ROLE PLAY

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Role A – Leopard

You think a leopard is the most dangerous creature. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their animals aren't so dangerous. Also, tell the others which is the least dangerous of these (and why): a tarantula, a crocodile or a shark.

Role B – Tarantula

You think a tarantula is the most dangerous creature. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their animals aren't so dangerous. Also, tell the others which is the least dangerous of these (and why): a leopard, a crocodile or a shark.

Role C – Crocodile

You think a crocodile is the most dangerous creature. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their animals aren't so dangerous. Also, tell the others which is the least dangerous of these (and why): a tarantula, a leopard or a shark.

Role D – Shark

You think a shark is the most dangerous creature. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their animals aren't so dangerous. Also, tell the others which is the least dangerous of these (and why): a tarantula, a crocodile or a leopard.

AFTER READING / LISTENING

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

patience	courage
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- 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">• near• canal• 30• three• half• small	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• chance• left• over• stitches• expert• strong
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LEOPARDS SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about leopards 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.

LEOPARDS 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 'leopard'?
- c) What do you think about what you read?
- d) How lucky is this woman?
- e) How dangerous are the animals in your country?
- f) What would you do if a leopard attacked you?
- g) Would you live in an area where there are leopards nearby?
- h) What injuries have you had?
- i) What do you think the woman thought of during the attack?
- j) How much courage do you have?

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LEOPARDS DISCUSSION

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

- a) Did you like reading this article? Why/not?
- b) What do you know about leopards?
- c) What animal are you most afraid of and why?
- d) How might the attack change the woman's life?
- e) Have you ever had a fight? What about?
- f) How many times have you needed stitches? Why?
- g) What do you think of leopards?
- h) What's your favourite among the big cats?
- i) What three adjectives best describe this story? Why?
- j) What questions would you like to ask the woman?

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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Doctors are surprised she survived the attack. Most people attacked by a leopard have almost no (7) _____ of surviving. Her doctor Abdul Rahul said: "She has two fractures on the right hand and one on the left. She also has (8) _____ injuries on her head and legs. There are bite marks (9) _____ over her body." Another doctor said: "The condition of the woman is stable. We have not counted the number of (10) _____, but there must be more than 100." One of Ms Devi's friends said: "She is very brave. She attacked the leopard and took the fight head on." Lakhpat Rawat, a leopard (11) _____, told 'India Today': "Walking for one kilometer after the attack, with blood oozing out from her body, speaks a lot about her strong (12) _____ to survive."

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

- | | | | | |
|-----|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|--------------|
| 1. | (a) killed | (b) died | (c) death | (d) deadly |
| 2. | (a) ditch | (b) batch | (c) fetch | (d) butch |
| 3. | (a) finalise | (b) finality | (c) finally | (d) final |
| 4. | (a) mislay | (b) forget | (c) drop | (d) lose |
| 5. | (a) stab | (b) slab | (c) scab | (d) swab |
| 6. | (a) snuggle | (b) struggle | (c) straggle | (d) swagger |
| 7. | (a) reason | (b) opportunity | (c) possible | (d) chance |
| 8. | (a) deeply | (b) deep | (c) depth | (d) deepens |
| 9. | (a) whole | (b) entire | (c) all | (d) every |
| 10. | (a) slashes | (b) stashes | (c) snitches | (d) stitches |
| 11. | (a) exponent | (b) explorer | (c) expat | (d) expert |
| 12. | (a) willy-nilly | (b) willpower | (c) willingness | (d) willowy |

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SPELLING

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Paragraph 1

1. a leopard that tadcketa her
2. She gthufo the animal for 30 minutes
3. She is now cigvnoreer in hospital
4. three sautrcfre on her hands
5. I did not lose anitecep
6. during the lstggeru

Paragraph 2

7. Doctors are surprised she ivdsruev
8. She also has deep sinjireu on her head
9. the woman is batsel
10. counted the number of etsshcit
11. a leopard ereptx
12. her strong pwwilrleo

PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1408/140829-leopard.html>

Number these lines in the correct order.

- () way to fetch water from a canal in India's northern Uttarakhand state when the big cat jumped
- () injuries on her head and legs. There are bite marks all over her body." Another doctor said: "The condition of the woman is
- () stable. We have not counted the number of stitches, but there must be more than 100." One of Ms Devi's
- () surviving. Her doctor Abdul Rahul said: "She has two fractures on the right hand and one on the left. She also has deep
- () hour. Then I understood it was dead." She said she tried to stab the leopard with the small sickle she carried for use on
- () oozing out from her body, speaks a lot about her strong willpower to survive."
- (**1**) An Indian woman has killed a leopard that attacked her near her village. Kamla Devi, 56, was on her
- () on." Lakhpat Rawat, a leopard expert, told 'India Today': "Walking for one kilometer after the attack, with blood
- () Doctors are surprised she survived the attack. Most people attacked by a leopard have almost no chance of
- () on her. She fought the animal for 30 minutes and finally killed it. She is now recovering in
- () hospital. She has many deep bites and cuts on her body and three fractures on her hands. Ms Devi told reporters: "I thought I was
- () her small farm. She remembers smashing some of the animal's teeth during the struggle.
- () friends said: "She is very brave. She attacked the leopard and took the fight head
- () dead but I did not lose patience and courage....I fought head on with it for almost half an

PUT THE WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER

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1. on canal her way Devi, to fetch 56, water from was a.

2. fractures on her hands Cuts on her body and three.

3. it with on head fought I hour an half almost for.

4. leopard with the small sickle She tried to stab the.

5. teeth some of She the remembers animal's smashing.

6. chance Most people attacked by a leopard have almost no.

7. on She the has right two hand fractures.

8. stitches counted the We number have of not.

9. Devi's One very friends of brave" "She said: Ms ." is

10. about willpower lot strong survive a her to Speaks.

CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD (20 PAIRS)

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An Indian woman has *killed* / *died* a leopard that attacked her near her village. Kamla Devi, 56, was on her way to *fetch* / *ditch* water from a canal in India's northern Uttarakhand state when the big cat jumped on her. She *fought* / *fights* the animal for 30 minutes and *finally* / *finality* killed it. She is now recovering in hospital. She has many *deepening* / *deep* bites and cuts on her body and three fractures on her hands. Ms Devi told reporters: "I thought I was *death* / *dead* but I did not lose patience and *courageous* / *courage*....I fought head on with it for almost *halve* / *half* an hour. Then I understood it was dead." She said she tried to *stub* / *stab* the leopard with the small sickle she carried for use on her small farm. She remembers smashing some of the animal's teeth *during* / *through* the struggle.

Doctors are surprised she *survived* / *survival* the attack. Most people attacked by a leopard have almost *no* / *not* chance of surviving. Her doctor Abdul Rahul said: "She has two fractures on the right hand and one on the left. She also has deep *injury* / *injuries* on her head and legs. There are bite *marks* / *markers* all over her body." *Another* / *Other* doctor said: "The condition of the woman is *staple* / *stable*. We have not counted the number of *stitches* / *stitching*, but there must be more than 100." One of Ms Devi's friends said: "She is very *brave* / *bravery*. She attacked the leopard and took the fight head on." Lakhpat Rawat, a leopard *expert* / *expertise*, told 'India Today': "Walking for one kilometer after the attack, with blood oozing out from her body, speaks a lot about her *strength* / *strong* willpower to survive."

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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_n _nd_ _n w_m_n h_s k_ll_d _l__p_rd th_t _tt_ck_d
h_r n__r h_r v_ll_g_. K_ml_ D_v_, 56, w_s _n h_r w_y
t_ f_tch w_t_r fr_m _ c_n_l _n _nd_'s n_rth_rn
_tt_r_kh_nd st_t_ wh_n th_ b_g c_t j_mp_d _n h_r. Sh_
f__ght th_ _n_m_l f_r 30 m_n_t_s _nd f_n_lly k_ll_d
t. Sh _s n_w r_c_v_r_ng _n h_sp_t_l. Sh_ h_s m_ny
d__p b_t_s _nd c_ts _n h_r b_dy _nd thr__ fr_ct_r_s
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PUNCTUATE THE TEXT AND ADD CAPITALS

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PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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ACADEMIC WRITING

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Compare leopards and lions. Which do you like better? Why?

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

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

4. 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.

5. LETTER: Write a letter to an expert on leopards. Ask him/her three questions about leopards. Give him/her three of your thoughts 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 T c F d T e F f T g T h F

SYNONYM MATCH (p.4)

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| 1. fetch | a. get |
| 2. fractures | b. breaks |
| 3. courage | c. bravery |
| 4. smashing | d. breaking |
| 5. struggle | e. fight |
| 6. chance | f. possibility |
| 7. injuries | g. wounds |
| 8. stable | h. steady |
| 9. brave | i. courageous |
| 10. willpower | j. determination |

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (p.8)

- 56
- To a canal
- In hospital
- Stab the leopard
- Some of the leopard's teeth
- The woman survived
- Two
- Over 100
- One kilometre
- Blood

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ (p.9)

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

ALL OTHER EXERCISES

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