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Plan to return the wolf to Scotland

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THE READING

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A charity called Rewilding Britain wants to return a large area of Scotland to how it was a thousand years ago. It wants forests and lost animals, birds and fish to return. The group aims to put back into the wild the wolf, which died out in Britain in 1680. Hunters killed them all. Other species that could return to mountains, rivers and seas include the lynx (a wild cat), beavers, sea eagles and grey whales. The charities want one-twentieth of the country to return to its natural state. The area it wants is the UK's cleanest region. It hopes this can happen by the year 2030.

Not everyone thinks the reintroduction of the wolf and lynx is a good idea. Farmers are worried that bringing back predators would cause problems. They think the animals would start killing farm animals. They also say beaver dams would increase the risk of flooding farmland, and that sea eagles would kill lambs. A Rewilding Britain spokeswoman said: "Re-wilding is really for everyone who cares about our future. Our ecosystems need us." She added that it was important to re-wild Britain for, "native forests to regenerate" and to give "seas a chance to recover from industrial fishing".

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MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|--------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. return a large | a. the wild |
| 2. how it was a | b. region |
| 3. put back into | c. state |
| 4. Other species | d. thousand years ago |
| 5. mountains, rivers | e. that could return |
| 6. return to its natural | f. the year 2030 |
| 7. the UK's cleanest | g. and seas |
| 8. this can happen by | h. area of Scotland |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

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|----------------------------------|---------------------|
| 1. the reintroduction | a. of flooding |
| 2. bringing back predators would | b. forests |
| 3. dams would increase the risk | c. about our future |
| 4. eagles would kill | d. fishing |
| 5. everyone who cares | e. lambs |
| 6. native | f. of the wolf |
| 7. give seas | g. cause problems |
| 8. recover from industrial | h. a chance |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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A charity called Rewilding Britain (1) _____ large area of Scotland to how it was a (2) _____. It wants forests and lost animals, birds and fish to return. The group aims to put (3) _____ the wolf, which died out in Britain in 1680. Hunters killed them all. Other species that could return to mountains, rivers (4) _____ the lynx (a wild cat), beavers, sea eagles and grey whales. The charities want one-twentieth of the country (5) _____ natural state. The area it wants is the UK's cleanest region. It hopes this can happen (6) _____.

Not everyone thinks (7) _____ the wolf and lynx is a good idea. Farmers are worried that (8) _____ would cause problems. They think the animals would start killing farm animals. They also say beaver dams (9) _____ risk of flooding farmland, and that sea eagles would kill lambs. A Rewilding Britain spokeswoman said: "Re-wilding is really for everyone (10) _____ our future. Our ecosystems need us." She added that it was important to re-wild Britain for, "native (11) _____" and to give "seas a chance to recover (12) _____".

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

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

a)

b)

c)

d)

e)

f)

g)

h)

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WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

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

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