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## Level 3

### Japanese robot-wolf to protect farms

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# THE ARTICLE

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Technology has come to the rescue of Japanese farmers. For thousands of years they have tried to keep animals away from their farms. However, engineers have invented the "Super Monster Wolf" to finally scare away wild animals that want to eat crops of rice, pumpkin or sweet potato. Super Monster Wolf is a solar-powered scarecrow robot that looks like a real wolf. It has lookalike wolf hair, big scary teeth and red LED eyes with infrared sensors. It also has 48 different wolf howls and other noises so animals never get used to it. Super Monster Wolf will be used to keep animals like wild boar and deer out of rice paddies, farms and fruit orchards. Farmers lose millions of dollars of crops every year to hungry animals.

Members of Japan's Agricultural Association (JA) took part in trials of the Super Monster Wolf in nine locations across Japan. JA spokesman Chikao Umezawa reported that the robot wolf significantly reduced crop losses. He said it was more effective than an electric fence at keeping animals out. The robot can sense movement up to one kilometre away and immediately make its scary sounds. The robot will start being mass produced from next month. It will be 65cm long and 50cm high. The price is \$4,800 but farmers will have the option of renting the wolf by the month. Japan's farmers are hoping that this new electronic aid will finally stop wild animals eating their crops.

Sources: <https://www.treehugger.com/animals/super-monster-wolf-crop-saving-demon-robot.html>  
<http://www.bbc.com/news/blogs-news-from-elsewhere-43303781>  
<https://www.chibanippo.co.jp/news/national/480074>

# WARM-UPS

**1. RICE PADDIES:** Students walk around the class and talk to other students about rice paddies. 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?

technology / rescue / farms / wild animals / solar-powered / scarecrow / rice paddy / trials / losses / electric fence / movement / farmers / option / wolf / electronic / aid

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

**3. ROBOTS:** Students A **strongly** believe robots will improve life for all humans; Students B **strongly** believe the opposite. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.

**4. ANIMAL ROBOTS:** How could animal robots help these people? In what situations? Complete this table with your partner(s). Change partners often and share what you wrote.

	What kind of robot?	How could it help?	In what situations?
Soldiers			
Old people			
Homeowners			
Students			
Athletes			
You			

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

**6. CROPS:** Rank these with your partner. Put the most important crops at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

- rice
- potato
- onion
- wheat
- garlic
- tomato
- banana
- corn

# VOCABULARY MATCHING

## Paragraph 1

- |              |                                                                                                                  |
|--------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1. rescue    | a. Create or designed something that has not existed before.                                                     |
| 2. invented  | b. A food that is grown on farms, especially a vegetable (e.g. corn, potato...) or a grain (rice, wheat...).     |
| 3. scare     | c. Save someone from a dangerous or damaging situation.                                                          |
| 4. crops     | d. Something farmers make to look like a human, set up to scare birds away from a field where crops are growing. |
| 5. solar     | e. Coming from the sun.                                                                                          |
| 6. scarecrow | f. A field where rice is grown.                                                                                  |
| 7. paddies   | g. Cause great fear or nervousness in; frighten.                                                                 |

## Paragraph 2

- |                   |                                                                   |
|-------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 8. trials         | h. A thing that people use to help them.                          |
| 9. locations      | i. Become aware of something or of something about to happen.     |
| 10. significantly | j. At once; instantly.                                            |
| 11. sense         | k. A test of how well or badly something works (or doesn't work). |
| 12. immediately   | l. A place or position.                                           |
| 13. option        | m. A thing that is or may be chosen.                              |
| 14. aid           | n. Greatly; importantly.                                          |

# BEFORE READING / LISTENING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1803/180309-super-monster-wolf.html>

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

- a. The article says Japanese farmers loved animals for thousands of years. **T / F**
- b. A super monster-wolf wants to eat pumpkins and sweet potatoes. **T / F**
- c. A new robot wolf has scary green eyes. **T / F**
- d. The robot wolf will help scare away deer and wild boar from rice paddies. **T / F**
- e. Japan's architectural association (JA) took part in trials of the wolf. **T / F**
- f. An agriculture spokesman said the wolf was better than electric fences. **T / F**
- g. The robot wolf will go into production next month. **T / F**
- h. Japanese farmers will be able to rent the robot wolf on a monthly basis. **T / F**

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

- |                        |               |
|------------------------|---------------|
| <b>1. rescue</b>       | a. farming    |
| <b>2. tried</b>        | b. fields     |
| <b>3. scare</b>        | c. attempted  |
| <b>4. howls</b>        | d. successful |
| <b>5. paddies</b>      | e. help       |
| <b>6. agricultural</b> | f. frighten   |
| <b>7. trials</b>       | g. choice     |
| <b>8. effective</b>    | h. saving     |
| <b>9. option</b>       | i. tests      |
| <b>10. aid</b>         | j. cries      |

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

- |                                      |                        |
|--------------------------------------|------------------------|
| 1. Technology has come to the rescue | a. infrared sensors    |
| 2. scare                             | b. of dollars of crops |
| 3. eyes with                         | c. fence               |
| 4. rice                              | d. association         |
| 5. Farmers lose millions             | e. away wild animals   |
| 6. Members of Japan's agricultural   | f. reduced crop losses |
| 7. in nine locations                 | g. renting the wolf    |
| 8. the robot wolf significantly      | h. of Japanese farmers |
| 9. more effective than an electric   | i. across Japan        |
| 10. farmers will have the option of  | j. paddies             |

# GAP FILL

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1803/180309-super-monster-wolf.html>

Technology has come to the (1) \_\_\_\_\_ of Japanese farmers. For thousands of years they have tried to keep animals away from their (2) \_\_\_\_\_. However, engineers have invented the "Super Monster Wolf" to finally (3) \_\_\_\_\_ away wild animals that want to eat crops of rice, pumpkin or sweet potato. Super Monster Wolf is a solar-powered scarecrow robot that looks like a (4) \_\_\_\_\_ wolf. It has lookalike wolf hair, big scary teeth and red LED eyes with infrared (5) \_\_\_\_\_. It also has 48 different wolf (6) \_\_\_\_\_ and other noises so animals never get used to it. Super Monster Wolf will be used to keep animals like wild boar and deer out of rice (7) \_\_\_\_\_, farms and fruit orchards. Farmers lose millions of dollars of (8) \_\_\_\_\_ every year to hungry animals.

*real*  
*howls*  
*rescue*  
*crops*  
*scare*  
*paddies*  
*farms*  
*sensors*

Members of Japan's Agricultural Association (JA) took part in (9) \_\_\_\_\_ of the Super Monster Wolf in nine (10) \_\_\_\_\_ across Japan. JA spokesman Chikao Umezawa reported that the robot wolf significantly reduced crop (11) \_\_\_\_\_. He said it was more effective than an electric fence at keeping animals out. The robot can (12) \_\_\_\_\_ movement up to one kilometre away and immediately make its scary (13) \_\_\_\_\_. The robot will start being mass produced from next month. It will be 65cm long and 50cm high. The (14) \_\_\_\_\_ is \$4,800 but farmers will have the (15) \_\_\_\_\_ of renting the wolf by the month. Japan's farmers are hoping that this new electronic aid will finally stop (16) \_\_\_\_\_ animals eating their crops.

*losses*  
*price*  
*trials*  
*wild*  
*sounds*  
*locations*  
*option*  
*sense*

# LISTENING – Guess the answers. Listen to check.

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1803/180309-super-monster-wolf.html>

- 1) Technology has come to the \_\_\_\_\_ Japanese farmers
  - a. rescuer of
  - b. rescues of
  - c. rescued of
  - d. rescue of
- 2) Super Monster Wolf is a solar-powered scarecrow robot that looks \_\_\_\_\_ wolf
  - a. like a really
  - b. like a real
  - c. like a reel
  - d. like a royal
- 3) It also has 48 different wolf howls and other noises so animals never \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. get use to it
  - b. get used too it
  - c. get used to it
  - d. gets used to it
- 4) Super Monster Wolf will be used to keep animals like wild boar and deer out \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. of rice paddles
  - b. off lice paddles
  - c. of rice paddies
  - d. of lice paddies
- 5) Farmers lose millions of dollars of crops every year \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. to hungry animals
  - b. to hungrily animals
  - c. to angry animals
  - d. to angrily animals
- 6) Members of Japan's Agricultural Association (JA) took \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. party in trials
  - b. partying trials
  - c. part entrails
  - d. part in trials
- 7) JA spokesman Chikao Umezawa reported that the robot wolf significantly \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. reduced crop loss is
  - b. reduced crops losses
  - c. reduced crop losses
  - d. reduced crops loss is
- 8) He said it was more effective than an electric \_\_\_\_\_ animals out
  - a. defence at keeping
  - b. fence at keeping
  - c. offence at keeping
  - d. fenced at keeping
- 9) The price is \$4,800 but farmers will have the option \_\_\_\_\_ wolf
  - a. of rending the
  - b. of lending the
  - c. of rent thing the
  - d. of renting the
- 10) this new electronic aid will finally stop wild animals \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. eaten their crops
  - b. eating them crops
  - c. eating their crops
  - d. eat-in their crops

# LISTENING – Listen and fill in the gaps

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1803/180309-super-monster-wolf.html>

Technology has come (1) \_\_\_\_\_ of Japanese farmers. For thousands of years they have tried to (2) \_\_\_\_\_ from their farms. However, engineers have invented the "Super Monster Wolf" to finally (3) \_\_\_\_\_ animals that want to eat crops of rice, pumpkin or sweet potato. Super Monster Wolf is a solar-powered scarecrow robot that looks like a real wolf. It has (4) \_\_\_\_\_, big scary teeth and red LED eyes with infrared sensors. It also has 48 different wolf howls and other noises (5) \_\_\_\_\_ get used to it. Super Monster Wolf will be used to keep animals like wild boar and deer out of rice paddies, farms and fruit orchards. Farmers (6) \_\_\_\_\_ dollars of crops every year to hungry animals.

Members of Japan's Agricultural Association (JA) took (7) \_\_\_\_\_ of the Super Monster Wolf in (8) \_\_\_\_\_ Japan. JA spokesman Chikao Umezawa reported that the robot wolf significantly reduced crop losses. He said it was more effective than (9) \_\_\_\_\_ at keeping animals out. The robot can sense movement up to one kilometre away and immediately make its scary sounds. The robot will (10) \_\_\_\_\_ produced from next month. It will be 65cm long and 50cm high. The price is \$4,800 but farmers will have (11) \_\_\_\_\_ renting the wolf by the month. Japan's farmers are hoping that this new electronic aid (12) \_\_\_\_\_ wild animals eating their crops.



# COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1803/180309-super-monster-wolf.html>

1. What does the article say has come to the rescue for Japan's farmers?
2. Where does the Super Monster Wolf get its energy from?
3. What colour eyes does the Super Monster Wolf have?
4. How many different sounds can the Super Monster Wolf make?
5. How much money do Japan's farmers lose because of hungry animals?
6. How many different places was the Super Monster Wolf tested in?
7. What was the Super Monster Wolf more effective than?
8. When will the Super Monster Wolf go into production?
9. How tall is the Super Monster Wolf?
10. How regularly could Japanese farmers rent the Super Monster Wolf?

# MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1803/180309-super-monster-wolf.html>

- 1) What does the article say has come to the rescue for Japan's farmers?
  - a) the weather
  - b) technology
  - c) wild wolves
  - d) an insect
- 2) Where does the Super Monster Wolf get its energy from?
  - a) its bones
  - b) protein
  - c) nuclear power
  - d) the sun
- 3) What colour eyes does the Super Monster Wolf have?
  - a) black
  - b) green
  - c) red
  - d) silver
- 4) How many different sounds can the Super Monster Wolf make?
  - a) 48
  - b) 46
  - c) 56
  - d) 58
- 5) How much money do Japan's farmers lose because of hungry animals?
  - a) millions of yen
  - b) millions of dollars
  - c) half
  - d) \$785,690.99
- 6) How many different places was the Super Monster Wolf tested in?
  - a) 9
  - b) 8
  - c) 7
  - d) 6
- 7) What was the Super Monster Wolf more effective than?
  - a) guns
  - b) scarecrows
  - c) electric fences
  - d) a Super Monster Lion
- 8) When will the Super Monster Wolf go into production?
  - a) next month
  - b) next week
  - c) tomorrow
  - d) next year
- 9) How tall is the Super Monster Wolf?
  - a) 25cm
  - b) one meter
  - c) 3 meters
  - d) half a meter
- 10) How regularly could Japanese farmers rent the Super Monster Wolf?
  - a) weekly
  - b) annually
  - c) monthly
  - d) daily

# ROLE PLAY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1803/180309-super-monster-wolf.html>

## **Role A – Rice**

You think rice is the most important crop. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their crops. Also, tell the others which is the least important of these (and why): wheat, banana or corn.

## **Role B – Wheat**

You think wheat is the most important crop. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their crops. Also, tell the others which is the least important of these (and why): rice, banana or corn.

## **Role C – Banana**

You think banana is the most important crop. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their crops. Also, tell the others which is the least important of these (and why): wheat, rice or corn.

## **Role D – Corn**

You think corn is the most important crop. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their crops. Also, tell the others which is the least important of these (and why): wheat, banana or rice.

# AFTER READING / LISTENING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1803/180309-super-monster-wolf.html>

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

monster	wolf

- 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>• come</li><li>• invented</li><li>• solar</li><li>• teeth</li><li>• noises</li><li>• year</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• trials</li><li>• reduced</li><li>• effective</li><li>• sense</li><li>• option</li><li>• hoping</li></ul>
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# ANIMAL ROBOTS SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1803/180309-super-monster-wolf.html>

Write five GOOD questions about animal robots 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.

# ANIMAL ROBOTS 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 'monster'?
3. What do you think of robots?
4. How can robot animals help us?
5. What problems do farmers have?
6. How can farmers scare away animals?
7. Do you think animals will be afraid of the Super Monster Wolf?
8. What do you think of the name 'Super Monster Wolf'?
9. What do you know about rice paddies?
10. Why do scarecrows rarely work?

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# ANIMAL ROBOTS 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 'wolf'?
13. What do you think about what you read?
14. What do you know about wolves?
15. Do you think the Super Monster Wolf will work?
16. What do you think of the price of the wolf?
17. Would you buy a robot dog to guard your house?
18. Should wild animals be allowed to eat crops on farms?
19. Would you like to be a farmer?
20. What questions would you like to ask the inventors?

## **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

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1803/180309-super-monster-wolf.html>

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

- |     |                |                 |                  |                   |
|-----|----------------|-----------------|------------------|-------------------|
| 1.  | (a) comes      | (b) came        | (c) come         | (d) coming        |
| 2.  | (a) to         | (b) at          | (c) by           | (d) for           |
| 3.  | (a) scare      | (b) scary       | (c) scared       | (d) scares        |
| 4.  | (a) like       | (b) liked       | (c) likely       | (d) likes         |
| 5.  | (a) the others | (b) other       | (c) others       | (d) another       |
| 6.  | (a) fruitless  | (b) fruits      | (c) fruity       | (d) fruit         |
| 7.  | (a) done       | (b) gave        | (c) took         | (d) been          |
| 8.  | (a) signify    | (b) significant | (c) significance | (d) significantly |
| 9.  | (a) keeping    | (b) kept        | (c) keeps        | (d) keeper        |
| 10. | (a) being      | (b) bean        | (c) been         | (d) be            |
| 11. | (a) at         | (b) of          | (c) on           | (d) to            |
| 12. | (a) helpful    | (b) band        | (c) aid          | (d) assist        |



# SPELLING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1803/180309-super-monster-wolf.html>

## Paragraph 1

1. come to the rseecu
2. engineers have vdintnee the "Super Monster Wolf"
3. csrea away wild animals
4. LED eyes with infrared esrsnso
5. rice addeips, farms and fruit orchards
6. ionmls of dollars

## Paragraph 2

7. took part in lrais
8. nine antolsico across Japan
9. more ftveeifce than an electric fence
10. being mass redodpuc
11. have the opinot of renting
12. this new necrioctl aid

# PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1803/180309-super-monster-wolf.html>

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

- ( **1** ) Technology has come to the rescue of Japanese farmers. For thousands of years they have tried to keep animals away
- ( ) to eat crops of rice, pumpkin or sweet potato. Super Monster Wolf is a solar-powered scarecrow robot that looks
- ( ) used to it. Super Monster Wolf will be used to keep animals like wild boar and deer out of rice paddies, farms and fruit
- ( ) but farmers will have the option of renting the wolf by the month. Japan's farmers are
- ( ) orchards. Farmers lose millions of dollars of crops every year to hungry animals.
- ( ) Members of Japan's Agricultural Association (JA) took part in trials of the Super Monster Wolf in nine
- ( ) being mass produced from next month. It will be 65cm long and 50cm high. The price is \$4,800
- ( ) like a real wolf. It has lookalike wolf hair, big scary teeth and red LED eyes with infrared
- ( ) locations across Japan. JA spokesman Chikao Umezawa reported that the robot wolf significantly reduced crop
- ( ) losses. He said it was more effective than an electric fence at keeping animals out. The robot can sense
- ( ) movement up to one kilometre away and immediately make its scary sounds. The robot will start
- ( ) hoping that this new electronic aid will finally stop wild animals eating their crops.
- ( ) from their farms. However, engineers have invented the "Super Monster Wolf" to finally scare away wild animals that want
- ( ) sensors. It also has 48 different wolf howls and other noises so animals never get

# PUT THE WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1803/180309-super-monster-wolf.html>

1. Japanese has of rescue come the to Technology farmers .
2. farms . from to away keep animals Tried their
3. animals away want eat to that crops . Scare
4. howls . wolf It 48 different has also
5. rice like deer animals paddies . out Keep of
6. robot wolf losses . The reduced significantly crop
7. fence . was It than electric an effective more
8. robot mass start The being will produced .
9. each month . The the wolf of renting option
10. their wild stop crops . Finally animals eating

# CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD (20 PAIRS)

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1803/180309-super-monster-wolf.html>

Technology has come to the *rescuer / rescue* of Japanese farmers. For thousands of years they have tried *to / for* keep animals away from their farms. However, engineers have *invention / invented* the "Super Monster Wolf" to finally *scare / scary* away wild animals that want to eat crops of rice, pumpkin or *sweet / sweets* potato. Super Monster Wolf is a solar-powered scarecrow robot that *look / looks* like a real wolf. It has lookalike wolf hair, big scary *teeth / tooth* and red LED eyes with infrared sensors. It also has 48 different wolf howls and *other / another* noises so animals never get used to it. Super Monster Wolf will be used to keep animals like wild boar and deer *out / in* of rice paddies, farms and fruit orchards. Farmers lose millions of dollars of crops every *yearly / year* to hungry animals.

Members of Japan's Agricultural Association (JA) *took / gave* part in trials of the Super Monster Wolf in nine locations *cross / across* Japan. JA spokesman Chikao Umezawa reported that the robot wolf *significance / significantly* reduced crop *losses / lost*. He said it was more effective than an electric fence at *keeps / keeping* animals out. The robot can sense movement up to one kilometre away and immediately *make / do* its scary sounds. The robot will start *been / being* mass produced from next month. It will be 65cm long and 50cm high. The price is \$4,800 but farmers will have the option of *renting / rent* the wolf by the month. Japan's farmers are hoping that this new electronic *aid / maid* will finally stop wild animals eating *them / their* crops.

**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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T\_c h n\_l\_g y h\_s c\_m\_ t\_ th\_ r\_s c\_\_ \_f J\_p\_n\_s\_ f\_r m\_r s . F\_r th\_\_ s\_n d\_s \_f y\_\_ r\_s th\_y h\_v\_ t r\_\_ d\_ t\_ k\_\_ p \_n\_m\_l s \_w\_y f\_r m\_ th\_\_ r\_ f\_r m\_s . H\_w\_v\_r , \_n g\_n\_\_ r\_s h\_v\_ \_n v\_n t\_d th\_ " S\_p\_r M\_n s\_t\_r W\_l\_f " t\_ f\_n\_l\_l y s\_c\_r\_ \_w\_y w\_l\_d \_n\_m\_l s th\_t w\_n t t\_ \_\_ t\_ c\_r\_p\_s \_f r\_c\_ , p\_m\_p k\_n \_r s\_w\_\_ t p\_t\_t\_ . S\_p\_r M\_n s\_t\_r W\_l\_f \_s \_s\_l\_r - p\_w\_r\_d s\_c\_r\_c\_r\_w r\_b\_t th\_t l\_\_ k\_s l\_k\_ \_r\_\_ l\_w\_l\_f . It h\_s l\_\_ k\_l\_k\_ w\_l\_f h\_\_ r , b\_g s c\_r\_y t\_\_ th \_n d\_r\_d L\_E\_D \_y\_s w\_t\_h \_n\_f\_r\_r\_d s\_n\_s\_r\_s . It \_l\_s\_ h\_s 48 d\_f\_f\_r\_n\_t w\_l\_f h\_w\_l s \_n\_d \_t\_h\_r \_n\_\_ s\_s s\_ \_n\_m\_l s \_n\_v\_r g\_t \_s\_d t\_\_ t\_ . S\_p\_r M\_n s\_t\_r W\_l\_f w\_l\_l b\_ \_s\_d t\_ k\_\_ p \_n\_m\_l s l\_k\_ w\_l\_d b\_\_ r \_n\_d d\_\_ r \_\_ t \_f r\_c\_ p\_d\_d\_\_ s , f\_r m\_s \_n\_d f\_r\_\_ t \_r\_c\_h\_r\_d\_s . F\_r m\_r s \_l\_s\_ m\_l\_l\_\_ n\_s \_f d\_l\_l\_r\_s \_f c\_r\_p\_s \_v\_r\_y y\_\_ r t\_ h\_n\_g\_r\_y \_n\_m\_l s .

M\_m b\_r s \_f J\_p\_n 's A\_g\_r\_c\_l\_t\_r\_l A\_s\_s\_c\_\_ t\_\_ n ( J\_A ) t\_\_ k p\_r\_t \_n t\_r\_\_ l\_s \_f th\_ S\_p\_r M\_n s t\_r W\_l\_f \_n n\_n\_ l\_c\_t\_\_ n\_s \_c\_r\_s\_s J\_p\_n . J\_A s p\_k\_s m\_n C\_h\_k\_\_ U\_m\_z\_w\_ r\_p\_r\_t\_d th\_t th\_ r\_b\_t w\_l\_f s\_g\_n\_f\_c\_n\_t\_l\_y r\_d\_c\_d c\_r\_p l\_s\_s\_s . H\_ s\_\_ d \_t w\_s m\_r\_ \_f\_f\_c\_t\_v\_ th\_n \_n\_l\_c\_t\_r\_c f\_n\_c\_ \_t k\_\_ p\_n\_g \_n\_m\_l s \_\_ t\_ . Th\_ r\_b\_t c\_n s\_n\_s m\_v\_m\_n\_t \_p t\_ \_n\_ k\_l\_m\_t\_r\_ \_w\_y \_n\_d \_m m\_d\_\_ t\_l\_y m\_k\_ \_t\_s s\_c\_r\_y s\_\_ n\_d\_s . Th\_ r\_b\_t w\_l\_l s\_t\_r\_t b\_\_ n\_g m\_s\_s p\_r\_d\_c\_d f\_r m\_n\_x\_t m\_n\_t\_h . It w\_l\_l b\_ 65 c\_m l\_n\_g \_n\_d 50 c\_m h\_g\_h . Th\_ p\_r\_c\_ \_s \$4,800 b\_t f\_r m\_r s w\_l\_l h\_v\_ th\_ \_p\_t\_\_ n \_f r\_n\_t\_n\_g th\_ w\_l\_f b\_y th\_ m\_n\_t\_h . J\_p\_n 's f\_r m\_r s \_r\_ h\_p\_n\_g th\_t th\_s n\_w \_l\_c\_t\_r\_n\_c \_\_ d w\_l\_l f\_n\_l\_l y s\_t\_p w\_l\_d \_n\_m\_l s \_\_ t\_n\_g th\_\_ r\_ c\_r\_p\_s .

# PUNCTUATE THE TEXT AND ADD CAPITALS

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

**4. CROPS:** Write a magazine article about farmers letting animals eat some of their crops to help nature. 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 animal robots. Ask him/her three questions about them. Give him/her three of your ideas on how animal robots can help us. 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. a    3. g    4. b    5. e    6. d    7. f  
8. k    9. l    10. n    11. i    12. j    13. m    14. h

## TRUE / FALSE (p.5)

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

## SYNONYM MATCH (p.5)

- |                 |               |
|-----------------|---------------|
| 1. rescue       | a. saving     |
| 2. tried        | b. attempted  |
| 3. scare        | c. frighten   |
| 4. howls        | d. cries      |
| 5. paddies      | e. fields     |
| 6. agricultural | f. farming    |
| 7. trials       | g. tests      |
| 8. effective    | h. successful |
| 9. option       | i. choice     |
| 10. aid         | j. help       |

## COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (p.9)

1. Technology
2. The sun (it's solar-powered)
3. Red
4. 48
5. Millions of dollars
6. Nine
7. Electric fences
8. Next month
9. 50cm tall
10. Monthly

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

1. Technology has come to the rescue of Japanese farmers.
2. Tried to keep animals away from their farms.
3. Scare away animals that want to eat crops.
4. It also has 48 different wolf howls.
5. Keep animals like deer out of rice paddies.
6. The robot wolf significantly reduced crop losses.
7. It was more effective than an electric fence.
8. The robot will start being mass produced.
9. The option of renting the wolf each month.
10. Finally stop wild animals eating their crops.

## MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ (p.10)

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

## ALL OTHER EXERCISES

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