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Level 4 – 16th April, 2021

World's longest rabbit is 'rabbitnapped'

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Please try Levels 5 and 6. They are (a little) harder.

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THE READING

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The world's longest rabbit has been stolen from his home in England. Darius measures 129cm from nose to tail. Police say he was abducted late Saturday evening. They said: "It is believed the rabbit was stolen from its enclosure in the garden of the property of its owners....We are appealing for information following the theft." Darius' owner has offered a \$2,750 reward. She begged for his safe return and said Darius was too old to be bred.

There has been a rise in pet thefts in the UK during the coronavirus pandemic. Darius' owner said: "Every animal is an individual that can't be replaced....[Darius] is such a loveable character." The police said this was a high-profile case as Darius was a celebrity in England. They believe the thieves have a special motive because of the commercial value of the rabbit. The UK's policing minister called animal theft a "vile crime". He promised to crack down on it.

Sources: <https://www.usatoday.com/story/news/world/2021/04/13/bunny-missing-england-police-say-giant-rabbit-stolen/7208440002/>
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PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. Darius measures | a. for information |
| 2. from nose | b. Saturday evening |
| 3. he was abducted late | c. safe return |
| 4. the rabbit was stolen | d. to tail |
| 5. We are appealing | e. a \$2,750 reward |
| 6. Darius' owner has offered | f. from its enclosure |
| 7. She begged for his | g. to be bred |
| 8. Darius was too old | h. 129cm |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|------------------------------|------------------------|
| 1. There has been a rise | a. value of the rabbit |
| 2. during the coronavirus | b. individual |
| 3. Every animal is an | c. down on it |
| 4. this was a high- | d. in pet thefts |
| 5. because of the commercial | e. crime |
| 6. The UK's policing | f. profile case |
| 7. a vile | g. minister |
| 8. He promised to crack | h. pandemic |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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The world's longest rabbit (1) _____ from his home in England. Darius measures 129cm from (2) _____. Police say he (3) _____ Saturday evening. They said: "It is believed the rabbit was stolen (4) _____ in the garden of the property of its owners....We (5) _____ information following the theft." Darius' owner has offered a \$2,750 reward. She begged for (6) _____ and said Darius was too old to be bred.

There has been (7) _____ pet thefts in the UK during the coronavirus pandemic. Darius' owner said: "Every (8) _____ individual that can't be replaced....[Darius] is such (9) _____." The police said this was a high-profile case as Darius was a celebrity in England. They (10) _____ have a special motive because of the commercial (11) _____ rabbit. The UK's policing minister called animal theft a "vile crime". He promised to (12) _____ it.

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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RABBITS SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about rabbits 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) _____

