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Level 2 – 18th April, 2021

Croissant terrorizes residents in Poland

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

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THE READING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2104/210418-croissant-2.html>

People are afraid of strange things, like peanut butter sticking to the roof of your mouth. The latest thing to cause fear for people in Poland is a croissant. The crescent-shaped flaky pastry scared some residents in the city of Krakow. They mistook a croissant for a dangerous animal. They called for help to get the "animal" removed from a tree opposite their apartment. They were so worried that they kept their windows closed for a few days. The Krakow Animal Welfare Society wrote that a woman called them to report the unidentified "predator" sitting in the tree.

Animal welfare officers asked the residents to describe the animal. One resident mistook the croissant for a bird; another said it was a lizard. One officer explained what happened. He said he went to the apartment where the residents lived to check the strange animal. He said he saw a "brown creature sitting on a branch," and that its "brown coat was shining in the sun". He added: "The poor little guy had no legs or head." When he saw the croissant, he was "almost swept off his feet by a laughing attack". He said it was better to be safe than sorry and to report any sightings of strange animals.

Sources: <https://www.msn.com/en-us/news/world/croissant-in-a-tree-brings-fear-to-polish-city/ar-BB1fH4hW>
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PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|----------------------------|----------------------|
| 1. People are afraid | a. predator |
| 2. the roof of | b. for help |
| 3. The latest thing | c. a few of days |
| 4. The crescent-shaped | d. of strange things |
| 5. They called | e. flaky pastry |
| 6. a tree opposite | f. your mouth |
| 7. closed for | g. their apartment |
| 8. report the unidentified | h. to cause fear |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|---------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. One resident mistook the croissant | a. off his feet |
| 2. the apartment where the | b. on a branch |
| 3. a brown creature sitting | c. of strange animals |
| 4. shining | d. guy |
| 5. The poor little | e. for a bird |
| 6. almost swept | f. be safe than sorry |
| 7. it was better to | g. residents lived |
| 8. report any sightings | h. in the sun |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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People (1) _____ strange things, like peanut butter sticking to the (2) _____ mouth. The latest thing to cause fear for people in Poland is a croissant. The crescent-shaped flaky pastry (3) _____ in the city of Krakow. (4) _____ croissant for a dangerous animal. They called for help to get the "animal" removed from (5) _____ their apartment. They were so worried that they kept their windows closed for (6) _____. The Krakow Animal Welfare Society wrote that a woman called them to report the unidentified "predator" sitting in the tree.

Animal welfare officers asked the residents (7) _____ animal. One resident mistook the croissant for a bird; another said it was a lizard. One officer (8) _____. He said he went to the apartment where the residents lived to check the strange animal. He said he saw a "brown creature sitting (9) _____," and that its "brown coat (10) _____ the sun". He added: "The poor little guy had no legs or head." When he saw the croissant, he was "almost (11) _____ feet by a laughing attack". He said it was better to be (12) _____ and to report any sightings of strange animals.

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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CROISSANTS SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about croissants 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) _____

