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Croissant terrorizes residents in Poland

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THE ARTICLE

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

People can be afraid of some strange things. There is an actual fear of peanut butter sticking to the roof of your mouth. The latest thing to have caused fear for people in Poland is a croissant. The French, crescent-shaped roll made of flaky pastry scared some residents in the Polish city of Krakow. They mistook the pastry for a kind of dangerous animal. They called for help to get the "animal" removed from a tree opposite their apartment building. The residents were so worried that they kept their windows closed for a couple of days. The Krakow Animal Welfare Society wrote on its Facebook account that a woman called authorities to report the unidentified "predator" sitting in the tree.

Animal welfare officers phoned residents in the building. They asked them to describe the animal. One resident mistook the croissant for a bird of prey; another said the pastry was a kind of lizard. One welfare officer explained what happened. He said he went to the housing estate where the residents lived to check on the strange animal. He reported that he spotted a "brown creature sitting on a lilac branch," and that its "brown coat was shining in the sun". He added: "The poor little guy had no legs or head." When he discovered that the strange beast was a 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.

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WARM-UPS

1. CROISSANTS: Students walk around the class and talk to other students about croissants. 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?

afraid / strange / peanut butter / your mouth / crescent / tree / a couple of days / welfare / animal / bird of prey / pastry / creature / branch / the sun / laughing

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

3. PASTRIES: Students A **strongly** believe croissants are the best pastries; Students B **strongly** believe otherwise. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.

4. FEARS: How might these fears affect someone's life? How can people overcome these fears? Complete this table with your partner(s). Change partners often and share what you wrote.

	How It Affects Someone's Life	Overcoming It
The dark		
Blood		
Heights		
Flying		
Dentists		
Speaking English		

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

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

- Crocodile
- Puffer fish
- Black mamba
- Tarantula
- Humans
- Mosquito
- Lion
- Great white shark

VOCABULARY MATCHING

Paragraph 1

- | | |
|--------------|---|
| 1. afraid | a. Having a position on the other or further side of something. |
| 2. roof | b. An animal that naturally kills and eats other animals. |
| 3. pastry | c. Feeling fear; being scared. |
| 4. resident | d. The thing that is in top of a building, or the top part of the inside of your mouth. |
| 5. opposite | e. A person who lives somewhere permanently or for a long time. |
| 6. authority | f. A person or organization having power or control. |
| 7. predator | g. An item of food made of a sweet bread. |

Paragraph 2

- | | |
|----------------|--|
| 8. mistook | h. Found out something. |
| 9. prey | i. An animal (but not a human). |
| 10. welfare | j. Saw. |
| 11. spotted | k. Wrongly thought someone or something was someone or something else. |
| 12. creature | l. The action of seeing something that doesn't happen often. |
| 13. discovered | m. An animal that is hunted and killed by another for food. |
| 14. sighting | n. The health, happiness, and fortunes of a person or group. |

BEFORE READING / LISTENING

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

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

- a. People can fear peanut butter sticking to the roof of their mouth. **T / F**
- b. A croissant is a flaky pastry that is the shape of a crescent. **T / F**
- c. Residents in an apartment building mistook a croissant for an animal. **T / F**
- d. An animal welfare society said the croissant was a predator. **T / F**
- e. One resident thought the croissant was a bird of prey. **T / F**
- f. One resident said she saw a lizard eating the croissant. **T / F**
- g. An animal welfare officer laughed a lot when he saw the croissant. **T / F**
- h. The animal welfare officer said it was better to be sorry than safe. **T / F**

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

- | | |
|-----------------------|----------------|
| 1. afraid | a. creature |
| 2. latest | b. across from |
| 3. residents | c. found out |
| 4. opposite | d. inhabitants |
| 5. authorities | e. sort |
| 6. animal | f. scared |
| 7. kind | g. saw |
| 8. spotted | h. officials |
| 9. discovered | i. unharmed |
| 10. safe | j. most recent |

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

- | | |
|---------------------------------------|------------------------------|
| 1. sticking to the roof | a. off his feet |
| 2. The latest thing to have caused | b. pastry |
| 3. made of flaky | c. for a bird |
| 4. a tree opposite | d. for a couple of days |
| 5. they kept their windows closed | e. in the sun |
| 6. One resident mistook the croissant | f. of your mouth |
| 7. the housing estate | g. be safe than sorry |
| 8. shining | h. where the residents lived |
| 9. he was almost swept | i. fear for people |
| 10. He said it was better to | j. their apartment building |

GAP FILL

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

People can be (1) _____ of some strange things. There is an actual fear of peanut butter sticking to the roof of your (2) _____. The latest thing to have caused (3) _____ for people in Poland is a croissant. The French, crescent-shaped roll made of flaky (4) _____ scared some residents in the Polish city of Krakow. They mistook the pastry for a (5) _____ of dangerous animal. They called for help to get the "animal" removed from a tree (6) _____ their apartment building. The residents were so worried that they kept their windows closed for a (7) _____ of days. The Krakow Animal Welfare Society wrote on its Facebook account that a woman called authorities to report the unidentified "predator" (8) _____ in the tree.

fear
kind
afraid
couple
pastry
sitting
mouth
opposite

Animal (9) _____ officers phoned residents in the building. They asked them to (10) _____ the animal. One resident mistook the croissant for a bird of prey; another said the pastry was a kind of (11) _____. One welfare officer explained what happened. He said he went to the housing (12) _____ where the residents lived to check on the strange animal. He reported that he spotted a "brown creature sitting on a lilac (13) _____," and that its "brown coat was shining in the sun". He added: "The poor little (14) _____ had no legs or head." When he discovered that the strange beast was a croissant, he was "almost (15) _____ off his feet by a laughing attack". He said it was better to be safe than (16) _____ and to report any sightings of strange animals.

lizard
branch
describe
estate
swept
welfare
sorry
guy

LISTENING – Guess the answers. Listen to check.

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- 1) There is an actual fear of peanut butter sticking to the _____ mouth
 - a. aloof of your
 - b. loafer of your
 - c. roofer of your
 - d. roof of your
- 2) The French, crescent-shaped roll made _____
 - a. of flake key pastry
 - b. of flay quay pastry
 - c. of flaky pastry
 - d. of fly key pastry
- 3) They called for help to get the "animal" removed from _____
 - a. a tree opposites
 - b. a tree opposite
 - c. a tree opposition
 - d. a tree apposite
- 4) The residents were so worried that they kept their windows closed for _____ days
 - a. a coupled of
 - b. a couples of
 - c. uncouple of
 - d. a couple of
- 5) a woman called authorities to report _____
 - a. the unidentified predator
 - b. the unidentified presenter
 - c. the unidentified predatory
 - d. the unidentified bread data
- 6) One resident mistook the croissant for a _____
 - a. bird of pray
 - b. bird of prey
 - c. bird of play
 - d. bird osprey
- 7) He said he went to the housing estate where the residents _____
 - a. lived two check
 - b. lived too check
 - c. lived tube check
 - d. lived to check
- 8) He reported that he spotted a brown creature sitting on _____
 - a. a lilac branch
 - b. a lilac brunch
 - c. a lilac bench
 - d. a lilac bunch
- 9) he discovered that the strange beast was a croissant, he was almost _____ feet
 - a. swept off his
 - b. dusted off his
 - c. erased off his
 - d. rubbed off his
- 10) He said it was better to be _____
 - a. safes than sore
 - b. safes than sari
 - c. sci-fi than story
 - d. safe than sorry

LISTENING – Listen and fill in the gaps

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COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

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

1. What can people be afraid of sticking to the roof of their mouth?
2. What shape does the article say a croissant is?
3. Where was the croissant sitting?
4. For how long did residents keep their windows closed?
5. What kind of society wrote about the "animal" on Facebook?
6. What kind of bird did a resident mistake the croissant for?
7. What kind of branch was the croissant sitting on?
8. What did an animal welfare officer say was shining in the sun?
9. What did an animal welfare officer do when he saw the croissant?
10. What did an animal welfare officer say being safe was better than?

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ

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

- 1) What can people be afraid of sticking to the roof of their mouth?
 - a) rolls
 - b) croissant
 - c) peanut butter
 - d) pastry
- 2) What shape does the article say a croissant is?
 - a) crescent shaped
 - b) half-moon shaped
 - c) moon shaped
 - d) star shaped
- 3) Where was the croissant sitting?
 - a) on a bakery store shelf
 - b) in a tree
 - c) in a kitchen
 - d) on the grass
- 4) For how long did residents keep their windows closed?
 - a) a long, long time
 - b) 36 hours
 - c) hours
 - d) a few days
- 5) What kind of society wrote about the "animal" on Facebook?
 - a) a pastry society
 - b) a croissant society
 - c) an animal welfare society
 - d) a peanut butter society
- 6) What kind of bird did a resident mistake the croissant for?
 - a) an ostrich
 - b) a bird of prey
 - c) a bird of paradise
 - d) a bird of a feather
- 7) What kind of branch was the croissant sitting on?
 - a) a pastry branch
 - b) a bakery branch
 - c) an olive branch
 - d) a lilac branch
- 8) What did an animal welfare officer say was shining in the sun?
 - a) a tree
 - b) the croissant's "coat"
 - c) a strange animal
 - d) residents
- 9) What did an animal welfare officer do when he saw the croissant?
 - a) he ate it
 - b) laughed
 - c) he took a picture
 - d) he destroyed it
- 10) What did an animal welfare officer say being safe was better than?
 - a) being sorry
 - b) being angry
 - c) being depressed
 - d) being happy

ROLE PLAY

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Role A – Humans

You think humans are the most dangerous animals. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their animals aren't as dangerous. Also, tell the others which is the least dangerous of these (and why): tarantulas, mosquitos or lions.

Role B – Tarantulas

You think tarantulas are the most dangerous animals. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their animals aren't as dangerous. Also, tell the others which is the least dangerous of these (and why): humans, mosquitos or lions.

Role C – Mosquitos

You think mosquitos are the most dangerous animals. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their animals aren't as dangerous. Also, tell the others which is the least dangerous of these (and why): tarantulas, humans or lions.

Role D – Lions

You think lions are the most dangerous animals. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their animals aren't as dangerous. Also, tell the others which is the least dangerous of these (and why): tarantulas, mosquitos or humans.

AFTER READING / LISTENING

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

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

croissant	terror

- 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">• actual• caused• roll• help• kept• report	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• phoned• bird• happened• brown• swept• sorry
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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.

CROISSANTS 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 'croissant'?
3. What do you know about croissants?
4. What do you think of croissants?
5. Why might a croissant be scary?
6. What are you afraid of?
7. What do you think of peanut butter?
8. What animal are you most scared of?
9. What is the best filling for croissants, and why?
10. When was the last time you were scared?

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CROISSANTS 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 'terror'?
13. What do you think about what you read?
14. Would you like to work as an animal welfare officer?
15. What do you know about birds of prey?
16. What is your favourite animal, and why?
17. Have you ever had a laughing attack?
18. What does, 'It's better to be safe than sorry' mean?
19. Is it better to be safe than sorry?
20. What questions would you like to ask the residents who were scared?

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

- | | | | | |
|-----|-----------------|--------------|-------------|---------------|
| 1. | (a) of | (b) at | (c) on | (d) to |
| 2. | (a) earliest | (b) on time | (c) latest | (d) punctual |
| 3. | (a) yearning | (b) plaster | (c) flaky | (d) fairy |
| 4. | (a) of | (b) so | (c) at | (d) for |
| 5. | (a) closed | (b) asked | (c) kept | (d) printed |
| 6. | (a) terror | (b) report | (c) eat | (d) bake |
| 7. | (a) description | (b) describe | (c) scribe | (d) describes |
| 8. | (a) play | (b) prey | (c) pray | (d) parry |
| 9. | (a) brick | (b) land | (c) estate | (d) commune |
| 10. | (a) split | (b) fork | (c) link | (d) branch |
| 11. | (a) down | (b) in | (c) on | (d) off |
| 12. | (a) misfortune | (b) repents | (c) apology | (d) sorry |

SPELLING

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Paragraph 1

1. There is an atluac fear of peanut butter
2. The French, nsetercc-shaped roll
3. made of flaky rstpay
4. a tree tosoppei their apartment
5. for a euclup of days
6. the unidentified eortprda sitting in the tree

Paragraph 2

7. asked them to irsedebc the animal
8. a kind of ildazr
9. he went to the housing astete
10. he spotted a brown erruetca
11. sitting on a lilac nabrch
12. report any sightings of sntegar animals

PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

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

Number these lines in the correct order.

- () explained what happened. He said he went to the housing estate where the residents lived to check
- () of your mouth. The latest thing to have caused fear for people in Poland is a croissant. The French, crescent-shaped
- (**1**) People can be afraid of some strange things. There is an actual fear of peanut butter sticking to the roof
- () attack". He said it was better to be safe than sorry and to report any sightings of strange animals.
- () roll made of flaky pastry scared some residents in the Polish city of Krakow. They mistook the pastry
- () that the strange beast was a croissant, he was "almost swept off his feet by a laughing
- () Animal welfare officers phoned residents in the building. They asked them to describe the
- () for a kind of dangerous animal. They called for help to get the "animal" removed from a tree
- () called authorities to report the unidentified "predator" sitting in the tree.
- () in the sun". He added: "The poor little guy had no legs or head." When he discovered
- () on the strange animal. He reported that he spotted a "brown creature sitting on a lilac branch," and that its "brown coat was shining
- () days. The Krakow Animal Welfare Society wrote on its Facebook account that a woman
- () animal. One resident mistook the croissant for a bird of prey; another said the pastry was a kind of lizard. One welfare officer
- () opposite their apartment building. The residents were so worried that they kept their windows closed for a couple of

PUT THE WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER

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1. afraid things . People strange of some be can
2. have latest to fear . caused thing The
3. their Removed apartment building . from opposite a tree
4. of days . Windows a couple closed for were
5. the authorities called predator . report woman A to
6. welfare building . residents the phoned in officers Animal
7. for One a croissant bird . resident the mistook
8. he estate . housing went He said to the
9. no guy The had poor little legs .
10. by off feet Swept his laughing attack . a

CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD (20 PAIRS)

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

People can be *afraid / fear* of some strange things. There is an actual fear of peanut butter sticking to the *aloof / roof* of your mouth. The latest thing to have caused *afraid / fear* for people in Poland is a croissant. The French, crescent-shaped roll made of flaky *pastry / plaster* scared some residents in the Polish city of Krakow. They mistook the pastry for a *kin / kind* of dangerous animal. They called for help to get the "animal" removed from a tree *apposite / opposite* their apartment building. The *residents / residence* were so worried that they *kept / wept* their windows closed for a couple of days. The Krakow Animal Welfare Society wrote *in / on* its Facebook account that a woman called authorities to report the unidentified "predator" *sat / sitting* in the tree.

Animal welfare officers phoned residents in the building. They asked them to *describe / description* the animal. One resident mistook the croissant for a bird of *pray / prey*; another said the pastry was a *kindly / kind* of lizard. One welfare officer explained what happened. He said he went to the *hosing / housing* estate where the residents lived to check *on / off* the strange animal. He reported that he *sported / spotted* a "brown creature sitting on a lilac branch," and that its "brown coat was shining *up / in* the sun". He added: "The poor little guy had no legs or head." When he *furthered / discovered* that the strange beast was a croissant, he was "almost *swept / dusted* off his feet by a laughing attack". He said it was better to be safe than *sorry / apologise* and to report any sightings of strange animals.

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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P__pl_ c_n b_ _fr__d _f s_m_ str_ng_ th_ngs. Th_r_ _s _n _ct__l f__r _f p__n_t b_tt_r st_ck_ng t_ th_ r__f _f y__r m__th. Th_ l_t_st th_ng t_ h_v_ c__s_d f__r f_r p__pl_ _n P_l_nd _s _ cr__ss_nt. Th_ Fr_nch, cr_sc_nt-sh_p_d r_ll m_d_ _f fl_ky p_stry sc_r_d s_m_ r_s_d_nts _n th_ P_l_sh c_ty _f Kr_k_w. Th_y m_st__k th_ p_stry f_r _ k_nd _f d_ng_r__s _n_m_l. Th_y c_ll_d f_r h_lp t_ g_t th_ "_n_m_l" r_m_v_d fr_m _ tr__ _pp_s_t_ th__r _p_rtm_nt b__ld_ng. Th_ r_s_d_nts w_r_ s_ w_rr__d th_t th_y k_pt th__r w_nd_ws cl_s_d f_r _ c__pl_ _f d_ys. Th_ Kr_k_w _n_m_l W_lf_r_ S_c__ty wr_t_ _n _ts F_c_b__k _cc__nt th_t _ w_m_n c_ll_d __th_r_t__s t_ r_p_rt th_ _n_d_nt_f__d "pr_d_t_r" s_tt_ng _n th_ tr__.

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PUNCTUATE THE TEXT AND ADD CAPITALS

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people can be afraid of some strange things there is an actual fear of peanut butter sticking to the roof of your mouth the latest thing to have caused fear for people in poland is a croissant the french crescentshaped roll made of flaky pastry scared some residents in the polish city of krakow they mistook the pastry for a kind of dangerous animal they called for help to get the animal removed from a tree opposite their apartment building the residents were so worried that they kept their windows closed for a couple of days the krakow animal welfare society wrote on its facebook account that a woman called authorities to report the unidentified predator sitting in the tree

animal welfare officers phoned residents in the building they asked them to describe the animal one resident mistook the croissant for a bird of prey another said the pastry was a kind of lizard one welfare officer explained what happened he said he went to the housing estate where the residents lived to check on the strange animal he reported that he spotted a brown creature sitting on a lilac branch and that its brown coat was shining in the sun he added the poor little guy had no legs or head when he discovered that the strange beast was a 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

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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People can be afraid of some strange things. There is an actual fear of peanut butter sticking to the roof of your mouth. The latest thing to have caused fear for people in Poland is a croissant. The French, crescent-shaped roll made of flaky pastry scared some residents in the Polish city of Krakow. They mistook the pastry for a kind of dangerous animal. They called for help to get the "animal" removed from a tree opposite their apartment building. The residents were so worried that they kept their windows closed for a couple of days. The Krakow Animal Welfare Society wrote on its Facebook account that a woman called authorities to report the unidentified "predator" sitting in the tree. Animal welfare officers phoned residents in the building. They asked them to describe the animal. One resident mistook the croissant for a bird of prey; another said the pastry was a kind of lizard. One welfare officer explained what happened. He said he went to the house in the state where the residents lived to check on the strange animal. He reported that he spotted a "brown creature sitting on a lilac branch," and that its "brown coat was shining in the sun". He added: "The poor little guy had no legs or head." When he discovered that the strange beast was a 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.

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

4. ANIMAL WELFARE: Write a magazine article about spending a lot more money on animal welfare. 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 croissants. Ask him/her three questions about them. Give him/her three of your opinions on croissants. 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. d 3. g 4. e 5. a 6. f 7. b
8. k 9. m 10. n 11. j 12. i 13. h 14. l

TRUE / FALSE (p.5)

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

SYNONYM MATCH (p.5)

1. f	2. j	3. d	4. b	5. h
6. a	7. e	8. g	9. c	10. i

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (p.9)

1. Peanut butter
2. Crescent-shaped
3. In a tree
4. A few days
5. An animal welfare officer
6. A bird of prey
7. A lilac branch
8. The croissant's coat
9. He laughed
10. Being sorry

WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER (p.19)

1. People can be afraid of some strange things.
2. The latest thing to have caused fear.
3. Removed from a tree opposite their apartment building.
4. Windows were closed for a couple of days.
5. A woman called authorities to report the predator.
6. Animal welfare officers phoned residents in the building.
7. One resident mistook the croissant for a bird.
8. He said he went to the housing estate.
9. The poor little guy had no legs.
10. Swept off his feet by a laughing attack.

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ (p.10)

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

ALL OTHER EXERCISES

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