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**Level 3 – 20th May, 2021**

## **Dogs wear body armour to stop eagle attacks**

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<https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2105/210520-bald-eagles.html>

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# THE ARTICLE

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2105/210520-bald-eagles.html>

Dog owners in Alaska and Canada are buying special vests for their pets. The vests are to protect the pets from attacks by bald eagles. In recent weeks, a number of pet dogs have been taken away by the birds of prey. The number of bald eagles has risen greatly in Alaska. There have been many conservation efforts, which has seen the bald eagle population increase. Conservationists estimate there are now around 30,000 of the eagles in Alaska. While bird lovers are happy about this, pet owners are worried. The eagles have a 2.4-metre wingspan. They are strong enough to pick up and fly away with a 6-kilogram animal. The eagles are already a nuisance for farmers as they are killing chickens.

The special vest that pet owners are buying is called the CoyoteVest. It is a protective jacket that was designed to protect small dogs from coyotes. A coyote is a wild dog that is similar to a wolf. It is common across North America. The CoyoteVest has a variety of spikes and other sharp things on it to protect the pet. Some of the vests have brightly coloured whiskers that are meant to scare birds away. It is made of a material called Kevlar, which is used in bulletproof vests. The Kevlar protects a small dog from the teeth of a larger dog. The CoyoteVest company said its vest helps to, "slow down or prevent a surprise attack and give you enough time to react before serious injury occurs" to a pet.

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<https://people.com/pets/coyote-vest-for-dogs/>

# WARM-UPS

**1. EAGLES:** Students walk around the class and talk to other students about eagles. 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?

dog owners / vests / pets / attacks / eagles / bird lovers / conservation / chickens / jacket / wolf / coyote / bulletproof / material / teeth / surprise / time / injury

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

**3. DOG ARMOUR:** Students A **strongly** believe all dogs should wear armour to protect themselves; Students B **strongly** believe the opposite. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.

**4. NUISANCES:** What actions can farmers take to deal with these nuisances? How good would these actions be? Complete this table with your partner(s). Change partners often and share what you wrote.

|                | Actions | How Good? |
|----------------|---------|-----------|
| Eagles         |         |           |
| Campers        |         |           |
| Mice           |         |           |
| Global warming |         |           |
| Locusts        |         |           |
| Fungus         |         |           |

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

**6. PETS:** Rank these with your partner. Put the best pets at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

- An eagle
- A dog
- A cat
- A snake
- A goldfish
- A tortoise
- A rabbit
- A tarantula

# VOCABULARY MATCHING

## Paragraph 1

- |                 |  |
|-----------------|--|
| 1. protect      | a. The protection of the natural environment and of wildlife.                                |
| 2. bald         | b. Roughly calculate or judge the value, number, quantity, or extent of.                     |
| 3. bird of prey | c. Keep safe from harm or injury.  |
| 4. conservation | d. A person, thing, or situation that is very annoying.                                      |
| 5. estimate     | e. Having no hair on your head.  |
| 6. lover        | f. A bird that hunts, has a hooked bill and sharp talons, for example an eagle, owl or hawk. |
| 7. nuisance     | g. A person who really likes or enjoys something.  |

## Paragraph 2

- |                 |   |
|-----------------|---|
| 8. wild         | h. An instance of being harmed or hurt.   |
| 9. common       | i. Of an animal or plant living or growing in the natural environment; not in people's homes. |
| 10. variety     | j. Occurring, found, or done often; prevalent.  |
| 11. scare       | k. Able to stop bullets from a gun passing through.   |
| 12. bulletproof | l. Cause great fear or nervousness in people or animals; frighten.                            |
| 13. prevent     | m. A number of things of the same type that are different from each other.                    |
| 14. injury      | n. Stop.  |

# BEFORE READING / LISTENING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2105/210520-bald-eagles.html>

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

1. Dog owners in Alaska are making special vests for their pets. **T / F**
2. Eagles have not yet taken any pet dogs away. **T / F**
3. The number of bald eagles in Alaska has gone up by around 30,000. **T / F**
4. A bald eagle is powerful enough to fly off with a 6-kilogram dog. **T / F**
5. The vest pet owners are buying was made to protect dogs from coyotes. **T / F**
6. Some vests have brightly coloured whiskers on them. **T / F**
7. Some pet owners are making their dogs wear bulletproof vests. **T / F**
8. The vest gives owners time to stop pets from being harmed. **T / F**

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

- |                    |               |
|--------------------|---------------|
| 1. <b>buying</b>   | a. created    |
| 2. <b>protect</b>  | b. increased  |
| 3. <b>risen</b>    | c. range      |
| 4. <b>worried</b>  | d. annoyance  |
| 5. <b>nuisance</b> | e. widespread |
| 6. <b>designed</b> | f. purchasing |
| 7. <b>common</b>   | g. harm       |
| 8. <b>variety</b>  | h. concerned  |
| 9. <b>scare</b>    | i. safeguard  |
| 10. <b>injury</b>  | j. frighten   |

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

- |                                      |                          |
|--------------------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. The vests are to protect          | a. away                  |
| 2. birds of                          | b. for farmers           |
| 3. bird                              | c. owners are buying     |
| 4. fly away with a                   | d. time to react         |
| 5. The eagles are already a nuisance | e. the pets from attacks |
| 6. The special vest that pet         | f. lovers are happy      |
| 7. A coyote is a wild dog that is    | g. a surprise attack     |
| 8. scare birds                       | h. 6-kilogram animal     |
| 9. slow down or prevent              | i. similar to a wolf     |
| 10. give you enough                  | j. prey                  |

# GAP FILL

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2105/210520-bald-eagles.html>

Dog (1) \_\_\_\_\_ in Alaska and Canada are buying special vests for their pets. The vests are to (2) \_\_\_\_\_ the pets from attacks by bald eagles. In recent weeks, a number of pet dogs have been taken away by the birds of (3) \_\_\_\_\_. The number of bald eagles has risen greatly in Alaska. There have been many conservation (4) \_\_\_\_\_, which has seen the bald eagle population increase. Conservationists (5) \_\_\_\_\_ there are now around 30,000 of the eagles in Alaska. While bird lovers are (6) \_\_\_\_\_ about this, pet owners are worried. The eagles have a 2.4-metre (7) \_\_\_\_\_. They are strong enough to pick up and fly away with a 6-kilogram animal. The eagles are already a nuisance for (8) \_\_\_\_\_ as they are killing chickens.

*happy*  
*wingspan*  
*efforts*  
*owners*  
*farmers*  
*prey*  
*estimate*  
*protect*

The special vest that pet owners are buying is called the CoyoteVest. It is a protective jacket that was (9) \_\_\_\_\_ to protect small dogs from coyotes. A coyote is a wild dog that is (10) \_\_\_\_\_ to a wolf. It is common across North America. The CoyoteVest has a (11) \_\_\_\_\_ of spikes and other sharp things on it to protect the pet. Some of the vests have (12) \_\_\_\_\_ coloured whiskers that are meant to (13) \_\_\_\_\_ birds away. It is made of a material called Kevlar, which is used in (14) \_\_\_\_\_ vests. The Kevlar protects a small dog from the (15) \_\_\_\_\_ of a larger dog. The CoyoteVest company said its vest helps to, "slow down or prevent a surprise attack and give you enough time to react before (16) \_\_\_\_\_ injury occurs" to a pet.

*brightly*  
*similar*  
*bulletproof*  
*variety*  
*serious*  
*designed*  
*teeth*  
*scare*

# LISTENING – Guess the answers. Listen to check.

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2105/210520-bald-eagles.html>

- 1) In recent weeks, a number of pet dogs have been taken away by the \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. birds of pray
  - b. birds of prey
  - c. birds of play
  - d. birds of pry
- 2) greatly in Alaska. There have been many \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. conservation effects
  - b. conservation efforts
  - c. conservation affronts
  - d. conservation essence
- 3) While bird lovers are happy about this, pet \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. downers are worried
  - b. disowns are worried
  - c. avows are worried
  - d. owners are worried
- 4) eagles have a 2.4-metre wingspan. They are strong enough to pick up \_\_\_\_\_ with
  - a. and fly all way
  - b. and fly a whey
  - c. and fly a weigh
  - d. and fly away
- 5) The eagles are already a \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. new séance for farmers
  - b. nnew stance for farmers
  - c. nuisance for farmers
  - d. news ants for farmers
- 6) It is a protective jacket that was designed to \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. project small dogs
  - b. protect small dogs
  - c. protest small dogs
  - d. protract small dogs
- 7) The CoyoteVest has a variety of spikes and \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. others sharp things
  - b. other sharpen things
  - c. other sharp thing
  - d. other sharp things
- 8) Some of the vests have brightly coloured whiskers that are meant \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. too scare birds
  - b. to scare birds
  - c. two scared birds
  - d. two scary birds
- 9) The Kevlar protects a small dog from the teeth of \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. a largesse dog
  - b. a lager dog
  - c. a larger dog
  - d. enlarged dog
- 10) prevent a surprise attack and give you enough time to react before \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. serious injury occurs
  - b. seriously injury occurs
  - c. serious injured occurs
  - d. serious in jury occurs

# LISTENING – Listen and fill in the gaps

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2105/210520-bald-eagles.html>

Dog owners in Alaska and Canada are buying (1) \_\_\_\_\_ their pets. The vests are to protect the pets from attacks by bald eagles. (2) \_\_\_\_\_, a number of pet dogs have been taken away by the birds of prey. The number of bald eagles (3) \_\_\_\_\_ in Alaska. There have been many conservation efforts, which has seen the bald eagle population increase. Conservationists estimate there are now around 30,000 of the eagles in Alaska. (4) \_\_\_\_\_ are happy about this, pet owners are worried. The eagles have a 2.4-metre wingspan. They (5) \_\_\_\_\_ to pick up and fly away with a 6-kilogram animal. The eagles are already (6) \_\_\_\_\_ farmers as they are killing chickens.

The special vest that pet owners are buying is called the CoyoteVest. It is a protective jacket that was (7) \_\_\_\_\_ small dogs from coyotes. A coyote is a wild dog that is similar to a wolf. It (8) \_\_\_\_\_ North America. The CoyoteVest has a variety of spikes and (9) \_\_\_\_\_ on it to protect the pet. Some of the vests have brightly coloured whiskers that are meant to scare birds away. It is made (10) \_\_\_\_\_ called Kevlar, which is used (11) \_\_\_\_\_. The Kevlar protects a small dog from the teeth of a larger dog. The CoyoteVest company said its vest helps to, "slow down or prevent a surprise attack and give you enough time to react (12) \_\_\_\_\_ occurs" to a pet.



# COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2105/210520-bald-eagles.html>

1. What kinds of eagles are attacking pet dogs in Alaska?
2. What kinds of efforts have made the number of eagles increase?
3. How many of the eagles are there now in Alaska?
4. What part of the eagle is 2.4 metres wide?
5. Who does the article say the eagles are a nuisance for?
6. What was the vest originally designed to protect dogs against?
7. What does the vest have on it that are brightly coloured?
8. What is the name of the material that is used to make the vests?
9. What is the material usually used for?
10. What might the vests slow down or prevent?

# MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2105/210520-bald-eagles.html>

- 1) What kinds of eagles are attacking pet dogs in Alaska?
  - a) golden eagles
  - b) booted eagle
  - c) bald eagles
  - d) black eagle
- 2) What kinds of efforts have made the number of eagles increase?
  - a) conservation efforts
  - b) consternation efforts
  - c) conversation efforts
  - d) constipation efforts
- 3) How many of the eagles are there now in Alaska?
  - a) exactly 30,000
  - b) around 30,000
  - c) more than 30,000
  - d) fewer than 30,000
- 4) What part of the eagle is 2.4 metres wide?
  - a) its tail
  - b) its body
  - c) its beak
  - d) its wingspan
- 5) Who does the article say the eagles are a nuisance for?
  - a) pet shops
  - b) Chihuahuas
  - c) farmers
  - d) crows
- 6) What was the vest originally designed to protect dogs against?
  - a) the weather
  - b) coyotes
  - c) snow
  - d) lions
- 7) What does the vest have on it that are brightly coloured?
  - a) photos
  - b) logos
  - c) neon lights
  - d) whiskers
- 8) What is the name of the material that is used to make the vests?
  - a) Kenneth
  - b) Kevlar
  - c) Stella
  - d) Cilla
- 9) What is the material usually used for?
  - a) buildings
  - b) bulletproof vests
  - c) business suits
  - d) nets
- 10) What might the vests slow down or prevent?
  - a) serious injury
  - b) eagles
  - c) dogs running
  - d) owners running

# ROLE PLAY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2105/210520-bald-eagles.html>

## **Role A – A Tarantula**

You think a tarantula is the best pet. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their pets. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): a dog, a snake or a goldfish.

## **Role B – A Dog**

You think a dog is the best pet. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their pets. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): a tarantula, a snake or a goldfish.

## **Role C – A Snake**

You think a snake is the best pet. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their pets. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): a dog, a tarantula or a goldfish.

## **Role D – A Goldfish**

You think a goldfish is the best pet. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their pets. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): a dog, a snake or a tarantula.

# AFTER READING / LISTENING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2105/210520-bald-eagles.html>

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

|             |              |
|-------------|--------------|
| <b>bald</b> | <b>eagle</b> |
|-------------|--------------|

- 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>• owners</li><li>• recent</li><li>• number</li><li>• lovers</li><li>• 2.4</li><li>• killing</li></ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• jacket</li><li>• wild</li><li>• sharp</li><li>• scare</li><li>• material</li><li>• serious</li></ul> |
|---|--|

# EAGLES SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2105/210520-bald-eagles.html>

Write five GOOD questions about eagles 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<br>_____ | STUDENT 2<br>_____ | STUDENT 3<br>_____ |
|------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| 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.

# EAGLES 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 'bald'?
3. What do you think of eagles?
4. How dangerous are eagles?
5. What animals are the best pets?
6. What other dangers are there for pet dogs?
7. What do you know about birds of prey?
8. How much of a bird lover are you?
9. Is the eagle the best bird in the world?
10. What can farmers do to protect chickens from eagles?

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# EAGLES 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 'eagle'?
13. What do you think about what you read?
14. What do you think of eagles that are bald?
15. What do you know about coyotes?
16. What do you think of the CoyoteVest?
17. Should all dogs wear a CoyoteVest?
18. Should the company make a protective vest for humans?
19. What other things can people use to scare birds away?
20. What questions would you like to ask the vest company?

# 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) owning   | (b) once       | (c) owns      | (d) owners   |
| 2.  | (a) recount  | (b) recant     | (c) recently  | (d) recent   |
| 3.  | (a) ply      | (b) prey       | (c) pray      | (d) play     |
| 4.  | (a) seeing   | (b) see        | (c) seen      | (d) sees     |
| 5.  | (a) above    | (b) abound     | (c) about     | (d) around   |
| 6.  | (a) nuisance | (b) bloom      | (c) blanket   | (d) cable    |
| 7.  | (a) designs  | (b) designed   | (c) designing | (d) designer |
| 8.  | (a) other    | (b) the others | (c) another   | (d) others   |
| 9.  | (a) share    | (b) scare      | (c) snare     | (d) spare    |
| 10. | (a) teething | (b) tooth      | (c) teeth     | (d) truth    |
| 11. | (a) under    | (b) over       | (c) down      | (d) up       |
| 12. | (a) forlorn  | (b) afore      | (c) fore      | (d) before   |



# SPELLING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2105/210520-bald-eagles.html>

## Paragraph 1

1. eporct the pets from attacks
2. birds of pyre
3. There have been many veocisntnar efforts
4. itasteem there are now around 30,000
5. The eagles have a 2.4-metre piwsangn
6. a isceaunn for farmers

## Paragraph 2

7. It is a rcpeetovit jacket
8. almisri to a wolf
9. The CoyoteVest has a tyeiavr of spikes
10. gilybhrt coloured whiskers
11. npetvre a surprise attack
12. before serious nrujiy occurs

# PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2105/210520-bald-eagles.html>

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

- ( **1** ) Dog owners in Alaska and Canada are buying special vests for their pets. The vests are to protect the pets from attacks
- ( ) surprise attack and give you enough time to react before serious injury occurs" to a pet.
- ( ) 30,000 of the eagles in Alaska. While bird lovers are happy about this, pet owners are
- ( ) called Kevlar, which is used in bulletproof vests. The Kevlar protects a small dog from the
- ( ) teeth of a larger dog. The CoyoteVest company said its vest helps to, "slow down or prevent a
- ( ) protect the pet. Some of the vests have brightly coloured whiskers that are meant to scare birds away. It is made of a material
- ( ) of prey. The number of bald eagles has risen greatly in Alaska. There have been many conservation
- ( ) across North America. The CoyoteVest has a variety of spikes and other sharp things on it to
- ( ) designed to protect small dogs from coyotes. A coyote is a wild dog that is similar to a wolf. It is common
- ( ) worried. The eagles have a 2.4-metre wingspan. They are strong enough to pick up and fly
- ( ) efforts, which has seen the bald eagle population increase. Conservationists estimate there are now around
- ( ) by bald eagles. In recent weeks, a number of pet dogs have been taken away by the birds
- ( ) The special vest that pet owners are buying is called the CoyoteVest. It is a protective jacket that was
- ( ) away with a 6-kilogram animal. The eagles are already a nuisance for farmers as they are killing chickens.

# PUT THE WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2105/210520-bald-eagles.html>

1. pets are the attacks . to from Vests protect
2. taken . dogs number been have A of pet
3. risen . has of eagles number bald The
4. there are 30,000 Conservationists around now estimate eagles .
5. nuisance The for farmers . already eagles are a
6. are vest buying . special owners pet that The
7. dogs small designed protect to It's coyotes . from
8. coloured the have of Some brightly whiskers . vests
9. Kevlar . a of material made is It called
10. injury before serious time react occurs . Enough to

# CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD (20 PAIRS)

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Dog owners in Alaska and Canada are *bought / buying* special vests for their pets. The vests are to protect the *pets / pests* from attacks by bald eagles. In recent weeks, a *number / numeral* of pet dogs have been taken away by the birds of prey. The number of *bald / bold* eagles has risen greatly in Alaska. There have been many *conversation / conservation* efforts, which has seen the bald eagle population increase. Conservationists estimate there are now *around / abound* 30,000 of the eagles in Alaska. While bird *loves / lovers* are happy about this, pet owners are *worried / worry*. The eagles have a 2.4-metre wingspan. They are strong *enough / plenty* to pick up and fly away with a 6-kilogram animal. The eagles are already a nuisance for farmers as they are *killed / killing* chickens.

The special vest that pet owners are buying is called the CoyoteVest. It is a *protective / protect* jacket that was designed to protect small dogs from coyotes. A coyote is a *tame / wild* dog that is similar *of / to* a wolf. It is common across North America. The CoyoteVest has a *various / variety* of spikes and other sharp things on *them / it* to protect the pet. Some of the vests have brightly coloured whiskers that are *mean / meant* to scare birds away. It is made of a material *called / calling* Kevlar, which is used in bulletproof vests. The Kevlar protects a small dog *for / from* the teeth of a larger dog. The CoyoteVest company said its vest helps to, "slow down or prevent *the / a* surprise attack and give you enough time *to / for* react before serious injury occurs" to a pet.

**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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The special vest that pet owners are buying is called the Coyote Vest. It is a protective jacket that was designed to protect small dogs from coyotes. A coyote is a wild dog that is similar to a wolf. It is common across North America. The Coyote Vest has a variety of spikes and other sharp things on it to protect the pet. Some of the vests have brightly coloured whistles that are meant to scare birds away. It is made of a material called Kevlar, which is used in bulletproof vests. The Kevlar protects a small dog from the teeth of a larger dog. The Coyote Vest company said its vest helps to, "slow down or prevent a surprise attack and give you enough time to react before serious injury occurs" to a pet.

# PUNCTUATE THE TEXT AND ADD CAPITALS

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the special vest that pet owners are buying is called the coyotevest it is a protective jacket that was designed to protect small dogs from coyotes a coyote is a wild dog that is similar to a wolf it is common across north america the coyotevest has a variety of spikes and other sharp things on it to protect the pet some of the vests have brightly coloured whiskers that are meant to scare birds away it is made of a material called kevlar which is used in bulletproof vests the kevlar protects a small dog from the teeth of a larger dog the coyotevest company said its vest helps to slow down or prevent a surprise attack and give you enough time to react before serious injury occurs to a pet

# PUT A SLASH ( / ) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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

**4. PROTECTION:** Write a magazine article about protecting all small dogs with vests. 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 eagles. Ask him/her three questions about them. Give him/her three of your ideas on how to keep small dogs safe. 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. e    3. f    4. a    5. b    6. g    7. d  
8. i    9. j    10. m    11. l    12. k    13. n    14. h

## TRUE / FALSE (p.5)

- 1 F    2 F    3 F    4 T    5 T    6 T    7 F    8 T

## SYNONYM MATCH (p.5)

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

## COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (p.9)

1. Bald eagles
2. Conservation efforts
3. Around 30,000
4. Its wingspan
5. Farmers
6. Coyotes
7. Whiskers
8. Kevlar
9. Bulletproof vests
10. Serious injury

## WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER (p.19)

1. Vests are to protect the pets from attacks.
2. A number of pet dogs have been taken.
3. The number of bald eagles has risen.
4. Conservationists estimate there are now around 30,000 eagles.
5. The eagles are already a nuisance for farmers.
6. The special vest that pet owners are buying.
7. It's designed to protect small dogs from coyotes.
8. Some of the vests have brightly coloured whiskers.
9. It is made of a material called Kevlar.
10. Enough time to react before serious injury occurs.

## 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 ;-)