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## **Level 4**

### **New Zealand to rid non-native pests by 2050**

**28th July, 2016**

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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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New Zealand has declared war on pests. Its ambitious target is to remove all non-native species from the country by 2050. Prime Minister John Key says new strategies will kill introduced species, especially predators. He said: "Rats, possums and stoats kill 25 million of our native birds every year, and prey on other native species such as lizards....We must do more to protect them." His government has given \$28 million towards the project.

Mr Key said: "This is the most ambitious conservation project attempted anywhere in the world, but...we can achieve it." Government, businesses and community groups will work together. People do not want more native birds to become extinct. Rats and other predators that arrived 300 years ago have killed many different birds. The country's national bird, the kiwi, is now under threat. Only five per cent of kiwi chicks live to be adults.

Sources: <http://www.stuff.co.nz/environment/82454116/government-sets-target-to-make-new-zealand-predatorfree-by-2050>  
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# PHRASE MATCHING

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## PARAGRAPH ONE:

- |  |                        |
|--|------------------------|
| 1. New Zealand has declared war        | a. species             |
| 2. ambitious                           | b. as lizards          |
| 3. remove all non-                     | c. on                  |
| 4. new strategies will kill introduced | d. target              |
| 5. 25 million                          | e. towards the project |
| 6. prey                                | f. of our native birds |
| 7. native species such                 | g. on pests            |
| 8. given \$28 million                  | h. native species      |

## PARAGRAPH TWO:

- |                                      |                          |
|--------------------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. conservation                      | a. community groups      |
| 2. attempted anywhere                | b. arrived 300 years ago |
| 3. we can                            | c. bird                  |
| 4. businesses and                    | d. achieve it            |
| 5. native birds to become            | e. project               |
| 6. predators that                    | f. live to be adults     |
| 7. The country's national            | g. extinct               |
| 8. Only five per cent of kiwi chicks | h. in the world          |

# LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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New Zealand has (1) \_\_\_\_\_. Its ambitious target is to remove (2) \_\_\_\_\_ from the country by 2050. Prime Minister John Key says new strategies will kill introduced species, (3) \_\_\_\_\_. He said: "Rats, possums and stoats kill 25 (4) \_\_\_\_\_ native birds every year, (5) \_\_\_\_\_ other native species such as lizards....We must do more to protect them." His government has given \$28 million (6) \_\_\_\_\_.

Mr Key said: "This is (7) \_\_\_\_\_ conservation project attempted anywhere in the world, but...we (8) \_\_\_\_\_."

Government, businesses and community groups (9) \_\_\_\_\_.

People do not want more native birds (10) \_\_\_\_\_. Rats and other predators (11) \_\_\_\_\_ years ago have killed many different birds. The country's national bird, the kiwi, is now under threat. Only five per cent of kiwi chicks (12) \_\_\_\_\_.

# PUT A SLASH ( / ) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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# NATIVE SPECIES SURVEY

From <http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1607/160728-native-species-4.html>

Write five GOOD questions about native species 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.

## 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) \_\_\_\_\_

