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Level 1 – 16th June, 2020

Three baby ducks hatch from supermarket eggs

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Please try Levels 0, 2 and 3. They are (a little) harder.

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THE READING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2006/200616-ducks-1.html>

A woman who bought duck eggs was surprised. Three of the eggs hatched. The woman named her ducklings Beep, Peep and Meep. She bought the eggs last month. She was at home all day and decided to use her free time to do something different. She told reporters she got the idea for incubating eggs from a Facebook video. The video showed how someone hatched eggs after buying them from a supermarket.

The woman said the ducklings would be happy. They will be friends for her pet chickens. She said: "I saw the duck eggs and thought maybe they would [hatch]. I was so excited for them to hatch, but I still [knew] that these are supermarket eggs." She was surprised when the eggs hatched. She called it an "amazing" experience. She said the ducklings were, "the cutest little balls of fluff". A duck farm said it is unusual for supermarket eggs to hatch.

Sources: <https://www.bbc.com/news/uk-england-beds-bucks-herts-52838747>
<https://www.thesun.co.uk/news/11859262/woman-hatches-ducklings-eggs-waitrose/>
<https://metro.co.uk/2019/02/19/teenage-boy-hatches-duck-egg-bought-waitrose-8669641/>

PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|-----------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. Three of the eggs | a. home all day |
| 2. She bought the eggs | b. from a supermarket |
| 3. She was at | c. got the idea |
| 4. use her free time | d. last month |
| 5. She told reporters she | e. how |
| 6. incubating | f. to do something |
| 7. The video showed | g. hatched |
| 8. hatched eggs after buying them | h. eggs |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|---------------------------------|-------------------|
| 1. The woman said the ducklings | a. of fluff |
| 2. They will be | b. hatch |
| 3. for her pet | c. friends |
| 4. maybe they would | d. knew |
| 5. I was so excited for | e. would be happy |
| 6. I still | f. experience |
| 7. She called it an amazing | g. them to hatch |
| 8. the cutest little balls | h. chickens |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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A woman who bought duck (1) _____. Three of the eggs hatched. The woman (2) _____ Beep, Peep and Meep. She bought the (3) _____. She was at home all day and decided to use (4) _____ to do something different. She told reporters she (5) _____ for incubating eggs from a Facebook video. The video showed how someone (6) _____ buying them from a supermarket.

The woman said the ducklings (7) _____. They will be friends for (8) _____. She said: "I saw the duck eggs and (9) _____ would [hatch]. I was so excited for them to hatch, but I still [knew] that these are supermarket eggs." She (10) _____ the eggs hatched. She called it an "amazing" experience. She said the ducklings were, "the (11) _____ of fluff". A duck farm said it is unusual for supermarket (12) _____.

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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Awomanwhoboughtduckeggswassurprised.Threeoftheeggshatched
.ThewomannamedherducklingsBeep,PeepandMeep.Sheboughtthee
ggslastmonth.Shewasathomealldayanddecidedtouseherfreetimet
dosomethingdifferent.Shetoldreportersshegottheideaforincubating
eggsfromaFacebookvideo.Thevideoshowedhowsomeonehatchedeg
gsafterbuyingthemfromasupermarket.Thewomansaidtheducklings
wouldbehappy.Theywillbefriendsforherpetchickens.Shesaid:"Isaw
heduckeggsandthoughtmaybetheywould[hatch].Iwassoexcitedfor
hemtohatch,butIstill[knew]thatthesearesupermarketeggs."Shewa
ssurprisedwhentheeggshatched.Shecalleditan"amazing"experienc
e.Shesaidtheducklingswere,"thecutestlittleballsoffluff".Aduckfarms
aiditisunusualforsupermarketeggstohatch.

DUCKS SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2006/200616-ducks-4.html>

Write five GOOD questions about ducks 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) _____

