

Croissant terrorizes residents in Poland

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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 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.

Sources: [msn.com](https://www.msn.com) / [euronews.com](https://www.euronews.com) / [newsweek.com](https://www.newsweek.com)

Writing

Croissants are better than bread. Discuss.

Chat

Talk about these words from the article.

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

True / False

- 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

Synonym Match

(The words in **bold** are from the news article.)

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| 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 |

Discussion – Student A

- a) What do you know about croissants?
- b) What do you think of croissants?
- c) Why might a croissant be scary?
- d) What are you afraid of?
- e) What do you think of peanut butter?
- f) What animal are you most scared of?
- g) What is the best filling for croissants, and why?
- h) When was the last time you were scared?

Phrase Match

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| 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 |

Discussion – Student B

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

Spelling

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- report any sightings of sntegar animals

Answers – Synonym Match

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

Role Play

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.

Speaking – Animals

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

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

Answers – True False

a	T	b	T	c	T	d	F	e	T	f	F	g	T	h	F
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Answers to Phrase Match and Spelling are in the text.