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Brad Pitt movie scares farm animals

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THE READING

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A movie by Hollywood actor Brad Pitt is in the headlines for scaring farm animals in the countryside in Northern Ireland in the U.K. The movie, 'The Lost City of Z,' is set in the 1920s. It is about a British soldier who disappeared in the Brazilian jungle in 1925 with his son. They were searching for a lost city called Z. Film makers needed to create explosions and loud noises for the movie's special effects. However, locals and farmers in the nearby town complained that the loud bangs frightened their animals. No one knows if Mr Pitt was in the town as he is not acting in the film.

Local people said the explosions began on September 14 and gradually became louder. Some locals said it sounded like a war. The noise shook windows in houses. One farmer spoke about how his animals were "terrified". He said: "The dog was shivering under a chair....Then I heard there had been another explosion while I was out....Another neighbour's cow and calf jumped the hedge and the cows were crying in fear." Mr Pitt may do something special for the people. He is a famous animal rights activist. He might be upset if he heard animals suffered because of his film.

Sources: <http://www.theguardian.com/film/2015/sep/24/brad-pitt-movie-northern-ireland-farm-animals-frightened>
<http://www.vanityfair.com/hollywood/2015/09/brad-pitt-lost-city-of-z-animals>
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MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|----------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. Brad Pitt is in | a. in the countryside |
| 2. farm animals | b. for a lost city |
| 3. 'The Lost City of Z,' is set | c. who disappeared |
| 4. It is about a British soldier | d. in the film |
| 5. the Brazilian | e. effects |
| 6. searching | f. the headlines |
| 7. the movie's special | g. in the 1920s |
| 8. he is not acting | h. jungle |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|---------------------------|------------------------|
| 1. gradually became | a. windows in houses |
| 2. locals said it sounded | b. he heard |
| 3. The noise shook | c. hedge |
| 4. cow and | d. because of his film |
| 5. jumped the | e. activist |
| 6. a famous animal rights | f. like a war |
| 7. He might be upset if | g. calf |
| 8. animals suffered | h. louder |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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for scaring farm animals (2) _____ in Northern
Ireland in the U.K. The movie, 'The Lost City of Z,' is set in the
1920s. It is about a British soldier (3) _____ the
Brazilian jungle in 1925 with his son. They (4) _____
a lost city called Z. Film makers needed (5) _____
and loud noises for the movie's special effects. However, locals and
farmers in the nearby town complained that the loud bangs
frightened their animals. No one knows if Mr Pitt
(6) _____ he is not acting in the film.

Local people said the explosions began on September 14 and
(7) _____. Some locals said it sounded like a war.
The (8) _____ in houses. One farmer spoke about
how his animals were "terrified". He said: "The dog
(9) _____ a chair....Then I heard there had been
another explosion while I was out....Another neighbour's cow and
calf jumped the (10) _____ were crying in fear."
Mr Pitt may do something special for the people. He is a famous
(11) _____. He might be upset if he heard animals
(12) _____ his film.

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student A: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

a)

b)

c)

d)

e)

f)

g)

h)

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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)

g)

h)
