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## **Level 4**

### **More people die from selfies than shark attacks**

**26th September, 2015**

<http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1509/150926-selfies-4.html>

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# THE READING

From <http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1509/150926-selfies-4.html>

There is a new danger for photo lovers. It started in the past few years and is now everywhere. It is twice as deadly as shark attacks.

This new danger is the selfie. Love them or hate them, the desire to take a photo of yourself in front of a world-famous site or to pose with a friend has resulted in more deaths in 2015 than shark attacks. Twelve people have died this year from trying to take a selfie. This compares to just six deaths from shark attacks.

Selfie accidents happen in many ways. Two Russian men were killed while taking a selfie with a hand grenade; three Indian students were killed by a train while taking selfies on train tracks; and an American fell off a cliff. The latest death came when a Japanese tourist fell down stairs at the Taj Mahal in India. There may be more deaths. A Russian government spokeswoman said that in July, there were, "dozens of selfie-related deaths" in Russia alone.

Sources: [http://www.huffingtonpost.com/entry/selfie-deaths-shark-attacks\\_5602c0c5e4b0fde8b0d09cbe](http://www.huffingtonpost.com/entry/selfie-deaths-shark-attacks_5602c0c5e4b0fde8b0d09cbe)  
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# MATCHING

From <http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1509/150926-selfies-4.html>

## PARAGRAPH ONE:

- |                           |                       |
|---------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. It started in the past | a. famous site        |
| 2. It is twice            | b. take a selfie      |
| 3. Love them              | c. few years          |
| 4. in front of a world-   | d. from shark attacks |
| 5. pose with              | e. as deadly          |
| 6. Twelve people have     | f. or hate them       |
| 7. trying to              | g. died this year     |
| 8. six deaths             | h. a friend           |

## PARAGRAPH TWO:

- |                         |                        |
|-------------------------|------------------------|
| 1. Selfie accidents     | a. stairs              |
| 2. a hand               | b. related deaths      |
| 3. killed               | c. spokeswoman         |
| 4. an American fell     | d. by a train          |
| 5. fell down            | e. happen in many ways |
| 6. There may            | f. grenade             |
| 7. A Russian government | g. off a cliff         |
| 8. dozens of selfie-    | h. be more deaths      |

# LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

From <http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1509/150926-selfies-4.html>

There (1) \_\_\_\_\_ for photo lovers. It started in the past few years and is now everywhere. It is (2) \_\_\_\_\_ as shark attacks. This new danger is the selfie. Love them (3) \_\_\_\_\_, the desire to take a photo of yourself in front of a (4) \_\_\_\_\_ or to pose with a friend has resulted (5) \_\_\_\_\_ in 2015 than shark attacks. Twelve people have died this year from trying to take a selfie. This compares to (6) \_\_\_\_\_ from shark attacks.

Selfie accidents happen (7) \_\_\_\_\_. Two Russian men were killed while taking a selfie with (8) \_\_\_\_\_; three Indian students were killed (9) \_\_\_\_\_ taking selfies on train tracks; and an American fell off a cliff. The latest (10) \_\_\_\_\_ a Japanese tourist fell down stairs at the Taj Mahal in India. (11) \_\_\_\_\_ deaths. A Russian government spokeswoman said that in July, (12) \_\_\_\_\_ of selfie-related deaths" in Russia alone.

# SELFIES SURVEY

From <http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1509/150926-selfies-4.html>

Write five GOOD questions about selfies 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) \_\_\_\_\_
- 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) \_\_\_\_\_

