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New Zealand to rid non-native pests by 2050

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THE READING

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New Zealand has declared war on pests. It wants to make the country predator-free by 2050. Its ambitious target is to remove all non-native species from the country within three decades. Prime Minister John Key says he will introduce strategies to kill introduced species, especially predators that kill New Zealand's native birds. 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 to a company that will help action his plans.

Mr Key said: "This is the most ambitious conservation project attempted anywhere in the world, but we believe if we all work together as a country, we can achieve it." It will take all the efforts of the private and public sectors as well as community groups. New Zealanders do not want more of their country's native birds to become extinct. When European settlers arrived 300 years ago, they brought with them rats and other predators that have killed many different birds. The country's national bird, the kiwi, is now under threat. Only five per cent of kiwi chicks survive to adulthood.

Sources: <http://www.stuff.co.nz/environment/82454116/government-sets-target-to-make-new-zealand-predatorfree-by-2050>
<http://www.radionz.co.nz/news/national/309439/predator-free-drive-'game-changer'-or-ecological-blunder>
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PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|------------------------------------|----------------------------|
| 1. New Zealand has declared | a. on other native species |
| 2. ambitious | b. three decades |
| 3. within | c. his plans |
| 4. strategies to kill introduced | d. target |
| 5. especially predators | e. protect them |
| 6. prey | f. war on pests |
| 7. We must do more to | g. species |
| 8. a company that will help action | h. that kill |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|----------------------------|-----------------|
| 1. conservation | a. as a country |
| 2. anywhere | b. chicks |
| 3. if we all work together | c. extinct |
| 4. the private and public | d. threat |
| 5. native birds to become | e. project |
| 6. under | f. adulthood |
| 7. kiwi | g. sectors |
| 8. survive to | h. in the world |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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New Zealand has declared (1) _____. It wants to make the country predator-free by 2050. Its (2) _____ is to remove all non-native species from the country (3) _____. Prime Minister John Key says he will introduce strategies to kill introduced species, especially (4) _____ New Zealand's native birds. He said: "Rats, possums and stoats kill 25 million of our native birds every year, and (5) _____ native species such as lizards....We must do more to protect them." His government has given \$28 million to a company that will (6) _____ plans.

Mr Key said: "This is (7) _____ conservation project attempted anywhere in the world, but we believe if we all work together as a country, we (8) _____." It will take all the efforts of the private and (9) _____ well as community groups. New Zealanders do not want more of their country's native birds (10) _____. When European settlers arrived 300 years ago, they brought with them rats and (11) _____ that 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 _____	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) _____

WRITING

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Write about **native species** for 10 minutes. Read and talk about your partner's paper.
