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Aquarium asks people to video-call lonely eels

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THE ARTICLE

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2005/200503-aquarium.html>

An aquarium in Japan is asking people to help a group of eels that are getting lonely. The Sumida Aquarium in Tokyo has several tanks of garden eels. The creatures are usually very cautious and go into their holes in the sand when someone passes. However, the Sumida Aquarium eels are used to seeing visitors and stay above their holes so people can see them. The aquarium has closed because of the coronavirus emergency and staff are worried the eels are getting lonely. A staff member said the eels are forgetting what humans look like. She wants people to make video calls to the eels. The staff put special tablets in front of the eel tanks so people could make video calls to them.

The lack of visitors to the aquarium means the eels have become very shy. This could make them stressed when visitors start returning after the aquarium reopens. The coronavirus emergency has also made it difficult for staff to check on the eels' health because they are now staying in their holes in the sand. The aquarium tweeted: "They aren't seeing humans so they are forgetting about us....Here is an urgent request - Could you show your face to our garden eels from your home?" The aquarium wants to remind the eels that "humans are friendly". It has organised a three-day event called a "face-showing festival". The public is being asked to make video calls but can only use Apple devices to do so.

Sources: <https://news.sky.com/story/coronavirus-tokyo-aquarium-appeals-for-people-to-video-call-the-eels-11981772>
<https://metro.co.uk/2020/05/01/eels-see-one-one-camchats-good-times-humans-12638678/>
<https://www.theguardian.com/world/2020/may/01/japanese-aquarium-urges-public-to-video-chat-eels-who-are-forgetting-humans-exist>

WARM-UPS

1. AQUARIUMS: Students walk around the class and talk to other students about aquariums. Change partners often and share your findings.

2. CHAT: In pairs / groups, talk about these topics or words from the article. What will the article say about them? What can you say about these words and your life?

aquarium / eels / lonely / tanks / visitors / holes / sand / emergency / staff / video / lack / shy / stressed / humans / urgent / request / home / friendly / festival / device

Have a chat about the topics you liked. Change topics and partners frequently.

3. EELS: Students A **strongly** believe eels are very, very, very interesting; Students B **strongly** believe they are not. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.

4. LONELY: How useful are these things are stopping people getting lonely? What are the good and bad things about them? Complete this table with your partner(s). Change partners often and share what you wrote.

	Usefulness	Good Things	Bad Things
Video calls			
Telephone			
Shopping			
Hobby clubs			
Bars and clubs			
Television			

5. HOLE: Spend one minute writing down all of the different words you associate with the word "hole". Share your words with your partner(s) and talk about them. Together, put the words into different categories.

6. SEALIFE: Rank these with your partner. Put the most interesting sea life at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

- eels
- sharks
- tuna
- crabs
- whales
- shrimp
- plankton
- jelly fish

VOCABULARY MATCHING

Paragraph 1

- | | |
|--------------|---|
| 1. several | a. An animal, but not a human being. |
| 2. creature | b. All the people employed by a business or organization. |
| 3. cautious | c. A serious, unexpected, and dangerous situation that needs immediate action. |
| 4. emergency | d. Careful to stay away from possible problems or dangers. |
| 5. staff | e. More than two but not many. |
| 6. member | f. A small, flat computer that you control with your finger and not a mouse (like an iPad). |
| 7. tablet | g. A person, animal, or plant belonging to a particular group. |

Paragraph 2

- | | |
|--------------|--|
| 8. lack | h. Get someone to remember something or remember to do something. |
| 9. shy | i. Not enough of something. |
| 10. stressed | j. The action of asking someone for something or for someone to do something. |
| 11. urgent | k. A thing made or changed for a particular purpose, especially a piece of mechanical or electronic equipment. |
| 12. request | l. Very, very worried about life and things around you. |
| 13. remind | m. Needing very quick action. |
| 14. device | n. Being quiet and not liking to be with new people. |

BEFORE READING / LISTENING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2005/200503-aquarium.html>

1. TRUE / FALSE: Read the headline. Guess if a-h below are true (T) or false (F).

- a. An aquarium in Kyoto, Japan has a group of lonely eels. **T / F**
- b. Eels are very adventurous creatures and are not at all shy. **T / F**
- c. The eels are lonely because the aquarium closed due to coronavirus. **T / F**
- d. People can video call the eels on tablets. **T / F**
- e. Staff are worried returning visitors might make the eels stressed. **T / F**
- f. Staff have been checking the eels' health three times a day. **T / F**
- g. The aquarium wants to remind the eels that we are friendly. **T / F**
- h. People can video call the eels for the next three weeks. **T / F**

2. SYNONYM MATCH: (The words in **bold** are from the news article.)

- | | |
|---------------------|----------------|
| 1. asking | a. absence |
| 2. several | b. crisis |
| 3. cautious | c. celebration |
| 4. emergency | d. a number of |
| 5. staff | e. serious |
| 6. lack | f. employees |
| 7. returning | g. requesting |
| 8. urgent | h. prompt |
| 9. remind | i. going back |
| 10. festival | j. careful |

3. PHRASE MATCH: (Sometimes more than one choice is possible.)

- | | |
|---|-----------------------------|
| 1. asking people to help a | a. coronavirus emergency |
| 2. The creatures are usually | b. "face-showing festival" |
| 3. The aquarium has closed because of the | c. visitors to the aquarium |
| 4. the eels are forgetting | d. very cautious |
| 5. staff put special tablets in front | e. are friendly |
| 6. The lack of | f. group of eels |
| 7. difficult for staff to check | g. request |
| 8. an urgent | h. of the eel tanks |
| 9. remind the eels that humans | i. on the eels' health |
| 10. a three-day event called a | j. what humans look like |

GAP FILL

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2005/200503-aquarium.html>

An aquarium in Japan is asking people to help a (1) _____ of eels that are getting lonely. The Sumida Aquarium in Tokyo has (2) _____ tanks of garden eels. The (3) _____ are usually very cautious and go into their holes in the (4) _____ when someone passes. However, the Sumida Aquarium eels are used to seeing visitors and stay (5) _____ their holes so people can see them. The aquarium has closed because of the coronavirus emergency and staff are worried the eels are getting (6) _____. A staff member said the eels are forgetting what humans look like. She wants people to make video calls to the eels. The staff put special (7) _____ in front of the eel tanks so people could make video calls to (8) _____.

sand
lonely
several
group
them
above
tablets
creatures

The (9) _____ of visitors to the aquarium means the eels have become very shy. This could make them (10) _____ when visitors start returning after the aquarium reopens. The coronavirus emergency has also made it difficult for staff to (11) _____ on the eels' health because they are now staying in their holes in the sand. The (12) _____ tweeted: "They aren't seeing humans so they are forgetting about us....Here is an (13) _____ request - Could you show your face to our garden eels from your home?" The aquarium wants to remind the eels that "(14) _____ are friendly". It has organised a three-day event called a "face-showing (15) _____". The public is being asked to make video calls but can only use Apple devices to do (16) _____.

aquarium
humans
lack
so
check
festival
stressed
urgent

LISTENING – Guess the answers. Listen to check.

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- 1) An aquarium in Japan is asking people to help a _____
 - a. grouped of eels
 - b. groups of eels
 - c. group of eels
 - d. groupie of eels
- 2) The Sumida Aquarium in Tokyo has several tanks _____
 - a. of garden eels
 - b. of gardeners eels
 - c. of gardening eels
 - d. of gardened eels
- 3) usually very cautious and go into their holes in the sand _____
 - a. when someone pass is
 - b. when someone par sis
 - c. when someone parses
 - d. when someone passes
- 4) because of the coronavirus emergency and staff are worried the eels _____
 - a. are getting lovely
 - b. are getting lone lea
 - c. are getting lonely
 - d. are getting low knee
- 5) The staff put special tablets in front of _____
 - a. the eel thanks
 - b. the eel tanks
 - c. the eel tankers
 - d. the eel takes
- 6) The lack of visitors to the aquarium means the eels have _____
 - a. become very sly
 - b. become very spy
 - c. become very sky
 - d. become very shy
- 7) stressed when visitors start returning after _____
 - a. the aquarium reap opens
 - b. the aquarium Rio pens
 - c. the aquarium re-opens
 - d. the aquarium reap opines
- 8) emergency has also made it difficult for staff to check on _____
 - a. the eels' healthy
 - b. the eels' wealth
 - c. the eels' healthily
 - d. the eels' health
- 9) The aquarium wants to remind the eels that " _____ "
 - a. human are friendly
 - b. humans are friendly
 - c. human are friendliness
 - d. humans are friend
- 10) The public is being asked to make video calls but can only use Apple devices _____
 - a. to doing so
 - b. to do so
 - c. to done so
 - d. to does so

LISTENING – Listen and fill in the gaps

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2005/200503-aquarium.html>

An aquarium in Japan is asking people to help a (1) _____ that are getting lonely. The Sumida Aquarium in Tokyo (2) _____ of garden eels. The creatures are usually very cautious and go into their holes in (3) _____ someone passes. However, the Sumida Aquarium eels are used to seeing visitors and stay above their holes so people can see them. The aquarium has closed because of the coronavirus emergency and (4) _____ the eels are getting lonely. A staff member said the (5) _____ what humans look like. She wants people to make video calls to the eels. The staff put (6) _____ front of the eel tanks so people could make video calls to them.

The lack of visitors to the aquarium (7) _____ have become very shy. This could make them stressed when visitors start returning after the aquarium reopens. The coronavirus emergency has also made it difficult for (8) _____ on the eels' health because they are now staying in their holes in the sand. The aquarium tweeted: "They aren't seeing humans so they are forgetting about us....Here is (9) _____ - Could you show your face to our garden eels from your home?" The aquarium wants to remind the eels that "(10) _____". It has organised a three-day event called a "(11) _____". The public is being asked to make video calls but can only use Apple devices (12) _____.

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2005/200503-aquarium.html>

1. In which Japanese city is the aquarium?
2. What did the article say about the usual character of the eels?
3. What did the aquarium say the eels were used to?
4. What might the eels forget?
5. What is in front of the eels' tanks?
6. What could happen to the eels if the aquarium lacks visitors?
7. What is the aquarium having difficulty doing?
8. Where are the eels now staying?
9. What does the aquarium want to remind the eels about?
10. What is the three-day festival the aquarium is putting on?

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2005/200503-aquarium.html>

- 1) In which Japanese city is the aquarium?
 - a) Kyoto
 - b) Toyota
 - c) Tokyo
 - d) Kobe
- 2) What did the article say about the usual character of the eels?
 - a) they are cautious
 - b) they are adventurous
 - c) they are very shy
 - d) they are aggressive
- 3) What did the aquarium say the eels were used to?
 - a) swimming
 - b) seeing visitors
 - c) selfies
 - d) lockdown
- 4) What might the eels forget?
 - a) the time of the day
 - b) how to swim
 - c) eating
 - d) what humans look like
- 5) What is in front of the eels' tanks?
 - a) sharks
 - b) pills
 - c) tablets
 - d) lozenges
- 6) What could happen to the eels if the aquarium lacks visitors?
 - a) they could go back to the sea
 - b) they could become shy
 - c) they could be sold
 - d) they could be put in schools
- 7) What is the aquarium having difficulty doing?
 - a) getting the eels to breed
 - b) making the eels happy
 - c) making money
 - d) checking the eels' health
- 8) Where are the eels now staying?
 - a) in shells
 - b) in holes in the sand
 - c) in special houses
 - d) in pet shops
- 9) What does the aquarium want to remind the eels about?
 - a) food
 - b) that humans are friendly
 - c) their duties
 - d) social distancing of 2 metres
- 10) What is the three-day festival the aquarium is putting on?
 - a) a face-showing festival
 - b) a sea life festival
 - c) an eel history festival
 - d) an eel and chips festival

ROLE PLAY

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Role A – Eels

You think eels are the most interesting creatures. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their creatures. Also, tell the others which is the least interesting of these (and why): crabs, whales or jelly fish.

Role B – Crabs

You think crabs are the most interesting creatures. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their creatures. Also, tell the others which is the least interesting of these (and why): eels, whales or jelly fish.

Role C – Whales

You think whales are the most interesting creatures. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their creatures. Also, tell the others which is the least interesting of these (and why): crabs, eels or jelly fish.

Role D – Jellyfish

You think jellyfish are the most interesting creatures. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their creatures. Also, tell the others which is the least interesting of these (and why): crabs, whales or eels.

AFTER READING / LISTENING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2005/200503-aquarium.html>

1. WORD SEARCH: Look in your dictionary / computer to find collocates, other meanings, information, synonyms ... for the words 'aquarium' and 'eel'.

aquarium	eel
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- Share your findings with your partners.
- Make questions using the words you found.
- Ask your partner / group your questions.

2. ARTICLE QUESTIONS: Look back at the article and write down some questions you would like to ask the class about the text.

- Share your questions with other classmates / groups.
- Ask your partner / group your questions.

3. GAP FILL: In pairs / groups, compare your answers to this exercise. Check your answers. Talk about the words from the activity. Were they new, interesting, worth learning...?

4. VOCABULARY: Circle any words you do not understand. In groups, pool unknown words and use dictionaries to find their meanings.

5. TEST EACH OTHER: Look at the words below. With your partner, try to recall how they were used in the text:

<ul style="list-style-type: none">• group• several• creatures• worried• look• front	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• lack• reopens• health• urgent• remind• so
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AQUARIUMS SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about aquariums 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.

AQUARIUMS DISCUSSION

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

1. What did you think when you read the headline?
2. What images are in your mind when you hear the word 'aquarium'?
3. Do you think eels can get lonely?
4. What do you think about eels?
5. When do you get lonely?
6. What do you do when you get lonely?
7. What experiences do you have of aquariums?
8. What do eels think about when they see people?
9. What do you think of video calls?
10. Would you like to make a video calls to the eels?

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AQUARIUMS DISCUSSION

STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

11. Did you like reading this article? Why/not?
12. What do you think of when you hear the word 'eel'?
13. What do you think about what you read?
14. What do you know about eels?
15. What is your favourite aquarium?
16. What are the good and bad things about aquariums?
17. How do you check the health of an eel?
18. How friendly are humans?
19. What do you think of the "face-showing festival"?
20. What questions would you like to ask the aquarium staff?

DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

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DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)

STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

LANGUAGE - CLOZE

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2005/200503-aquarium.html>

An aquarium in Japan is asking people to help a group of eels that are getting lonely. The Sumida Aquarium in Tokyo has (1) _____ tanks of garden eels. The creatures are usually very (2) _____ and go into their holes in the sand when someone passes. However, the Sumida Aquarium eels are used to (3) _____ visitors and stay above their holes so people can see them. The aquarium has closed because of the coronavirus emergency and staff are (4) _____ the eels are getting lonely. A staff member said the eels are (5) _____ what humans look like. She wants people to make video calls to the eels. The staff put special tablets in front of the eel tanks so people could make video calls to (6) _____.

The (7) _____ of visitors to the aquarium means the eels have become very shy. This could make them stressed when visitors start returning after the aquarium (8) _____. The coronavirus emergency has also made it difficult for staff to check on the eels' health because they are now staying in their holes in the (9) _____. The aquarium tweeted: "They aren't seeing humans so they are forgetting about us....Here is an (10) _____ request - Could you show your face to our garden eels from your home?" The aquarium wants to (11) _____ the eels that "humans are friendly". It has organised a three-day event called a "face-showing festival". The public is being asked to make video calls but can only use Apple devices to do (12) _____.

Put the correct words from the table below in the above article.

- | | | | | |
|-----|--------------|---------------|----------------|--------------|
| 1. | (a) sever | (b) serves | (c) several | (d) severe |
| 2. | (a) cautious | (b) ambitious | (c) fictitious | (d) species |
| 3. | (a) seeing | (b) saw | (c) seen | (d) sees |
| 4. | (a) worried | (b) worry | (c) caution | (d) anxiety |
| 5. | (a) forgets | (b) forgotten | (c) forgetting | (d) forget |
| 6. | (a) they | (b) us | (c) we | (d) them |
| 7. | (a) lack | (b) slack | (c) black | (d) flack |
| 8. | (a) reopened | (b) reopening | (c) reopen | (d) reopens |
| 9. | (a) sand | (b) sanded | (c) sanding | (d) sandy |
| 10. | (a) urgently | (b) urgent | (c) urgency | (d) urge |
| 11. | (a) memory | (b) remind | (c) remember | (d) memorise |
| 12. | (a) so | (b) soon | (c) also | (d) miso |

SPELLING

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Paragraph 1

1. ervelas tanks of garden eels
2. The creatures are usually very uusioact
3. used to seeing rsoiivst
4. stay above their heosl
5. the coronavirus rncmgeeye
6. special tltsbea

Paragraph 2

7. This could make them edsrtsse
8. check on the eels' hhtael
9. Here is an urgent rquseet
10. niremd the eels that "humans are friendly"
11. a "face-showing veiftsla"
12. only use Apple siveecd

PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2005/200503-aquarium.html>

Number these lines in the correct order.

- () to seeing visitors and stay above their holes so people can see them. The aquarium has
- () closed because of the coronavirus emergency and staff are worried the eels are getting lonely. A staff
- () tweeted: "They aren't seeing humans so they are forgetting about us....Here is an urgent
- (**1**) An aquarium in Japan is asking people to help a group of eels that are getting
- () to the eels. The staff put special tablets in front of the eel tanks so people could make video calls to them.
- () showing festival". The public is being asked to make video calls but can only use Apple devices to do so.
- () lonely. The Sumida Aquarium in Tokyo has several tanks of garden eels. The creatures
- () are usually very cautious and go into their holes in the sand when someone passes. However, the Sumida Aquarium eels are used
- () the eels that "humans are friendly". It has organised a three-day event called a "face-
- () The lack of visitors to the aquarium means the eels have become very shy. This could make them stressed when visitors
- () member said the eels are forgetting what humans look like. She wants people to make video calls
- () on the eels' health because they are now staying in their holes in the sand. The aquarium
- () start returning after the aquarium reopens. The coronavirus emergency has also made it difficult for staff to check
- () request - "Could you show your face to our garden eels from your home?" The aquarium wants to remind

PUT THE WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2005/200503-aquarium.html>

1. eels are group of that lonely . A getting
2. their Stay above people so can see . holes
3. getting worried lonely . are are eels the Staff
4. are forgetting what look eels humans The like .
5. front the tablets Special in tanks . eel of
6. when them Make visitors stressed returning . start
7. The made also has it coronavirus emergency difficult .
8. the staff health . to for eels' Difficult check
9. that the humans Remind eels friendly . are
10. asked make is public calls . video to The

CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD (20 PAIRS)

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2005/200503-aquarium.html>

An aquarium in Japan is *asking / asked* people to help a group of eels that are getting lonely. The Sumida Aquarium in Tokyo has *sever / several* tanks of garden eels. The *creatures / creature* are usually very cautious and go into their holes in the sand when someone *past / passes*. However, the Sumida Aquarium eels are used to *seeing / seen* visitors and stay above their holes so people can see *us / them*. The aquarium has closed because of the coronavirus emergency and staff are *worry / worried* the eels are getting lonely. A staff member said the *eels / eel* are forgetting what humans look like. She wants people to make video *called / calls* to the eels. The staff put special tablets in front of the eel *thanks / tanks* so people could make video calls to them.

The *slack / lack* of visitors to the aquarium means the eels have become very *sly / shy*. This could make them stressed when visitors start returning *after / post* the aquarium reopens. The coronavirus emergency has also made it *difficult / difficulty* for staff to check on the eels' health because they are now staying in *their / them* holes in the sand. The aquarium tweeted: "They aren't seeing humans so they are *forgotten / forgetting* about us....Here is an *urgent / urgency* request - Could you show your face to our garden eels from your home?" The aquarium wants to *mind / remind* the eels that "humans are friendly". It has organised a three-day event called a "face-showing *festive / festival*". The public is being asked to make video calls but can only use Apple devices to *doing / do* so.

Talk about the connection between each pair of words in italics, and why the correct word is correct.

INSERT THE VOWELS (a, e, i, o, u)

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A n _q__ r__ m _n J_p_n _s _s k_n g p__ pl_ t_ h_l
p _ g_r__ p _f __ l_s t_h_t _r_ g_t_t_n g l_n_l_y . T
h_ S_m_d_ A q__ r__ m _n T_k_y_ h_s s_v_r_l t_n k
s _f g_r_d_n __ l_s . Th_ c_r__ t_r_s _r_ s__ l_l_y
v_r_y c__ t__s _n_d g__ n_t_ t_h__ r h_l_s _n t_h_
s_n_d w_h_n s_m__ n_ p_s_s_s . H_w_v_r , t_h_
S_m_d_ A q__ r__ m __ l_s _r_ _s_d t_ s__ n_g
v_s_t_r_s _n_d s_t_y _b_v_ t_h__ r h_l_s s_ p__ pl_
c_n s__ t_h_m . Th_ _q__ r__ m h_s c_l_s_d b_c__
s _f t_h_ c_r_n_v_r_s _m_r_g_n_c_y _n_d s_t_f_f _r_
w_r_r__ d t_h_ __ l_s _r_ g_t_t_n g l_n_l_y . A s_t_f_f
m_m_b_r s__ d t_h_ __ l_s _r_ f_r_g_t_t_n g w_h_t
h_m_n_s l__ k l_k_ . S_h_ w_n_t_s p__ pl_ t_ m_k_
v_d__ c_l_l_s t_ t_h_ __ l_s . Th_ s_t_f_f p_t s
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PUNCTUATE THE TEXT AND ADD CAPITALS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2005/200503-aquarium.html>

an aquarium in japan is asking people to help a group of eels that are getting lonely the sumida aquarium in tokyo has several tanks of garden eels the creatures are usually very cautious and go into their holes in the sand when someone passes however the sumida aquarium eels are used to seeing visitors and stay above their holes so people can see them the aquarium has closed because of the coronavirus emergency and staff are worried the eels are getting lonely a staff member said the eels are forgetting what humans look like she wants people to make video calls to the eels the staff put special tablets in front of the eel tanks so people could make video calls to them

the lack of visitors to the aquarium means the eels have become very shy this could make them stressed when visitors start returning after the aquarium reopens the coronavirus emergency has also made it difficult for staff to check on the eels health because they are now staying in their holes in the sand the aquarium tweeted they arent seeing humans so they are forgetting about us here is an urgent request could you show your face to our garden eels from your home the aquarium wants to remind the eels that humans are friendly it has organised a threeday event called a faceshowing festival the public is being asked to make video calls but can only use apple devices to do so

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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An aquarium in Japan is asking people to help a group of eels that are getting lonely. The Sumida Aquarium in Tokyo has several tanks of garden eels. The creatures are usually very cautious and go into their holes in the sand when someone passes. However, the Sumida Aquarium eels are used to seeing visitors and stay above their holes so people can see them. The aquarium has closed because of the coronavirus emergency and staff are worried the eels are getting lonely. A staff member said the eels are forgetting what humans look like. She wants people to make video calls to the eels. The staff puts special tablets in front of the eel tanks so people could make video calls to them. The lack of visitors to the aquarium means the eels have become very shy. This could make them stressed when visitors start returning after the aquarium reopens. The coronavirus emergency has also made it difficult for staff to check on the eels' health because they are now staying in their holes in the sand. The aquarium tweeted: "They aren't seeing humans so they are forgetting about us.... Here is an urgent request- Could you show your face to our garden eels from your home?" The aquarium wants to remind the eels that "humans are friendly". It has organised a three-day event called a "face-showing festival". The public is being asked to make video calls but can only use Apple devices to do so.

HOMEWORK

1. VOCABULARY EXTENSION: Choose several of the words from the text. Use a dictionary or Google's search field (or another search engine) to build up more associations / collocations of each word.

2. INTERNET: Search the Internet and find out more about this news story. Share what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

3. AQUARIUMS: Make a poster about aquariums. Show your work to your classmates in the next lesson. Did you all have similar things?

4. HUMANS ARE FRIENDLY: Write a magazine article about humans interacting with animals more so animals know we are friendly. Include imaginary interviews with people who are for and against this.

Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Write down any new words and expressions you hear from your partner(s).

5. WHAT HAPPENED NEXT? Write a newspaper article about the next stage in this news story. Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Give each other feedback on your articles.

6. LETTER: Write a letter to an expert on aquariums. Ask him/her three questions about them. Give him/her three of your ideas on aquariums. Read your letter to your partner(s) in your next lesson. Your partner(s) will answer your questions.

ANSWERS

VOCABULARY (p.4)

1. e 2. a 3. d 4. c 5. b 6. g 7. f
8. i 9. n 10. l 11. m 12. j 13. h 14. k

TRUE / FALSE (p.5)

- a F b F c T d T e T f F g T h F

SYNONYM MATCH (p.5)

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

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (p.9)

1. Tokyo
2. They are cautious
3. Seeing visitors
4. What humans look like
5. Special tablets
6. They could become shy
7. Checking the eels' health
8. In holes in the sand
9. That humans are friendly
10. A face-showing festival

WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER (p.20)

1. A group of eels that are getting lonely.
2. Stay above their holes so people can see.
3. Staff are worried the eels are getting lonely.
4. The eels are forgetting what humans look like.
5. Special tablets in front of the eel tanks.
6. Make them stressed when visitors start returning.
7. The coronavirus emergency has also made it difficult.
8. Difficult for staff to check the eels' health.
9. Remind the eels that humans are friendly.
10. The public is asked to make video calls.

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ (p.10)

1. c 2. a 3. b 4. d 5. c 6. b 7. d 8. b 9. b 10. a

ALL OTHER EXERCISES

Please check for yourself by looking at the Article on page 2.
(It's good for your English ;-)