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Australia hotel bans emus for bad behaviour

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Please try Levels 0, 2 and 3. They are (a little) harder.

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THE READING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2008/200801-emu-1.html>

Two emus have been banned from a hotel in Australia. The emu is the world's second-largest bird and is native to Australia. The two banned emus are siblings. The hotel banned the giant birds because of bad behaviour. The birds were well known for going to the hotel for biscuits or toast. Recently, hotel guests have complained. The owner put rope across the stairs to keep the birds out. There is a sign that says: "Please let yourself through the emu barrier."

One reason for the ban is that the emus learned to climb the stairs. They went up to bedrooms and shocked guests. The owner said guests should be careful because the emus will steal your toast. He said: "If you have a barbecue, watch out because they'll take everything." He added: "You don't want to get between an emu and its food. They've got very sharp beaks." He warned guests about the toilet habits of emus and that emus can be messy.

Sources: <https://edition.cnn.com/travel/article/australia-hotel-bans-emus/index.html>
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PHRASE MATCHING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2008/200801-emu-1.html>

PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|--------------------------------|------------------------|
| 1. The emu is the world's | a. the stairs |
| 2. native | b. the emu barrier |
| 3. The two banned emus are | c. for biscuits |
| 4. going to the hotel | d. out |
| 5. Recently, hotel guests have | e. to Australia |
| 6. The owner put rope across | f. siblings |
| 7. keep the birds | g. complained |
| 8. let yourself through | h. second-largest bird |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|-----------------------------------|------------------------|
| 1. One reason | a. habits of emus |
| 2. emus learned | b. should be careful |
| 3. The owner said guests | c. messy |
| 4. the emus will steal your | d. an emu and its food |
| 5. watch out because they'll | e. for the ban |
| 6. You don't want to get between | f. take everything |
| 7. warned guests about the toilet | g. to climb the stairs |
| 8. emus can be | h. toast |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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Two emus have (1) _____ a hotel in Australia. The emu is the world's second-largest bird and (2) _____ Australia. The two banned emus are siblings. The hotel banned (3) _____ because of bad behaviour. The birds (4) _____ for going to the hotel for biscuits or toast. Recently, hotel guests have complained. The (5) _____ across the stairs to keep the birds out. There is a sign that says: "Please (6) _____ the emu barrier."

(7) _____ the ban is that the emus (8) _____ the stairs. They went up to bedrooms and shocked guests. The owner said guests (9) _____ because the emus will steal your toast. He said: "If you have a barbecue, (10) _____ they'll take everything." He added: "You don't want to (11) _____ emu and its food. They've got very sharp beaks." He warned guests about the toilet habits of emus and that emus (12) _____.

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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EMUS SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2008/200801-emu-4.html>

Write five GOOD questions about emus 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 **emus** for 10 minutes. Read and talk about your partner’s paper.
