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Indian woman fights and kills leopard

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THE READING

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An Indian woman has killed a leopard that attacked her near her village. Kamla Devi, 56, was fetching water from a canal when the big cat jumped on her. She fought the cat for 30 minutes and finally it died. She is now recovering in hospital. She has many bites and cuts on her body. She also has three fractures on her hands. Ms Devi said: "I thought I was dead but I did not lose patience and courage....I fought head on with it for almost half an hour." She tried to stab the leopard with a small sickle she used on her farm. She smashed some of the animal's teeth during the struggle.

Doctors are surprised she survived. Most people have almost no chance of surviving a leopard attack. Her doctor said: "She has two fractures on the right hand and one on the left. She also has deep injuries on her head and legs. There are bite marks all over her body." Another doctor said she was now stable. He said she needed over 100 stitches. One of Ms Devi's friends said: "She is very brave. She attacked the leopard and took the fight head on." A leopard expert said: "Walking for one kilometre...with blood oozing out from her body, speaks a lot about her strong willpower to survive."

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MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

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|--------------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. a leopard that attacked her | a. water from a canal |
| 2. fetching | b. and cuts on her body |
| 3. the big cat | c. in hospital |
| 4. She fought the | d. near her village |
| 5. She is now recovering | e. of the animal's teeth |
| 6. She has many bites | f. cat for 30 minutes |
| 7. She tried to | g. jumped on her |
| 8. She smashed some | h. stab the leopard |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|-------------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. Doctors are surprised | a. on her head and legs |
| 2. Most people have almost | b. attack |
| 3. surviving a leopard | c. brave |
| 4. She also has deep injuries | d. no chance |
| 5. she needed over 100 | e. out from her body |
| 6. She is very | f. stitches |
| 7. blood oozing | g. to survive |
| 8. her strong willpower | h. she survived |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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An Indian woman has killed a leopard (1) _____ near her village. Kamla Devi, 56, was fetching water from a canal when the big cat jumped on her. She (2) _____ 30 minutes and finally it died. She is (3) _____ hospital. She has many bites and cuts on her body. She also has three fractures on her hands. Ms Devi said: "I thought I was dead but (4) _____ patience and courage....I fought head on with it for almost half an hour." She (5) _____ leopard with a small sickle she used on her farm. She smashed some of the animal's teeth (6) _____.

Doctors are (7) _____. Most people have almost no chance of surviving a leopard attack. Her doctor said: "She has two fractures on the right hand and (8) _____. She also has deep injuries on her head and legs. (9) _____ all over her body." Another doctor said she was now stable. He said she needed (10) _____. One of Ms Devi's friends said: "She is very brave. She attacked the leopard and took the fight head on." A (11) _____: "Walking for one kilometre...with blood oozing out from her body, speaks a lot about (12) _____ survive."

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)

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g)

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WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

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

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