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U.S. police to look into shooting of zoo gorilla

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THE ARTICLE

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Police in the US state of Ohio are going to look into the shooting of a 17-year-old gorilla at Cincinnati Zoo. They will investigate the facts around the killing of Harambe the gorilla after a four-year-old boy fell into the ape's enclosure on Saturday. Video footage showed the gorilla dragging the boy through shallow water in his cage for up to ten minutes. Some people who were at the zoo said they were worried about the little boy's safety. Other people said the gorilla was trying to protect the child and that the animal was becoming upset by the noise from the crowds of people looking at the event. Zookeepers made a decision to shoot the gorilla because they feared for the boy's life.

Animal rights groups are very angry that the gorilla was shot and killed. They say zookeepers should have used a tranquilizer gun on the animal to put it to sleep. Zookeepers say it would have taken too long for the 200kg gorilla to be sedated. They say this would have been too dangerous. There is now an online petition that 300,000 people have signed to hold the boy's mother and the zoo accountable for Harambe's death. Many people say the mother should have looked after her son better to stop him from falling into the gorilla's area. The mother said no parent in the world can watch their children every second. She said: "As a society, we are quick to judge how a parent could take their eyes off their child."

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WARM-UPS

1. GORILLAS: Students walk around the class and talk to other students about gorillas. 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?

police / shooting / investigate / facts / video / cage / safety / upset / decision / gorilla
animal rights / zookeepers / dangerous / online / petition / parent / society / judge

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

3. CAGES: Students A **strongly** believe animals do not belong in cages; Students B **strongly** believe they do. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.

4. ZOOS: How can they be better? Complete this table with your partner(s). Change partners often and share what you wrote.

	Now	Improvements
Animal cages		
Education		
Conservation		
Prices		
Public safety		
Animal welfare		

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

6. ANIMALS: Rank these with your partner. Put the best animals at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

- gorilla
- elephant
- cheetah
- rabbit
- dog
- panda
- koala
- cow

BEFORE READING / LISTENING

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1606/160602-harambe.html>

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

- a. The gorilla that was shot was 7 years old. **T / F**
- b. The little boy jumped into the gorilla's enclosure. **T / F**
- c. The water the gorilla dragged the boy through was not deep. **T / F**
- d. The gorilla was upset by the noises of the crowd. **T / F**
- e. Zookeepers said a tranquilizer gun would never sedate a big gorilla. **T / F**
- f. An online petition blaming the mother was signed by 300,000 people. **T / F**
- g. The mother said some parents can watch their children every second. **T / F**
- h. The mother said society is quick to judge parents. **T / F**

2. SYNONYM MATCH: Match the following synonyms from the article.

- | | |
|----------------|----------------|
| 1. look into | a. pulling |
| 2. enclosure | b. drugged |
| 3. dragging | c. frightened |
| 4. protect | d. area |
| 5. upset | e. risky |
| 6. angry | f. investigate |
| 7. sedated | g. responsible |
| 8. dangerous | h. criticise |
| 9. accountable | i. furious |
| 10. judge | j. safeguard |

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

- | | |
|----------------------------------|----------------------|
| 1. They will investigate | a. water |
| 2. shallow | b. groups |
| 3. the gorilla was trying to | c. life |
| 4. becoming upset by the noise | d. petition |
| 5. they feared for the boy's | e. to judge |
| 6. Animal rights | f. zoo accountable |
| 7. an online | g. the facts |
| 8. hold the boy's mother and the | h. every second |
| 9. watch their children | i. from the crowds |
| 10. we are quick | j. protect the child |

GAP FILL

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1606/160602-harambe.html>

Police in the US (1) _____ of Ohio are going to look into the shooting of a 17-year-old gorilla at Cincinnati Zoo. They will (2) _____ the facts around the killing of Harambe the gorilla after a four-year-old boy fell into the ape's (3) _____ on Saturday. Video footage showed the gorilla dragging the boy through (4) _____ water in his cage for up to ten minutes. Some people who were at the zoo said they were worried about the little boy's (5) _____. Other people said the gorilla was trying to (6) _____ the child and that the animal was becoming (7) _____ by the noise from the crowds of people looking at the event. Zookeepers made a decision to shoot the gorilla because they feared for the boy's (8) _____.

investigate

shallow

protect

state

life

enclosure

upset

safety

Animal rights groups are very (9) _____ that the gorilla was shot and killed. They say zookeepers should have used a tranquilizer gun on the animal to put it to (10) _____. Zookeepers say it would have taken too long for the 200kg gorilla to be (11) _____. They say this would have been too dangerous. There is now an online (12) _____ that 300,000 people have signed to hold the boy's mother and the zoo (13) _____ for Harambe's death. Many people say the mother should have looked after her son better to stop him from falling into the gorilla's (14) _____. The mother said no parent in the world can watch their children every (15) _____. She said: "As a society, we are quick to judge how a parent could take their (16) _____ off their child."

accountable

sleep

angry

second

petition

eyes

sedated

area

LISTENING – Guess the answers. Listen to check.

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- 1) the killing of Harambe the gorilla after a four-year-old boy fell into the _____
 - a. ape's disclosure
 - b. ape's enclosure
 - c. ape's no closure
 - d. ape's enclose are
- 2) Video footage showed the gorilla dragging the boy through _____
 - a. swallow water
 - b. shallow water
 - c. shall low water
 - d. shall owe water
- 3) Other people said the gorilla was trying to _____
 - a. protects the child
 - b. protected the child
 - c. protecting the child
 - d. protect the child
- 4) the animal was becoming upset by the noise from the _____
 - a. crowds for people
 - b. crowds of people
 - c. crowds from people
 - d. crowds off people
- 5) Zookeepers made a decision to shoot the gorilla because they feared _____
 - a. for the boy's life
 - b. for a boy's life
 - c. for the boy's live
 - d. for the boy's alive
- 6) Animal rights groups are very angry that the gorilla was _____
 - a. shoot and killed
 - b. shoot and kill
 - c. shot and kill
 - d. shot and killed
- 7) They say zookeepers should have used a tranquilizer gun on the animal _____
 - a. to put it by sleep
 - b. to put it to sleepy
 - c. too put it to sleep
 - d. to put it to sleep
- 8) Zookeepers say it would have taken too long for the 200kg gorilla _____
 - a. to be sedated
 - b. to be sedative
 - c. to be sedate it
 - d. to be sedate
- 9) There is now an online petition that 300,000 people _____
 - a. have signage
 - b. have singed
 - c. have signed
 - d. have sighed
- 10) The mother said no parent in the world can watch their children _____
 - a. every seconds
 - b. every second
 - c. every secondly
 - d. every seconded

LISTENING – Listen and fill in the gaps

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Animal (7) _____ very angry that the gorilla was shot and killed. They say zookeepers should have used a tranquilizer gun on the animal to (8) _____. Zookeepers say it would have taken too long for the 200kg gorilla to be sedated. They say this would have been too dangerous. There is now an (9) _____ that 300,000 people have signed to hold the boy's mother and the zoo accountable for Harambe's death. Many people say the mother (10) _____ after her son better to stop him from falling into the gorilla's area. The mother said no parent in the (11) _____ their children every second. She said: "As a society, we are quick to judge how a parent could take their (12) _____ child."

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1606/160602-harambe.html>

1. How old was Harambe the gorilla?
2. How old was the little boy who fell into the gorilla's enclosure?
3. For how long did the gorilla drag the boy through the water?
4. Where did the noise that upset the gorilla come from?
5. Who made the decision to shoot Harambe?
6. Who said the zookeepers should have used a tranquilizer gun?
7. How much did Harambe weigh?
8. What did 300,000 people sign?
9. What did many people say the mother should have done better?
10. Who did the mother say judged parents quickly?

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1606/160602-harambe.html>

- 1) How old was Harambe the gorilla?
 - a) 17
 - b) 16
 - c) 15
 - d) 14
- 2) How old was the little boy who fell into the gorilla's enclosure?
 - a) 6
 - b) 5
 - c) 4
 - d) 3
- 3) For how long did the gorilla drag the boy through the water?
 - a) a few seconds
 - b) 10 minutes
 - c) 10 seconds
 - d) a minute
- 4) Where did the noise that upset the gorilla come from?
 - a) a loud speaker
 - b) zookeepers
 - c) other animals
 - d) crowds of people
- 5) Who made the decision to shoot Harambe?
 - a) zookeepers
 - b) the zoo's CEO
 - c) a police officer
 - d) animal rights groups
- 6) Who said the zookeepers should have used a tranquilizer gun?
 - a) a gun company CEO
 - b) the public
 - c) the police
 - d) animal rights groups
- 7) How much did Harambe weigh?
 - a) 180kg
 - b) 200kg
 - c) 210kg
 - d) 300kg
- 8) What did 300,000 people sign?
 - a) a cheque
 - b) a statement
 - c) a book
 - d) a petition
- 9) What did many people say the mother should have done better?
 - a) stop the gorilla from getting shot
 - b) posted messages on Facebook
 - c) looked after her son
 - d) tried to save her son
- 10) Who did the mother say judged parents quickly?
 - a) reporters
 - b) society
 - c) zookeepers
 - d) zoo visitors

ROLE PLAY

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Role A – Elephants

You think elephants are the best animals. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them things that aren't so good with their animals. Also, tell the others which is the least interesting of these (and why): cows, gorillas or dogs.

Role B – Cows

You think cows are the best animals. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them things that aren't so good with their animals. Also, tell the others which is the least interesting of these (and why): elephants, gorillas or dogs.

Role C – Gorillas

You think gorillas are the best animals. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them things that aren't so good with their animals. Also, tell the others which is the least interesting of these (and why): cows, elephants or dogs.

Role D – Dogs

You think dogs are the best animals. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them things that aren't so good with their animals. Also, tell the others which is the least interesting of these (and why): cows, gorillas or elephants.

AFTER READING / LISTENING

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1606/160602-harambe.html>

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

shallow	water
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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">• look• facts• water• protect• noise• life	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• angry• sleep• 200• 300,000• stop• eyes
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GORILLAS SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about gorillas 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.

GORILLAS DISCUSSION

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

1. What did you think when you read the headline?
2. What springs to mind when you hear the word 'gorilla'?
3. What do you know about this story?
4. What do you think about what you read?
5. What do you think of zoos?
6. What could zookeepers have done instead of shooting Harambe?
7. What would have happened if the gorilla had not been killed?
8. What do you know about gorillas?
9. Should we be more concerned about gorillas being hunted and killed?
10. How can zoos help gorillas?

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GORILLAS DISCUSSION

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

11. Did you like reading this article? Why/not?
12. What are your feelings about the shooting of Harambe the gorilla?
13. How difficult was it for zookeepers to decide to kill Harambe?
14. Do you agree with the animal rights groups?
15. How can we stop gorillas from being killed in the wild?
16. Why do people blame the zoo for the gorilla's death?
17. Why do people blame the mother?
18. How has social media changed events like this?
19. Are we quick to judge other people?
20. What questions would you like to ask the zookeepers?

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

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Animal rights groups are very angry (7) _____ the gorilla was shot and killed. They say zookeepers should have used a tranquilizer gun on the animal to (8) _____ it to sleep. Zookeepers say it would have taken too long for the 200kg gorilla to be sedated. They say this would have been too (9) _____. There is now an online petition that 300,000 people have signed to hold the boy's mother and the zoo accountable (10) _____ Harambe's death. Many people say the mother should have looked after her son better (11) _____ stop him from falling into the gorilla's area. The mother said no parent in the world can watch their children every second. She said: "As a society, we are quick to (12) _____ how a parent could take their eyes off their child."

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

- | | | | | |
|-----|--------------|--------------|---------------|----------------|
| 1. | (a) shooting | (b) shots | (c) shoot | (d) shoots |
| 2. | (a) surround | (b) above | (c) around | (d) on |
| 3. | (a) then | (b) so | (c) after | (d) but |
| 4. | (a) as | (b) of | (c) down | (d) up |
| 5. | (a) became | (b) becomes | (c) becoming | (d) become |
| 6. | (a) afraid | (b) feared | (c) frighten | (d) frightened |
| 7. | (a) which | (b) about | (c) that | (d) for |
| 8. | (a) pit | (b) put | (c) pet | (d) pat |
| 9. | (a) dangers | (b) endanger | (c) dangerous | (d) danger |
| 10. | (a) to | (b) from | (c) of | (d) for |
| 11. | (a) go | (b) do | (c) so | (d) to |
| 12. | (a) sentence | (b) jury | (c) trial | (d) judge |

SPELLING

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Paragraph 1

1. video eoogtaf
2. through asolwhl water
3. worried about the little boy's ayefts
4. becoming esutp by the noise from the crowds
5. Zookeepers made a nicdseoi to shoot the gorilla
6. they rfeaed for the boy's life

Paragraph 2

7. animal itrghs groups
8. to be datdees
9. an online tnteopii that 300,000 people have signed
10. tbcanalucoc for Harambe's death
11. falling into the gorilla's eraa
12. we are quick to egujd

PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1606/160602-harambe.html>

Number these lines in the correct order.

- () water in his cage for up to ten minutes. Some people who were at the zoo said they were worried
- () about the little boy's safety. Other people said the gorilla was trying to protect the child and that the animal was
- () enclosure on Saturday. Video footage showed the gorilla dragging the boy through shallow
- () investigate the facts around the killing of Harambe the gorilla after a four-year-old boy fell into the ape's
- () second. She said: "As a society, we are quick to judge how a parent could take their eyes off their child."
- () that 300,000 people have signed to hold the boy's mother and the zoo accountable for Harambe's
- () gorilla to be sedated. They say this would have been too dangerous. There is now an online petition
- () Animal rights groups are very angry that the gorilla was shot and killed. They say zookeepers should have used a tranquilizer
- (**1**) Police in the US state of Ohio are going to look into the shooting of a 17-year-old gorilla at Cincinnati Zoo. They will
- () decision to shoot the gorilla because they feared for the boy's life.
- () death. Many people say the mother should have looked after her son better to stop him from
- () gun on the animal to put it to sleep. Zookeepers say it would have taken too long for the 200kg
- () falling into the gorilla's area. The mother said no parent in the world can watch their children every
- () becoming upset by the noise from the crowds of people looking at the event. Zookeepers made a

PUT THE WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER

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1. four A enclosure ape's the into fell boy old - year - .
2. footage Video boy the dragging gorilla the showed .
3. zoo said they were worried Some people who were at the .
4. child Other people said the gorilla was trying to protect the .
5. shoot to decision a made Zookeepers gorilla the .
6. rights groups are very angry that the gorilla was shot Animal .
7. online 300,000 people An that signed petition have .
8. The after mother her should son have better looked .
9. watch their children every second No parent in the world can .
10. As are a quick society to , judge we .

CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD (20 PAIRS)

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1606/160602-harambe.html>

Police in the US *state / states* of Ohio are going to look into the *shot / shooting* of a 17-year-old gorilla at Cincinnati Zoo. They will investigate the *facts / factual* around the killing of Harambe the gorilla after a four-year-old boy *fallen / fell* into the ape's enclosure on Saturday. Video *footing / footage* showed the gorilla *drugging / dragging* the boy through shallow water in his cage for *up / down* to ten minutes. Some people who were at the zoo said they were worried about the little boy's *safe / safety*. Other people said the gorilla was trying to *protect / protection* the child and that the animal was becoming upset by the noise from the crowds of people looking at the event. Zookeepers made a decision to shoot the gorilla because they *feared / fearing* for the boy's life.

Animal rights groups are very *angrily / angry* that the gorilla was shot and killed. They say zookeepers should have *used / using* a tranquilizer gun on the animal to *put / pet* it to sleep. Zookeepers say it would have *took / taken* too long for the 200kg gorilla to be *sedated / sedative*. They say this would have been too *dangerous / danger*. There is now an online petition that 300,000 people have *signed / singed* to hold the boy's mother and the zoo accountable for Harambe's death. Many people say the mother should have *looked / looking* after her son better to stop him from falling into the gorilla's area. The mother said no parent *on / in* the world can watch their children every second. She said: "As a society, we are quick to judge how a parent could take their eyes *on / off* their child."

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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P_l_c_ _n th_ _S st_t_ _f _h_ _r_ g_ _ng t_ l_ _k _nt_ th_ sh_ t_ng _f _ 17-y_ _r _ld g_r_ll_ _t C_nc_nn_t_ Z_ . Th_y w_ll _nv_st_g_t_ th_ f_cts _r_ _nd th_ k_ll_ng _f H_r_mb_ th_ g_r_ll_ _ft_r_ _f_r-y_ _r-ld b_y f_ll _nt_ th_ _p_'s _ncl_s_r_ _n S_t_rdy. V_d_ _f_t_g_ sh_w_d th_ g_r_ll_ dr_gg_ng th_ b_y thr_gh sh_ll_w w_t_r _n h_s c_g_ f_r _p_t_ t_n m_n_t_s. S_m_ p__pl_ wh_ w_r_ _t th_ z_ _s_ _d th_y w_r_ w_rr_d _b_ _t th_ lttl_ b_y's s_f_ty. _th_r p__pl_ s_ _d th_ g_r_ll_ w_s try_ng t_ pr_t_ct th_ ch_ld _nd th_t th_ _n_m_l w_s b_c_m_ng _ps_t by th_ n_ _s_ fr_m th_ cr_wds _f p__pl_ l_k_ng _t th_ _v_nt. Z_k_p_rs m_d_ _d c_s_ _n t_ sh_ _t th_ g_r_ll_ b_c_ _s_ th_y f_ _r_d f_r th_ b_y's l_f_ .

_n_m_l r_ghts gr__ps _r_ v_ry _ngry th_t th_ g_r_ll_ w_s sh_t _nd k_ll_d. Th_y s_y z_k_p_rs sh__ld h_v_ _s_d _tr_nq_l_z_r g_n _n th_ _n_m_l t_ p_t_t_t_ sl_p. Z_k_p_rs s_y _t w__ld h_v_ t_k_n t_ l_ng f_r th_ 200kg g_r_ll_ t_ b_ s_d_t_d. Th_y s_y th_s w__ld h_v_ b__n t_ _d_ng_r_s. Th_r_ _s_n_w _n _nl_n_ p_t_t_n th_t 300,000 p__pl_ h_v_ s_gn_d t_ h_ld th_ b_y's m_th_r _nd th_ z_ _cc_nt bl_ f_r H_r_mb_'s d__th. M_ny p__pl_ s_y th_ m_th_r sh__ld h_v_ l_k_d _ft_r h_r_s_n b_tt_r t_ st_p h_m fr_m f_ll_ng _nt_ th_ g_r_ll_'s _r_ . Th_ m_th_r s_ _d n_ p_r_nt _n th_ w_rld c_n w_tch th_ _r ch_ldr_n _v_ry s_c_nd. Sh_ s_ _d: " _s_ _s_c__ty, w_ _r_ q__ck t_ j_dg_ h_w _p_r_nt c__ld t_k_ th_ _r _y_s _ff th_ _r ch_ld." "

PUNCTUATE THE TEXT AND ADD CAPITALS

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PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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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 gorillas. Share what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

3. ZOOS: Make a poster about how good or bad zoos are for animals. Show your work to your classmates in the next lesson. Did you all have similar things?

4. HARAMBE: Write a magazine article about the shooting of Harambe the gorilla. Include imaginary interviews with people who are for and against it.

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 gorillas. Ask him/her three questions about Harambe's killing. Give him/her three of your ideas on what else could have been done. Read your letter to your partner(s) in your next lesson. Your partner(s) will answer your questions.

ANSWERS

TRUE / FALSE (p.4)

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

SYNONYM MATCH (p.4)

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|----------------|----------------|
| 1. look into | a. investigate |
| 2. enclosure | b. area |
| 3. dragging | c. pulling |
| 4. protect | d. safeguard |
| 5. upset | e. frightened |
| 6. angry | f. furious |
| 7. sedated | g. drugged |
| 8. dangerous | h. risky |
| 9. accountable | i. responsible |
| 10. judge | j. criticise |

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (p.8)

- 17 years old
- 4 years old
- 10 minutes
- The crowds of people
- Zookeepers
- Animal rights groups
- 200kg
- An online petition
- Looked after her son
- Society

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ (p.9)

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

ALL OTHER EXERCISES

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