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Level 1 – 29th January, 2019

Crocodiles moved from world's tallest statue

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<https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1901/190129-statue-of-unity-1.html>

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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/1901/190129-statue-of-unity-1.html>

Over 300 crocodiles in India are being moved because they are too near a tourist sight. Officials say the crocs could be a danger to tourists near the Statue of Unity. The statue opened last October. It is the tallest statue in the world. Officials want the crocodiles moved so seaplanes can land on a reservoir, where the crocs live. They could attack tourists. Some of the crocs are over three meters long. They are going to a new home in another part of India.

Animal lovers are angry. One said: "The government is...putting their lives at risk. [It] hasn't thought...where it will release the...crocodiles safely." An environmental magazine editor said the idea to move the crocodiles was crazy. An Indian journalist and activist said moving the crocodiles could break India's wildlife protection laws. Another official said they had to move the crocodiles for "security reasons".

Sources: <https://www.bbc.com/news/world-asia-india-47010656>
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PHRASE MATCHING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1901/190129-statue-of-unity-1.html>

PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|--------------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. they are too | a. a new home |
| 2. the crocs could be a danger | b. statue in the world |
| 3. It is the tallest | c. attack tourists |
| 4. seaplanes can land | d. of India |
| 5. They could | e. to tourists |
| 6. the crocs are over | f. on a reservoir |
| 7. They are going to | g. near a tourist sight |
| 8. in another part | h. three meters long |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|------------------------------------|------------------------|
| 1. Animal lovers are | a. move the crocodiles |
| 2. it will release the crocodiles | b. was crazy |
| 3. magazine | c. safely |
| 4. the idea to move the crocodiles | d. reasons |
| 5. An Indian journalist | e. protection laws |
| 6. break India's wildlife | f. editor |
| 7. they had to | g. and activist |
| 8. for security | h. angry |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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Over 300 crocodiles in India (1) _____ because they are too (2) _____ sight. Officials say the crocs could be a (3) _____ near the Statue of Unity. The statue opened last October. It is the tallest statue in the world. Officials (4) _____ moved so seaplanes can land on a reservoir, where the crocs live. They could attack tourists. Some of the crocs (5) _____ meters long. They are going to a new home (6) _____ of India.

Animal (7) _____. One said: "The government is...putting their (8) _____. [It] hasn't thought...where (9) _____ the...crocodiles safely." An environmental magazine editor said the (10) _____ the crocodiles was crazy. An Indian journalist (11) _____ moving the crocodiles could break India's wildlife protection laws. Another official said they had (12) _____ crocodiles for "security reasons".

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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CROCODILES SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1901/190129-statue-of-unity-4.html>

Write five GOOD questions about crocodiles 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) _____

