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**Level 2** – 29th January, 2019

## Crocodiles moved from world's tallest statue

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Please try Levels 0, 1 and 3. They are (a little) harder.

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# THE READING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1901/190129-statue-of-unity-2.html>

Workers in India are moving 300 crocodiles because they are too near a new tourist sight. Officials in India's state of Gujarat say the crocs could be a danger to tourists visiting the Statue of Unity. The statue opened last October. It is 182m high and is the tallest statue in the world. It is next to a reservoir. Tourism officials want the giant reptiles moved so tourist seaplanes can land on the reservoir. If the crocodiles stayed, they could attack tourists. Officials are using cages to catch the animals. Some of the crocs are over 3m long. They are going to a new home in another part of Gujarat.

Animal lovers are angry the crocodiles are moving. One said: "The government is disturbing their habitat and putting their lives at risk. [It] hasn't thought out where it will release the captured crocodiles safely." The editor of an environmental magazine, Bittu Sahgal, said the idea to move the crocodiles was crazy. He asked if people had lost their minds. An Indian journalist and activist, Pritish Nandy, said moving the crocodiles could break India's wildlife protection laws. Another official said the crocodiles had to go for "security reasons".

Sources: <https://www.bbc.com/news/world-asia-india-47010656>  
<https://edition.cnn.com/travel/article/crocodiles-removed-worlds-tallest-statue-india-scli-intl/index.html>  
<https://news.sky.com/story/300-crocodiles-relocated-to-protect-tourists-at-worlds-tallest-statue-11618604>

# PHRASE MATCHING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1901/190129-statue-of-unity-2.html>

## PARAGRAPH ONE:

- |                               |                         |
|-------------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. they are too               | a. the crocs live       |
| 2. the crocs could be a       | b. a new home           |
| 3. The statue                 | c. danger to tourists   |
| 4. the tallest statue         | d. part of India        |
| 5. land on a reservoir, where | e. in the world         |
| 6. Some of the crocs are over | f. near a tourist sight |
| 7. They are going to          | g. three meters long    |
| 8. in another                 | h. opened last October  |

## PARAGRAPH TWO:

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

# LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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Animal (7) \_\_\_\_\_ the crocodiles are moving. One said: "The government (8) \_\_\_\_\_ habitat and putting their lives at risk. [It] hasn't (9) \_\_\_\_\_ it will release the captured crocodiles safely." The editor of an environmental magazine, Bittu Sahgal, (10) \_\_\_\_\_ to move the crocodiles was crazy. He asked if people had lost their minds. An Indian (11) \_\_\_\_\_, Prithi Nandy, said moving the crocodiles could break India's wildlife protection laws. Another official said the crocodiles had to go (12) \_\_\_\_\_.

# 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) \_\_\_\_\_

# WRITING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1901/190129-statue-of-unity-2.html>

Write about **crocodiles** for 10 minutes. Read and talk about your partner's paper.

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