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# Level 5 – 31st August, 2019

# Beekeeper says bears prefer premium honey

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Please try Levels 4 and 6. They are (a little) harder.





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# THE READING

From https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1908/190831-premium-honey-5.html

A beekeeper in Turkey made a discovery thanks to a group of honey-stealing bears. The beekeeper lives in the Black Sea coastal town of Trabzon, northeast of Ankara. For many years, he has tried to prevent bears from stealing the honey his bees make. He has discovered that the bears particularly like the best quality, most expensive honey. He struggled to keep the bears and their sweet teeth away from his beehives. His metal cages and protective storage houses did not stop them. He also tried to use apples and other fruit as a decoy but that didn't work.

The beekeeper told reporters that the bears cost him \$10,000 in three years. He set up cameras to find out more about their tastes. He put out four bowls to entice the bears. Three bowls contained different types of honey and one had cherry jam. Time after time, the bears chose the most expensive honey. They continually ate the premium Anzer honey. This is the most expensive in the world. It is produced from the nectar of 90 flowers that only grow in the mountains. It has many medicinal and curative powers. Despite his financial losses, the beekeeper said he now loves the bears.

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# **PHRASE MATCHING**

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#### **PARAGRAPH ONE:**

- 1. A beekeeper in Turkey made a
- a group of honey-2.
- the Black Sea coastal 3.
- 4. prevent bears
- 5. the bears particularly like
- He struggled to keep 6.
- 7. metal
- 8. use apples and other fruit as

#### **PARAGRAPH TWO:**

1. find out more about their a. 2. Time after 3. They continually ate the premium C. It is produced from 4. d. time 5. flowers that only grow losses e. 6. It has many medicinal and the nectar f. 7. Despite his financial tastes g. 8. he now

- a. the best quality
- b. town of Trabzon
- c. cages
- a decoy d.
- the bears e.
- from stealing f.
- discovery q.
- h. stealing bears

- in the mountains
- b. Anzer honey
- loves the bears

h. curative powers

# LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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# PUT A SLASH ( / )WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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# **PREMIUM HONEY SURVEY**

From https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1908/190831-premium-honey-4.html

Write five GOOD questions about premium honey 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/1908/190831-premium-honey-5.html

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