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Russian eagle creates huge data roaming phone bill

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Please try Levels 0, 2 and 3. They are (a little) harder.

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THE READING

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A telephone bill shocked scientists in Russia. It was bigger than they thought. This was because the eagle they were following in their research flew outside Russia. The eagle was using SMS. When the eagle flew across Asia, its SMS transmitters used the Internet of other countries. The scientists had to pay the data roaming charges of these Internet companies. The research team ran out of money because the eagle flew to Iran and Pakistan.

The team started an Internet page to raise money for the bill. It was called "Top up the eagle's mobile". Bird lovers gave \$1,600 to help pay the bill. Russia's mobile phone operator heard about the problem. It cancelled the debt and put the team on a cheaper package. A Kazakhstan SMS cost 30 US cents; one from Iran cost the team 50 cents. A scientist wants the eagle to keep sending SMS data. This will help his project and protect all eagles.

Sources: <https://www.bbc.com/news/world-europe-50180781>
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PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|-------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. A telephone bill | a. Asia |
| 2. It was bigger than | b. pay |
| 3. When the eagle flew across | c. to Iran |
| 4. used the Internet | d. shocked scientists |
| 5. The scientists had to | e. out of money |
| 6. data roaming | f. of other countries |
| 7. The research team ran | g. they thought |
| 8. the eagle flew | h. charges |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|---------------------------|---------------------|
| 1. raise money | a. data |
| 2. Russia's mobile phone | b. debt |
| 3. It cancelled the | c. eagles |
| 4. on a cheaper | d. operator |
| 5. one from Iran cost the | e. for the bill |
| 6. keep sending SMS | f. help his project |
| 7. This will | g. team 50 cents |
| 8. protect all | h. package |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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A telephone (1) _____ in Russia. It was bigger than they thought. This (2) _____ eagle they were following in their (3) _____ Russia. The eagle was using SMS. When the eagle flew across Asia, its SMS transmitters used the Internet (4) _____. The scientists had to pay the data roaming (5) _____ Internet companies. The research team ran out of money because the (6) _____ Iran and Pakistan.

The (7) _____ Internet page to raise money for the bill. It was called "(8) _____ eagle's mobile". Bird lovers gave \$1,600 to help (9) _____. Russia's mobile phone operator heard about the problem. It cancelled (10) _____ put the team on a cheaper package. A Kazakhstan SMS cost 30 US cents; one from Iran cost the team 50 cents. A scientist wants the eagle (11) _____ SMS data. This will help his (12) _____ all eagles.

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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SMS SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about SMS 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

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