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Level 1 – 3rd May, 2020

Aquarium asks people to video-call lonely eels

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<https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2005/200503-aquarium-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/2005/200503-aquarium-1.html>

An aquarium is asking people to help its lonely eels. The aquarium is in Tokyo and has many garden eels. They are usually very shy. They go into their holes in the sand when someone is there. The eels are used to seeing visitors and stay above their holes. Staff are worried the eels are getting lonely. The eels may forget what humans look like. The aquarium wants people to make video calls to the eels. There are special tablets in front of the eel tanks.

No visitors means the eels became very shy. They could get stressed when people visit again. It is difficult for staff to check on the eels' health because they are staying in their holes. The aquarium tweeted: "They aren't seeing humans so they are forgetting about us....Could you show your face to our garden eels from your home?" The staff want eels to know that "humans are friendly". The aquarium has a three-day "face-showing festival".

Sources: <https://news.sky.com/story/coronavirus-tokyo-aquarium-appeals-for-people-to-video-call-the-eels-11981772>
<https://metro.co.uk/2020/05/01/eels-seek-one-one-camchats-good-times-humans-12638678/>
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PHRASE MATCHING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2005/200503-aquarium-1.html>

PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|-----------------------------|-------------------|
| 1. An aquarium is asking | a. shy |
| 2. They are usually very | b. to the eels |
| 3. They go into their holes | c. holes |
| 4. stay above their | d. tanks |
| 5. worried the eels are | e. people to help |
| 6. forget what humans | f. in the sand |
| 7. make video calls | g. look like |
| 8. in front of the eel | h. getting lonely |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|---------------------------|---------------------|
| 1. check on the eels' | a. our garden eels |
| 2. they are staying | b. friendly |
| 3. They aren't seeing | c. in their holes |
| 4. they are forgetting | d. showing festival |
| 5. show your face to | e. humans |
| 6. The staff want eels to | f. health |
| 7. humans are | g. know that |
| 8. a three-day face- | h. about us |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2005/200503-aquarium-1.html>

An (1) _____ people to help its lonely eels. The aquarium is in Tokyo and (2) _____ eels. They are usually very shy. They go into their holes (3) _____ when someone is there. The eels are used to seeing visitors and stay above their holes. Staff are worried the eels (4) _____. The eels may forget what humans look like. The aquarium wants people to (5) _____ to the eels. There are special tablets in front of (6) _____.

No visitors means the eels (7) _____. They could get stressed when (8) _____. It is difficult for staff to check on (9) _____ because they are staying in their holes. The aquarium tweeted: "They aren't seeing humans so they (10) _____ us....Could you show your face to our garden eels from your home?" The staff want eels to know that "(11) _____". The aquarium has a three-day "(12) _____".

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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AQUARIUMS SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2005/200503-aquarium-4.html>

Write five GOOD questions about aquariums 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) _____

