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## Giant hornets reach North America

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# THE ARTICLE

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2005/200507-asian-giant-hornet.html>

There are some scary insects in this world. Few of them are as scary and as venomous as the Asian giant hornet. These fearsome creatures are common in Japan and Korea but are now moving across the Pacific Ocean to the USA and Canada. The hornets kill around 40 people a year in Japan. They also destroy and wipe out colonies of honeybees. A hornet attack can leave piles of dead bees, most of them headless, in their beehive. A few dozen hornets can kill an entire colony of 30,000 bees in a few hours. Authorities in Washington State on the west coast of the USA have warned people to look out for the hornets. Beekeepers are now worried about their beehives.

The hornets are big. They measure about five centimeters in length. They also look scary. Washington bee breeder Susan Cobey said: "They're like something out of a monster cartoon with this huge yellow-orange face." The sting of the hornet is extremely painful. A Vancouver beekeeper described the pain. He said: "It was like having red-hot thumbtacks driven into my flesh." He said the sting was "excruciating". The hornet's stinger is half a centimeter long. It can get through the protective clothing beekeepers wear. Another beekeeper said: "They give a warning before they sting. They snap their jaws and make a clicking sound. But if you stick around to notice that, you're probably already in a world of hurt."

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# WARM-UPS

**1. HORNETS:** Students walk around the class and talk to other students about hornets. Change partners often and share your findings.

**2. CHAT:** In pairs / groups, talk about these topics or words from the article. What will the article say about them? What can you say about these words and your life?

scary / insects / venomous / creatures / colonies / beehive / colony / west coast / length / monster / cartoon / painful / flesh / sting / clothing / warning / jaws / hurt

Have a chat about the topics you liked. Change topics and partners frequently.

**3. NON-NATIVE:** Students A **strongly** believe countries should kill insects that are non-native to that country; Students B **strongly** believe this would be terrible. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.

**4. USEFUL INSECTS:** How useful are these insects? Why? Complete this table with your partner(s). Change partners often and share what you wrote.

	Usefulness	Why?
Honeybees		
Spiders		
Ants		
Butterflies		
Earthworms		
Ladybirds		

**5. PACIFIC:** Spend one minute writing down all of the different words you associate with the word "Pacific". Share your words with your partner(s) and talk about them. Together, put the words into different categories.

**6. SCARIEST:** Rank these with your partner. Put the scariest insects at the top at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

- hornets
- centipedes
- cockroaches
- mosquitos
- fire ants
- tarantulas
- bed bugs
- killer bees

# VOCABULARY MATCHING

## Paragraph 1

- |             |  |
|-------------|--|
| 1. scary    | a. With no part left out; whole.   |
| 2. venomous | b. An animal, but not a human being.   |
| 3. creature | c. Put an end to something by damaging or attacking it.                              |
| 4. common   | d. Frightening; causing fear.  |
| 5. destroy  | e. A large group of animals or insects of one kind living close together.            |
| 6. colony   | f. Poisonous, especially when an insect, snake or sea creatures stings or bites you. |
| 7. entire   | g. Happening, found, or done often.  |

## Paragraph 2

- |                |  |
|----------------|--|
| 8. measure     | h. Very, very, very.   |
| 9. huge        | i. The soft muscle and fat that is found between the skin and bones of an animal or a human. |
| 10. sting      | j. The upper and lower bones that form the mouth and contain the teeth.                      |
| 11. extremely  | k. Very, very big.   |
| 12. flesh      | l. Being able to keep someone or something safe.   |
| 13. protective | m. A sharp, burning pain after an insect (like a bee) bites you or puts venom inside you.    |
| 14. jaws       | n. Find out the size, length, weight, etc. of something.                                     |

# BEFORE READING / LISTENING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2005/200507-asian-giant-hornet.html>

**1. TRUE / FALSE:** Read the headline. Guess if a-h below are true (T) or false (F).

- a. The article said the Asian giant hornet is the world's scariest insect. **T / F**
- b. The article said the hornets are moving across the Atlantic Ocean. **T / F**
- c. The article said honeybees are headless after a hornet attack. **T / F**
- d. A few dozen hornets can kill 30,000 bees in a few hours. **T / F**
- e. Asian giant hornets can be up to five centimetres long. **T / F**
- f. A bee breeder said the hornets are now part of a monster cartoon series. **T / F**
- g. A hornet's stinger can go through a beekeeper's protective clothing. **T / F**
- h. The hornets make a clicking sound with their jaws before they sting. **T / F**

**2. SYNONYM MATCH:** (The words in **bold** are from the news article.)

- |                       |                |
|-----------------------|----------------|
| <b>1. scary</b>       | a. pain        |
| <b>2. venomous</b>    | b. whole       |
| <b>3. entire</b>      | c. officials   |
| <b>4. authorities</b> | d. comic strip |
| <b>5. worried</b>     | e. very        |
| <b>6. cartoon</b>     | f. frightening |
| <b>7. extremely</b>   | g. concerned   |
| <b>8. driven</b>      | h. safety      |
| <b>9. protective</b>  | i. poisonous   |
| <b>10. hurt</b>       | j. forced      |

**3. PHRASE MATCH:** (Sometimes more than one choice is possible.)

- |   |                       |
|---|-----------------------|
| 1. Few of them are as scary                   | a. in length          |
| 2. These fearsome creatures are               | b. piles of dead bees |
| 3. wipe out colonies                          | c. clicking sound     |
| 4. A hornet attack can leave                  | d. of honeybees       |
| 5. on the west                                | e. painful            |
| 6. They measure about five centimeters        | f. common in Japan    |
| 7. They're like something out of a            | g. beekeepers wear    |
| 8. The sting of the hornet is extremely       | h. coast of the USA   |
| 9. It can get through the protective clothing | i. monster cartoon    |
| 10. They snap their jaws and make a           | j. and as venomous    |

# GAP FILL

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2005/200507-asian-giant-hornet.html>

There are some scary (1) \_\_\_\_\_ in this world. Few of them are as scary and as (2) \_\_\_\_\_ as the Asian giant hornet. These fearsome creatures are (3) \_\_\_\_\_ in Japan and Korea but are now moving across the Pacific Ocean to the USA and Canada. The hornets kill around 40 people a year in Japan. They also (4) \_\_\_\_\_ and wipe out colonies of honeybees. A hornet (5) \_\_\_\_\_ can leave piles of dead bees, most of them headless, in their beehive. A few dozen hornets can kill an (6) \_\_\_\_\_ colony of 30,000 bees in a few hours. Authorities in Washington State on the west (7) \_\_\_\_\_ of the USA have warned people to look out for the hornets. Beekeepers are now (8) \_\_\_\_\_ about their beehives.

*venomous*  
*destroy*  
*worried*  
*entire*  
*common*  
*coast*  
*insects*  
*attack*

The hornets are big. They (9) \_\_\_\_\_ about five centimeters in length. They also look scary. Washington bee breeder Susan Cobey said: "They're like something out of a (10) \_\_\_\_\_ cartoon with this huge yellow-orange face." The sting of the hornet is (11) \_\_\_\_\_ painful. A Vancouver beekeeper described the pain. He said: "It was like having red-hot thumbtacks driven into my (12) \_\_\_\_\_." He said the sting was "excruciating". The hornet's stinger is half a centimeter long. It can get through the (13) \_\_\_\_\_ clothing beekeepers wear. Another beekeeper said: "They give a warning before they (14) \_\_\_\_\_. They snap their (15) \_\_\_\_\_ and make a clicking sound. But if you stick around to (16) \_\_\_\_\_ that, you're probably already in a world of hurt."

*flesh*  
*monster*  
*jaws*  
*notice*  
*measure*  
*protective*  
*extremely*  
*sting*

# LISTENING – Guess the answers. Listen to check.

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2005/200507-asian-giant-hornet.html>

- 1) some scary insects in this world. Few of them are as scary \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. and was venomous
  - b. and as venomous
  - c. and is venomous
  - d. and has venomous
- 2) These fearsome creatures are \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. commonly in Japan
  - b. commoner in Japan
  - c. common in Japan
  - d. commons in Japan
- 3) hornets kill around 40 people a year in Japan. They also destroy and \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. wipe out colonies
  - b. wipe outer colonies
  - c. wipe out colonise
  - d. wipe out colon ease
- 4) A hornet attack can leave piles of dead bees, most \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. of them heedless
  - b. of these headless
  - c. of these heedless
  - d. of them headless
- 5) Authorities in Washington State on the west \_\_\_\_\_ USA
  - a. coats off the
  - b. coaster the
  - c. coast of the
  - d. coast off the
- 6) The hornets are big. They measure about five \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. centimeter in length
  - b. centimeters on lengths
  - c. centimeters in length
  - d. centimeters in lengths
- 7) The sting of the hornet is \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. extremity painful
  - b. extreme lip painful
  - c. extreme lip aim full
  - d. extremely painful
- 8) It can get through the protective clothing \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. beekeeper wear
  - b. beekeepers wears
  - c. beekeepers wear
  - d. beekeeper wears
- 9) Another beekeeper said: "They give a warning \_\_\_\_\_"
  - a. before they sing
  - b. before them swing
  - c. before these sling
  - d. before they sting
- 10) They snap their jaws and make \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. a clicking sound
  - b. a click king sound
  - c. a click in sound
  - d. a click kin sound

# LISTENING – Listen and fill in the gaps

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# COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2005/200507-asian-giant-hornet.html>

1. What did the article say the hornets were besides scary and fearsome?
2. Where do the hornets kill around 40 people a year?
3. What shape are dead bees in after a hornet attack?
4. How many honeybees can a few dozen hornets kill in a few hours?
5. What are beekeepers now worried about?
6. How long are Asian giant hornets?
7. What colour is the face of the giant Asian hornet?
8. What did the article say was half a centimeter long?
9. What do hornets snap before they sting?
10. What world might you be in if you hear a hornet's warning?

# MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2005/200507-asian-giant-hornet.html>

- 1) What did the article say the hornets were besides scary and fearsome?
  - a) boring
  - b) colourful
  - c) cute
  - d) venomous
- 2) Where do the hornets kill around 40 people a year?
  - a) Australia
  - b) Japan
  - c) Thailand
  - d) Papua New Guinea
- 3) What shape are dead bees in after a hornet attack?
  - a) messy
  - b) triangular
  - c) square
  - d) headless
- 4) How many honeybees can a few dozen hornets kill in a few hours?
  - a) 33,000
  - b) 13,000
  - c) 30,000
  - d) 3,000
- 5) What are beekeepers now worried about?
  - a) a giant hornet invasion
  - b) honey
  - c) getting stung
  - d) their beehives
- 6) How long are Asian giant hornets?
  - a) 5mm
  - b) 15cm
  - c) 5cm
  - d) 50cm
- 7) What colour is the face of the giant Asian hornet?
  - a) yellow-orange
  - b) greeny-blue
  - c) yellowy-brown
  - d) pinkish
- 8) What did the article say was half a centimeter long?
  - a) the hornet's wings
  - b) the hornet's head
  - c) the hornet's stinger
  - d) the hornets eyes
- 9) What do hornets snap before they sting?
  - a) their wings
  - b) their jaws
  - c) their legs
  - d) their eyelids
- 10) What world might you be in if you hear a hornet's warning?
  - a) a world of hurt
  - b) another world
  - c) their own world
  - d) this world

# ROLE PLAY

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## **Role A – Hornets**

You think hornets are the worst insects. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their insects aren't as bad. Also, tell the others which is the least scary of these (and why): centipedes, tarantulas or bed bugs.

## **Role B – Centipedes**

You think centipedes are the worst insects. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their insects aren't as bad. Also, tell the others which is the least scary of these (and why): hornets, tarantulas or bed bugs.

## **Role C – Tarantulas**

You think tarantulas are the worst insects. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their insects aren't as bad. Also, tell the others which is the least scary of these (and why): centipedes, hornets or bed bugs.

## **Role D – Bed Bugs**

You think bed bugs are the worst insects. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their insects aren't as bad. Also, tell the others which is the least scary of these (and why): centipedes, tarantulas or hornets.

# AFTER READING / LISTENING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2005/200507-asian-giant-hornet.html>

**1. WORD SEARCH:** Look in your dictionary / computer to find collocates, other meanings, information, synonyms ... for the words 'hornet' and 'insect'.

hornet	insect

- Share your findings with your partners.
- Make questions using the words you found.
- Ask your partner / group your questions.

**2. ARTICLE QUESTIONS:** Look back at the article and write down some questions you would like to ask the class about the text.

- Share your questions with other classmates / groups.
- Ask your partner / group your questions.

**3. GAP FILL:** In pairs / groups, compare your answers to this exercise. Check your answers. Talk about the words from the activity. Were they new, interesting, worth learning...?

**4. VOCABULARY:** Circle any words you do not understand. In groups, pool unknown words and use dictionaries to find their meanings.

**5. TEST EACH OTHER:** Look at the words below. With your partner, try to recall how they were used in the text:

<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• some</li><li>• creatures</li><li>• moving</li><li>• wipe</li><li>• entire</li><li>• hours</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• measure</li><li>• cartoon</li><li>• extremely</li><li>• driven</li><li>• wear</li><li>• notice</li></ul>
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# HORNETS SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2005/200507-asian-giant-hornet.html>

Write five GOOD questions about hornets 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.

# HORNETS DISCUSSION

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

1. What did you think when you read the headline?
2. What images are in your mind when you hear the word 'giant'?
3. What do you know about hornets?
4. What do you think about insects?
5. What is your favourite insect?
6. Why are people afraid of insects?
7. What would you do if you saw an Asian giant hornet?
8. Why are honeybees so useful?
9. What are the differences between hornets and bees?
10. What is the world's scariest insect?

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# HORNETS DISCUSSION

STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

11. Did you like reading this article? Why/not?
12. What do you think of when you hear the word 'insect'?
13. What do you think about what you read?
14. Would you kill a hornet if you saw one?
15. Have you ever been stung by an insect?
16. What is the most pain you've been in?
17. What three adjectives best describe this story?
18. What advice do you have for the beekeepers?
19. How do you deal with pain?
20. What questions would you like to ask beekeepers?

## **DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)**

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_
5. \_\_\_\_\_
6. \_\_\_\_\_

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## **DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)**

STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_
5. \_\_\_\_\_
6. \_\_\_\_\_

# LANGUAGE - CLOZE

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2005/200507-asian-giant-hornet.html>

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The hornets are big. They measure about five centimeters (7) \_\_\_\_\_ length. They also look scary. Washington bee breeder Susan Cobey said: "They're like something out of a monster cartoon with this (8) \_\_\_\_\_ yellow-orange face." The sting of the hornet is extremely painful. A Vancouver beekeeper described the pain. He said: "It was like having red-hot thumbtacks (9) \_\_\_\_\_ into my flesh." He said the sting was "excruciating". The hornet's stinger is half a centimeter long. It can get through the protective clothing beekeepers (10) \_\_\_\_\_. Another beekeeper said: "They give a warning before they sting. They (11) \_\_\_\_\_ their jaws and make a clicking sound. But if you stick around to notice that, you're probably already in a world of (12) \_\_\_\_\_."

**Put the correct words from the table below in the above article.**

- |     |            |            |            |              |
|-----|------------|------------|------------|--------------|
| 1.  | (a) at     | (b) in     | (c) to     | (d) by       |
| 2.  | (a) fare   | (b) fears  | (c) fear   | (d) fearsome |
| 3.  | (a) whip   | (b) wipe   | (c) wisp   | (d) wasp     |
| 4.  | (a) tops   | (b) pills  | (c) piles  | (d) caps     |
| 5.  | (a) entire | (b) whole  | (c) all    | (d) every    |
| 6.  | (a) out    | (b) in     | (c) up     | (d) at       |
| 7.  | (a) to     | (b) of     | (c) at     | (d) in       |
| 8.  | (a) huge   | (b) scour  | (c) last   | (d) watch    |
| 9.  | (a) cycled | (b) driven | (c) walked | (d) sailed   |
| 10. | (a) clothe | (b) dress  | (c) wear   | (d) put      |
| 11. | (a) behind | (b) up     | (c) snap   | (d) contact  |
| 12. | (a) ached  | (b) hurt   | (c) sore   | (d) numb     |



# SPELLING

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## Paragraph 1

1. ysrac insects
2. as ousvmone as the Asian giant hornet
3. fearsome rectauesr are common
4. A hornet tcaakt
5. kill an rtneie colony of 30,000 bees
6. on the west sotac of the USA

## Paragraph 2

7. They sameeru about five centimeters
8. elmryetx painful
9. driven into my sfhle
10. iroevctpte clothing
11. They snap their sawj
12. if you stick around to ctoeni that

# PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2005/200507-asian-giant-hornet.html>

**Number these lines in the correct order.**

- ( ) The hornets are big. They measure about five centimeters in length. They also look scary. Washington bee
- ( ) an entire colony of 30,000 bees in a few hours. Authorities in Washington State on the west coast of the USA have warned
- ( ) across the Pacific Ocean to the USA and Canada. The hornets kill around 40 people
- ( ) pain. He said: "It was like having red-hot thumbtacks driven into my flesh." He said the sting was "excruciating". The hornet's stinger is half
- ( **1** ) There are some scary insects in this world. Few of them are as scary and as venomous
- ( ) beekeeper said: "They give a warning before they sting. They snap their jaws and make a clicking
- ( ) as the Asian giant hornet. These fearsome creatures are common in Japan and Korea but are now moving
- ( ) sound. But if you stick around to notice that, you're probably already in a world of hurt."
- ( ) of dead bees, most of them headless, in their beehive. A few dozen hornets can kill
- ( ) a year in Japan. They also destroy and wipe out colonies of honeybees. A hornet attack can leave piles
- ( ) people to look out for the hornets. Beekeepers are now worried about their beehives.
- ( ) a centimeter long. It can get through the protective clothing beekeepers wear. Another
- ( ) face." The sting of the hornet is extremely painful. A Vancouver beekeeper described the
- ( ) breeder Susan Cobey said: "They're like something out of a monster cartoon with this huge yellow-orange

# PUT THE WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2005/200507-asian-giant-hornet.html>

1. some world . this are insects There scary in
2. the as hornet . giant As Asian venomous
3. hornets The year . 40 kill people around a
4. colonies of Destroy honeybees . wipe out and
5. are Beekeepers worried beehives . now their about
6. five centimeters measure length . They about in
7. cartoon . out like monster They're something a of
8. flesh . red-hot my into driven thumbtacks having Like
9. protective beekeepers clothing through the wear . Get
10. a clicking sound . Snap make and jaws their

# CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD (20 PAIRS)

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2005/200507-asian-giant-hornet.html>

There are some *scary / scars* insects in this world. Few of them are as scary and as *venomous / venom* as the Asian giant hornet. These fearsome creatures are *common / commonly* in Japan and Korea but are *non / now* moving across the Pacific Ocean to the USA and Canada. The hornets kill around 40 people a year in Japan. They *also / addition* destroy and wipe out colonies *for / of* honeybees. A hornet attack can *stay / leave* piles of dead bees, most of them headless, in *their / them* beehive. A few dozen hornets can kill an entire colony of 30,000 bees *at / in* a few hours. Authorities in Washington State on the west coast of the USA have warned people to look *in / out* for the hornets. Beekeepers are now worried about their beehives.

The hornets are big. They *measurement / measure* about five centimeters in length. They also look scary. Washington bee *brooder / breeder* Susan Cobey said: "They're like something *out / in* of a monster cartoon with this huge yellow-orange face." The *string / sting* of the hornet is extremely *painless / painful*. A Vancouver beekeeper described the pain. He said: "It was like having red-hot thumbtacks *cycled / driven* into my flesh." He said the sting was "excruciating". The hornet's stinger is half *the / a* centimeter long. It can get through the *protective / protect* clothing beekeepers wear. Another beekeeper said: "They give a warning before they sting. They snap their jaws and make a clicking *hear / sound*. But if you stick around to notice that, you're probably already in a world of *hurt / hunt*."

**Talk about the connection between each pair of words in italics, and why the correct word is correct.**

# INSERT THE VOWELS (a, e, i, o, u)

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# PUNCTUATE THE TEXT AND ADD CAPITALS

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there are some scary insects in this world few of them are as scary and as venomous as the asian giant hornet these fearsome creatures are common in japan and korea but are now moving across the pacific ocean to the usa and canada the hornets kill around 40 people a year in japan they also destroy and wipe out colonies of honeybees a hornet attack can leave piles of dead bees most of them headless in their beehive a few dozen hornets can kill an entire colony of 30000 bees in a few hours authorities in washington state on the west coast of the usa have warned people to look out for the hornets beekeepers are now worried about their beehives

the hornets are big they measure about five centimeters in length they also look scary washington bee breeder susan cobey said theyre like something out of a monster cartoon with this huge yelloworange face the sting of the hornet is extremely painful a vancouver beekeeper described the pain he said it was like having redhot thumbtacks driven into my flesh he said the sting was excruciating the hornets stinger is half a centimeter long it can get through the protective clothing beekeepers wear another beekeeper said they give a warning before they sting they snap their jaws and make a clicking sound but if you stick around to notice that youre probably already in a world of hurt

# PUT A SLASH ( / ) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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# HOMEWORK

**1. VOCABULARY EXTENSION:** Choose several of the words from the text. Use a dictionary or Google's search field (or another search engine) to build up more associations / collocations of each word.

**2. INTERNET:** Search the Internet and find out more about this news story. Share what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

**3. HORNETS:** Make a poster about hornets. Show your work to your classmates in the next lesson. Did you all have similar things?

**4. HONEY BEES:** Write a magazine article about all communities keeping honeybees. Include imaginary interviews with people who are for and against this.

Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Write down any new words and expressions you hear from your partner(s).

**5. WHAT HAPPENED NEXT?** Write a newspaper article about the next stage in this news story. Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Give each other feedback on your articles.

**6. LETTER:** Write a letter to an expert on hornets. Ask him/her three questions about them. Give him/her three of your opinions on Asian giant hornets. Read your letter to your partner(s) in your next lesson. Your partner(s) will answer your questions.

# ANSWERS

## VOCABULARY (p.4)

1. d    2. f    3. b    4. g    5. c    6. e    7. a  
8. n    9. k    10. m    11. h    12. i    13. l    14. j

## TRUE / FALSE (p.5)

- a F    b F    c T    d T    e T    f F    g T    h T

## SYNONYM MATCH (p.5)

1. f	2. i	3. b	4. c	5. g
6. d	7. e	8. j	9. h	10. a

## COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (p.9)

1. Venomous
2. Japan
3. Headless
4. 30,000
5. Their beehives
6. Five centimetres
7. Yellow-orange
8. The hornet's stinger
9. Their jaws
10. A world of hurt

## WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER (p.20)

1. There are some scary insects in this world.
2. As venomous as the Asian giant hornet.
3. The hornets kill around 40 people a year.
4. Destroy and wipe out colonies of honeybees.
5. Beekeepers are now worried about their beehives.
6. They measure about five centimeters in length.
7. They're like something out of a monster cartoon.
8. Like having red-hot thumbtacks driven into my flesh.
9. Get through the protective clothing beekeepers wear.
10. Snap their jaws and make a clicking sound.

## MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ (p.10)

1. d    2. b    3. d    4. c    5. d    6. c    7. a    8. c    9. b    10. a

## ALL OTHER EXERCISES

Please check for yourself by looking at the Article on page 2.  
(It's good for your English ;-)