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Australia hotel bans emus for bad behaviour

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THE ARTICLE

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2008/200801-emu.html>

Two emus have been banned from entering a hotel in Australia's Outback. The emu is the world's second-largest living bird by height and is native to Australia. The two banned emus are siblings (brother and sister). The four-room Yaraka Hotel in the state of Queensland barred the giant birds because of bad behaviour. The birds are called Kevin and Carol. They were well known at the hotel for popping in for a few biscuits or a slice of toast. However, recently, the two birds have become a nuisance to the guests staying at the hotel. Co-owner Chris Gimblett has put rope across the stairs leading up to the hotel to keep the birds out. There is also a sign for guests saying: "Please let yourself through the emu barrier."

One of the reasons for the emu ban is that the birds have learned to climb the stairs. They have been wandering up to the hotel's bedrooms and shocking guests in the corridor. Mr Gimblett said: "Travellers have to be very cautious with the emus because they will poke their heads in...and drink all the coffee...and steal your toast. And if you have a barbecue, watch out because they'll take everything." He added: "You don't want to get between an emu and its food. They've got very sharp beaks and they're a bit like a vacuum cleaner where food is concerned." He warned: "Because they do eat so much food, their toiletry habits are very frequent.... imagine a sloppy bowl of porridge from a height of a metre."

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WARM-UPS

1. EMUS: Students walk around the class and talk to other students about emus. 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?

Outback / bird / height / giant / bad behaviour / biscuits / toast / nuisance / barrier / climb / stairs / bedrooms / corridor / barbecue / vacuum cleaner / habits / porridge

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

3. ANIMALS: Students A **strongly** believe animals should never be allowed in hotels; Students B **strongly** believe they should. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.

4. HOTELS: What can hotels do to improve? Why? Complete this table with your partner(s). Change partners often and share what you wrote.

	Improvements?	Why?
Pet policy		
Staff		
Reception		
Booking		
Rooms		
Services		

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

6. BIRDS: Rank these with your partner. Put the best bird at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

- emu
- parrot
- eagle
- hummingbird
- chicken
- swan
- pigeon
- owl

VOCABULARY MATCHING

Paragraph 1

- | | |
|------------------|--|
| 1. banned | a. Wrong, shocking or impolite actions towards others. |
| 2. native | b. A fence or other obstacle that stops movement or access. |
| 3. siblings | c. Officially or legally stopped from doing something. |
| 4. bad behaviour | d. Brother or sisters. |
| 5. popping | e. Belonging to a place or country. |
| 6. nuisance | f. Visiting somewhere for a short time. |
| 7. barrier | g. A person, thing, or situation causing inconvenience or annoyance. |

Paragraph 2

- | | |
|--------------|---|
| 8. wandering | h. A long passage in a building from which doors lead into rooms. |
| 9. corridor | i. Very careful to stay away from problems or dangers. |
| 10. cautious | j. Something someone or something does regularly and cannot stop doing. |
| 11. beak | k. Moving from place to place with no real plan of where to go. |
| 12. toiletry | l. Often. |
| 13. habit | m. Actions about going to the toilet. |
| 14. frequent | n. The hard coverings of a bird's mouth. |

BEFORE READING / LISTENING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2008/200801-emu.html>

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

- a. A hotel in Australia has stopped two emus from entering its premises. **T / F**
- b. The emus were brother and sister. **T / F**
- c. The birds were banned because of coronavirus fears. **T / F**
- d. The hotel has put a rope across the front stairs to keep the emus out. **T / F**
- e. The emus never got as far as the hotel's upstairs bedrooms. **T / F**
- f. The hotel owner said the emus stole slices of toast. **T / F**
- g. The article said emus have very sharp teeth. **T / F**
- h. The hotel warned about what happens when an emu goes to the toilet. **T / F**

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

- | | |
|----------------------|---------------|
| 1. banned | a. careful |
| 2. native | b. pest |
| 3. popping in | c. picture |
| 4. nuisance | d. walking |
| 5. barrier | e. indigenous |
| 6. wandering | f. little |
| 7. cautious | g. barred |
| 8. bit | h. regular |
| 9. frequent | i. visiting |
| 10. imagine | j. fence |

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

- | | |
|--|----------------------------|
| 1. the world's second-largest | a. the emu ban |
| 2. native to | b. (brother and sister) |
| 3. The two banned emus are siblings | c. beaks |
| 4. popping in | d. nuisance to the guests |
| 5. the two birds have become a | e. Australia |
| 6. One of the reasons for | f. to climb the stairs |
| 7. the birds have learned | g. to the hotel's bedrooms |
| 8. wandering up | h. living bird by height |
| 9. They've got very sharp | i. is concerned |
| 10. a bit like a vacuum cleaner where food | j. for a few biscuits |

GAP FILL

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2008/200801-emu.html>

Two emus have been (1) _____ from entering a hotel in Australia's Outback. The emu is the world's second-largest living bird by height and is (2) _____ to Australia. The two banned emus are (3) _____ (brother and sister). The four-room Yaraka Hotel in the state of Queensland barred the giant birds because of bad (4) _____. The birds are called Kevin and Carol. They were well known at the hotel for (5) _____ in for a few biscuits or a slice of toast. However, recently, the two birds have become a (6) _____ to the guests staying at the hotel. Co-owner Chris Gimblett has put rope across the stairs (7) _____ up to the hotel to keep the birds out. There is also a sign for guests saying: "Please let yourself through the emu (8) _____."

behaviour
leading
popping
native
banned
barrier
siblings
nuisance

One of the (9) _____ for the emu ban is that the birds have learned to climb the stairs. They have been (10) _____ up to the hotel's bedrooms and shocking guests in the (11) _____. Mr Gimblett said: "Travellers have to be very (12) _____ with the emus because they will poke their heads in...and drink all the coffee...and steal your toast. And if you have a (13) _____, watch out because they'll take everything." He added: "You don't want to get between an emu and its food. They've got very sharp (14) _____ and they're a bit like a vacuum cleaner where food is concerned." He warned: "Because they do eat so much food, their toiletry habits are very (15) _____.... imagine a sloppy bowl of porridge from a (16) _____ of a metre."

barbecue
corridor
height
reasons
frequent
cautious
wandering
beaks

LISTENING – Guess the answers. Listen to check.

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- 1) Two emus have been banned from entering a hotel _____.
 - a. in Australia's Outback
 - b. in Australia's Outlook
 - c. in Australia's Out-In
 - d. in Australia's back out
- 2) the world's second-largest living bird by height and _____ Australia.
 - a. is native to
 - b. is naive to
 - c. is nativity to
 - d. is neigh trip to
- 3) barred the giant birds because _____.
 - a. of bad behavioural
 - b. of bad behaviours
 - c. of bad behaviour
 - d. of bad behave your
- 4) popping in for a few biscuits or a _____.
 - a. slice off toast
 - b. slice of toast
 - c. slice oft toast
 - d. slice soft toast
- 5) a sign for guests saying: "Please let yourself through _____."
 - a. the emu bar ear
 - b. the emu Barry rear
 - c. the emu bar rear
 - d. the emu barrier
- 6) the reasons for the emu ban is that the birds have learned to _____.
 - a. climb the stair
 - b. climb the stairs
 - c. climbs the stairs
 - d. climbed the stairs
- 7) Mr Gimblett said: "Travellers have to _____.
 - a. be very cautiously
 - b. be very cautious
 - c. be very caution
 - d. be very cautions
- 8) get between an emu and its food. They've got _____.
 - a. very sharp beaks
 - b. very sharp breaks
 - c. very sharp bleaks
 - d. very sharp beats
- 9) they're a bit like a vacuum cleaner where _____.
 - a. food is concern
 - b. food is cornered
 - c. food is concerted
 - d. food is concerned
- 10) their toiletry habits are very frequent imagine a sloppy _____.
 - a. ball of porridge
 - b. bowl of porridge
 - c. bowel of porridge
 - d. bowls of porridge

LISTENING – Listen and fill in the gaps

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Two emus (1) _____ from entering a hotel in Australia's Outback. The emu is the world's second-largest (2) _____ height and is native to Australia. The two banned emus are siblings (brother and sister). The four-room Yaraka Hotel in (3) _____ Queensland barred the giant birds because of bad behaviour. The birds are called Kevin and Carol. They were (4) _____ the hotel for popping in for a few biscuits or a slice of toast. However, recently, the two birds have become (5) _____ the guests staying at the hotel. Co-owner Chris Gimblett has put rope across the stairs leading up to the hotel to keep the birds out. There is also (6) _____ guests saying: "Please let yourself through the emu barrier."

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COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2008/200801-emu.html>

1. How many emus were banned from an Australian hotel?
2. How were the emus related?
3. What are the birds' names?
4. What did the emus pop into the hotel for a slice of?
5. What did the hotel owner put across the stairs?
6. What did the emus learn to climb?
7. What did the article say the emus would drink?
8. What did the article compare an emu's eating habits to?
9. What did the hotel owner say about an emu's toiletry habits?
10. What did the hotel owner liken an emu's food waste to?

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2008/200801-emu.html>

- 1) How many emus were banned from an Australian hotel?
 - a) 2
 - b) 3
 - c) 5
 - d) 8
- 2) How were the emus related?
 - a) mother and daughter
 - b) cousins
 - c) brother and sister
 - d) husband and wife
- 3) What are the birds' names?
 - a) Big Bird and Birdy
 - b) Kevin and Carol
 - c) Bill and Ben
 - d) Sydney and Adelaide
- 4) What did the emus pop into the hotel for a slice of?
 - a) roast chicken
 - b) humble pie
 - c) apple pie
 - d) toast
- 5) What did the hotel owner put across the stairs?
 - a) rope
 - b) dogs
 - c) guards
 - d) oil
- 6) What did the emus learn to climb?
 - a) the social ladder
 - b) new heights
 - c) Uluru
 - d) the stairs
- 7) What did the article say the emus would drink?
 - a) beer
 - b) coffee
 - c) chocolate milkshakes
 - d) bathwater
- 8) What did the article compare an emu's eating habits to?
 - a) an elephant
 - b) a chicken
 - c) a hyena
 - d) a vacuum cleaner
- 9) What did the hotel owner say about an emu's toiletry habits?
 - a) they made him feel bad
 - b) they were unusual
 - c) they were frequent
 - d) they were disgusting
- 10) What did the hotel owner liken an emu's food waste to?
 - a) pig swill
 - b) sloppy porridge
 - c) a soggy pizza
 - d) an omelette gone wrong

ROLE PLAY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2008/200801-emu.html>

Role A – Emus

You think emus are the best birds. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their birds. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): pigeons, owls or chickens.

Role B – Pigeons

You think pigeons are the best birds. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their birds. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): emus, owls or chickens.

Role C – Owls

You think owls are the best birds. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their birds. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): pigeons, emus or chickens.

Role D – Chickens

You think chickens are the best birds. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their birds. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): pigeons, owls or emus.

AFTER READING / LISTENING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2008/200801-emu.html>

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

hotel	ban
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- 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">• entering• native• giant• slice• rope• barrier	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• climb• shocking• heads• beaks• frequent• bowl
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EMUS SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about emus 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.

EMUS 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 'emu'?
3. What do you know about emus?
4. Should emus be allowed in hotels?
5. Should any animals or birds be allowed in hotels?
6. What do you know about the world's largest bird?
7. Would you like to get close to an emu?
8. What would you do if you saw an emu outside your room?
9. What other birds are nuisances?
10. What do you know about Australia's Outback?

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EMUS 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 'hotel'?
13. What do you think about what you read?
14. What do you think of staying in hotels?
15. Would you let an emu steal your breakfast?
16. What is your favourite bird, and why?
17. Do you think an emu would be a good pet?
18. Do you know anyone who eats like a vacuum cleaner?
19. What does the last line of the article mean?
20. What questions would you like to ask the hotel owner?

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

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

- | | | | | |
|-----|-----------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| 1. | (a) enter | (b) entrance | (c) entering | (d) entrances |
| 2. | (a) native | (b) naive | (c) nativity | (d) naively |
| 3. | (a) barred | (b) jarred | (c) marred | (d) tarred |
| 4. | (a) known | (b) knowing | (c) knew | (d) knows |
| 5. | (a) swelling | (b) contagion | (c) creature | (d) nuisance |
| 6. | (a) heightening | (b) ascending | (c) scaling | (d) leading |
| 7. | (a) reasons | (b) reasoned | (c) reasoning | (d) reason |
| 8. | (a) shacking | (b) shackling | (c) shaking | (d) shocking |
| 9. | (a) with | (b) by | (c) of | (d) as |
| 10. | (a) eyes | (b) beaks | (c) tongue | (d) hearts |
| 11. | (a) toiletries | (b) toiletry | (c) toileted | (d) toilets |
| 12. | (a) height | (b) high | (c) heighten | (d) higher |

SPELLING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2008/200801-emu.html>

Paragraph 1

1. the world's second-largest living bird by iehgth
2. vatein to Australia
3. The two banned emus are gilnbssi (brother and sister)
4. barred the giant birds because of bad rhavoeubi
5. the two birds have become a insecnau
6. let yourself through the emu erbrria

Paragraph 2

7. irndeagwn up to the hotel's bedrooms
8. shocking guests in the rcodiror
9. Travellers have to be very cuatoisu
10. if you have a racuebeb
11. like a uavumc cleaner
12. their toiletry habits are very nueeqtfr

PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2008/200801-emu.html>

Number these lines in the correct order.

- () to the guests staying at the hotel. Co-owner Chris Gimblett has put rope across the stairs leading
- () heads in...and drink all the coffee...and steal your toast. And if you have a barbecue, watch
- () birds because of bad behaviour. The birds are called Kevin and Carol. They were well known at the hotel for popping
- () largest living bird by height and is native to Australia. The two banned emus are siblings
- () up to the hotel to keep the birds out. There is also a sign for guests saying: "Please let yourself through the emu barrier."
- () corridor. Mr Gimblett said: "Travellers have to be very cautious with the emus because they will poke their
- () in for a few biscuits or a slice of toast. However, recently, the two birds have become a nuisance
- () One of the reasons for the emu ban is that the birds have learned to climb the
- () beaks and they're a bit like a vacuum cleaner where food is concerned." He warned: "Because they do eat so much
- () out because they'll take everything." He added: "You don't want to get between an emu and its food. They've got very sharp
- () (brother and sister). The four-room Yaraka Hotel in the state of Queensland barred the giant
- () stairs. They have been wandering up to the hotel's bedrooms and shocking guests in the
- () food, their toiletry habits are very frequent.... imagine a sloppy bowl of porridge from a height of a metre."
- (**1**) Two emus have been banned from entering a hotel in Australia's Outback. The emu is the world's second-

PUT THE WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2008/200801-emu.html>

1. entering Two hotel . have been banned from a emus
2. height . world's The living second-largest by bird
3. because giant behaviour . of bad Barred birds the
4. nuisance . two become a birds the have Recently,
5. emu through barrier . yourself Please let the
6. stairs . the birds climb The to have learned
7. up hotel's bedrooms . the to wandering been They've
8. its and between get Don't food . emu an
9. concerned . cleaner where Like a food vacuum is
10. porridge A height . of bowl sloppy from a

CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD (20 PAIRS)

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2008/200801-emu.html>

Two emus have been banned from *entrance / entering* a hotel in Australia's Outback. The emu is the world's second-largest living bird by *tall / height* and is *naive / native* to Australia. The two banned emus are *siblings / cousins* (brother and sister). The four-room Yaraka Hotel in the state of Queensland barred the giant birds because of *badly / bad* behaviour. The birds are called Kevin and Carol. They were well *known / knowing* at the hotel for popping in for a *few / chocolate* biscuits or a slice of *toast / toasty*. However, recently, the two birds have become a *necessary / nuisance* to the guests staying at the hotel. Co-owner Chris Gimblett has put rope across the stairs leading up to the hotel to keep the birds out. There is also a sign for guests saying: "Please let yourself through the emu *obstacle / barrier*."

One of the *reason / reasons* for the emu ban is that the birds have learned to climb the stairs. They have been *wondering / wandering* up to the hotel's bedrooms and shocking guests *in / on* the corridor. Mr Gimblett said: "Travellers have to be very *cautious / caution* with the emus because they will *joke / poke* their heads in...and drink all the coffee...and steal your toast. And if you have a barbecue, watch *out / in* because they'll take everything." He added: "You don't want to get *among / between* an emu and its food. They've got very sharp beaks and they're a *bit / bite* like a vacuum cleaner where food is concerned." He warned: "Because they do eat so much food, their *toilettries / toiletry* habits are very frequent....imagine a sloppy bowl of porridge from a height *of / on* a metre."

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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T w _ _ m _ s h _ v _ b _ _ n b _ n n _ d f r _ m _ n t _ r _ n g _
h _ t _ l _ n A _ s t r _ l _ _ ' s O _ t b _ c k . T h _ _ m _ s t h _
w _ r l d ' s s _ c _ n d - l _ r g _ s t l _ v _ n g b _ r d b y h _ _ g
h _ t _ n d _ s n _ t _ v _ t _ A _ s t r _ l _ _ . T h _ t w _ b _ n n _ d
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p _ p _ p _ n g _ n f _ r _ _ f _ w b _ s _ c _ _ t _ s _ r _ _ s _ l _ c _ _ f
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PUNCTUATE THE TEXT AND ADD CAPITALS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2008/200801-emu.html>

two emus have been banned from entering a hotel in australia's outback the emu is the world's second largest living bird by height and is native to australia the two banned emus are siblings brother and sister the four roomed yaraka hotel in the state of queensland barred the giant birds because of bad behaviour the birds are called kevin and carol they were well known at the hotel for popping in for a few biscuits or a slice of toast however recently the two birds have become a nuisance to the guests staying at the hotel co-owner chris gimblett has put rope across the stairs leading up to the hotel to keep the birds out there is also a sign for guests saying please let yourself through the emu barrier

one of the reasons for the emu ban is that the birds have learned to climb the stairs they have been wandering up to the hotel's bedrooms and shocking guests in the corridor mr gimblett said travellers have to be very cautious with the emus because they will poke their heads in and drink all the coffee and steal your toast and if you have a barbecue watch out because they'll take everything he added you don't want to get between an emu and its food they've got very sharp beaks and they're a bit like a vacuum cleaner where food is concerned he warned because they do eat so much food their toiletry habits are very frequent imagine a sloppy bowl of porridge from a height of a metre

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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Two emus have been banned from entering a hotel in Australia's Outback. The emu is the world's second-largest living bird by height and is native to Australia. The two banned emus are siblings (brother and sister). The four-room Yaraka Hotel in the state of Queensland barred the giant birds because of bad behaviour. The birds are called Kevin and Carol. They were well known at the hotel for popping in for a few biscuits or a slice of toast. However, recently, the two birds have become a nuisance to the guests staying at the hotel. Co-owner Chris Gimblett has put a rope across the stairs leading up to the hotel to keep the birds out. There is also a sign for guests saying: "Please let yourself through the emu barrier." One of the reasons for the emu ban is that the birds have learned to climb the stairs. They have been wandering up to the hotel's bedrooms and shocking guests in the corridor. Mr Gimblett said: "Travellers have to be very cautious with the emus because they will poke their heads in... and drink all the coffee... and steal your toast. And if you have a barbecue, watch out because they'll take everything." He added: "You don't want to get between an emu and its food. They've got very sharp beaks and they're a bit like a vacuum cleaner where food is concerned." He warned: "Because they do eat so much food, their toilet habits are very frequent.... imagine a sloppy bowl of porridge from a height of a metre."

ACADEMIC WRITING

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Animals and birds should never be allowed in hotels. Discuss.

Lined area for writing the response.

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. EMUS: Make a poster about emus. Show your work to your classmates in the next lesson. Did you all have similar things?

4. ANIMALS IN HOTELS: Write a magazine article about animals and birds never being allowed in hotels. 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 emus. Ask him/her three questions about them. Give him/her three of your opinions on animals and birds in hotels. Read your letter to your partner(s) in your next lesson. Your partner(s) will answer your questions.

ANSWERS

VOCABULARY (p.4)

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

TRUE / FALSE (p.5)

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

SYNONYM MATCH (p.5)

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

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (p.9)

- Two
- They were brother and sister
- Kevin and Carol
- Toast
- Rope
- The stairs
- Coffee
- A vacuum cleaner
- They are frequent
- A sloppy bowl of porridge

WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER (p.20)

- Two emus have been banned from entering a hotel.
- The world's second-largest living bird by height.
- Barred the giant birds because of bad behaviour.
- Recently, the two birds have become a nuisance.
- Please let yourself through the emu barrier.
- The birds have learned to climb the stairs.
- They've been wandering up to the hotel's bedrooms.
- Don't get between an emu and its food.
- Like a vacuum cleaner where food is concerned.
- A sloppy bowl of porridge from a height.

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ (p.10)

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

ALL OTHER EXERCISES

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