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Level 5 – 16th April, 2021

World's longest rabbit is 'rabbitnapped'

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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/2104/210416-rabbit-5.html>

The world's longest rabbit has been stolen from his home. Darius, a continental giant rabbit, measures 129cm from nose to tail. Police say he was abducted from his home in England late Saturday evening. Local police said: "It is believed the rabbit was stolen from its enclosure in the garden of the property of its owners overnight on Saturday. We are appealing for information following the theft." Darius' desperate owner has offered a \$2,750 reward for the safe return of her beloved pet. She told the rabbitnappers that Darius was too old to be bred.

There has been a spike in pet thefts in the UK during the coronavirus pandemic. Darius' owner has appealed to those who made off with her rabbit. She said: "Every animal is an individual that can't be replaced, and it's just so upsetting because he is such a loveable character." The police said the theft was a high-profile case as the animal was a celebrity in England. They believe the thieves have an "ulterior motive" and know the commercial value of the rabbit. The UK's policing minister called animal theft a "vile crime" and promised to crack down on it.

Sources: <https://www.usatoday.com/story/news/world/2021/04/13/bunny-missing-england-police-say-giant-rabbit-stolen/7208440002/>
<https://www.theguardian.com/uk-news/2021/apr/12/worlds-biggest-rabbit-stolen-from-home-in-worcestershire>
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PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|------------------------------|------------------------|
| 1. a continental giant | a. owner |
| 2. from nose | b. his home |
| 3. he was abducted from | c. old to be bred |
| 4. the rabbit was stolen | d. to tail |
| 5. appealing for information | e. the safe return |
| 6. Darius' desperate | f. rabbit |
| 7. a \$2,750 reward for | g. following the theft |
| 8. Darius was too | h. from its enclosure |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|---------------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. There has been a spike | a. an individual |
| 2. during the | b. value of the rabbit |
| 3. those who made | c. down on it |
| 4. Every animal is | d. motive |
| 5. the animal was a | e. off with her rabbit |
| 6. the thieves have an ulterior | f. in pet thefts |
| 7. the commercial | g. celebrity in England |
| 8. promised to crack | h. coronavirus pandemic |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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The world's longest rabbit has (1) _____ his home. Darius, a continental giant rabbit, measures 129cm from nose to tail. Police say he (2) _____ his home in England late Saturday evening. Local police said: "It is believed the rabbit was stolen from (3) _____ the garden of the property of its owners overnight on Saturday. We are appealing for information following the theft." Darius' (4) _____ offered a \$2,750 reward for the safe return of (5) _____. She told the rabbitnappers that Darius was too old (6) _____.

There has been a (7) _____ thefts in the UK during the coronavirus pandemic. Darius' owner has (8) _____ who made off with her rabbit. She said: "Every animal is an individual that can't be replaced, and it's just so upsetting because he is (9) _____ character." The police said the theft was (10) _____ case as the animal was a celebrity in England. They believe the thieves have an "ulterior motive" and know the (11) _____ the rabbit. The UK's policing minister called animal theft (12) _____ and promised to crack down on it.

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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RABBITS SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2104/210416-rabbit-4.html>

Write five GOOD questions about rabbits 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) _____

