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**Level 1** – 18th April, 2021

## Croissant terrorizes residents in Poland

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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/2104/210418-croissant-1.html>

People are afraid of things like peanut butter sticking to your mouth. The latest thing to cause fear in Poland is a croissant. The crescent-shaped pastry scared some people in Krakow. They mistook a croissant for an animal. They wanted help to get the "animal" removed from a tree. They were so worried they kept their windows closed for a few days. An animal welfare society said a woman called them to report the strange "animal" in the tree.

Residents told the society about the animal. One said it was a bird; another said it was a lizard. A welfare officer went to the residents' apartment. He said he saw a "brown creature sitting on a branch," and that its "brown coat was shining in the sun". He added: "The poor little guy had no legs or head." When he saw the croissant, he was "almost swept off his feet by laughing". He said it was better to be safe than sorry and to report any strange animals.

Sources: <https://www.msn.com/en-us/news/world/croissant-in-a-tree-brings-fear-to-polish-city/ar-BB1fH4hW>  
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# PHRASE MATCHING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2104/210418-croissant-1.html>

## PARAGRAPH ONE:

- |                                |                       |
|--------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. People are afraid of things | a. days               |
| 2. The latest thing            | b. shaped pastry      |
| 3. The crescent-               | c. worried            |
| 4. They mistook a croissant    | d. the animal removed |
| 5. They wanted help to get     | e. like peanut butter |
| 6. They were so                | f. closed             |
| 7. they kept their windows     | g. to cause fear      |
| 8. for a few                   | h. for an animal      |

## PARAGRAPH TWO:

- |                               |                     |
|-------------------------------|---------------------|
| 1. Residents told the society | a. no legs or head  |
| 2. another said it            | b. apartment        |
| 3. went to the residents'     | c. safe than sorry  |
| 4. a brown creature sitting   | d. about the animal |
| 5. shining                    | e. off his feet     |
| 6. The poor little guy had    | f. in the sun       |
| 7. he was almost swept        | g. was a lizard     |
| 8. it was better to be        | h. on a branch      |

# LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2104/210418-croissant-1.html>

People are afraid (1) \_\_\_\_\_ peanut butter sticking to your mouth. The latest (2) \_\_\_\_\_ fear in Poland is a croissant. The crescent-shaped (3) \_\_\_\_\_ people in Krakow. They mistook a croissant for an animal. They wanted (4) \_\_\_\_\_ the "animal" removed from a tree. They were so worried they kept their windows closed for (5) \_\_\_\_\_. An animal welfare society said a woman called them to report the strange "animal" (6) \_\_\_\_\_.

Residents told the society (7) \_\_\_\_\_. One said it was a bird; another (8) \_\_\_\_\_ a lizard. A welfare officer went to the residents' apartment. He said he saw a "brown creature sitting (9) \_\_\_\_\_," and that its "brown coat was shining in the sun". He added: "The (10) \_\_\_\_\_ had no legs or head." When he saw the croissant, he was "almost swept (11) \_\_\_\_\_ by laughing". He said it was better to be (12) \_\_\_\_\_ and to report any strange animals.

# PUT A SLASH ( / ) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2104/210418-croissant-1.html>

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# CROISSANTS SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2104/210418-croissant-4.html>

Write five GOOD questions about croissants 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) \_\_\_\_\_

