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Lobsters, octopuses and crabs feel pain says U.K.

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THE ARTICLE

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Chefs in the United Kingdom may soon have to change their cooking methods. They will no longer be able to boil seafood alive. The U.K. government is looking at research that accepts that sea life like lobsters, octopuses and crabs feel pain. The studies could change how people treat and kill these creatures. The research is part of the UK's Animal Welfare Bill. This recognizes that all animals with a spine* are "sentient beings". Being "sentient" means being able to feel things like pain, distress and joy. Researchers at the London School of Economics (LSE) looked at 300 different studies to reach their conclusion that octopuses, squid, cuttlefish, crabs, lobsters and crayfish have feelings.

Dr Jonathan Birch, a professor at the LSE and a researcher on the Foundations of Animal Sentience Project, commented on the research. He said some sea creatures experienced pain and had feelings more than others. He said the research showed strong evidence that octopuses and lobsters are sentient. He said the new law means the fishing, retail and restaurant industries must change the way they treat and kill these creatures. This means the end of inhumane practices like boiling lobsters alive. He also said people should now be trained so they know how to kill these animals humanely. The UK government said it has "some of the strongest protections in the world" for animals.

*NOTE: Octopuses, squid, cuttlefish, crabs, lobsters and crayfish do not have a spine.

Sources: <https://www.nbcnews.com/science/science-news/can-lobsters-octopuses-feel-pain-scientists-say-yes-uk-listening-rcna6378>
<https://edition.cnn.com/2021/11/22/europe/uk-sentient-beings-crabs-octopus-and-lobsters-scn/index.html>
<https://metro.co.uk/2021/11/22/boiling-lobsters-alive-to-be-illegal-as-study-confirms-they-feel-pain-15643209/>

WARM-UPS

1. SEAFOOD: Students walk around the class and talk to other students about seafood. 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?

chefs / cooking / boil / seafood / research / lobster / crab / octopus / welfare / pain / sea / creatures / feelings / evidence / fishing / retail / restaurants / protection

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

3. VEGETARIAN: Students A **strongly** believe we should all be vegetarian and not eat meat, seafood, fish or insects; Students B **strongly** believe otherwise. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.

4. SEA CREATURES: What do you know about these sea creatures? What do you want to know? Complete this table with your partner(s). Change partners often and share what you wrote.

	What I Know	What I Want to Know
Octopuses		
Lobsters		
Crabs		
Squid		
Prawns		
Oysters		

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

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

- Octopus
- Mussels
- Oyster
- Tuna
- Squid
- Lobster
- Mackerel
- Crab

VOCABULARY MATCHING

Paragraph 1

- | | |
|---------------|---|
| 1. chef | a. Believe that something is true. |
| 2. method | b. A professional cook, usually one who works in a restaurant or hotel. |
| 3. boil | c. Bring water to a temperature of 100°C. |
| 4. accept | d. An animal, but not a human being. |
| 5. treat | e. The end or finish of an event, process, or text. |
| 6. creature | f. A way of doing something. |
| 7. conclusion | g. Act towards someone or deal with them in a certain way. |

Paragraph 2

- | | |
|----------------|--|
| 8. commented | h. Areas of economic activity in a country of the world (e.g. car making, fishing, tourism, health, oil...). |
| 9. evidence | i. The action of being safe from something. |
| 10. retail | j. In a way that you show you care. |
| 11. industry | k. The act of selling things in small quantities in shops for people to use. |
| 12. inhumane | l. Without caring about someone's pain. |
| 13. humanely | m. Gave an opinion on or said something. |
| 14. protection | n. Facts or information to show that something is true. |

BEFORE READING / LISTENING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2111/211125-lobsters-octopuses-crabs.html>

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

1. Chefs worldwide will soon have to stop boiling lobsters. **T / F**
2. The research into sea creatures is part of an animal welfare bill. **T / F**
3. The sea-creature research is from the London School of Economics. **T / F**
4. Research suggests that squid do not have feelings. **T / F**
5. A researcher said all sea creatures experienced the same level of pain. **T / F**
6. The retail industry may have to change the way it treats sea creatures. **T / F**
7. A researcher wants people trained to kill sea creatures humanely. **T / F**
8. The U.K. government said it's animal protection laws are weak. **T / F**

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

- | | |
|------------------------|----------------|
| 1. chefs | a. spoke about |
| 2. methods | b. deal with |
| 3. treat | c. opinion |
| 4. distress | d. instructed |
| 5. conclusion | e. cooks |
| 6. commented on | f. cruel |
| 7. evidence | g. suffering |
| 8. inhumane | h. techniques |
| 9. trained | i. safeguards |
| 10. protections | j. proof |

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

- | | |
|---|--------------------------|
| 1. change their cooking | a. industries |
| 2. They will no longer be able to boil | b. kill these creatures |
| 3. The U.K. government is looking | c. experienced pain |
| 4. change how people treat and | d. humanely |
| 5. all animals with a | e. at research |
| 6. He said some sea creatures | f. practices |
| 7. evidence that octopuses and | g. methods |
| 8. the fishing, retail and restaurant | h. lobsters are sentient |
| 9. This means the end of inhumane | i. seafood alive |
| 10. they know how to kill these animals | j. spine |

GAP FILL

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2111/211125-lobsters-octopuses-crabs.html>

Chefs in the United Kingdom may (1) _____ have to change their cooking methods. They will no longer be able to (2) _____ seafood alive. The U.K. government is looking at research that accepts that sea life (3) _____ lobsters, octopuses and crabs feel pain. The studies could change how people (4) _____ and kill these creatures. The research is part of the UK's Animal Welfare Bill. This recognizes that all animals with a (5) _____ are "sentient beings". Being "sentient" means being able to feel things like pain, distress and (6) _____. Researchers at the London School of Economics (LSE) looked at 300 different (7) _____ to reach their conclusion that octopuses, (8) _____, cuttlefish, crabs, lobsters and crayfish have feelings.

like
joy
squid
soon
spine
boil
studies
treat

Dr Jonathan Birch, a professor at the LSE and a researcher on the Foundations of Animal Sentience Project, (9) _____ on the research. He said some sea creatures experienced pain and had feelings more than (10) _____. He said the research showed strong evidence that octopuses and lobsters are (11) _____. He said the new law means the fishing, (12) _____ and restaurant industries must change the (13) _____ they treat and kill these creatures. This means the (14) _____ of inhumane practices like boiling lobsters alive. He also said people should now be (15) _____ so they know how to kill these animals humanely. The UK government said it has "some of the (16) _____ protections in the world" for animals.

sentient
way
commented
retail
trained
others
strongest
end

LISTENING – Guess the answers. Listen to check.

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2111/211125-lobsters-octopuses-crabs.html>

- 1) Chefs in the United Kingdom may soon have to change _____
 - a. their cooker methods
 - b. their cook king methods
 - c. their cooking methods
 - d. their cook kin methods
- 2) They will no longer be able to _____
 - a. boil seafood live
 - b. boil seafood believe
 - c. boil seafood relive
 - d. boil seafood alive
- 3) accepts that sea life like lobsters, octopuses and _____
 - a. crabs feel pain
 - b. crab feeling pain
 - c. crabs feeler pain
 - d. crab feel pain
- 4) This recognizes that all animals with a spine _____
 - a. are sent ant beings
 - b. are sentence beings
 - c. are sentient beings
 - d. are sentience beings
- 5) London School of Economics (LSE) looked at 300 different studies to _____
 - a. reach their conclusion
 - b. breach their conclusion
 - c. bleach their conclusion
 - d. retch their conclusion
- 6) a researcher on the Foundations of Animal Sentience Project commented _____
 - a. on a research
 - b. on the research
 - c. on them research
 - d. on then research
- 7) some sea creatures experienced pain and had feelings _____
 - a. more than another
 - b. more then other
 - c. more than others
 - d. more then others
- 8) strong evidence that octopuses and _____
 - a. lobsters be sentient
 - b. lobsters can sentient
 - c. lobsters been sentient
 - d. lobsters are sentient
- 9) He said the new law means the fishing, retail and restaurant _____
 - a. industries must chance
 - b. industries must change
 - c. industries must charge
 - d. industries must changed
- 10) people should now be trained so they know how to kill _____
 - a. these animals humanly
 - b. these animals humanely
 - c. these animals who manly
 - d. these animals whom manly

LISTENING – Listen and fill in the gaps

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COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2111/211125-lobsters-octopuses-crabs.html>

1. Where might chefs soon have to change the way they cook seafood?
2. Who is looking at research into sea life and pain?
3. What does the article say animals with a spine are?
4. What do sentient beings feel besides pain and distress?
5. How many different studies did researchers look at?
6. What is Jonathan Birch's job title at the LSE?
7. What industries must change besides the retail and fishing industries?
8. What did a researcher call practices like boiling lobsters alive?
9. What did a researcher say people should be trained to do to animals?
10. What did the U.K. government say it had for animals?

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2111/211125-lobsters-octopuses-crabs.html>

- 1) Where might chefs soon have to change the way they cook seafood?
 - a) hotels
 - b) around camp fires
 - c) in the U.K.
 - d) cafeterias
- 2) Who is looking at research into sea life and pain?
 - a) the U.K. government
 - b) scuba divers
 - c) a website
 - d) journalists
- 3) What does the article say animals with a spine are?
 - a) spineless
 - b) sentient beings
 - c) spiny
 - d) pained
- 4) What do sentient beings feel besides pain and distress?
 - a) hunger
 - b) excitement
 - c) the cold
 - d) joy
- 5) How many different studies did researchers look at?
 - a) 500
 - b) 200
 - c) 300
 - d) 400
- 6) What is Jonathan Birch's job title at the LSE?
 - a) dean
 - b) professor
 - c) coordinator
 - d) expert
- 7) What industries must change besides the retail and fishing industries?
 - a) the aquarium industry
 - b) tourism
 - c) fashion
 - d) the restaurant industry
- 8) What did a researcher call practices like boiling lobsters alive?
 - a) a thing of the past
 - b) inhumane
 - c) bad
 - d) shocking
- 9) What did a researcher say people should be trained to do to animals?
 - a) prepare them
 - b) kill them humanely
 - c) cook them
 - d) protect them
- 10) What did the U.K. government say it had for animals?
 - a) the strongest protections
 - b) a new home
 - c) ideas
 - d) many, many laws

ROLE PLAY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2111/211125-lobsters-octopuses-crabs.html>

Role A – Octopus

You think octopus is the tastiest seafood. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their seafood. Also, tell the others which is the least tasty of these (and why): mussels, oysters or crab.

Role B – Mussels

You think mussels are the tastiest seafood. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their seafood. Also, tell the others which is the least tasty of these (and why): octopus, oysters or crab.

Role C – Oyster

You think oysters are the tastiest seafood. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their seafood. Also, tell the others which is the least tasty of these (and why): mussels, octopus or crab.

Role D – Crab

You think crab is the tastiest seafood. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their seafood. Also, tell the others which is the least tasty of these (and why): mussels, oysters or octopus.

AFTER READING / LISTENING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2111/211125-lobsters-octopuses-crabs.html>

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

lobster	crab

- 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">• chefs• accepts• part• spine• joy• conclusion	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• professor• others• retail• end• trained• strongest
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SEAFOOD SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about seafood 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.

SEAFOOD 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 'lobster'?
3. What do you think of seafood?
4. What seafood do you like to eat?
5. What cooking methods do you know about for seafood?
6. Which is tastier - octopus or crab?
7. Do you think lobsters and crabs have feelings?
8. Should people eat sentient creatures?
9. Should we all be vegetarian?
10. What do you think of boiling seafood alive?

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SEAFOOD 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 'feelings'?
13. What do you think about what you read?
14. What do you know about lobsters?
15. How might restaurants have to change?
16. Can you be vegetarian and eat fish?
17. What dishes do you know using lobster?
18. What do you know about octopuses?
19. What animal protection laws does your country have?
20. What questions would you like to ask the researchers?

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) cooking | (b) cooks | (c) cooked | (d) cooker |
| 2. | (a) lively | (b) living | (c) alive | (d) lives |
| 3. | (a) what | (b) then | (c) that | (d) therefore |
| 4. | (a) their | (b) they | (c) them | (d) these |
| 5. | (a) like | (b) such | (c) from | (d) to |
| 6. | (a) feels | (b) feelings | (c) feelers | (d) felts |
| 7. | (a) by | (b) of | (c) at | (d) on |
| 8. | (a) bothers | (b) others | (c) another | (d) udders |
| 9. | (a) detail | (b) oxtail | (c) retail | (d) entail |
| 10. | (a) teat | (b) threat | (c) trite | (d) treat |
| 11. | (a) take | (b) have | (c) do | (d) be |
| 12. | (a) strongly | (b) strongest | (c) strength | (d) strengthen |

SPELLING

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Paragraph 1

1. change their cooking mehsotd
2. how people treat and kill these cretsurae
3. all animals with a pseni
4. tnineets beings
5. feel things like pain, essdrtsi and joy
6. looked at 300 different studies to reach their uoccnnilos

Paragraph 2

7. commented on the saceerhr
8. the research showed strong eciendve
9. relati and restaurant industries
10. sacrcepti like boiling lobsters alive
11. kill these animals yuenmalh
12. the strongest storocnipe in the world

PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2111/211125-lobsters-octopuses-crabs.html>

Number these lines in the correct order.

- () strong evidence that octopuses and lobsters are sentient. He said the new law means the fishing,
- () creatures. The research is part of the UK's Animal Welfare Bill. This recognizes that all animals with
- () retail and restaurant industries must change the way they treat and kill these creatures. This means the end
- () trained so they know how to kill these animals humanely. The UK government
- () of inhumane practices like boiling lobsters alive. He also said people should now be
- (**1**) Chefs in the United Kingdom may soon have to change their cooking methods. They will no longer be
- () distress and joy. Researchers at the London School of Economics (LSE) looked at 300 different
- () a spine are "sentient beings". Being "sentient" means being able to feel things like pain,
- () able to boil seafood alive. The U.K. government is looking at research that accepts that sea
- () said it has "some of the strongest protections in the world" for animals.
- () on the research. He said some sea creatures experienced pain and had feelings more than others. He said the research showed
- () studies to reach their conclusion that octopuses, squid, cuttlefish, crabs, lobsters and crayfish have feelings.
- () life like lobsters, octopuses and crabs feel pain. The studies could change how people treat and kill these
- () Dr Jonathan Birch, a professor at the LSE and a researcher on the Foundations of Animal Sentience Project, commented

PUT THE WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2111/211125-lobsters-octopuses-crabs.html>

1. to Chefs have cooking their change methods . may
2. these how people Change creatures . treat and kill
3. beings . with spine animals are sentient a All
4. means able being pain . to Sentient feel
5. studies looked reach conclusion . their at to They
6. creatures experienced said He some pain . sea
7. evidence are and octopuses sentient . that Strong lobsters
8. lobsters . The inhumane practices boiling like of end
9. know They these to kill how humanely . animals
10. strongest The animals . protections world for in the

CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD (20 PAIRS)

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2111/211125-lobsters-octopuses-crabs.html>

Chefs in the United Kingdom may soon have to *charge* / *change* their cooking methods. They will no longer be able to *boil* / *boiling* seafood alive. The U.K. government is looking at research that *rejects* / *accepts* that sea life like lobsters, octopuses and crabs *feel* / *feeling* pain. The studies could change how people treat and kill these creatures. The research is *partner* / *part* of the UK's Animal Welfare Bill. This recognizes that *whole* / *all* animals with a spine are "sentient beings". Being "sentient" *meaning* / *means* being able to feel things *like* / *likely* pain, distress and joy. Researchers at the London School of Economics (LSE) looked *on* / *at* 300 different studies to reach their conclusion that octopuses, squid, cuttlefish, crabs, lobsters and crayfish *have* / *do* feelings.

Dr Jonathan Birch, *the* / *a* professor at the LSE and a researcher on the Foundations of Animal Sentience Project, *commentary* / *commented* on the research. He said some *sea* / *seas* creatures experienced pain and had feelings more than *another* / *others*. He said the research showed *strongly* / *strong* evidence that octopuses and lobsters are sentient. He said the new law means the fishing, *retail* / *detail* and restaurant industries must change the way they treat and kill *these* / *them* creatures. This means the end of inhumane practices like boiling lobsters *lively* / *alive*. He also said people should now be trained *such* / *so* they know how to kill these animals humanely. The UK government said it has "some of the strongest protections in the world" *for* / *by* animals.

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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Ch_f_s _n th_ _n_t_d K_ngd_m m_y s__n h_v_ t_ ch_ng_ th__r c__k_ng m_th_ds. Th_y w_ll n_ l_ng_r b_ _bl_ t_ b__l s__f__d _l_v_. Th_ _K. g_v_rnm_nt _s l__k_ng _t r_s__rch th_t _cc_pts th_t s__ l_f_ l_k_ l_bst_rs, _ct_p_s_s _nd cr_bs f__l p__n. Th_ st_d__s c__ld ch_ng_ h_w p__pl_ tr__t _nd k_ll th_s_ cr__t_r_s. Th_ r_s__rch _s p_rt _f th_ _K's _n_m_l W_lf_r_ B_ll. Th_s r_c_gn_z_s th_t _ll _n_m_ls w_th _ sp_n_ _r_ "s_nt__nt b__ngs". B__ng "s_nt__nt" m__ns b__ng _bl_ t_ f__l th_ngs l_k_ p__n, d_str_ss _nd j_y. R_s__rch_rs _t th_ L_nd_n Sch__l _f _c_n_m_cs (LS_) l__k_d _t 300 d_ff_r_nt st_d__s t_ r__ch th__r c_ncl_s__n th_t _ct_p_s_s, sq__d, c_ttl_f_sh, cr_bs, l_bst_rs _nd cr_yf_sh h_v_ f__l_ngs.

Dr J_n_th_n B_rch, _ pr_f_ss_r _t th_ LS_ _nd _ r_s__rch_r _n th_ F__nd_t__ns _f _n_m_l S_nt__nc_ Pr_j_ct, c_mmm_nt_d _n th_ r_s__rch. H_ s__d s_m_ s__ cr__t_r_s _xp_r__nc_d p__n _nd h_d f__l_ngs m_r_ th_n _th_rs. H_ s__d th_ r_s__rch sh_w_d str_ng _v_d_nc_ th_t _ct_p_s_s _nd l_bst_rs _r_ s_nt__nt. H_ s__d th_ n_w l_w m__ns th_ f_sh_ng, r_t__l _nd r_st__r_nt _nd_str__s m_st ch_ng_ th_ w_y th_y tr__t _nd k_ll th_s_ cr__t_r_s. Th_s m__ns th_ _nd _f _nh_m_n_ pr_ct_c_s l_k_ b__l_ng l_bst_rs _l_v_. H_ _ls_ s__d p__pl_ sh__ld n_w b_ tr__n_d s_ th_y kn_w h_w t_ k_ll th_s_ _n_m_ls h_m_n_ly. Th_ _K g_v_rnm_nt s__d _t h_s "s_m_ _f th_ str_ng_st pr_t_ct__ns _n th_ w_rld" f_r _n_m_ls.

PUNCTUATE THE TEXT AND ADD CAPITALS

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dr jonathan birch a professor at the lse and a researcher on the foundations of animal sentience project commented on the research he said some sea creatures experienced pain and had feelings more than others he said the research showed strong evidence that octopuses and lobsters are sentient he said the new law means the fishing retail and restaurant industries must change the way they treat and kill these creatures this means the end of inhumane practices like boiling lobsters alive he also said people should now be trained so they know how to kill these animals humanely the uk government said it has some of the strongest protections in the world for animals

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

4. LIVING CREATURES: Write a magazine article about banning the eating of any living creature. 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 seafood. Ask him/her three questions about seafood. Give him/her three of your ideas. Read your letter to your partner(s) in your next lesson. Your partner(s) will answer your questions.

ANSWERS

VOCABULARY (p.4)

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

TRUE / FALSE (p.5)

- 1 F 2 T 3 T 4 F 5 F 6 T 7 T 8 F

SYNONYM MATCH (p.5)

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

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (p.9)

- In the U.K.
- The U.K. government
- Sentient beings
- Joy
- 300
- Professor
- The restaurant industry
- Inhumane
- Kill them humanely
- The strongest protections

WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER (p.19)

- Chefs may have to change their cooking methods.
- Change how people treat and kill these creatures.
- All animals with a spine are sentient beings.
- Sentient means being able to feel pain.
- They looked at studies to reach their conclusion.
- He said some sea creatures experienced pain.
- Strong evidence that octopuses and lobsters are sentient.
- The end of inhumane practices like boiling lobsters.
- They know how to kill these animals humanely.
- The strongest protections in the world for animals.

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ (p.10)

1. c 2. a 3. b 4. d 5. c 6. b 7. d 8. b 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 ;-)