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**Level 1 – 1st May 2025**

**Animal puppets walk 20,000 km for climate action**

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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/2505/250501-the-herds-1.html>

A 20,000-km walk from Africa to the Arctic Circle has started. It is called The Herds. It will raise awareness of the climate crisis. Hundreds of life-sized puppets of lions, zebras, monkeys, and other animals are on the walk. The Herds organizers want to show how climate change is affecting animals. A spokesperson said: "The Herds is public art and climate action...It's an ambitious coming together of culture and climate."

The animal puppets will visit more than 20 cities across Africa and Europe. Each city will have street performances. These will focus on how we can help Earth. An environmentalist said: "The Herds is going to reach millions of people and bring the...beauty of nature right onto the streets and into people's lives." Another environmentalist said The Herds will teach people about climate change and biodiversity loss.

Sources: <https://www.theherds.org/about>  
<https://www.theguardian.com/global-development/2025/apr/25/puppet-herd-animals-climate-crisis-africa-arctic-circle-little-amal>  
<https://www.euronews.com/culture/2024/07/16/the-herds-the-animal-puppets-art-project-set-to-travel-20000km-across-the-world>

# PHRASE MATCHING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2505/250501-the-herds-1.html>

## PARAGRAPH ONE:

- |                             |                      |
|-----------------------------|----------------------|
| 1. from Africa to           | a. sized puppets     |
| 2. It will raise            | b. affecting animals |
| 3. Hundreds of life-        | c. together          |
| 4. zebras, monkeys,         | d. the Arctic Circle |
| 5. how climate change is    | e. art               |
| 6. The Herds is public      | f. climate           |
| 7. It's an ambitious coming | g. awareness         |
| 8. culture and              | h. and other animals |

## PARAGRAPH TWO:

- |                               |                        |
|-------------------------------|------------------------|
| 1. puppets will visit         | a. of nature           |
| 2. street                     | b. change              |
| 3. reach millions             | c. performances        |
| 4. the beauty                 | d. loss                |
| 5. right onto                 | e. of people           |
| 6. into people's              | f. the streets         |
| 7. teach people about climate | g. more than 20 cities |
| 8. biodiversity               | h. lives               |

# LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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has started. It is called The Herds. It  
(2) \_\_\_\_\_ of the climate crisis. Hundreds of  
life-sized puppets of lions, zebras, monkeys,  
(3) \_\_\_\_\_ are on the walk. The Herds  
organizers want (4) \_\_\_\_\_ climate change is  
affecting animals. A spokesperson said: "The Herds  
(5) \_\_\_\_\_ and climate action...It's an  
ambitious coming together of (6) \_\_\_\_\_."

The animal puppets (7) \_\_\_\_\_ than 20 cities  
across Africa and Europe. Each city (8) \_\_\_\_\_  
performances. These will (9) \_\_\_\_\_ we can  
help Earth. An environmentalist said: "The Herds is going to  
(10) \_\_\_\_\_ people and bring the...beauty of  
nature right onto the streets and (11) \_\_\_\_\_."  
Another environmentalist said The Herds will teach people about  
climate change (12) \_\_\_\_\_.

# PUT A SLASH ( / ) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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# THE CLIMATE CRISIS SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2505/250501-the-herds-4.html>

Write five GOOD questions about the climate crisis 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) \_\_\_\_\_

# WRITING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2505/250501-the-herds-1.html>

Write about **the climate crisis** for 10 minutes. Read and talk about your partner's paper.

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