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Russian eagle creates huge data roaming phone bill

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Please try Levels 0, 1 and 3. They are (a little) harder.

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THE READING

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A telephone bill shocked scientists in Russia. The bill was a lot bigger than they thought. This was because the eagle they were following in their research flew outside Russia. The scientists tracked the eagle using SMS as it flew across Europe and Asia. When the eagle flew outside Russia, its SMS transmitters used the Internet services of other countries. The scientists had to pay data roaming charges. These are the charges you pay to use your mobile phone in other countries. The research team ran out of money after the eagle flew to Iran and Pakistan.

The team started a crowdfunding page to raise money for the bill. The page is called "Top up the eagle's mobile". Bird lovers gave money to the page. It raised \$1,600 to pay the bill. Russia's mobile phone operator heard of the scientists' problems and cancelled the debt. It moved the team's phone package to a cheaper one. The problem for the team started when the eagle flew outside Kazakhstan. A Kazakhstan SMS cost 30 US cents; one from Iran cost the team 50 cents. A scientist wants the eagle to continue sending SMS data. This will help his project and protect all eagles.

Sources: <https://www.bbc.com/news/world-europe-50180781>
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PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|-----------------------------------|----------------------|
| 1. The bill was a lot bigger than | a. other countries |
| 2. the eagle they were following | b. flew |
| 3. When the eagle | c. to Iran |
| 4. The scientists had to pay data | d. they thought |
| 5. These are the charges you | e. out of money |
| 6. use your mobile phone in | f. roaming charges |
| 7. The research team ran | g. pay |
| 8. after the eagle flew | h. in their research |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|------------------------------|----------------------|
| 1. The team started a | a. lovers |
| 2. raise | b. eagles |
| 3. bird | c. package |
| 4. It raised \$1,600 | d. money |
| 5. cancelled the | e. help his project |
| 6. It moved the team's phone | f. debt |
| 7. This will | g. crowdfunding page |
| 8. protect all | h. to pay the bill |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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A telephone (1) _____ in Russia. The bill was a lot bigger than they thought. This was because the eagle they were following (2) _____ flew outside Russia. The scientists tracked the eagle using SMS as it flew across Europe and Asia. When the (3) _____ Russia, its SMS transmitters used the Internet (4) _____ countries. The scientists had to pay (5) _____. These are the charges you pay to use your mobile phone in other countries. The research team (6) _____ money after the eagle flew to Iran and Pakistan.

The team started a crowdfunding (7) _____ money for the bill. The page is called "Top up the eagle's mobile". Bird (8) _____ to the page. It raised \$1,600 to pay the bill. Russia's mobile phone (9) _____ the scientists' problems and cancelled the debt. It moved the team's phone (10) _____ cheaper one. The problem for the team started when the eagle flew outside Kazakhstan. A Kazakhstan SMS cost 30 US cents; one from Iran (11) _____ 50 cents. A scientist wants the eagle to continue sending SMS data. This will help his project (12) _____ eagles.

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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SMS SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about SMS 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

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Write about **SMS** for 10 minutes. Read and talk about your partner's paper.
