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Australia hotel bans emus for bad behaviour

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

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THE READING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2008/200801-emu-2.html>

Two emus have been banned from a hotel in Australia. The emu is the world's second-largest bird by height. It is native to Australia. The two banned emus are siblings. The four-room Yaraka Hotel in Queensland banned the giant birds because of bad behaviour. The birds were well known at the hotel for going in for a few biscuits or a slice of toast. Recently, they have become a nuisance to the hotel guests. Co-owner Chris Gimblett put rope across the stairs leading up to the hotel to keep the birds out. There is also a sign for guests. It says: "Please let yourself through the emu barrier."

One of the reasons for the ban is that the emus have learned to climb the stairs. They have been wandering up to bedrooms and shocking guests. Mr Gimblett said: "Travellers have to be very cautious with the emus because they will poke their heads in...and steal your toast. And if you have a barbecue, watch out because they'll take everything." He added: "You don't want to get between an emu and its food. They've got very sharp beaks." He warned: "Because they eat so much food, their toiletry habits are very frequent.... imagine a bowl of porridge from a height of a metre."

Sources: <https://edition.cnn.com/travel/article/australia-hotel-bans-emus/index.html>
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PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|--------------------------------------|------------------------|
| 1. the world's second-largest | a. to the hotel guests |
| 2. The two banned emus are | b. known at the hotel |
| 3. banned the giant birds because of | c. the emu barrier |
| 4. The birds were well | d. bird by height |
| 5. a slice of | e. up to the hotel |
| 6. they have become a nuisance | f. bad behaviour |
| 7. the stairs leading | g. toast |
| 8. Please let yourself through | h. siblings |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|------------------------------|--------------------|
| 1. One of the reasons | a. of porridge |
| 2. They have been wandering | b. very cautious |
| 3. Travellers have to be | c. of a metre |
| 4. watch out because they'll | d. beaks |
| 5. They've got very sharp | e. up to bedrooms |
| 6. toiletry | f. for the ban |
| 7. imagine a bowl | g. take everything |
| 8. from a height | h. habits |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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Two emus (1) _____ from a hotel in Australia. The emu is the world's second-largest bird by height. It (2) _____ Australia. The two banned emus are siblings. The four-room Yaraka Hotel in Queensland banned the giant birds because (3) _____. The birds were well known at the hotel for going in for a few biscuits or a (4) _____. Recently, they have become a nuisance to the hotel guests. Co-owner Chris Gimblett (5) _____ the stairs leading up to the hotel to keep the birds out. There is also a sign for guests. It says: "Please let yourself through (6) _____."

One of (7) _____ the ban is that the emus have learned to climb the stairs. They have (8) _____ to bedrooms and shocking guests. Mr Gimblett said: "Travellers have to be (9) _____ the emus because they will poke their heads in...and (10) _____. And if you have a barbecue, watch out because they'll take everything." He added: "You don't want to get between an emu and its food. They've got (11) _____." He warned: "Because they eat so much food, their toiletry habits are very frequent.... (12) _____ of porridge from a height of a metre."

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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EMUS SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2008/200801-emu-4.html>

Write five GOOD questions about emus 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 **emus** for 10 minutes. Read and talk about your partner's paper.
