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Dogs wear body armor to stop eagle attacks

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Please try Levels 0, 2 and 3. They are (a little) harder.

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THE READING

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Dog owners in Alaska are buying special vests to protect their pets from bald eagles. Recently, pet dogs have been taken away by eagles. Bald eagles are growing in number in Alaska because of conservation. There are around 30,000 of them in Alaska. Bird lovers are happy about this, but pet owners are worried. The eagles are strong and can fly away with a 6-kilogram animal. The eagles are bad for farmers because they kill their chickens.

The vest is called the CoyoteVest. It protects small dogs from coyotes - wild dogs, similar to a wolf. The vest has spikes and other sharp things to protect the pet. Some vests are brightly coloured to scare birds away. It is made of a material called Kevlar. This is used in bulletproof vests. This protects dogs from the teeth of larger dogs. The vest helps to stop surprise attacks. It gives owners time to help a pet before it gets badly hurt.

Sources: <https://vancouversun.com/news/local-news/coyote-vests-a-trend-among-small-dog-owners-in-vancouver>
<https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-9580945/Pet-owners-putting-dogs-cats-spiked-body-armor-protect-bald-eagles.html>
<https://people.com/pets/coyote-vest-for-dogs/>

PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|--|---------------------|
| 1. special vests to protect their pets | a. about this |
| 2. dogs have been taken | b. 30,000 of them |
| 3. Bald eagles are growing | c. for farmers |
| 4. There are around | d. away by eagles |
| 5. Bird lovers are happy | e. fly away |
| 6. pet owners are | f. from bald eagles |
| 7. The eagles are strong and can | g. worried |
| 8. The eagles are bad | h. in number |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. The vest is called | a. to a wolf |
| 2. It protects small dogs | b. badly hurt |
| 3. similar | c. coloured |
| 4. The vest has spikes and | d. bulletproof vests |
| 5. Some vests are brightly | e. from coyotes |
| 6. scare birds | f. the CoyoteVest |
| 7. This is used in | g. away |
| 8. help a pet before it gets | h. other sharp things |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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Dog owners in Alaska (1) _____ vests to protect their pets from bald eagles. Recently, pet dogs (2) _____ away by eagles. Bald eagles are growing in number in Alaska (3) _____. There are around 30,000 of them in Alaska. Bird (4) _____ about this, but pet owners are worried. The eagles are strong and can (5) _____ a 6-kilogram animal. The eagles are bad for farmers because they (6) _____.

The vest is called the CoyoteVest. It (7) _____ from coyotes - wild dogs, (8) _____ wolf. The vest has spikes and other (9) _____ protect the pet. Some vests are brightly coloured to scare birds away. It is made (10) _____ called Kevlar. This is used in bulletproof vests. This protects dogs (11) _____ of larger dogs. The vest helps to stop surprise attacks. It gives owners time to help a pet before it (12) _____.

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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EAGLES SURVEY

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