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Level 2 – 1st May 2025

Animal puppets walk 20,000 km for climate action

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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 20,000-km walk from Africa to the Arctic Circle has started. The walk is called The Herds. It will raise awareness of the climate crisis and will take four months. The project includes hundreds of life-sized puppets of lions, zebras, monkeys, and other animals. Over 2,000 people will make more puppets, all from recyclable materials. The Herds organizers want to show how climate change is affecting animals. A spokesperson said: "The Herds is public art and climate action on [a huge] scale. It's an ambitious coming together of culture and climate."

The animal puppets will visit more than 20 cities across Africa and Europe, including Casablanca, Paris and London. The final event will be in August. Each city will host street performances. These will focus on how we can help Earth. The Global Rewilding Alliance 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 environmental group said: "The Herds [represents] the twin crises of climate change and biodiversity loss, and the journey we must all make towards a brighter future."

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PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|--------------------------------|----------------------|
| 1. It will raise | a. scale |
| 2. hundreds of life- | b. more puppets |
| 3. Over 2,000 people will make | c. climate |
| 4. all from recyclable | d. awareness |
| 5. how climate change is | e. together |
| 6. on a huge | f. affecting animals |
| 7. It's an ambitious coming | g. sized puppets |
| 8. culture and | h. materials |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|-------------------------------|----------------------|
| 1. puppets will visit more | a. performances |
| 2. The final event | b. we can help Earth |
| 3. Each city will host street | c. all make |
| 4. focus on how | d. of nature |
| 5. the beauty | e. future |
| 6. biodiversity | f. than 20 cities |
| 7. the journey we must | g. will be in August |
| 8. towards a brighter | h. loss |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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A 20,000-km (1) _____ to the Arctic Circle has started. The (2) _____ The Herds. It will raise awareness of the climate crisis and will take four months. The project includes hundreds (3) _____ puppets of lions, zebras, monkeys, and other animals. Over 2,000 people will make more puppets, (4) _____ materials. The Herds organizers want to show how climate change (5) _____. A spokesperson said: "The Herds is public art and climate action on [a huge] scale. It's an ambitious (6) _____ culture and climate."

The animal puppets will visit more than (7) _____ Africa and Europe, including Casablanca, Paris and London. The final (8) _____ in August. Each city will host street performances. These will focus on how (9) _____ Earth. The Global Rewilding Alliance said: "The Herds is going to (10) _____ people and bring the...beauty of nature right onto the streets and into people's lives." Another environmental group said: "The Herds [represents] the twin crises of climate change (11) _____, and the journey we must all make towards (12) _____."

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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THE CLIMATE CRISIS SURVEY

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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

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

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