

"Tasmanian devils reintroduced into mainland Australia"

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An animal that has not lived on the Australian mainland in over 3,000 years is (1) _____. The creature is the Tasmanian devil. Conservation groups in the (2) _____ of New South Wales on Australia's east coast released a group of 26 of the mammals. They put them in a large nature (3) _____ north of the city of Sydney. The Tasmanian devil is the (4) _____ of a small dog. It feeds on large birds and household waste. It has been an endangered (5) _____ for decades after dingoes (an Australian wild dog) wiped them out on mainland Australia. The devil gets its (6) _____ from its high-pitched squeal and the (7) _____ way it fights for food. Despite its scary-sounding name, (8) _____ say it is not a danger to humans.

state
name
size
back
experts
fierce
reserve
species

The conservation group Aussie Ark worked with other animal (9) _____ groups on the project to release the Tasmanian devils. The animals are on a nature reserve to help keep their (10) _____ of survival high. They have been left to find their own food and (11) _____ by themselves. Tim Faulkner, president of Aussie Ark, told National Geographic: "They are free. They're out (12) _____. We've got some basic means of keeping an (13) _____ on them, but essentially, now it's over to the devils to do what they do." He was hopeful about the (14) _____ of the devils, saying: "This release of devils will be the (15) _____ of many. We are talking about something monumental, a true (16) _____ in history."

eye
protection
there
first
chances
landmark
future
survive

"English language test suggested for Australia visa"

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Visa requirements in Australia just got a little (1) _____. Foreign partners of existing residents who want a (2) _____ residence visa must soon have to pass an English language test. Australia's government says it is important that people (3) _____ a predetermined level of English proficiency before they are (4) _____ a permanent visa. The prerequisite could be in place from the middle of 2021. Immigration Minister Alan Tudge said: "We will require an (5) _____ and a sponsor to have met a functional level of English or to have at least made reasonable (6) _____ to learn English." He said such efforts would (7) _____ about 500 hours of free English classes on a government-(8) _____ language programme.

granted
efforts
tougher
run
prove
permanent
entail
applicant

The proposed requirement has (9) _____ controversy in Australia's parliament. Politicians critical of the planned (10) _____ called the new language test "discriminatory" and "racist". They argue it (11) _____ people from non-Western nations and their partners. A spokesman for Australia's opposition party said: "English (12) _____ isn't a test of someone's love." He said couples already faced an uphill (13) _____ in the application process and that the new requirement would add an "additional (14) _____ ". An immigration expert said: "It certainly puts a lot of pressure on couples who've been (15) _____ hard by COVID. Many of them have lost their jobs and now they've got this (16) _____ burden to pass an English test."

targets
struggle
stoked
added
measure
hit
proficiency
burden

Use the word in brackets to form a new word that fits into each blank.

1. James quickly _____ and got into the hot bathtub. **(DRESS)**
2. We made a few _____ to the design of the car. **(ADJUST)**
3. We _____ the strength of their team. That's why we lost. **(ESTIMATE)**
4. He is fortunate to have the _____ to listen to several people at once. **(ABLE)**
5. The _____ of John F. Kennedy was one of the key events of the 1960s. **(ASSASSINATE)**
6. How can you be so _____ to her feelings? She's just lost her father. **(SENSE)**
7. Every student must take an _____ exam. **(ENTER)**
8. According to his _____ of the situation we were facing a major conflict. **(ASSESS)**
9. It was one of the many _____ they faced on the long journey. **(HARD)**
10. She has been a _____ for over 20 years. **(LIBRARY)**
11. She was asked if she was taking any _____ at the moment. **(MEDICINE)**
12. The police got the necessary information from their _____. **(INFORM)**
13. All civil servants are sworn to _____ and cannot speak about certain things. **(SECRET)**
14. Old people are mostly afraid of _____. That's why they often keep a pet. **(LONELY)**
15. You can wear your shirt and a pair of jeans. It's an _____ event. **(FORMAL)**
16. You have _____ my name. It's *Johnson*, not *Johnston*. **(SPELL)**
17. He went to the club for _____. **(COMPANION)**
18. The government's actions towards reducing pollution were _____. **(PRAISE)**
19. Most experts say that the painting is not a _____. **(FORGE)**
20. The pain became _____, so we had to call an ambulance. **(ENDURE)**
21. The _____ of the whole country is at stake. **(STABLE)**
22. She claimed her _____ and said she had never been at the scene of the crime. **(INNOCENT)**
23. He never regained _____ and died a few weeks after the accident. **(CONSIIOUS)**
24. Edgar Allan Poe was one of the great _____ figures of his age. **(LITERATURE)**
25. When I heard what had happened, I was _____. **(SPEAK)**

Complete the sentences a word or phrase from the box.

1. I always have a light _____ - with a cup of coffee and a croissant.
2. You're a local, aren't you? - So, can you _____ a restaurant around here?
3. After waiting for 10 minutes the waiter came to our table and _____ our _____.
4. They _____ excellent food at the Thai restaurant around the corner.
5. My boyfriend _____ me _____ for dinner every weekend.
6. You get a three-_____ meal for only \$12 .
7. The food was excellent, but the _____ was rather slow.
8. Experts say that breakfast is the most important _____ of the day.
9. The new restaurant offers _____ food. Just call them and 15 minutes later you can pick up your order.
10. You usually leave a 10% _____ for the waiter.
11. I wanted to go to the new restaurant, but it was _____, so we had to go somewhere else.
12. When the waiter brought the _____, I was surprised that everything was so cheap.
13. If we decide to go there we'll have to _____. There are always so many people.
14. I'm here with my wife. I'd like a _____ .
15. The bar is always so _____ because people stop there after work.
16. My dad always chooses the most important item on the _____.
17. We won't be home until 6 in the evening so take a _____ with you.
18. It was a cheap hotel that only offered a _____ breakfast.
19. We had roast turkey for our _____ course.
20. They invited us for _____ tomorrow evening. We definitely should go.

bill
book a table
breakfast
continental
course
crowded
dinner
fully booked
main
meal
menu
packed lunch
recommend
serve
service
table for two
takeaway food
takes out
tip
took ... order

Choose the correct word or phrase for each blank.

1. Mrs Butler was in deep _____ after her husband's sudden death. **(REGRET / GRIEF / DISTURBANCE / GLOOM)**
2. There's no need to rush. Take your _____ before you give me your answer. **(THOUGHTS / MINUTE / MOMENT / TIME)**
3. Mike had to stay in hospital for several weeks where he was _____ for a heart weakness. **(CURED / ATTENDED / HEALED / TREATED)**
4. Jack was _____ with anger when he realised that he hadn't made it to the Olympic team. **(STORED / SAVED / FILLED / LOADED)**
5. The media put the _____ on the police, who weren't at the scene fast enough. **(BLAME / FAULT / MISTAKE / GUILT)**
6. If I had known she was seriously _____, I would have gone to visit her. **(DISEASE / UNHEALTHY / UNWELL / ILL)**
7. I don't believe a _____ of what you say. **(SENTENCE / PHRASE / WORD / PART)**
8. The relations between the two countries have become _____ because of the riots near the border. **(SUSPENSEFUL / RECKLESS / WORRIED / TENSE)**
9. Be careful when you speak to him. The young boy is very sensitive by _____. **(NATURE / REACTION / CHARACTER / SPIRIT)**
10. After hours of discussion the committee had finally _____ a conclusion. **(COMMITTED / SOLVED / DECIDED / REACHED)**
11. The Labour party has raised several _____ to the tax proposals of the Conservatives. **(PROBLEMS / DIFFICULTIES / OBJECTIONS / COMMITMENTS)**
12. There were pieces of plastic _____ all over the floor. **(SETTLED / SCATTERED / DOTTED / COLLECTED)**
13. Despite organising several events we failed to _____ enough money for the renovation of the church. **(RISE / RAISE / INCREASE / ADVANCE)**
14. My brother is such a _____. He's even afraid to stay at home alone. **(DESERTER / COWARD / FEARFUL / BOASTER)**
15. Don't bet on Frank's team. They don't _____ a chance of winning the match. **(RISE / PLAY / STAND / TAKE)**