

"World's longest rabbit is "rabbitnapped" "

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One of the world's largest rabbits has been stolen from his home in England. Darius, a continental giant rabbit, is the (1) **current** Guinness record holder as the longest rabbit in the world. From nose to tail, he measures 129cm in (2) **length**. Police say he was abducted from his pen late Saturday evening. Local police said in a statement: "It is believed the rabbit was stolen from its (3) **enclosure** in the garden of the property of its owners (4) **overnight** on Saturday. We are appealing for information following the (5) **theft**." Darius' distraught owner has offered a \$2,750 (6) **reward** for the safe return of her beloved pet. She (7) **pleaded** for his safe return and told the rabbitnappers that Darius was too old to be (8) **bred**.

Darius' disappearance comes amid a (9) **spike** in pet thefts in the UK during the coronavirus pandemic. Darius' owner has made an impassioned (10) **appeal** to those who made off with her rabbit. She said: "Every animal is an (11) **individual** that can't be replaced, and it's just so upsetting because he is such a (12) **loveable** character." The police said Darius' abduction was a high-profile case as the animal was a (13) **celebrity** in England and has made dozens of TV appearances. They believe the abductors have a (14) **potential** "ulterior motive," and that it could be the work of organized criminals who knew his commercial (15) **value**. The UK's policing Minister Kit Malthouse called animal theft a "(16) **vile** crime" and promised to crack down on it.

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Answers to Some / Any / 'No Article' Exercise 1

1. Can you buy some pasta? [I'm thinking of the amount we need for tonight.]
2. We need Ø mushrooms [I'm not thinking about the amount].
3. John drinks Ø coffee every morning [coffee, not tea].
4. Add some water to the soup if it's too thick [a certain amount of water].
5. I really want some tea – could you get me a cup?
6. We could have Ø rice for dinner [rice, not pasta].
7. I ate some bread and two eggs for lunch [I'm thinking about the amount].
8. She bought some new furniture [a certain amount of furniture].
9. Did you get Ø carrots? [I'm not thinking about the amount.]
10. I'd like Ø tea, please! [Tea, not juice or coffee.]

Answers:

1. My nephew was **amused** by the clown.
2. It's so **frustrating!** No matter how much I study I can't seem to remember this vocabulary.
3. This lesson is so **boring!**
4. I'm feeling **depressed**, so I'm going to go home, eat some chocolate, and go to bed early with a good book.
5. I thought her new idea was absolutely **fascinating**.
6. This maths problem is so **confusing**. Can you help me?
7. The teacher was really **amusing** so the lesson passed quickly.
8. The journey was **exhausting!** Twelve hours by bus.
9. The plane began to move in a rather **alarming** way.
10. He was **frightened** when he saw the spider.
11. I was really **embarrassed** when I fell over in the street.
12. That film was so **depressing!** There was no happy ending for any of the characters.
13. I'm sorry, I can't come tonight. I'm completely **exhausted**.
14. We are going in a helicopter? How **exciting!**
15. Don't show my baby photos to people, Mum! It's so **embarrassing!**
16. It's okay, it's only me. Don't be **alarmed**.
17. My sister is so **excited** because she is going on holiday tomorrow.
18. I hate long flights, I'm always really **bored**.
19. She looked very **confused** when I told her we had to change the plan.
20. John was **fascinated** by Mandarin when he first started learning languages. He decided to study more and now he can speak it fluently.

Answers: Bed / Home / Work / Town Exercise 1

1. John is at home now.
2. Let's go into town later – I'd like to do some shopping.
3. I went to bed early last night, but I still feel tired.
4. The work that Julie is doing at the moment sounds boring.
5. My son's just rented his first flat and needs furniture – I'm going to give him the bed in our spare room.
6. I usually arrive at work at about eight thirty.
7. She bought a book about the homes of the rich and famous.
8. The town where my mother lives is very pretty.