

# "Dogs wear body armour to stop eagle attack"

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Dog (1) owners in Alaska and Canada are buying special vests for their pets. The vests are to (2) protect the pets from attacks by bald eagles. In recent weeks, a number of pet dogs have been taken away by the birds of (3) prey. The number of bald eagles has risen greatly in Alaska. There have been many conservation (4) efforts, which has seen the bald eagle population increase. Conservationists (5) estimate there are now around 30,000 of the eagles in Alaska. While bird lovers are (6) happy about this, pet owners are worried. The eagles have a 2.4-metre (7) wingspan. They are strong enough to pick up and fly away with a 6-kilogram animal. The eagles are already a nuisance for (8) farmers as they are killing chickens.

*happy*  
*wingspan*  
*efforts*  
*owners*  
*farmers*  
*prey*  
*estimate*  
*protect*

The special vest that pet owners are buying is called the CoyoteVest. It is a protective jacket that was (9) designed to protect small dogs from coyotes. A coyote is a wild dog that is (10) similar to a wolf. It is common across North America. The CoyoteVest has a (11) variety of spikes and other sharp things on it to protect the pet. Some of the vests have (12) brightly coloured whiskers that are meant to (13) scare birds away. It is made of a material called Kevlar, which is used in (14) bulletproof vests. The Kevlar protects a small dog from the (15) teeth of a larger dog. The CoyoteVest company said its vest helps to, "slow down or prevent a surprise attack and give you enough time to react before (16) serious injury occurs" to a pet.

*brightly*  
*similar*  
*bulletproof*  
*variety*  
*serious*  
*designed*  
*teeth*  
*scare*

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# Dating app asks "are you sure"? before hitting send

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The dating app Tinder has (1) launched a new feature designed to help reduce online harassment. The app uses an (2) algorithm to detect potentially abusive content contained in a message created by the user. Artificial intelligence is used to create a (3) database that flags up examples of (4) abusive or inappropriate language. After the author of the message presses 'send', a small box (5) pops up that asks, "Are you sure?" or "AYS?" Developers at Tinder are optimistic the new feature will (6) drastically cut the number of abusive messages sent on the platform. They say that while testing the app, the (7) volume of such messages fell by 10 per cent. The new feature has been (8) rolled out on English and Japanese versions of the app.

*database*

*pops*

*volume*

*launched*

*rolled*

*abusive*

*algorithm*

*drastically*

The Tinder dating app allows users to anonymously (9) swipe photos and like or dislike the profiles of possible love (10) matches based on photos, biographies and common interests. Once the app (11) deems two users as being "matched", they can exchange messages and arrange a date. While the app has (12) resulted in many finding love, like similar apps, it has been abused. AYS works on the (13) concepts of "act in haste, (14) repent at leisure". The company says AYS is its response to keeping Tinder a safe environment. It said: "The early results...show us that (15) intervention done the right way can be really meaningful in changing behaviour and building a (16) community where everyone feels like they can be themselves."

*resulted*

*matches*

*community*

*deems*

*intervention*

*concept*

*swipe*

*repent*

Topic: **TO BE or TO HAVE?** 1 | level: **Beginner/Intermediate**

Complete each of the following sentences with the correct form of the verb **TO BE** or the verb **TO HAVE**:

1. I \_\_\_\_\_ cold. (= I feel cold)  
a) have    **b) am**
2. I \_\_\_\_\_ a cold. (= I am sick)  
a) am    **b) have**
3. \_\_\_\_\_ a little hungry.  
a) **I'm**    b) I've
4. He \_\_\_\_\_ a lot of money.  
**a) has**    b) is
5. These students \_\_\_\_\_ very smart.  
a) have    **b) are**
6. Thomas \_\_\_\_\_ two children.  
**a) has**    b) is
7. I \_\_\_\_\_ sleepy.  
a) have    **b) am**
8. Mary \_\_\_\_\_ 24 years old.  
a) has    **b) is**
9. The athletes \_\_\_\_\_ tired.  
a) don't have    **b) are not**
10. He \_\_\_\_\_ your purse.  
**a) has**    b) is

topic: **Auxiliary Verbs (to be, to do, to have) 1**

Fill in each blank space with the correct auxiliary verb:

1. \_\_\_\_\_ he changed much over the years?  
a) **Has**    b) Does    c) Is
2. \_\_\_\_\_ she Polish?  
a) Has    b) Does    **c) Is**
3. \_\_\_\_\_ he like to drive at night?  
a) Has    **b) Does**    c) Is
4. \_\_\_\_\_ you normally read before you go to bed?  
**a) Do**    b) Are    c) Have
5. \_\_\_\_\_ I look tired?  
a) **Do**    b) Am    c) Have
6. \_\_\_\_\_ you seen that movie several times already?  
a) Do    b) Are    **c) Have**
7. \_\_\_\_\_ he leaving tomorrow?  
a) Has    b) Does    **c) Is**
8. \_\_\_\_\_ she been to Greece before?  
**a) Has**    b) Does    c) Is
9. \_\_\_\_\_ they coming at 7?  
a) Do    **b) Are**    c) Have
10. \_\_\_\_\_ they always cheat?  
**a) Do**    b) Are    c) Have





topic: **ARTICLE or NO ARTICLE?**

For each of the following sentences, fill in the blank with either "a", "an", "the", or "no article".

1. \_\_\_\_\_ Chinese is a difficult language to learn.

2. **The** \_\_\_\_\_ general's army attacked the city at night.

3. I like to play \_\_\_\_\_ basketball.

4. My parents gave me **a** \_\_\_\_\_ basketball for my birthday.

5. She is **the** \_\_\_\_\_ prettiest girl in the school.

6. I have **an** \_\_\_\_\_ idea! Let's go bowling.

7. I have borrowed \_\_\_\_\_ money from her before.

8. My first apartment was on \_\_\_\_\_ Orange Street.

9. **The** \_\_\_\_\_ dress she is wearing is blue.

10. He is **a** \_\_\_\_\_ real gentleman.