

"Dogs wear body armour to stop eagle attack"

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

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farmers
prey
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The special vest that pet owners are buying is called the CoyoteVest. It is a protective jacket that was (9) _____ to protect small dogs from coyotes. A coyote is a wild dog that is (10) _____ to a wolf. It is common across North America. The CoyoteVest has a (11) _____ of spikes and other sharp things on it to protect the pet. Some of the vests have (12) _____ coloured whiskers that are meant to (13) _____ birds away. It is made of a material called Kevlar, which is used in (14) _____ vests. The Kevlar protects a small dog from the (15) _____ 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) _____ injury occurs" to a pet.

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

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

database

pops

volume

launched

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abusive

algorithm

drastically

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

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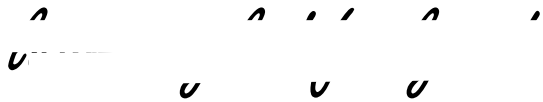
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Topic: **TO BE or TO HAVE?** 1 | level: **Beginner/Intermediate**

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



ESL RESOURCES

topic: Present Perfect verb tense

Change each sentence into the **present perfect** tense.
EX: "I am playing baseball --> I have **played** baseball"

1. I *am speaking* to you. I have _____ to you.
2. That man *is driving* a car. That man has _____ a car.
3. My friend *is sleeping*. My friend has _____ .
4. She *is* in Prague. She has _____ in Prague.
5. They *are arguing* about money. They have _____ money.
6. They *are taking* a test. They have _____ a test.
7. She *is eating*. She has _____.
8. I *am listening* to music. I have _____ to music.
9. The musician *is playing* a song. The musician has _____ a song.
10. She *is flying* to Berlin. She has _____ to Berlin.



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. _____ general's army attacked the city at night.
3. I like to play _____ basketball.
4. My parents gave me _____ basketball for my birthday.
5. She is _____ prettiest girl in the school.
6. I have _____ idea! Let's go bowling.
7. I have borrowed _____ money from her before.
8. My first apartment was on _____ Orange Street.
9. _____ dress she is wearing is blue.
10. He is _____ real gentleman.