

## The News

### Listening Comprehension: Infers

**I. Listen to the information and choose the correct alternative:**



A new type of bird is swarming near the ocean in Africa.

Locusts, a type of insect, are destroying crops in Africa.



**II. Listen to the information again and complete the missing words:**

In this picture, Senegalese children are (1) \_\_\_\_\_ through a swarm of locust in the capital, Dakar. The (2) \_\_\_\_\_ invasion was the worst West Africa had experienced for 15 years. Within a month, swarms had reached as far afield as Crete, Cape Verde, and Lebanon, (3) \_\_\_\_\_ millions of hectares of crops. Adult locusts can eat their own (4) \_\_\_\_\_ in vegetation every day, stripping fields (5) \_\_\_\_\_ in seconds. Aid agencies said that the locust had destroyed up to a third of the crops in those (6) \_\_\_\_\_ countries affected by the (7) \_\_\_\_\_. The swarms were so (8) \_\_\_\_\_ that the unusual methods of getting rid of them, such as banging steel pans and (9) \_\_\_\_\_ tires, were ineffective. Sadly, good rains in 2004 which were left to healthy harvest, also (10) \_\_\_\_\_ the ideal conditions for the locusts to breed f



**III. Listen to the data again and write true or false next to each statement:**

1	According to the information, Senegalese people must have suffered from locust invasions before.	
2	The destruction of crops might have affected people economically.	
3	The swarms of locusts stayed in Senegal and just affected that country.	
4	“stripping fields bare in seconds” means that locusts can abandon the fields in just a little time.	
5	According to the last part of the information, rains in 2004 were good for the harvest, but they can't have been the cause of locusts to breed faster.	

**You are doing a great job!**