

Bear guilty of stealing honey



A. Read the following article and choose the correct preposition to fill in the gaps.

A wild bear with a taste for honey has been found guilty (1) repeatedly raiding a beekeeper's hives. The beekeeper took the bear (2) court in Macedonia after spending a year trying to protect his bees and their honey (3) the hungry beast.

The sweet-toothed bear didn't show (4) at court, but he was still found guilty (5) theft and criminal damage.

Because the bear is a protected species and has no owner, the state has to pay £1,750 (6) the damage (7) the hives.

The beekeeper said he'd tried to keep the bear away from his bees (8) buying a generator, putting lights up around the beehives and playing really loud music.

But when the generator ran (9) of power, the lights went (10) and the music stopped so the bear sneaked back to stick his paws in the honey hives again.

Meanwhile the bear is still at large in Macedonia - probably looking (11) his next honey fix!

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B. Are the following statements true or false? Write T for True, F for False.

- 1 The bear was taken to court because it damaged a beekeeper's hives.
- 2 The bear first attacked the hives a year ago.
- 3 The bear was tried without being present.
- 4 The owner of the bear will have to pay £1,750 for the damage.
- 5 The beekeeper used lighting and music to scare the bear away.
- 6 When the bear came back, its paws got stuck in the honey.
- 7 Now the bear is kept at a large zoo in Macedonia.



C. Match the words or phrases on the left with the definitions on the right. Put the correct letter into the box next to each word.

1 raid	a	a machine that produces electricity
2 hive	b	to use all of something and not have any more left
3 beast	c	has not been caught
4 sweet-toothed	d	an amount of something you badly want
5 show up	e	to go somewhere secretly
6 generator	f	an animal, especially a large or wild one
7 run out of	g	to take something from a place, usually secretly
8 sneak	h	that likes eating sweet foods
9 is at large	i	a small box where bees are kept
10 fix	j	to arrive, especially at the place where someone is waiting for you



D. Fill in the gaps with the following phrasal verbs in the correct form.

show up, put up, run out of, go out, look for



1. They money and had to abandon the project.
2. We Jim. Have you seen him?
3. I was soaked before I could my umbrella.
4. We were expecting thirty people to come, but half of them never
5. The fire must have during the night.