

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.

- The bear was taken to court because it damaged a beekeeper's hives.
- The bear first attacked the hives a year ago.
- The bear was tried without being present.
- The owner of the bear will have to pay £1,750 for the damage.
- The beekeeper used lighting and music to scare the bear away.
- When the bear came back, its paws got stuck in the honey.
- 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.

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| 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

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

