

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!