

# 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.

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**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

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.

