

LISTENING

a. Listen to two students talking about foreign species. How does Steven feel about them?

b. Listen and fill in the gaps.

Listening to two students talking about 1 _____ species.

Girl: Hi, Steven. What are you doing here? Don't you have class?

Steven: How are you? I have a 2 _____ period, so I'm reading about foreign species.

Girl: Really? What for?

Steven: I think it's really interesting how people and animals have affected some
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Girl: What do you mean?

Steven: Well, for 1000s of years, humans have been bringing animals to parts of the world they aren't 4 _____ to.

Girl: Uh huh.

Steven: Sometimes these animals eat a lot of plants and animals that are already listed. Oh, like in Florida in the US, people have been buying Burmese 5 _____ as pets since the 1990s. After a few years, those snakes get too big to be pets. Then people set them free in a national park and the snakes have 6 _____ across the park and eaten anything they can find. Some native rabbits and foxes have disappeared because of them.

Girl: Wow! What can they do about the snakes?

Steven: Some people are trying to hunt them. There's a video online of two guys who caught a python 7 _____ meters long. Do you want to see?

Girl: I don't think I want to see that. It's almost lunchtime.

Steven: Alright.

Girl: So what else can be done about foreign species?

Steven: Sometimes they have to kill them with 8 _____ which is sad but good for the ecosystem in general.

c. Now, listen again and circle True or False.

1. Steven is studying foreign species in science class.
2. Humans have brought foreign species around the world for hundreds of years.
3. The Burmese pythons in Florida have eaten some native species.
4. Two men caught a Burmese python that was nine meters long.
5. Steven feels bad that some foreign species must be killed.

VOCABULARY

1. the part of plant that a new plant can grow from
2. naturally found in a place
3. all the plants and living things in an area
4. something that causes death or harm if it gets into the body
5. something likely to cause damage or danger
6. cover a larger and larger area over time