

## Module 9 - Did you hear that?

Look at the notes below and expand them to make complete sentences. Be careful with your punctuation and remember the most likely words you will need to add are prepositions, auxiliary verbs and articles. Also you might need to write the full form of some abbreviations.

Some help has been provided in bold.

Enormous egg / with circumference 81.78 cms. / found Western Australian beach / 1993 / by 3 children / initially mistook it for very large smooth rock **(you'll need to use a relative pronoun to connect the last part of the sentence)**

What makes egg even more extraordinary / that bird laid it / monstrously large flightless bird called Aepyornis Maximus or 'elephant bird' / became extinct about 400yrs. ago + lived only on island Madagascar / at least 6,5k kms. from Australian coastline

Scientists believe egg / transported from Madagascar **(use modal of deduction and be careful it needs to be in the passive form)** / on prevailing ocean currents / Indian + Southern Oceans actually converge at exact point egg found

Egg now kept Western Australian Museum / paid \$25k Australian children's families / recognition of egg's importance scientists

**When you have finished your teacher will play the listening again for you to check your sentences. If you have anything that is different to the listening, underline it. Your teacher will then tell you if your sentences are grammatically correct or not.**



## Cutting Edge Upper Intermediate Worksheet

Now expand the words below to make proper questions. You will need to put verbs into the correct tenses and you might need to change the word order for some of the questions. When you have finished try to answer the questions based on the information from all three parts of the listening.

1. Which / most recent story?
2. What / statues of Ganesha / make of?
3. What / monster make out of?
4. Elephant Bird / be able / fly?
5. Which stories / provide / scientific explanation? (Try to use present perfect passive)
6. Who / decide / admit / trick?
7. Why / priest / believe / statues / drink / milk?
8. Which paper / first publish / story / Loch Ness Monster / when publish?



## Module 9 Teacher's notes (To be used with p.99)

This worksheet not only acts as a set of comprehension questions for the listening on page 99 but also revises passive structures in Unit 4. Additionally, it provides an opportunity to expand notes - a different skill which is the opposite of what students were required to do in Unit 6 (page 71 students' book and website worksheet).

The answers provided are the same as the listening but variations to this are also possible. Therefore after students have heard the listening for a second time you may wish to discuss any differences they have.

This enormous egg, with a circumference of 81.78 centimetres, was found on a Western Australian beach in 1993 by three children who initially mistook it for a very large smooth rock. What makes the egg even more extraordinary is that the bird that laid it - a monstrously large flightless bird called *Aepyornis Maximus* or 'elephant bird' - became extinct about four hundred years ago and lived only on the island of Madagascar, at least 6,500 kilometres from the Australian coastline. Scientists believe that the egg must have been transported from Madagascar on the prevailing ocean currents: the Indian and Southern Oceans actually converge at the exact point where the egg was found. The egg is now kept in the Western Australian Museum, which paid 25,000 (twenty-five thousand) Australian dollars to the children's families in recognition of the egg's importance to scientists.

### Answers to question expansion

1. Which is the most recent story?  
**B. The story about the statues drinking milk.**
2. What were the statues of Ganesha made of?  
(You might want to highlight the difference here between made "of", "out of", "from", "with" and "by")  
**Marble**
3. What was the monster made out of?  
**A toy submarine and some plastic wood.**
4. Was the Elephant Bird able to fly?  
**No. It was flightless.**
5. Which stories have been provided with a scientific explanation?  
**B and C.**
6. Who decided to admit that it was a trick?  
**One of Weatherill's sons.**
7. Why did the priest believe the statues were drinking the milk?  
**Because the gods were showing their power - especially to the younger generation.**
8. Which paper first published the story about the Loch Ness Monster and when was it published?  
**The Daily Mail in 1934.**

