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# BBC LEARNING ENGLISH

## Lingohack

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#### Today's Headlines:

**World's largest protected area created off Hawaii**

**New Earth-like planet discovered**

**Goodbye Cookie: pink cockatoo dies at 83**

#### Transcript:

The US President, Barack Obama, has announced plans to dramatically expand a **marine reserve** off the coast of Hawaii. The world heritage listed site, which encompasses the Northwestern Hawaiian Islands, is home to many rare and endangered sea creatures. The expansion will effectively quadruple the size of the reserve; bringing it to around 1.5m sq km.

Some exciting news now, because scientists say they've found a planet **orbiting** the closest star outside our solar system. And they say Proxima b, which is about four light years away, is a rocky globe that could have enough surface water to support life.

And finally, let's take you to a zoo in the American city of Chicago. Celebrations, but also a bit of **mourning** for a special cockatoo, who has died at the age of 83. Here's Cookie, a pink cockatoo, celebrating, in these pictures, his birthday back in June. He's believed to have been the oldest known bird of his kind. He arrived in the zoo in the 1930s. He retired a few years ago.

#### Words and definitions:

##### **marine reserve**

area of ocean protected by the law

##### **orbiting**

moving in a circular path around an object (especially for planets)

##### **mourning**

sadness because someone has died

Watch the video online: <http://bbc.in/2bVdYAO>

### Exercise:

Use one of the words or phrases from Lingohack to complete each of these sentences. Note that you may have to change the form of a word or phrase to complete the sentence correctly.

### marine reserve / orbiting / mourning

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