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**Today's Headlines:**

**Bear cub hunting in Alaska**

**Indonesia's owls at risk**

**Toe wrestling champions**

**Transcript:**

Alaska's wildlife refuges are immense. Each year, tens of thousands of people hunt here, but what rules should they follow? President Trump has lifted restrictions put in place by Barack Obama. Once again, all hunters can use bait and kill mother bears and their cubs. Animal rights campaigners are **outraged**, but many believe hunters are the best people to manage big game.

Hadie paid a 100 US dollars for this barred eagle-owl - the closest Indonesian owl that when young, looks like Harry Potter's snowy-white Hedwig. In the past people stayed away from them, believing them close to the spirit world. But now there's a growing number of people - **inspired by fiction** - to take wild owls as pets. There's only one type of owl that's on the protected species list in Indonesia. Activists want that changed to lift the Harry Potter curse.

New toe wrestling champions have been **crowned** after an unusual competition was held in Derbyshire in the UK. Participants at The World Toe Wrestling Championships, which is like arm wrestling but with feet, competed in best-of-three knockout rounds until a winner was found. Everyone had their feet checked by a **podiatrist** before they competed.

**Words and phrases and definitions:**

**outraged**

very angry and shocked

**inspired by fiction**

influenced by stories not based on real people and facts

**crowned**

given the title for winning a competition

**podiatrist**

person who treats problems and diseases of people's feet

Watch the video online: <http://bbc.in/2xsMz0S>

**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.

**outraged / inspired by fiction / crowned / podiatrist**

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