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News Review

Townsville: Crocodiles seen in Australia's flooded streets



The story

A search is underway in the Australian city of Townsville for two men missing after unprecedented rainfall. Thousands of homes have been flooded and hundreds of people have been moved to evacuation centres. More heavy rain is forecast as further storms approach the area.

Vocabulary

steps in

becomes involved in a situation

- If the meeting gets too loud, the boss usually steps in to calm everyone down.
- The protest is now so large the police have stepped in to maintain order.

deploys

sends people or things to a place for a purpose

- The state deploys emergency aid each time there is a hurricane.
- We are deploying extra troops to help search the area for survivors.

roam

move or travel freely without any real purpose or direction

- Noisy teenagers roam around the streets of my town at night. It's very distracting!
- It was incredible to see the animals roaming freely around the safari park.

Language challenge

She's not really crying. Those are _____ tears because she doesn't want to go to bed.

- a) crocodile
- b) giraffe
- c) lion

Answer

a) crocodile