TURKEYS, BEES AND WHALES

New Internationalist Easier English
Ready Lesson Intermediate Level
Today’s lesson:

Speaking
Reading: for gist, and for detail
Vocabulary
Grammar
Writing
1. What’s your favourite animal, and why?
2. How do animals help us?
Discuss:
Turkeys, bees and whales ....
1. Are they endangered?
2. Do they suffer?
3. Are they intelligent?
Quick reading: skim through these 3 texts to find the answers:

1/ Bees:
http://eewiki.newint.org/index.php/Join_the_fight_for_the_bees,_David_Cameron

2/ Whales:
http://eewiki.newint.org/index.php/Killing_whales:_the_hypocrisy_of_the_West

3/ Turkeys:
http://eewiki.newint.org/index.php/Don’t_eat_turkey_this_Christmas
Vocabulary: what do these words mean?

Verbs:
- to electrocute
- to stun
- to hang
- to pollinate

Nouns:
- slaughterhouse
- anaesthetic
- insecticide
- pesticide
- hypocrisy
Reading 2: read for detail:

Find, in each article, the:

a) problem(s)
and

b) solution(s)?
Which story? – match:

a) their toes are cut off
b) they are given drugs
c) it is pulled along through the water
d) they are killed after a few weeks
e) they are taken by ship
f) no anaesthetics are used
g) many legs are broken
h) toxic chemicals should never be used again
i) they are hung
j) their heads are electrocuted

1) bee
2) turkey
3) whale
Turkeys:
their toes are cut off; they are given drugs; they are killed after a few weeks; they are taken by ship; no anaesthetics are used; many legs are broken; they are hung; their heads are electrocuted

Whale:
it is pulled along through the water

Bees:
toxic chemicals should never be used again
Present simple passive:

X is/are + past participle
It is pulled (regular - +ed)
They are hung (irregular verb)

Now complete the gaps:
If the turkeys survive this, they ..............
(take) by ship to be killed. Sometimes there
are 2,000 of them in one truck. They
..................... (throw) in like baggage at an
airport. Of course, many legs ............ (break).
Speaking

Groups of 3 – tell the others about the problems and solutions from your reading
In pairs, write a letter about one of the animals to one of your representatives in government.