

**B2 / Task 1**

Read the text below and give short answers (a maximum of TEN words) to the following questions in English. The first answer is given as an example. The use of dictionaries is NOT permitted.

Maximum score: 20 points

0.	Who was alerted?	<i>residents (1)</i> <i>of a Sydney suburb/of Silverdale (1)</i>
1.	What should they keep an eye out for?	
2.	Which object gave a clue about the animal's existence?	
3.	How was this object found?	
4.	What should residents not do?	
5.	Why is the situation not extremely dangerous?	
6.	How do these snakes attack?	
7.	How does the law control the territory of this type of snake?	
8.	What helps the snake hide in the wilderness?	
9.	What happens to the snake if it is found?	
10.	What will be checked in connection with the snake's health condition?	

## **Giant boa constrictor in Sydney**

Residents of a Sydney suburb have been warned to be on the lookout for a massive snake, after its freshly shed skin was found in the town. The snake is believed to be an adult boa constrictor -- one of the world's largest snake species, with an average length of 10 feet. The animal is thought to be at large in Silverdale, a small town west of Sydney, after its skin was spotted by a construction worker who was renovating a property in Silverdale.

Residents have been encouraged to report any sightings to the state's forestry department. The statement also advised residents to avoid making contact with the animal, but to take a photograph if it is safe to do so. It said that while boa constrictors are not venomous, they can bite and strangle their prey, adding that they pose "a serious threat to wildlife and can be dangerous to humans." The local government said it has organized a search party to locate and capture the animal.

Keeping a boa constrictor is illegal outside of zoos in New South Wales, according to the forestry department's website. The snake is native to Central and South America. It has an arrow-shaped head and distinctive patterns on its body, enabling it to avoid detection in the wild.

The forestry department said that once the snake was found, it would be sent to a vet. "The snake will be examined to determine where it came from, how long it has been in the area, what it has been eating, whether it's carrying any diseases of concern and whether it has produced offspring," it added.

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