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Level 4

Strange deep-sea creatures found near Australia

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THE READING

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Scientists have found many strange deep-sea creatures off the coast of Australia. The creatures live in total darkness four kilometres deep. It is a difficult place to explore. A submarine that could manage the crushing pressure of being so deep took photos. A researcher said: "Until now, almost nothing was known about life [in this deep ocean]. We're really excited about the discoveries that we've made and are thrilled that we can now share them."

The scientists gave the creatures strange names, such as red coffin fish, cookie cutter shark, zombie worm, tripod fish and sea pig. They think the coffin fish may be a new species. It has blue eyes, red fins, and a unique method for catching its prey. It uses a "fishing rod tipped with a fluffy bait on top of its head". The researchers also found, "highly concerning levels of rubbish". They said: "The seafloor has 200 years of rubbish on it."

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PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|---------------------------------------|----------------------|
| 1. off the coast | a. deep ocean |
| 2. The creatures live | b. of being so deep |
| 3. It is a difficult | c. them |
| 4. the crushing pressure | d. of Australia |
| 5. Until now, almost nothing | e. in total darkness |
| 6. life in this | f. we've made |
| 7. excited about the discoveries that | g. place to explore |
| 8. thrilled that we can now share | h. was known |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|--------------------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. We're really excited | a. strange names |
| 2. thrilled that we can | b. for catching its prey |
| 3. The scientists gave the creatures | c. of rubbish |
| 4. the coffin fish may be a | d. now share them |
| 5. a unique method | e. rod |
| 6. fishing | f. about the discoveries |
| 7. highly concerning levels | g. rubbish on it |
| 8. The seafloor has 200 years of | h. new species |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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Scientists have (1) _____ deep-sea creatures off the coast of Australia. The creatures (2) _____ darkness four kilometres deep. It is a difficult (3) _____. A submarine that could manage the crushing pressure (4) _____ deep took photos. A researcher said: "Until now, almost nothing was (5) _____ [in this deep ocean]. We're really excited about the discoveries that we've made and are (6) _____ can now share them."

The scientists gave the creatures strange names, (7) _____ coffin fish, cookie cutter shark, zombie worm, (8) _____ sea pig. They think the coffin fish may be a new species. It has blue eyes, red fins, and (9) _____ for catching its prey. It uses a "fishing rod tipped with a fluffy bait (10) _____ head". The researchers also found, "(11) _____ levels of rubbish". They said: "The seafloor has 200 years (12) _____."

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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DEEP-SEA CREATURES SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about deep-sea creatures in the table. Do this in pairs. Each student must write the questions on his / her own paper. When you have finished, interview other students. Write down their answers.

	STUDENT 1 _____	STUDENT 2 _____	STUDENT 3 _____
Q.1.			
Q.2.			
Q.3.			
Q.4.			
Q.5.			

- Now return to your original partner and share and talk about what you found out. Change partners often.
- Make mini-presentations to other groups on your findings.

WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student A: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

a) _____

b) _____

c) _____

d) _____

e) _____

f) _____

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WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student B: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

a) _____

b) _____

c) _____

d) _____

e) _____

f) _____

