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**Level 0 – 16th July, 2019**

## **Insects really feel pain, says new research**

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<https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1907/190716-insect-pain-0.html>

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**Please try Levels 1, 2 and 3. They are (a little) harder.**

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# THE READING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1907/190716-insect-pain-0.html>

Research shows that insects feel pain. A researcher said people don't think insects feel pain. He said insects know what dangerous things to stay away from. He said he knew that insects could sense 'pain' but didn't know that an injury could make insects more sensitive.

The researchers looked at injured fruit flies. They damaged one leg on fruit flies and let it heal. After it healed, the flies were more sensitive. The flies remembered the pain. They tried to protect their legs. It was more sensitive until it died.

The researcher wants to research human pain. He wants to make drugs to stop pain.

Sources: <https://www.studyfinds.org/do-bugs-feel-pain-insects-battle-chronic-pain-after-suffering-injury/>  
<https://www.sciencedaily.com/releases/2019/07/190712120244.htm>  
<https://www.sciencetimes.com/articles/23350/20190713/first-genetic-evidence-insects-experience-chronic-pain-revealed.htm>

# PHRASE MATCHING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1907/190716-insect-pain-0.html>

## PARAGRAPH ONE:

- |                                   |                      |
|-----------------------------------|----------------------|
| 1. Research shows that            | a. pain              |
| 2. A researcher said people don't | b. could             |
| 3. insects feel                   | c. from              |
| 4. He said insects                | d. sensitive         |
| 5. things to stay away            | e. think             |
| 6. he knew that insects could     | f. know what         |
| 7. didn't know that an injury     | g. insects feel pain |
| 8. make insects more              | h. sense 'pain'      |

## PARAGRAPH TWO:

- |                                  |                        |
|----------------------------------|------------------------|
| 1. researchers looked at injured | a. research human pain |
| 2. They damaged one              | b. pain                |
| 3. the flies were more           | c. until it died       |
| 4. The flies remembered the      | d. fruit flies         |
| 5. They tried to protect         | e. to stop pain        |
| 6. It was more sensitive         | f. leg                 |
| 7. The researcher wants to       | g. sensitive           |
| 8. He wants to make drugs        | h. their legs          |

# LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1907/190716-insect-pain-0.html>

Research (1) \_\_\_\_\_ feel pain. A researcher said  
(2) \_\_\_\_\_ insects feel pain. He  
(3) \_\_\_\_\_ what dangerous things  
(4) \_\_\_\_\_ from. He said he knew that insects  
could (5) \_\_\_\_\_ didn't know that an injury could  
make (6) \_\_\_\_\_.

The researchers (7) \_\_\_\_\_ fruit flies. They  
damaged (8) \_\_\_\_\_ fruit flies and let it heal.  
(9) \_\_\_\_\_, the flies were more sensitive. The flies  
remembered the pain. They (10) \_\_\_\_\_ their legs.  
It was more sensitive (11) \_\_\_\_\_. The researcher  
wants to research human pain. He wants to make  
(12) \_\_\_\_\_ pain.

# PUT A SLASH ( / ) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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# INSECT PAIN SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1907/190716-insect-pain-4.html>

Write five GOOD questions about insect pain 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) \_\_\_\_\_

