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World's most electrifying eel found in Amazon

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THE ARTICLE

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1909/190914-electric-eel.html>

Scientists have discovered a new species of electric eel that is truly shocking. In fact, it is the most shocking creature in the world. The new eel was discovered in the Amazon. It is capable of giving someone an electric shock that is nearly eight times stronger than the electricity found in the wall socket of an American home. The eel is 2.4 meters long, weighs 45kgs, and can discharge a shock of 860 volts. Appliances in American homes need just 110 volts of electricity. The eel has enough power to give a human a severe electric shock. It is possible the shock could kill a human. The scientists wrote in the journal Nature Communications that the eel is "the strongest living bio-electricity generator".

Scientists have named the new eel *Electrophorus voltai*. The team of researchers actually found two new species of electric eel, but *Electrophorus voltai* is grabbing the headlines because of its electrical power. Up until the two recent discoveries, scientists believed there was only one electric eel in existence. Lead researcher Dr David de Santana said he would not be surprised to find more new species. He wrote: "If you can discover a new 2.4m-long fish after 250 years of exploration, can you imagine what remains to be discovered in that region?" He added: "The discovery...in Amazonia, one of the planet's biodiversity hot spots, is suggestive of the vast amount of species that remain to be discovered in nature."

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<https://newatlas.com/biology/new-electric-eel-species-shocking/>

WARM-UPS

1. ELECTRIC EELS: Students walk around the class and talk to other students about electric eels. Change partners often and share your findings.

2. CHAT: In pairs / groups, talk about these topics or words from the article. What will the article say about them? What can you say about these words and your life?

scientists / species / electric / eel / shock / appliances / human / possible / generator
researchers / headlines / discovery / surprised / exploration / Amazon / biodiversity

Have a chat about the topics you liked. Change topics and partners frequently.

3. NEW SPECIES: Students A **strongly** believe governments should spend lots of money to find new species; Students B **strongly** believe they shouldn't. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.

4. SHOCKING CREATURES: What do you know and want to know about these creatures? Complete this table with your partner(s). Change partners often and share what you wrote.

	What I Know	What I Want To Know
Electric eels		
Fire flies		
Sting rays		
Giant hornets		
Vampire bats		
King Cobra		

5. CREATURE: Spend one minute writing down all of the different words you associate with the word "creature". Share your words with your partner(s) and talk about them. Together, put the words into different categories.

6. ELECTRIC ANIMALS: Rank these with your partner. Put the scariest (imaginary) electric animals at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

- electric ants
- electric elephants
- electric cats
- electric mosquitos
- electric cockroaches
- electric bees
- electric sharks
- electric koalas

VOCABULARY MATCHING

Paragraph 1

- | | |
|-------------------|--|
| 1. species | a. Something that creates electricity. |
| 2. creature | b. A group of living things that can exchange genes and produce babies, young or seedlings, etc. |
| 3. capable | c. Very bad. |
| 4. electric shock | d. Any animal that is not a human being. |
| 5. severe | e. A sudden amount of electricity going through the body. |
| 6. journal | f. Having the ability, fitness, or quality necessary to do something. |
| 7. generator | g. A newspaper or magazine that deals with a particular subject or professional activity. |

Paragraph 2

- | | |
|------------------|--|
| 8. grabbing | h. Getting something quickly. |
| 9. headline | i. All of the different kinds of living things in the world, or in a particular area. |
| 10. recent | j. The title at the top of an article or page in a newspaper or magazine that shows the main news story. |
| 11. existence | k. The action of traveling in or through an unfamiliar area in order to learn about it. |
| 12. discover | l. Having happened, begun, or been done not long ago or not long before. |
| 13. exploration | m. The fact or state of living. |
| 14. biodiversity | n. Find something or someone unexpectedly. |

BEFORE READING / LISTENING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1909/190914-electric-eel.html>

1. TRUE / FALSE: Read the headline. Guess if a-h below are true (T) or false (F).

- a. The newly found eel doesn't have the strongest electric shock. **T / F**
- b. The eel has a shock with fewer volts than the wall socket of a US home. **T / F**
- c. The eel weighs around 45 kilograms. **T / F**
- d. The eel's shock will instantly kill most humans. **T / F**
- e. Researchers found two new types of electric eel. **T / F**
- f. There are now three species of electric eel in the world. **T / F**
- g. A researcher said he'd be surprised if more new species were found. **T / F**
- h. The researcher called Amazonia a biodiversity hot spot. **T / F**

2. SYNONYM MATCH: (The words in **bold** are from the news article.)

- | | |
|----------------------|---------------|
| 1. discovered | a. huge |
| 2. capable | b. outlet |
| 3. socket | c. called |
| 4. enough | d. type |
| 5. living | e. latest |
| 6. named | f. sufficient |
| 7. species | g. area |
| 8. recent | h. found |
| 9. region | i. existing |
| 10. vast | j. able |

3. PHRASE MATCH: (Sometimes more than one choice is possible.)

- | | |
|---|--------------------------|
| 1. Scientists have discovered a new | a. of exploration |
| 2. the most shocking creature | b. American homes |
| 3. capable of giving someone | c. headlines |
| 4. appliances in | d. in the world |
| 5. the strongest living bio-electricity | e. find more new species |
| 6. grabbing the | f. hot spots |
| 7. he would not be surprised to | g. species |
| 8. after 250 years | h. generator |
| 9. one of the planet's biodiversity | i. of species |
| 10. suggestive of the vast amount | j. an electric shock |

GAP FILL

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capable
generator
shock
truly
socket
severe
times
just

Scientists have named the new eel *Electrophorus voltai*. The team of researchers (9) _____ found two new species of electric eel, but *Electrophorus voltai* is grabbing the (10) _____ because of its electrical power. Up until the two recent discoveries, scientists believed there was only one electric eel in (11) _____. Lead researcher Dr David de Santana said he would not be surprised to find (12) _____ new species. He wrote: "If you can discover a new 2.4m-long fish after 250 years of exploration, can you (13) _____ what remains to be discovered in that (14) _____?" He added: "The discovery...in Amazonia, one of the planet's (15) _____ hot spots, is suggestive of the vast amount of species that remain to be (16) _____ in nature."

more
actually
biodiversity
imagine
discovered
existence
region
headlines

LISTENING – Guess the answers. Listen to check.

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1909/190914-electric-eel.html>

- 1) Scientists have discovered a new species of electric eel that _____ shocking
 - a. is true
 - b. is truth
 - c. is true lie
 - d. is truly
- 2) In fact, it is the most shocking _____ world
 - a. creature in the
 - b. creative in the
 - c. creatures in the
 - d. crater in the
- 3) eight times stronger than the electricity found in _____
 - a. the war sock it
 - b. the all socket
 - c. the wall sock it
 - d. the wall socket
- 4) Appliances in American homes need just 110 _____
 - a. volts of electricity
 - b. bolts of electricity
 - c. dolts of electricity
 - d. colts of electricity
- 5) ... that the eel is "the strongest living bio-_____
 - a. electricity generate
 - b. electricity generated
 - c. electricity generation
 - d. electricity generator
- 6) two new species of electric eel, but *Electrophorus voltai* _____ headlines
 - a. is grabbing the
 - b. is grubbing the
 - c. is garbing the
 - d. is garbling the
- 7) scientists believed there was only one electric _____
 - a. ear ring existence
 - b. ear in existence
 - c. eel in existence
 - d. keel in existence
- 8) can you imagine what remains to be discovered _____?
 - a. in what region
 - b. in that region
 - c. on that region
 - d. on what region
- 9) The discovery in Amazonia, one of the planet's biodiversity _____
 - a. hot spot
 - b. hots pots
 - c. hots spots
 - d. hot spots
- 10) suggestive of the vast amount of species that remain to be _____
 - a. discovered in nurture
 - b. discovered in nature
 - c. discovered in naturism
 - d. discovered in neigh chair

LISTENING – Listen and fill in the gaps

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COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1909/190914-electric-eel.html>

1. How much more powerful is the eel's shock than a US home's wall socket?
2. How much does the eel weigh?
3. How many volts of electricity can the eel discharge?
4. What did the article say the eel could possibly kill?
5. What is the name of the journal the research is published in?
6. Who named the new eel *Electrophorus voltai*?
7. What did the article say the new eel was grabbing?
8. How many types of electric eel do scientists now know of?
9. What did a researcher say was a biodiversity hot spot?
10. What did the researcher say there was a vast amount of?

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1909/190914-electric-eel.html>

- 1) How much more powerful is the eel's shock than a US home's wall socket?
 - a) nearly 100 times more
 - b) nearly ten times more
 - c) nearly eight times more
 - d) nearly three times more
- 2) How much does the eel weigh?
 - a) 18kgs
 - b) 72kgs
 - c) 36kgs
 - d) 45kgs
- 3) How many volts of electricity can the eel discharge?
 - a) 680 volts
 - b) 800 volts
 - c) 860 volts
 - d) 600 volts
- 4) What did the article say the eel could possibly kill?
 - a) a whale
 - b) a seal
 - c) a human
 - d) an elephant
- 5) What is the name of the journal the research is published in?
 - a) Electric Currents
 - b) Nature Communications
 - c) Eel News
 - d) Shocking Animals Monthly
- 6) Who named the new eel *Electrophorus voltai*?
 - a) scientists
 - b) eel restaurants
 - c) fishermen
 - d) a journal
- 7) What did the article say the new eel was grabbing?
 - a) bigger animals
 - b) tree roots
 - c) headlines
 - d) human ankles
- 8) How many types of electric eel do scientists now know of?
 - a) 3
 - b) 4
 - c) 5
 - d) 6
- 9) What did a researcher say was a biodiversity hot spot?
 - a) the Sahara Desert
 - b) Antarctica
 - c) Siberia
 - d) Amazonia
- 10) What did the researcher say there was a vast amount of?
 - a) electric eels
 - b) electrocuted fish
 - c) undiscovered species
 - d) work to be done

ROLE PLAY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1909/190914-electric-eel.html>

Role A – Electric Eels

You think electric eels are the scariest creatures. Tell the others three reasons why their animals aren't as scary. Tell them why their creatures aren't as scary. Also, tell the others which is the least scary of these (and why): electric elephants, electric bees or electric cockroaches.

Role B – Electric Elephants

You think electric elephants are the scariest creatures. Tell the others three reasons why their animals aren't as scary. Tell them why their creatures aren't as scary. Also, tell the others which is the least scary of these (and why): electric eels, electric bees or electric cockroaches.

Role C – Electric Bees

You think electric bees are the scariest creatures. Tell the others three reasons why their animals aren't as scary. Tell them why their creatures aren't as scary. Also, tell the others which is the least scary of these (and why): electric elephants, electric eels or electric cockroaches.

Role D – Electric Cockroaches

You think electric cockroaches are the scariest creatures. Tell the others three reasons why their animals aren't as scary. Tell them why their creatures aren't as scary. Also, tell the others which is the least scary of these (and why): electric elephants, electric bees or electric eels.

AFTER READING / LISTENING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1909/190914-electric-eel.html>

1. WORD SEARCH: Look in your dictionary / computer to find collocates, other meanings, information, synonyms ... for the words 'electric' and 'eel'.

electric	eel
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- Share your findings with your partners.
- Make questions using the words you found.
- Ask your partner / group your questions.

2. ARTICLE QUESTIONS: Look back at the article and write down some questions you would like to ask the class about the text.

- Share your questions with other classmates / groups.
- Ask your partner / group your questions.

3. GAP FILL: In pairs / groups, compare your answers to this exercise. Check your answers. Talk about the words from the activity. Were they new, interesting, worth learning...?

4. VOCABULARY: Circle any words you do not understand. In groups, pool unknown words and use dictionaries to find their meanings.

5. TEST EACH OTHER: Look at the words below. With your partner, try to recall how they were used in the text:

<ul style="list-style-type: none">• truly• capable• wall• homes• severe• living	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• named• headlines• recent• surprised• imagine• vast
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ELECTRIC EELS SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about electric eels 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.

ELECTRIC EELS DISCUSSION

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

1. What did you think when you read the headline?
2. What images are in your mind when you hear the word 'electric'?
3. What do you know about eels?
4. What do you think of electric eels?
5. How dangerous do you think this electric eel is?
6. Why do you think this eel has so much electrical charge?
7. What do you think the eel does with the electrical charge?
8. What other creatures have electricity?
9. What could we do if we had electricity?
10. Could genetic engineering give humans electricity?

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ELECTRIC EELS DISCUSSION

STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

11. Did you like reading this article? Why/not?
12. What do you think of when you hear the word 'eel'?
13. What do you think about what you read?
14. Do you like eating eel?
15. Could eels be used to recharge smartphones?
16. What can scientists learn from the electric eel?
17. What do you think of the Amazon's biodiversity?
18. What would the world be look if all creatures had electricity?
19. How many more species are there that are undiscovered?
20. What questions would you like to ask the researchers?

DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

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DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)

STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

LANGUAGE - CLOZE

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Put the correct words from the table below in the above article.

- | | | | | |
|-----|--------------|-------------|--------------|---------------|
| 1. | (a) spaces | (b) species | (c) specials | (d) specifics |
| 2. | (a) creator | (b) crater | (c) creative | (d) creature |
| 3. | (a) can | (b) capable | (c) able | (d) ability |
| 4. | (a) electric | (b) power | (c) shock | (d) watts |
| 5. | (a) severe | (b) sever | (c) server | (d) saver |
| 6. | (a) in | (b) on | (c) at | (d) of |
| 7. | (a) truth | (b) real | (c) serious | (d) actually |
| 8. | (a) grabbing | (b) grabbed | (c) grab | (d) grabs |
| 9. | (a) at | (b) in | (c) of | (d) on |
| 10. | (a) do | (b) have | (c) be | (d) take |
| 11. | (a) such | (b) which | (c) what | (d) much |
| 12. | (a) warm | (b) hot | (c) tepid | (d) boiling |

SPELLING

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Paragraph 1

1. the most shocking racutere in the world
2. apable of giving someone an electric shock
3. ishdracge a shock of 860 volts
4. ppianalces in American homes
5. a vesere electric shock
6. the strongest living bio-electricity enrgtaeor

Paragraph 2

7. grabbing the edhilanes
8. two erecnt discoveries
9. only one electric eel in xseetince
10. 250 years of xpoetarilon
11. discovered in that gerion
12. the planet's dbeivriisoty hot spots

PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1909/190914-electric-eel.html>

Number these lines in the correct order.

- () power to give a human a severe electric shock. It is possible the shock could kill a human. The scientists wrote in the
- () spots, is suggestive of the vast amount of species that remain to be discovered in nature."
- () socket of an American home. The eel is 2.4 meters long, weighs 45kgs, and can discharge a shock of
- () two new species of electric eel, but *Electrophorus voltai* is grabbing the headlines because of its electrical power. Up until the two recent
- () discoveries, scientists believed there was only one electric eel in existence. Lead researcher
- () in that region?" He added: "The discovery...in Amazonia, one of the planet's biodiversity hot
- () fish after 250 years of exploration, can you imagine what remains to be discovered
- (**1**) Scientists have discovered a new species of electric eel that is truly shocking. In fact, it is the most
- () Dr David de Santana said he would not be surprised to find more new species. He wrote: "If you can discover a new 2.4m-long
- () giving someone an electric shock that is nearly eight times stronger than the electricity found in the wall
- () 860 volts. Appliances in American homes need just 110 volts of electricity. The eel has enough
- () journal *Nature Communications* that the eel is "the strongest living bio-electricity generator".
- () shocking creature in the world. The new eel was discovered in the Amazon. It is capable of
- () Scientists have named the new eel *Electrophorus voltai*. The team of researchers actually found

PUT THE WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1909/190914-electric-eel.html>

1. species eel . a discovered electric Scientists of new
2. in world . It's the shocking the most creature
3. It's an giving capable someone of electric shock .
4. found The the in electricity wall socket .
5. the is The strongest eel bio-electricity living generator .
6. found two new species of Researchers electric eel .
7. headlines Grabbing of because the its electrical power .
8. was electric one only eel There in existence .
9. of the planet's biodiversity One hot spots .
10. that be to remain discovered Species in nature .

CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD (20 PAIRS)

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1909/190914-electric-eel.html>

Scientists have discovered a new *species* / *specials* of electric eel that is truly shocking. In *factual* / *fact*, it is the most shocking creature in the world. The *new* / *newt* eel was discovered in the Amazon. It is capable of giving someone an electric *shocking* / *shock* that is nearly eight times stronger than the electricity found in the wall socket of *an* / *the* American home. The eel is 2.4 meters long, *weight* / *weighs* 45kgs, and can discharge a shock of 860 *bolts* / *volts*. Appliances in American homes need just 110 volts of electricity. The eel has enough power to give a human a *sever* / *severe* electric shock. It is possible the shock could kill a human. The scientists wrote in the *journal* / *journey* Nature Communications that the eel is "the strongest *living* / *life* bio-electricity generator".

Scientists have *naming* / *named* the new eel *Electrophorus voltai*. The team of researchers *actual* / *actually* found two new species of electric eel, but *Electrophorus voltai* is *grabbed* / *grabbing* the headlines because of its electrical power. Up until the two *recent* / *recently* discoveries, scientists believed there was only one electric eel in *existence* / *exist*. Lead researcher Dr David de Santana said he would not be *surprise* / *surprised* to find more new species. He wrote: "If you *can* / *able* discover a new 2.4m-long fish after 250 years of exploration, can you imagine *what* / *that* remains to be discovered in that region?" He added: "The discovery...in Amazonia, *two* / *one* of the planet's biodiversity hot spots, is suggestive of the vast amount of species that remain to be discovered in *nurture* / *nature*."

Talk about the connection between each pair of words in italics, and why the correct word is correct.

INSERT THE VOWELS (a, e, i, o, u)

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S c__ n t_s t s h_v_ d_s c_v_r_d _ n_w s p_c__ s _f
_l_c t_r_c __ l t h_t _s t r_l_y s h_c k_n g . I n f_c
t , _t _s t h_ m_s t s h_c k_n g c r__ t_r_ _n t h_
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PUNCTUATE THE TEXT AND ADD CAPITALS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1909/190914-electric-eel.html>

scientists have discovered a new species of electric eel that is truly shocking in fact it is the most shocking creature in the world the new eel was discovered in the amazon it is capable of giving someone an electric shock that is nearly eight times stronger than the electricity found in the wall socket of an american home the eel is 24 meters long weighs 45kgs and can discharge a shock of 860 volts appliances in american homes need just 110 volts of electricity the eel has enough power to give a human a severe electric shock it is possible the shock could kill a human the scientists wrote in the journal nature communications that the eel is the strongest living bioelectricity generator

scientists have named the new eel *electrophorus voltai* the team of researchers actually found two new species of electric eel but *electrophorus voltai* is grabbing the headlines because of its electrical power up until the two recent discoveries scientists believed there was only one electric eel in existence lead researcher dr david de santana said he would not be surprised to find more new species he wrote if you can discover a new 24mlong fish after 250 years of exploration can you imagine what remains to be discovered in that region he added the discovery in amazonia one of the planets biodiversity hot spots is suggestive of the vast amount of species that remain to be discovered in nature"

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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HOMEWORK

1. VOCABULARY EXTENSION: Choose several of the words from the text. Use a dictionary or Google's search field (or another search engine) to build up more associations / collocations of each word.

2. INTERNET: Search the Internet and find out more about this news story. Share what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

3. ELECTRIC EELS: Make a poster about electric eels. Show your work to your classmates in the next lesson. Did you all have similar things?

4. NEW SPECIES: Write a magazine article about spending more money to find new species. Include imaginary interviews with people who are for and against this.

Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Write down any new words and expressions you hear from your partner(s).

5. WHAT HAPPENED NEXT? Write a newspaper article about the next stage in this news story. Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Give each other feedback on your articles.

6. LETTER: Write a letter to an expert on electric eels. Ask him/her three questions about them. Give him/her three of your opinions on them. Read your letter to your partner(s) in your next lesson. Your partner(s) will answer your questions.

ANSWERS

VOCABULARY (p.4)

1. b 2. d 3. f 4. e 5. c 6. g 7. a
8. h 9. j 10. l 11. m 12. n 13. k 14. i

TRUE / FALSE (p.5)

- a F b F c T d F e T f T g F h T

SYNONYM MATCH (p.5)

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| 1. discovered | a. found |
| 2. capable | b. able |
| 3. socket | c. outlet |
| 4. enough | d. sufficient |
| 5. living | e. existing |
| 6. named | f. called |
| 7. species | g. type |
| 8. recent | h. latest |
| 9. region | i. area |
| 10. vast | j. huge |

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (p.9)

- Nearly eight times more
- 45kgs
- 860 volts
- A human
- Nature Communications
- Scientists
- Headlines
- Three
- Amazonia
- Species that remain to be discovered

WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER (p.20)

- Scientists discovered a new species of electric eel.
- It's the most shocking creature in the world.
- It's capable of giving someone an electric shock.
- The electricity found in the wall socket.
- The eel is the strongest living bio-electricity generator.
- Researchers found two new species of electric eel.
- Grabbing the headlines because of its electrical power.
- There was only one electric eel in existence.
- One of the planet's biodiversity hot spots.
- Species that remain to be discovered in nature.

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ (p.10)

1. b 2. d 3. c 4. a 5. b 6. a 7. c 8. a 9. d 10. c

ALL OTHER EXERCISES

Please check for yourself by looking at the Article on page 2.
(It's good for your English ;-)