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Level 0 – 9th February, 2021

World's smallest reptile discovered in Madagascar

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

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THE READING

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Scientists found the world's smallest reptile in Madagascar. It is a chameleon the size of a sunflower seed. They are just 22mm long. At first, the scientists thought the chameleons were babies. They later found they were adults. The scientists called them "nano-chameleons". The scientists tried to find more, but didn't find any.

Madagascar has most of the world's chameleons. The chameleon's survival is in danger because of deforestation. A scientist said the area is now protected, "so [they] will survive". A lot of Madagascar's rainforest could disappear by 2070 because of deforestation. This would put many of the island's unique species in danger.

Sources: <https://www.theguardian.com/environment/2021/feb/05/seed-sized-chameleon-madagascar-world-tiniest-reptile>
<https://www.dw.com/en/worlds-smallest-reptile-discovered-in-madagascar/a-56478001>
<https://www.yahoo.com/lifestyle/mysterious-chameleon-may-smallest-reptile-151728681.html>

PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|---------------------------------|----------------------|
| 1. the world's smallest reptile | a. to find more |
| 2. It is a | b. seed |
| 3. the size of a sunflower | c. were adults |
| 4. They are just 22mm | d. chameleon |
| 5. the chameleons were | e. "nano-chameleons" |
| 6. They later found they | f. long |
| 7. The scientists called them | g. babies |
| 8. The scientists tried | h. in Madagascar |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. Madagascar has most of the | a. rainforest |
| 2. The chameleon's survival is | b. is now protected |
| 3. because of | c. species in danger |
| 4. the area | d. in danger |
| 5. they will | e. 2070 |
| 6. A lot of Madagascar's | f. world's chameleons |
| 7. disappear by | g. survive |
| 8. put many of the island's unique | h. deforestation |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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Scientists (1) _____ smallest reptile in Madagascar. It is a chameleon (2) _____ a sunflower seed. (3) _____ 22mm long. At first, the (4) _____ chameleons were babies. They later found (5) _____. The scientists called them "nano-chameleons". The scientists tried (6) _____, but didn't find any.

Madagascar (7) _____ the world's chameleons. The chameleon's (8) _____ danger because of deforestation. (9) _____ the area is now protected, "so (10) _____". A lot of Madagascar's rainforest (11) _____ 2070 because of deforestation. This would put many of the island's unique (12) _____.

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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REPTILES SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about reptiles 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) _____

WRITING

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Write about **reptiles** for 10 minutes. Read and talk about your partner's paper.
