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## Scientists find animal with biggest ears

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# THE ARTICLE

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Have you ever wondered what animal has the biggest ears? Of course, it's the African elephant. We all know this. Scientists know this. However, scientists have looked at what animal has the biggest ears for its body size. The elephant has big ears but it also has a giant body. Zoologists from the American Museum of Natural History in New York City have found out which animal has the biggest ears relative to its body size. And the answer is... the long-eared jerboa. Not many people know about this cute, big-eared creature. It is a rodent. It lives in the deserts of China and Mongolia. It is a nocturnal creature, which means it is active at night and sleeps during the day.

Zoologist Mary Ellen Holden described the jerboa. She said its body measures about 10 centimetres (not counting its long tail). Its ears are 3.8 to 5 cm long. This means its ears are 40 to 50 per cent as long as its body length. The elephant's ears are just 17 per cent of its body length. Professor Holden said: "The jerboa has the longest ears for the size of its body in the entire animal kingdom." Professor Holden explained why some animals have large ears. They usually live in very hot areas. Large ears help an animal to keep cool in the heat. Their ears are large, thin and have many tiny blood vessels. The blood releases heat from the body into the air, which helps the animal cool down.

Sources: <https://www.livescience.com/largest-animal-ears-relative-to-body-size.html>  
<https://www.bollyinside.com/news/which-animal-has-the-biggest-ears/>  
<https://www.nationalgeographic.com/animals/article/biggest-ears-elephants-jerboa-bats>

# WARM-UPS

**1. EARS:** Students walk around the class and talk to other students about ears. 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?

wondered / ears / African / elephant / body / size / answer / creature / rodent / active zoologist / measure / entire / animal kingdom / hot areas / cool down / blood / air

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

**3. FEATURES:** Students A **strongly** believe ears are the least attractive features of our face; Students B **strongly** believe otherwise. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.

**4. BODY PARTS:** How important are these body parts? What function do they do? Complete this table with your partner(s). Change partners often and share what you wrote.

	How Important?	Function
Ears		
Nose		
Eyes		
Mouth		
Fingers		
Brain		

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

**6. CUTE ANIMALS:** Rank these with your partner. Put the cutest at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

- long-eared jerboa
- koala
- tiger
- rabbit
- elephant
- sheep
- tortoise
- pig

# VOCABULARY MATCHING

## Paragraph 1

- |              |  |
|--------------|--|
| 1. wondered  | a. A very, very tall or large person, animal, or plant.                              |
| 2. giant     | b. When compared to something else.  |
| 3. zoologist | c. Wanted or was curious to know something.  |
| 4. relative  | d. An animal like a rat, mouse, squirrel, hamster, etc. that has strong front teeth. |
| 5. creature  | e. An animal, but not a human being.   |
| 6. rodent    | f. Done, occurring, or active at night.  |
| 7. nocturnal | g. An expert in or student of animals.   |

## Paragraph 2

- |                    |   |
|--------------------|---|
| 8. described       | h. A thin tube in the body that carries blood.        |
| 9. measure         | i. All of something.                                  |
| 10. length         | j. All of Earth's creatures as a whole.               |
| 11. entire         | k. Said what something looked like.                   |
| 12. animal kingdom | l. Find out the size, amount, or degree of something. |
| 13. heat           | m. The quality of being hot.                          |
| 14. vessel         | n. The quality of being long.                         |

# BEFORE READING / LISTENING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2103/210309-animal-ears.html>

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

- a. The African elephant is the animal with the biggest ears. **T / F**
- b. The African elephant doesn't have the biggest ears for its body size. **T / F**
- c. A jerboa has the biggest ears relative to its body size. **T / F**
- d. The long-eared jerboa is more active during the day than at night. **T / F**
- e. The long-eared jerboa is 10cm long from head to tail. **T / F**
- f. An elephant's ears are 17% as long as the length of its body. **T / F**
- g. Animals with large ears usually live in cooler regions. **T / F**
- h. The long-eared jerboa's ears help to keep it cool in the heat. **T / F**

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

- |                     |                  |
|---------------------|------------------|
| <b>1. wondered</b>  | a. discovered    |
| <b>2. giant</b>     | b. emit          |
| <b>3. found out</b> | c. functional    |
| <b>4. cute</b>      | d. whole         |
| <b>5. active</b>    | e. lovable       |
| <b>6. described</b> | f. thought about |
| <b>7. entire</b>    | g. normally      |
| <b>8. usually</b>   | h. very small    |
| <b>9. tiny</b>      | i. huge          |
| <b>10. release</b>  | j. detailed      |

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

- |  |                          |
|--|--------------------------|
| 1. We all                                | a. 3.8 to 5cm long       |
| 2. scientists have looked at what animal | b. a giant body          |
| 3. it also has                           | c. vessels               |
| 4. Not many people know                  | d. know this             |
| 5. it is active at night and             | e. about 10 centimetres  |
| 6. its body measures                     | f. cool down             |
| 7. Its ears are                          | g. about this            |
| 8. in the entire animal                  | h. sleeps during the day |
| 9. many tiny blood                       | i. kingdom               |
| 10. helps the animal                     | j. has the biggest ears  |

# GAP FILL

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2103/210309-animal-ears.html>

Have you ever (1) \_\_\_\_\_ what animal has the biggest ears? Of course, it's the African elephant. We all know this. Scientists know this. However, scientists have looked at what (2) \_\_\_\_\_ has the biggest ears for its body (3) \_\_\_\_\_. The elephant has big ears but it also has a (4) \_\_\_\_\_ body. Zoologists from the American Museum of Natural History in New York City have found out which animal has the biggest ears (5) \_\_\_\_\_ to its body size. And the answer is... the long-eared jerboa. Not many people know about this (6) \_\_\_\_\_, big-eared creature. It is a rodent. It lives in the (7) \_\_\_\_\_ of China and Mongolia. It is a nocturnal creature, which means it is (8) \_\_\_\_\_ at night and sleeps during the day.

*animal*

*cute*

*giant*

*active*

*wondered*

*deserts*

*size*

*relative*

Zoologist Mary Ellen Holden (9) \_\_\_\_\_ the jerboa. She said its body measures about 10 centimetres (not (10) \_\_\_\_\_ its long tail). Its ears are 3.8 to 5 cm long. This means its ears are 40 to 50 per cent as long as its body (11) \_\_\_\_\_. The elephant's ears are just 17 per cent of its body length. Professor Holden said: "The jerboa has the longest ears for the size of its body in the (12) \_\_\_\_\_ animal kingdom." Professor Holden explained why some animals have large ears. They usually live in very hot (13) \_\_\_\_\_. Large ears help an animal to keep (14) \_\_\_\_\_ in the heat. Their ears are large, (15) \_\_\_\_\_ and have many tiny blood (16) \_\_\_\_\_. The blood releases heat from the body into the air, which helps the animal cool down.

*areas*

*cool*

*counting*

*vessels*

*entire*

*thin*

*described*

*length*

# LISTENING – Guess the answers. Listen to check.

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2103/210309-animal-ears.html>

- 1) However, scientists have looked at what animal has the biggest ears for \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. its body sized
  - b. its body sizes
  - c. its body sizable
  - d. its body size
- 2) The elephant has big ears but it also has \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. a giant bodily
  - b. a giant body
  - c. a giant bodice
  - d. a giant bode
- 3) in New York City have found out which animal has the biggest ears \_\_\_\_\_ body
  - a. relatively to its
  - b. relatives to its
  - c. relative to its
  - d. relativity to its
- 4) Not many people know about this cute, big-eared creature. It \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. is a row dent
  - b. is a roe dent
  - c. is a rodent
  - d. is a road dent
- 5) It is a nocturnal creature, which means it is \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. actively at night
  - b. activity at night
  - c. active at night
  - d. activate at night
- 6) This means its ears are 40 to 50 per cent as long as \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. its body length
  - b. its body long
  - c. its body lengthen
  - d. its body lengthening
- 7) The jerboa has the longest ears for the size of its body in the \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. entire animal kingdom
  - b. entirely animal king dome
  - c. entire animal king dome
  - d. entirety animal kingdom
- 8) Large ears help an animal to keep cool \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. on the heat
  - b. up the heat
  - c. in the heat
  - d. to the heat
- 9) Their ears are large, thin and have many \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. tinny blood vessels
  - b. tin knee blood vessels
  - c. tie knee blood vessels
  - d. tiny blood vessels
- 10) The blood releases heat from the body into the air, which helps the \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. animal coal down
  - b. animal coo down
  - c. animal cool down
  - d. animal cools down

# LISTENING – Listen and fill in the gaps

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2103/210309-animal-ears.html>

Have (1) \_\_\_\_\_ what animal has the biggest ears? Of course, it's the African elephant. We (2) \_\_\_\_\_. Scientists know this. However, scientists have looked at what animal has the biggest ears for (3) \_\_\_\_\_. The elephant has big ears but it also has a giant body. Zoologists from the American Museum of Natural History in New York City have found out which animal has the biggest ears (4) \_\_\_\_\_ body size. And the answer is... the long-eared jerboa. Not many people know about this cute, (5) \_\_\_\_\_. It is a rodent. It lives in the deserts of China and Mongolia. It is a nocturnal creature, which means it is active at night and sleeps (6) \_\_\_\_\_.

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# COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2103/210309-animal-ears.html>

1. What kind of elephant has the largest ears?
2. What kinds of scientists looked into ear size?
3. What family of animals does the long-eared jerboa belong to?
4. Where in China and Mongolia do long-eared jerboas live?
5. What does the long-eared jerboa do during the day?
6. How long is the body of the long-eared jerboa?
7. How long are an elephant's ears in relation to its body size?
8. Where do big-eared animals usually live?
9. What do large ears help animals do?
10. What does the article say blood from an animal's ears releases?

# MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2103/210309-animal-ears.html>

- 1) What kind of elephant has the largest ears?
  - a) Indian elephants
  - b) African elephants
  - c) South American elephants
  - d) Australian elephants
- 2) What kinds of scientists looked into ear size?
  - a) biologists
  - b) botanists
  - c) palaeontologists
  - d) zoologists
- 3) What family of animals does the long-eared jerboa belong to?
  - a) felines
  - b) canines
  - c) rodents
  - d) sheep
- 4) Where in China and Mongolia do long-eared jerboas live?
  - a) deserts
  - b) mountains
  - c) cities
  - d) fields
- 5) What does the long-eared jerboa do during the day?
  - a) not a lot
  - b) sleep
  - c) eat
  - d) hunt
- 6) How long is the body of the long-eared jerboa?
  - a) 10cm
  - b) 12cm
  - c) 15cm
  - d) 20cm
- 7) How long are an elephant's ears in relation to its body size?
  - a) 27 per cent as long
  - b) 20 per cent as long
  - c) 17 per cent as long
  - d) 25 per cent as long
- 8) Where do big-eared animals usually live?
  - a) in hot places
  - b) in mountains
  - c) in cold places
  - d) in forests
- 9) What do large ears help animals do?
  - a) hunt
  - b) attract mates
  - c) keep warm
  - d) keep cool
- 10) What does the article say blood from an animal's ears releases?
  - a) messages
  - b) electricity
  - c) heat
  - d) smells

# ROLE PLAY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2103/210309-animal-ears.html>

## **Role A – Koalas**

You think koalas are the cutest animals. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why these animals aren't as cute. Also, tell the others which is the least cute of these (and why): elephants, pigs or sheep.

## **Role B – Elephants**

You think elephants are the cutest animals. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why these animals aren't as cute. Also, tell the others which is the least cute of these (and why): koalas, pigs or sheep.

## **Role C – Pigs**

You think pigs are the cutest animals. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why these animals aren't as cute. Also, tell the others which is the least cute of these (and why): elephants, koalas or sheep.

## **Role D – Sheep**

You think sheep are the cutest animals. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why these animals aren't as cute. Also, tell the others which is the least cute of these (and why): elephants, pigs or koalas.

# AFTER READING / LISTENING

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

animal	ears

- 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"><li>• wondered</li><li>• African</li><li>• giant</li><li>• history</li><li>• cute</li><li>• night</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• described</li><li>• tail</li><li>• length</li><li>• entire</li><li>• thin</li><li>• helps</li></ul>
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# EARS SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about ears 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.

# EARS 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 'animal'?
3. Have you ever wondered what animal has the biggest ears?
4. What do you think of your ears?
5. What animal has the cutest ears?
6. What animal has the strangest ears
7. What do you know about how our ears work?
8. What do you think of elephants' ears?
9. What do you know about rodents?
10. What do you know about nocturnal animals?

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# EARS 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 'ears'?
13. What do you think about what you read?
14. What do you want to know about the jerboa?
15. What different functions do your ears have?
16. How do you keep cool in the heat?
17. What would it be like to have really great hearing?
18. What sounds do you like and dislike?
19. How important is hearing compared to the other senses?
20. What questions would you like to ask the zoologists?

## 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

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2103/210309-animal-ears.html>

Have you ever wondered what animal has the biggest ears? Of (1) \_\_\_\_\_, it's the African elephant. We all know this. Scientists know this. However, scientists have looked at what animal has the biggest ears for (2) \_\_\_\_\_ body size. The elephant has big ears (3) \_\_\_\_\_ it also has a giant body. Zoologists from the American Museum of Natural History in New York City have found out which animal has the biggest ears (4) \_\_\_\_\_ to its body size. And the answer is... the long-eared jerboa. Not many people know about this cute, big-eared creature. It is a (5) \_\_\_\_\_. It lives in the deserts of China and Mongolia. It is a nocturnal creature, which means it is active at night and sleeps during the (6) \_\_\_\_\_.

Zoologist Mary Ellen Holden described the jerboa. She said its body (7) \_\_\_\_\_ about 10 centimetres (not counting its long tail). Its ears are 3.8 to 5cm long. This means its ears are 40 to 50 per cent as (8) \_\_\_\_\_ as its body length. The elephant's ears are just 17 per cent of its body length. Professor Holden said: "The jerboa has the longest ears for the size of its body in the (9) \_\_\_\_\_ animal kingdom." Professor Holden explained why some animals have large ears. They (10) \_\_\_\_\_ live in very hot areas. Large ears help an animal to keep (11) \_\_\_\_\_ in the heat. Their ears are large, thin and have many (12) \_\_\_\_\_ blood vessels. The blood releases heat from the body into the air, which helps the animal cool down.

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

- |     |              |              |               |                 |
|-----|--------------|--------------|---------------|-----------------|
| 1.  | (a) coarse   | (b) curse    | (c) course    | (d) cuss        |
| 2.  | (a) its      | (b) that     | (c) that's    | (d) there       |
| 3.  | (a) but      | (b) however  | (c) moreover  | (d) furthermore |
| 4.  | (a) relative | (b) relation | (c) relatives | (d) relativity  |
| 5.  | (a) indent   | (b) rodent   | (c) condiment | (d) detriment   |
| 6.  | (a) night    | (b) day      | (c) winter    | (d) moonlight   |
| 7.  | (a) mazes    | (b) amuses   | (c) measures  | (d) gauges      |
| 8.  | (a) length   | (b) long     | (c) longing   | (d) longs       |
| 9.  | (a) entire   | (b) entirely | (c) entice    | (d) entwine     |
| 10. | (a) useful   | (b) used     | (c) usually   | (d) usual       |
| 11. | (a) cool     | (b) coolly   | (c) coo       | (d) coolness    |
| 12. | (a) tiny     | (b) tinny    | (c) tinted    | (d) tin         |



# SPELLING

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## Paragraph 1

1. nwedored what animal has the biggest ears
2. ietnsictss know this
3. it also has a ignat body
4. alrtevie to its body size
5. this cute, big-eared racutere
6. It is cnrutnoal

## Paragraph 2

7. its body samueers about 10 centimetres
8. just 17 per cent of its body egnlth
9. in the ntiere animal kingdom
10. They usually live in very hot raeas
11. tiny blood essvels
12. The blood eleasres heat from the body

# PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2103/210309-animal-ears.html>

**Number these lines in the correct order.**

- ( ) said: "The jerboa has the longest ears for the size of its body in the entire animal"
- ( ) know this. Scientists know this. However, scientists have looked at what animal has the biggest
- ( ) (not counting its long tail). Its ears are 3.8 to 5 cm long. This means its ears are 40 to 50 per cent
- ( **1** ) Have you ever wondered what animal has the biggest ears? Of course, it's the African elephant. We all
- ( ) areas. Large ears help an animal to keep cool in the heat. Their ears are large, thin and have many tiny
- ( ) American Museum of Natural History in New York City have found out which animal has the biggest ears
- ( ) as long as its body length. The elephant's ears are just 17 per cent of its body length. Professor Holden
- ( ) Zoologist Mary Ellen Holden described the jerboa. She said its body measures about 10 centimetres
- ( ) blood vessels. The blood releases heat from the body into the air, which helps the animal cool down.
- ( ) kingdom." Professor Holden explained why some animals have large ears. They usually live in very hot
- ( ) know about this cute, big-eared creature. It is a rodent. It lives in the deserts of China and Mongolia. It is a nocturnal
- ( ) ears for its body size. The elephant has big ears but it also has a giant body. Zoologists from the
- ( ) creature, which means it is active at night and sleeps during the day.
- ( ) relative to its body size. And the answer is... the long-eared jerboa. Not many people

# PUT THE WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2103/210309-animal-ears.html>

1. ears . animal the biggest has what discovered Scientists
2. The relative its ears size . biggest to body
3. people Not so many know this . about
4. China . the lives of It in deserts
5. means it This active at is night .
6. said body She about measures its 10 centimetres .
7. in ears The the longest animal entire kingdom .
8. why Holden animals some explained have large ears .
9. ears help an animal to Large keep cool .
10. releases heat body Blood into the air .

# CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD (20 PAIRS)

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2103/210309-animal-ears.html>

Have you ever *wandered / wondered* what animal has the biggest ears? Of *course / coarse*, it's the African elephant. We all know this. Scientists know this. However, scientists have looked at what animal has the biggest ears *to / for* its body size. The elephant has big ears *that / but* it also has a giant body. Zoologists from the American Museum of Natural History in New York City have *founded / found* out which animal has the biggest ears *relation / relative* to its body size. And the *solution / answer* is... the long-eared jerboa. Not many people know about this cute, big-eared *creative / creature*. It is a rodent. It lives in the *deserts / desserts* of China and Mongolia. It is a nocturnal creature, which means it is active at night and sleeps during the *day / night*.

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**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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# PUNCTUATE THE TEXT AND ADD CAPITALS

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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. EARS:** Make a poster about ears. Show your work to your classmates in the next lesson. Did you all have similar things?

**4. RESEARCH:** Write a magazine article about the importance of researching animal ears. 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 ears. 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. c    2. a    3. g    4. b    5. e    6. d    7. f  
8. k    9. l    10. n    11. i    12. j    13. m    14. h

## TRUE / FALSE (p.5)

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

## SYNONYM MATCH (p.5)

1. f	2. i	3. a	4. e	5. c
6. j	7. d	8. g	9. h	10. b

## COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (p.9)

1. The African elephant
2. Zoologists
3. Rodents
4. Deserts
5. Sleep
6. 10cm
7. 17% as long
8. In very hot areas
9. Keep cool in the heat
10. Heat

## WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER (p.19)

1. Scientists discovered what animal has the biggest ears.
2. The biggest ears relative to its body size.
3. Not so many people know about this.
4. It lives in the deserts of China.
5. This means it is active at night.
6. She said its body measures about 10 centimetres.
7. The longest ears in the entire animal kingdom.
8. Holden explained why some animals have large ears.
9. Large ears help an animal to keep cool.
10. Blood releases body heat into the air.

## 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 ;-)