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Level 0 – 15th December, 2022

World's oldest land animal celebrates 190th birthday

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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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We all like birthdays. Jonathan the tortoise just had his 190th birthday. He is the world's oldest land animal. He was born in 1832. Some scientists think Jonathan could be 200 years old. He was born in the Seychelles, before Britain's Queen Victoria became queen. He was here before the postage stamp.

Jonathan had a good birthday. He had a three-day party, with a special vegetable birthday cake. He did not get to see this because he is blind. He also cannot smell. His ears are OK, so he could hear people singing "Happy Birthday". He also has lots of energy. He likes to stretch his legs and relax in the sun.

Sources: <https://edition.cnn.com/2022/12/03/world/seychelles-tortoise-st-helena-jonathan-190-birthday-intl-hnk/index.html>
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PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|------------------------------|-------------------|
| 1. We all like | a. born in 1832 |
| 2. the tortoise just had his | b. before |
| 3. the world's oldest | c. 190th birthday |
| 4. He was | d. the Seychelles |
| 5. Jonathan could be | e. birthdays |
| 6. He was born in | f. stamp |
| 7. He was here | g. land animal |
| 8. the postage | h. 200 years old |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|------------------------|------------------|
| 1. He had a three- | a. are OK |
| 2. a special vegetable | b. the sun |
| 3. He also cannot | c. birthday cake |
| 4. His ears | d. his legs |
| 5. hear people | e. smell |
| 6. He also has lots | f. singing |
| 7. He likes to stretch | g. day party |
| 8. relax in | h. of energy |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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(1) _____ birthdays. Jonathan the tortoise just had his 190th birthday. He (2) _____ oldest land animal. He (3) _____ 1832. Some scientists think Jonathan (4) _____ years old. He was (5) _____ Seychelles, before Britain's Queen Victoria became queen. He was (6) _____ postage stamp.

Jonathan (7) _____ birthday. He had a three-day party, (8) _____ vegetable birthday cake. He did not (9) _____ this because he is blind. He also cannot smell. His (10) _____, so he could hear people singing "Happy Birthday". He (11) _____ of energy. He likes to stretch his (12) _____ in the sun.

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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in the sun.

TORTOISES SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about tortoises 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 **tortoises** for 10 minutes. Read and talk about your partner’s paper.
