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Level 1 – 22nd June, 2019

'Cat-fox' found in France could be new species

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Please try Levels 0, 2 and 3. They are (a little) harder.

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THE READING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1906/190622-cat-fox-1.html>

Experts found an animal they think is a new species. They found the "cat-fox" on the French island of Corsica. The experts said they found sixteen cat-foxes in a remote mountain area. The captured cat-fox was 90 centimeters long. It has wide ears, short whiskers, a thick coat, and striped front legs. The local government thanked the wildlife team for finding the cat-fox, calling it "a wonderful discovery". It said Corsica was a "paradise of animal...biodiversity".

The cat-fox was a mythical creature. Farmers told stories about it. People are happy their island is home to the new species. Scientists believe it came from Africa and the Middle East thousands of years ago, perhaps as far back as 6500BC. A scientist said: "By looking at its DNA, we could tell it apart from the European wildcat. It's close to the African forest cat, but its exact identity is still to be determined." Scientists said it is a nocturnal animal.

Sources: <https://www.foxnews.com/science/mysterious-cat-fox-discovered-may-be-a-new-species>
<https://edition.cnn.com/2019/06/19/europe/cat-fox-species-corsica-france-trnd/index.html>
<https://www.livescience.com/65744-cat-fox-new-species.html>

PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|---------------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. Experts found | a. the wildlife team |
| 2. They found the "cat-fox" | b. discovery |
| 3. in a remote mountain | c. coat |
| 4. It has wide | d. animal biodiversity |
| 5. a thick | e. area |
| 6. The local government thanked | f. an animal |
| 7. a wonderful | g. ears |
| 8. a paradise of | h. on the French island |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|--------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. a mythical | a. as 6500BC |
| 2. Farmers told stories | b. of years ago |
| 3. their island is home | c. from Africa |
| 4. Scientists believe it comes | d. a nocturnal animal |
| 5. thousands | e. identity |
| 6. as far back | f. creature |
| 7. its exact | g. about it |
| 8. Scientists said it is | h. to the new species |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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Experts found an animal (1) _____ a new species. They found the "cat-fox" on the French island of Corsica. The (2) _____ found sixteen cat-foxes in a remote mountain area. The captured cat-fox (3) _____ long. It has wide ears, short whiskers, (4) _____, and striped front legs. The local government thanked the wildlife (5) _____ the cat-fox, calling it "a wonderful discovery". It said Corsica was (6) _____ animal...biodiversity".

The cat-fox was (7) _____. Farmers told stories about it. People are (8) _____ is home to the new species. Scientists believe it came from Africa and the Middle East thousands (9) _____, perhaps as far back as 6500BC. A scientist said: "By looking (10) _____, we could tell it (11) _____ European wildcat. It's close to the African forest cat, but its exact identity is still to be determined." Scientists said it is (12) _____.

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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CATS AND FOXES SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1906/190622-cat-fox-4.html>

Write five GOOD questions about cats and foxes 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 **cats and foxes** for 10 minutes. Read and talk about your partner's paper.
