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Level 0 – 9th March, 2021

Scientists find animal with biggest ears

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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 know elephants have the biggest ears. However, scientists tried to find which animal has the biggest ears for its body size. A natural history museum found out. It is the long-eared jerboa. The jerboa is a rodent. It lives in the deserts of China. It is nocturnal. This means it is active at night, but sleeps in the day.

A zoologist said the jerboa's body is 10 centimetres long. Its ears are up to 5cm long. This is 50 per cent as long as its body. Elephant's ears are 17 per cent of its body length. Jerboas live in very hot places. Their large ears release heat from their body. This helps them to keep cool.

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>

PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|-------------------------|------------------|
| 1. the biggest ears for | a. nocturnal |
| 2. A natural history | b. its body size |
| 3. It is the long- | c. rodent |
| 4. The jerboa is a | d. the day |
| 5. It lives in the | e. at night |
| 6. It is | f. museum |
| 7. it is active | g. deserts |
| 8. sleeps in | h. eared jerboa |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|----------------------------------|--------------------|
| 1. A zoologist | a. hot places |
| 2. 10 centimetres | b. said |
| 3. Its ears are up | c. to keep cool |
| 4. This is 50 per cent as long | d. long |
| 5. 17 per cent of its body | e. from their body |
| 6. Jerboas live in very | f. to 5cm long |
| 7. Their large ears release heat | g. length |
| 8. This helps them | h. as its body |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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(1) _____ elephants have the biggest ears.

However, scientists (2) _____ which animal has

the biggest ears for (3) _____ . A natural history

museum found out. (4) _____ long-eared jerboa.

The jerboa is a rodent. It (5) _____ deserts of

China. It is nocturnal. This means it (6) _____

night, but sleeps in the day.

A (7) _____ jerboa's body is 10 centimetres long.

Its ears (8) _____ 5cm long. This is 50 per cent

as long (9) _____ . Elephant's ears are 17 per

cent (10) _____ length. Jerboas live in

(11) _____ . Their large ears release heat from

their body. This helps them (12) _____ .

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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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.

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) _____

