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Level 2 – 9th February, 2021

World's smallest reptile discovered in Madagascar

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Please try Levels 0, 1 and 3. They are (a little) harder.

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THE READING

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Scientists have discovered what could be the world's smallest reptile. It is a chameleon and is the size of a sunflower seed. Chameleons are usually 35-40cm long. Scientists found two of the tiny lizards in the mountains in northern Madagascar. They are just 22mm long. The length of the male's body is 13.5mm. At first, the scientists thought the reptiles were juveniles, but later found they were fully-grown adults. The scientists called the lizards "nano-chameleons". The scientists tried to find more of them, but "despite great effort" could not find any more.

Madagascar is home to two-thirds of the world's chameleons. Scientists say they may be from there. However, the chameleon's survival is threatened by deforestation. One scientist said the nano-chameleons are lucky to survive. He said: "Their habitat has unfortunately been subject to deforestation, but the area was placed under protection recently, so the species will survive." Nearly all of Madagascar's eastern rainforest could disappear by 2070 if deforestation and climate change does not slow down. 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>
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PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|--------------------------------------|------------------------|
| 1. the size of a | a. body |
| 2. Chameleons are usually | b. northern Madagascar |
| 3. two of | c. grown adults |
| 4. in the mountains in | d. 35-40cm long |
| 5. The length of the male's | e. juveniles |
| 6. the reptiles were | f. sunflower seed |
| 7. they were fully- | g. of them |
| 8. The scientists tried to find more | h. the tiny lizards |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|---------------------------------------|---------------|
| 1. the chameleon's survival is | a. survive |
| 2. nano-chameleons are lucky | b. by 2070 |
| 3. the area was placed under | c. to survive |
| 4. the species will | d. species |
| 5. Nearly all of Madagascar's eastern | e. protection |
| 6. could disappear | f. change |
| 7. climate | g. threatened |
| 8. many of the island's unique | h. rainforest |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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Scientists have discovered (1) _____ the world's smallest reptile. It is a chameleon and is (2) _____ a sunflower seed. Chameleons are usually 35-40cm long. Scientists found two of (3) _____ in the mountains in northern Madagascar. They are just 22mm long. The length of (4) _____ is 13.5mm. At first, the scientists thought the reptiles were juveniles, but later found they were (5) _____. The scientists called the lizards "nano-chameleons". The scientists tried to find more of them, but "(6) _____" could not find any more.

Madagascar is home (7) _____ the world's chameleons. Scientists say they may be from there. However, the chameleon's (8) _____ by deforestation. One scientist said the nano-chameleons are (9) _____. He said: "Their habitat has unfortunately been subject to deforestation, but the area (10) _____ protection recently, so the species will survive." Nearly all of Madagascar's eastern rainforest (11) _____ 2070 if deforestation and climate change does not slow down. This would put many of the island's (12) _____ danger.

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) _____

