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Level 2 – 23rd December, 2021

Fossil found of giant car-sized insect

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

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THE READING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2021/12/20/europe/giant-millipede-biggest-bug-uk-northumbria-scr/index.html>

If you are afraid of insects, reading this might be difficult. A fossil found in England shows that the biggest bug that ever lived was the size of a car. The fossil is of a giant millipede. It could have had hundreds of legs. The name "millipede" means "one thousand legs" in Latin, but few species have 1,000 feet. One species has 1,300 legs. Fossil hunters said the fossil showed that the millipede was around 2.7 metres long and weighed over 50kg. Seeing this would have been scary. It would need a lot of insect spray to keep it away.

The scientists found the fossil by chance. Scientists at Cambridge University's department of earth sciences found a rock on the beach. It had fallen from a cliff. They said it was a lucky discovery and "an incredibly exciting find". They explained that the fossil is over 326 million years old. This is 100 million years before the dinosaurs. The millipede had a high-nutrient diet because it was so huge. The scientists are not sure what it ate, but there were plenty of nutritious nuts and seeds available at that time." They may also have eaten frogs and lizards, but not humans.

Sources: <https://edition.cnn.com/2021/12/20/europe/giant-millipede-biggest-bug-uk-northumbria-scr/index.html>
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PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|-----------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. reading this | a. 1,000 feet |
| 2. the biggest bug that | b. spray |
| 3. the size | c. ever lived |
| 4. few species have | d. 2.7 metres long |
| 5. the millipede was around | e. have been scary |
| 6. weighed | f. of a car |
| 7. Seeing this would | g. over 50kg |
| 8. a lot of insect | h. might be difficult |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|---|-------------------------|
| 1. sciences found a rock | a. frogs and lizards |
| 2. it was a lucky | b. on the beach |
| 3. the fossil is over 326 million years | c. sure what it ate |
| 4. This is 100 million years | d. old |
| 5. The millipede had a high- | e. and seeds |
| 6. scientists are not | f. discovery |
| 7. nutritious nuts | g. nutrient diet |
| 8. They may also have eaten | h. before the dinosaurs |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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If you are (1) _____, reading this might be difficult. A fossil found in England shows that (2) _____ that ever lived was the (3) _____ car. The fossil is of a giant millipede. It could have had hundreds of legs. The name "millipede" means "one thousand legs" in Latin, but few species have 1,000 feet. (4) _____ 1,300 legs. Fossil hunters said the (5) _____ the millipede was around 2.7 metres long and weighed over 50kg. Seeing this would have been scary. It would need a lot of insect spray to (6) _____.

The scientists found the (7) _____. Scientists at Cambridge University's department of earth sciences found a rock on the beach. It (8) _____ a cliff. They said it was a lucky discovery and "(9) _____ find". They explained that the fossil is over 326 million years old. This is 100 million (10) _____ dinosaurs. The millipede had a high-nutrient diet because it (11) _____. The scientists are not sure what it ate, but there were plenty of nutritious nuts and seeds available at that time." They may also have eaten (12) _____, but not humans.

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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GIANT INSECTS SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about giant insects 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) _____

