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**Level 3 – 23rd March 2023**

## New orchid species found in Japan

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# THE ARTICLE

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2303/2023-japanese-orchid.html>

Nature is full of secrets. There are still many things to find out about it. One of those things was discovered last week in Japan. It is rare to find a new plant in Japan. Its trees, flowers and other flora are well documented. However, an amateur naturalist came across a new species of orchid in Tokyo. Scientists studied the flower and believe it grows in parks and gardens across Japan. The newly-found orchid is beautiful. It is pink and white, and its delicate petals look like they are made from glass. Professor Kenji Suetsugu from Kobe University said: "The discovery of new species in common places means it is necessary to keep exploring, even in everyday places that don't look so remarkable."

There are about 28,000 orchid species worldwide. The new orchid belongs to a class called Spiranthes. There are about 50 different kinds of Spiranthes. They are the most common kind of orchid in Japan. They are mentioned in a Japanese poem from the year 759. Professor Suetsugu said he and his colleagues were "thrilled to have identified a new species". He said it was exciting because it wasn't found hidden deep in a rainforest or jungle. The discovery of the new orchid is good news. However, many orchids are on the endangered species list. This is because of habitat loss. We need to protect natural environments to stop flowers disappearing. If we lose more orchids, the world will be less colourful.

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# WARM-UPS

**1. ORCHIDS:** Students walk around the class and talk to other students about orchids. Change partners often and share your findings.

**2. CHAT:** In pairs / groups, talk about these topics or words from the article. What will the article say about them? What can you say about these words and your life?

nature / secrets / last week / Japan / flowers / gardens / orchids / species / discovery  
worldwide / poem / professor / colleague / thrilled / rainforest / good news / natural

Have a chat about the topics you liked. Change topics and partners frequently.

**3. CUT FLOWERS:** Students A **strongly** believe we should stop cutting flowers; Students B **strongly** believe we need cut flowers. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.

**4. NATURE:** What amazes you about these things in nature? Why? Complete this table with your partner(s). Change partners often and share what you wrote.

	What Amazes Me	Why
Flowers		
Fish		
Insects		
Trees		
Animals		
Mountains		

**5. SECRET:** Spend one minute writing down all of the different words you associate with the word "secret". Share your words with your partner(s) and talk about them. Together, put the words into different categories.

**6. FLOWERS:** Rank these with your partner. Put the best flowers at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

- Orchids
- Roses
- Dandelions
- Tulips
- Lotus
- Lavender
- Buttercup
- Daisy

# VOCABULARY MATCHING

## Paragraph 1

- |               |  |
|---------------|--|
| 1. nature     | a. Found unexpectedly or during a search.  |
| 2. discovered | b. Recorded something in written, photographic, or other form.                                   |
| 3. flora      | c. Worthy of attention; striking.  |
| 4. documented | d. The plants of a particular region, habitat, or geological period.                             |
| 5. amateur    | e. Very fine in texture or structure.  |
| 6. delicate   | f. All the plants, animals, the landscape, and other natural features and products of the earth. |
| 7. remarkable | g. A person who does a sport or other activity for no money.                                     |

## Paragraph 2

- |                |  |
|----------------|--|
| 8. class       | h. Happening, found, or done often.                                      |
| 9. common      | i. Spoke or wrote about something briefly and without going into detail. |
| 10. mentioned  | j. Keep safe from harm or injury.  |
| 11. colleague  | k. Very, very excited.   |
| 12. thrilled   | l. A person with whom one works in a profession or business.             |
| 13. endangered | m. A set or category of things being similar in kind, type, or quality.  |
| 14. protect    | n. Animals, plants and other things seriously at risk of dying out.      |

# BEFORE READING / LISTENING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2303/2023-japanese-orchid.html>

## 1. TRUE / FALSE: Read the headline. Guess if a-h below are true (T) or false (F).

1. The article says there are very few secrets left in nature. **T / F**
2. It isn't so rare to find new plants in Japan. **T / F**
3. The newly-discovered orchid grows in parks across Japan. **T / F**
4. A professor said we need to keep exploring. **T / F**
5. There are around 28,000 species of orchid in the world. **T / F**
6. An orchid was mentioned in a Japanese poem in 1759. **T / F**
7. A professor was happy the orchid wasn't found deep in the jungle. **T / F**
8. Orchids are becoming endangered because of habitat loss. **T / F**

## 2. SYNONYM MATCH: (The words in **bold** are from the news article.)

- |                      |                        |
|----------------------|------------------------|
| 1. <b>secrets</b>    | a. unusual             |
| 2. <b>discovered</b> | b. natural environment |
| 3. <b>rare</b>       | c. amazing             |
| 4. <b>fragile</b>    | d. co-workers          |
| 5. <b>remarkable</b> | e. mysteries           |
| 6. <b>worldwide</b>  | f. safeguard           |
| 7. <b>colleagues</b> | g. easily broken       |
| 8. <b>hidden</b>     | h. globally            |
| 9. <b>habitat</b>    | i. found               |
| 10. <b>protect</b>   | j. concealed           |

## 3. PHRASE MATCH: (Sometimes more than one choice is possible.)

- |                                       |                     |
|---------------------------------------|---------------------|
| 1. Nature is full                     | a. species list     |
| 2. It is rare to                      | b. petals           |
| 3. its delicate                       | c. colourful        |
| 4. they are made                      | d. so remarkable    |
| 5. everyday places that don't look    | e. loss             |
| 6. They are mentioned in a Japanese   | f. environments     |
| 7. many orchids are on the endangered | g. of secrets       |
| 8. habitat                            | h. from glass       |
| 9. We need to protect natural         | i. find a new plant |
| 10. the world will be less            | j. poem             |

# GAP FILL

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2303/2023-japanese-orchid.html>

Nature is full of (1) \_\_\_\_\_. There are still many things to find out about it. One of those things was discovered last week in Japan. It is (2) \_\_\_\_\_ to find a new plant in Japan. Its trees, flowers and other flora are well documented. However, an (3) \_\_\_\_\_ naturalist came (4) \_\_\_\_\_ a new species of orchid in Tokyo. Scientists studied the flower and believe it (5) \_\_\_\_\_ in parks and gardens across Japan. The newly-found orchid is beautiful. It is pink and white, and its (6) \_\_\_\_\_ petals look like they are made from glass. Professor Kenji Suetsugu from Kobe University said: "The discovery of new species in common places means it is (7) \_\_\_\_\_ to keep exploring, even in everyday places that don't look so (8) \_\_\_\_\_."

*grows*  
*necessary*  
*across*  
*rare*  
*remarkable*  
*secrets*  
*delicate*  
*amateur*

There are about 28,000 orchid species (9) \_\_\_\_\_. The new orchid belongs to a class called Spiranthes. There are about 50 different kinds of Spiranthes. They are the most (10) \_\_\_\_\_ kind of orchid in Japan. They are mentioned in a Japanese (11) \_\_\_\_\_ from the year 759. Professor Suetsugu said he and his colleagues were (12) \_\_\_\_\_ to have identified a new species". He said it was exciting because it wasn't found (13) \_\_\_\_\_ deep in a rainforest or jungle. The discovery of the new orchid is (14) \_\_\_\_\_ news. However, many orchids are on the endangered species list. This is because of habitat (15) \_\_\_\_\_. We need to protect natural environments to stop flowers disappearing. If we lose more orchids, the world will be (16) \_\_\_\_\_ colourful.

*loss*  
*thrilled*  
*good*  
*common*  
*less*  
*worldwide*  
*poem*  
*hidden*

# LISTENING – Guess the answers. Listen to check.

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2303/2023-japanese-orchid.html>

- 1) Nature is full of secrets. There are still many things to find \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. out around it
  - b. out avowed it
  - c. out about it
  - d. out abut it
- 2) Its trees, flowers and other flora \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. or well documented
  - b. Orwell documented
  - c. rare well documented
  - d. are well documented
- 3) It is pink and white, and its delicate petals look like they are \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. made from glass
  - b. made from grass
  - c. made from gas
  - d. made from glares
- 4) The discovery of new species \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. ink common places
  - b. in common places
  - c. in commons places
  - d. in common paces
- 5) it is necessary to keep exploring, even in everyday places that don't \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. looks so remarkable
  - b. look so remarkable
  - c. look so remarkably
  - d. look sore markable
- 6) The new orchid belongs to a \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. crass called Spiranthes
  - b. classed called Spiranthes
  - c. classes called Spiranthes
  - d. class called Spiranthes
- 7) They are mentioned in a Japanese poem from \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. the year 759
  - b. the year 579
  - c. the year 795
  - d. the year 957
- 8) He said it was exciting because it wasn't found hidden deep in a \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. rainy forest or jungle
  - b. reign forest or jungle
  - c. rainforest or jungle
  - d. rein forest or jungle
- 9) However, many orchids are on the \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. in dangered species list
  - b. endangered species wrist
  - c. in dangered species last
  - d. endangered species list
- 10) If we lose more orchids, the world will \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. be less colourfully
  - b. be less colourful
  - c. be lest colourful
  - d. be least colourful

# LISTENING – Listen and fill in the gaps

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2303/2023-japanese-orchid.html>

Nature is (1) \_\_\_\_\_. There are still many things to find out about it. One of those things was discovered last week in Japan. It (2) \_\_\_\_\_ find a new plant in Japan. Its trees, flowers and other (3) \_\_\_\_\_ documented. However, an amateur naturalist came across a new species of orchid in Tokyo. Scientists studied the flower and believe (4) \_\_\_\_\_ parks and gardens across Japan. The newly-found orchid is beautiful. It is pink and white, and its delicate (5) \_\_\_\_\_ they are made from glass. Professor Kenji Suetsugu from Kobe University said: "The discovery of new species in common places means it is necessary to keep exploring, even in everyday places that don't (6) \_\_\_\_\_."

There are about 28,000 orchid species worldwide. The new orchid belongs to (7) \_\_\_\_\_ Spiranthes. There are about 50 different kinds of Spiranthes. They are the (8) \_\_\_\_\_ of orchid in Japan. They are mentioned in a Japanese poem from the year 759. Professor Suetsugu said he and his colleagues (9) \_\_\_\_\_ have identified a new species". He said it was exciting because it wasn't found hidden deep in a rainforest or jungle. The (10) \_\_\_\_\_ new orchid is good news. However, many orchids are on the endangered species list. This is because (11) \_\_\_\_\_. We need to protect natural environments to stop flowers disappearing. If we lose more orchids, the world will (12) \_\_\_\_\_.



# COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2303/2023-japanese-orchid.html>

1. What does the article say nature is full of?
2. What is it rare to find in Japan?
3. Where did scientists say the newly-found orchid grows?
4. What do the orchid's petals look like?
5. What did a professor say we need to keep doing?
6. How many species of orchid are there in the world?
7. In what year were orchids mentioned in 759?
8. How did a professor and his co-workers feel about the orchid discovery?
9. What kind of list are many orchids on?
10. What will be lost to the world if orchids disappear?

# MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2303/2023-japanese-orchid.html>

- 1) What does the article say nature is full of?
  - a) birds
  - b) secrets
  - c) bees
  - d) colour
- 2) What is it rare to find in Japan?
  - a) orchids
  - b) botanists
  - c) yellow orchids
  - d) a new plant
- 3) Where did scientists say the newly-found orchid grows?
  - a) underground
  - b) in woods and forests
  - c) parks and gardens
  - d) on mountaintops
- 4) What do the orchid's petals look like?
  - a) glass
  - b) rose petals
  - c) humming birds
  - d) a finger
- 5) What did a professor say we need to keep doing?
  - a) enjoying nature
  - b) exploring
  - c) collecting flower seeds
  - d) painting flowers
- 6) How many species of orchid are there in the world?
  - a) about 28,000
  - b) exactly 28,000
  - c) over 28,000
  - d) fewer than 28,000
- 7) In what were orchids mentioned in 759?
  - a) a play
  - b) a book on flowers
  - c) a Japanese poem
  - d) a novel
- 8) How did a professor and his co-workers feel about the orchid discovery?
  - a) thrilled
  - b) good
  - c) satisfied
  - d) ecstatic
- 9) What kind of list are many orchids on?
  - a) a top-10 list
  - b) a garden store list
  - c) a shopping list
  - d) an endangered species list
- 10) What will be lost to the world if orchids disappear?
  - a) birds
  - b) bees
  - c) colour
  - d) an eco-system

# ROLE PLAY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2303/2023-japanese-orchid.html>

## **Role A – Orchids**

You think orchids are the best flowers. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their flowers. Also, tell the others which are the worst of these (and why): dandelions, roses or lotus flowers.

## **Role B – Dandelions**

You think dandelions are the best flowers. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their flowers. Also, tell the others which are the worst of these (and why): orchids, roses or lotus flowers.

## **Role C – Roses**

You think roses are the best flowers. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their flowers. Also, tell the others which are the worst of these (and why): dandelions, orchids or lotus flowers.

## **Role D – Lotus Flowers**

You think lotus flowers are the best flowers. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their flowers. Also, tell the others which are the worst of these (and why): dandelions, roses or orchids.

# AFTER READING / LISTENING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2303/2023-japanese-orchid.html>

**1. WORD SEARCH:** Look in your dictionary / computer to find collocates, other meanings, information, synonyms ... for the words 'orchid' and 'species'.

orchid	species

- Share your findings with your partners.
- Make questions using the words you found.
- Ask your partner / group your questions.

**2. ARTICLE QUESTIONS:** Look back at the article and write down some questions you would like to ask the class about the text.

- Share your questions with other classmates / groups.
- Ask your partner / group your questions.

**3. GAP FILL:** In pairs / groups, compare your answers to this exercise. Check your answers. Talk about the words from the activity. Were they new, interesting, worth learning...?

**4. VOCABULARY:** Circle any words you do not understand. In groups, pool unknown words and use dictionaries to find their meanings.

**5. TEST EACH OTHER:** Look at the words below. With your partner, try to recall how they were used in the text:

<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• full</li><li>• rare</li><li>• believe</li><li>• amateur</li><li>• glass</li><li>• even</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• class</li><li>• poem</li><li>• thrilled</li><li>• deep</li><li>• list</li><li>• less</li></ul>
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# ORCHIDS SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2303/2023-japanese-orchid.html>

Write five GOOD questions about orchids 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.

# ORCHIDS & FLOWERS DISCUSSION

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

1. What did you think when you read the headline?
2. What images are in your mind when you hear the word 'species'?
3. What do you think of nature's secrets?
4. Do you want to know all of nature's secrets?
5. What nature is there around you?
6. What do you know about orchids?
7. What's your favourite flower?
8. Is it OK to pick or cut flowers from where they grow?
9. What do you think of buying people flowers?
10. Should we keep exploring?

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# ORCHIDS & FLOWERS DISCUSSION

STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

11. Did you like reading this article? Why/not?
12. What do you think of when you hear the word 'orchid'?
13. What do you think about what you read?
14. How interested are you in nature?
15. Would you like to study flowers and plants?
16. What are the most common flowers in your country?
17. What do you think of your country's national flower?
18. Are weeds flowers?
19. How can we protect flowers more?
20. What questions would you like to ask the scientists?

# DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_
5. \_\_\_\_\_
6. \_\_\_\_\_

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# DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)

STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_
5. \_\_\_\_\_
6. \_\_\_\_\_

# LANGUAGE - CLOZE

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2303/2023-japanese-orchid.html>

Nature is (1) \_\_\_\_\_ of secrets. There are still many things to find out about it. One of (2) \_\_\_\_\_ things was discovered last week in Japan. It is rare to find a new plant in Japan. Its trees, flowers and (3) \_\_\_\_\_ flora are well documented. However, an amateur naturalist came across a new species of orchid in Tokyo. Scientists studied the flower and believe it (4) \_\_\_\_\_ in parks and gardens across Japan. The newly-found orchid is beautiful. It is pink and white, and its delicate petals look like they are (5) \_\_\_\_\_ from glass. Professor Kenji Suetsugu from Kobe University said: "The discovery of new species in common places means it is necessary to keep exploring, even in everyday places that don't look (6) \_\_\_\_\_ remarkable."

There are about 28,000 orchid species worldwide. The new orchid belongs to a (7) \_\_\_\_\_ called *Spiranthes*. There are about 50 different kinds of *Spiranthes*. They are the most common kind of orchid in Japan. They are mentioned in a Japanese (8) \_\_\_\_\_ from the year 759. Professor Suetsugu said he and his colleagues were "(9) \_\_\_\_\_ to have identified a new species". He said it was exciting because it wasn't found hidden (10) \_\_\_\_\_ in a rainforest or jungle. The discovery of the new orchid is good news. However, many orchids are (11) \_\_\_\_\_ the endangered species list. This is because of habitat loss. We need to protect natural environments to stop flowers disappearing. If we lose more orchids, the world will be (12) \_\_\_\_\_ colourful.

**Put the correct words from the table below in the above article.**

- |     |               |             |             |               |
|-----|---------------|-------------|-------------|---------------|
| 1.  | (a) fully     | (b) full    | (c) fill    | (d) filled    |
| 2.  | (a) them      | (b) those   | (c) that    | (d) this      |
| 3.  | (a) another   | (b) others  | (c) othered | (d) other     |
| 4.  | (a) growth    | (b) grows   | (c) growing | (d) grown     |
| 5.  | (a) grown     | (b) made    | (c) sewn    | (d) smashed   |
| 6.  | (a) such      | (b) thus    | (c) so      | (d) well      |
| 7.  | (a) classy    | (b) classed | (c) class   | (d) classless |
| 8.  | (a) poetry    | (b) poetic  | (c) poem    | (d) poet      |
| 9.  | (a) thrilling | (b) thrills | (c) thrill  | (d) thrilled  |
| 10. | (a) deep      | (b) depth   | (c) deepen  | (d) deeps     |
| 11. | (a) on        | (b) at      | (c) of      | (d) by        |
| 12. | (a) lest      | (b) lessen  | (c) less    | (d) lesser    |



# SPELLING

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## Paragraph 1

1. Nature is full of tsecesr
2. an truemaa naturalist
3. its eaciledt petals
4. The ervdsoyic of new species
5. it is ssaecreny to keep exploring
6. places that don't look so klabreamer

## Paragraph 2

7. They are the most oncomm kind
8. They are odntmenie in a Japanese poem
9. he and his loseaeclug
10. dtniifield a new species
11. the dgenndaere species list
12. We need to tcroept natural environments

# PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2303/2023-japanese-orchid.html>

**Number these lines in the correct order.**

- ( ) flowers disappearing. If we lose more orchids, the world will be less colourful.
- ( ) found orchid is beautiful. It is pink and white, and its delicate petals look like they are made from
- ( ) or jungle. The discovery of the new orchid is good news. However, many orchids are on the endangered
- ( ) in a Japanese poem from the year 759. Professor Suetsugu said he and his colleagues were "thrilled to have
- ( ) species list. This is because of habitat loss. We need to protect natural environments to stop
- ( ) identified a new species". He said it was exciting because it wasn't found hidden deep in a rainforest
- ( ) flora are well documented. However, an amateur naturalist came across a new species of orchid
- ( ) discovered last week in Japan. It is rare to find a new plant in Japan. Its trees, flowers and other
- ( ) glass. Professor Kenji Suetsugu from Kobe University said: "The discovery of new species in common places means it is
- ( ) 50 different kinds of Spiranthes. They are the most common kind of orchid in Japan. They are mentioned
- ( **1** ) Nature is full of secrets. There are still many things to find out about it. One of those things was
- ( ) There are about 28,000 orchid species worldwide. The new orchid belongs to a class called Spiranthes. There are about
- ( ) necessary to keep exploring, even in everyday places that don't look so remarkable."
- ( ) in Tokyo. Scientists studied the flower and believe it grows in parks and gardens across Japan. The newly-

# PUT THE WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2303/2023-japanese-orchid.html>

1. find things still out . to There many are
2. One was discovered last those of week . things
3. plant . is new It rare a to find
4. came new amateur across species . naturalist a An
5. new of in discovery common places . The species
6. There orchid 28,000 species are about worldwide .
7. common most of They kind orchid . the are
8. a They in mentioned are Japanese poem .
9. wasn't rainforest . deep found hidden a It in
10. environments natural stop Protect to flowers disappearing .

# CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD (20 PAIRS)

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2303/2023-japanese-orchid.html>

Nature is full *up / of* secrets. There are still many things to find out about it. One of *those / them* things was discovered *last / next* week in Japan. It is *rare / rarely* to find a new plant in Japan. Its trees, flowers and other flora are *good / well* documented. However, an amateur naturalist came across a new species of orchid in Tokyo. Scientists studied the flower and *belief / believe* it grows in parks and gardens *across / cross* Japan. The newly-found orchid is beautiful. It is pink and white, and *its / their* delicate petals look like they are made from glass. Professor Kenji Suetsugu from Kobe University said: "The *discovery / discover* of new species in common places means it is necessary to keep exploring, even in everyday places that don't look *such / so* remarkable."

There are about 28,000 orchid species *world / worldwide*. The new orchid belongs to a *class / glass* called Spiranthes. There are about 50 different kinds of Spiranthes. They are the most *commonly / common* kind of orchid in Japan. They are mentioned *on / in* a Japanese poem from the *year / years* 759. Professor Suetsugu said he and his colleagues were "*thrilling / thrilled* to have identified a new species". He said it was exciting because it wasn't found *hidden / hides* deep in a rainforest or jungle. The discovery of the new orchid is *well / good* news. However, many orchids are on the endangered species list. This is because of habitat *lost / loss*. We need to protect natural environments to stop flowers disappearing. If we lose more orchids, the world will be less *colour / colourful*.

**Talk about the connection between each pair of words in italics, and why the correct word is correct. Look up the definition of new words.**

# INSERT THE VOWELS (a, e, i, o, u)

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c\_l\_\_rf\_l.

# PUNCTUATE THE TEXT AND ADD CAPITALS

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# PUT A SLASH ( / ) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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# HOMEWORK

**1. VOCABULARY EXTENSION:** Choose several of the words from the text. Use a dictionary or Google's search field (or another search engine) to build up more associations / collocations of each word.

**2. INTERNET:** Search the Internet and find out more about this news story. Share what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

**3. ORCHIDS:** Make a poster about orchids. Show your work to your classmates in the next lesson. Did you all have similar things?

**4. CUTTING FLOWERS:** Write a magazine article about never cutting any flowers from where they are growing. Include imaginary interviews with people who are for and against this.

Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Write down any new words and expressions you hear from your partner(s).

**5. WHAT HAPPENED NEXT?** Write a newspaper article about the next stage in this news story. Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Give each other feedback on your articles.

**6. LETTER:** Write a letter to an expert on orchids. Ask him/her three questions about them. Give him/her three of your ideas about them. Read your letter to your partner(s) in your next lesson. Your partner(s) will answer your questions.

# ANSWERS

## VOCABULARY (p.4)

1. f    2. a    3. d    4. b    5. g    6. e    7. c  
8. m    9. h    10. i    11. l    12. k    13. n    14. j

## TRUE / FALSE (p.5)

- 1 F    2 F    3 T    4 T    5 T    6 F    7 T    8 T

## SYNONYM MATCH (p.5)

1. e	2. i	3. a	4. g	5. c
6. h	7. d	8. j	9. b	10. f

## COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (p.9)

1. Secrets
2. A new plant
3. Parks and gardens
4. Glass
5. Exploring
6. About 28,000
7. A Japanese poem
8. Thrilled
9. An endangered species list
10. Colour

## WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER (p.19)

1. There are still many things to find out.
2. One of those things was discovered last week.
3. It is rare to find a new plant.
4. An amateur naturalist came across a new species.
5. The discovery of new species in common places.
6. There are about 28,000 orchid species worldwide.
7. They are the most common kind of orchid.
8. They are mentioned in a Japanese poem.
9. It wasn't found hidden deep in a rainforest.
10. Protect natural environments to stop flowers disappearing.

## MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ (p.10)

1. b    2. d    3. c    4. a    5. b    6. a    7. c    8. a    9. d    10. c

## ALL OTHER EXERCISES

Please check for yourself by looking at the Article on page 2.  
(It's good for your English ;-)