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Level 4

Water bears will survive until the Sun dies

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THE READING

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A microscopic water creature could live until the end of the Earth. The tiny water bear looks like an eight-legged caterpillar. It is one-tenth of a millimeter long and has a very tough body. It can survive without food for decades, and exist in bitterly freezing and boiling temperatures. Water bears can also survive the pressure of deep oceans, the vacuum of outer space, nuclear war, global warming, or any other extreme events that would kill humans.

Scientists say water bears are so tough that only the Sun boiling all the Earth's oceans would kill them. This will happen in several billion years. A study says complex life is very difficult to destroy and could exist on other planets. It says that because water bears are so tough, it is possible for other tough creatures to be in the Universe. It said there was, "a real case for looking for life on Mars and in other areas of the Solar System".

Sources: <https://www.sciencenews.org/article/water-bears-will-survive-end-world-we-know-it>
<https://www.sciencealert.com/these-adorable-little-animals-will-survive-nearly-any-global-apocalypse>
<https://www.nature.com/articles/s41598-017-05796-x>

PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|--------------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 1. A microscopic water | a. eight-legged caterpillar |
| 2. live until the end | b. of deep oceans |
| 3. The tiny water bear looks like an | c. would kill humans |
| 4. It is one-tenth | d. warming |
| 5. survive the pressure | e. creature |
| 6. the vacuum of outer | f. of a millimeter long |
| 7. global | g. of the Earth |
| 8. any other extreme events that | h. space |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|-----------------------------------|---------------------------|
| 1. the Sun boiling | a. tough creatures |
| 2. This will happen in several | b. all the Earth's oceans |
| 3. complex life is very difficult | c. Solar System |
| 4. exist on other | d. billion years |
| 5. water bears are so | e. life on Mars |
| 6. it is possible for other | f. planets |
| 7. looking for | g. tough |
| 8. in other areas of the | h. to destroy |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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A microscopic water creature (1) _____ the end of the Earth. The tiny water bear (2) _____ eight-legged caterpillar. It is one-tenth of a millimeter long (3) _____ tough body. It can survive without food for decades, and (4) _____ freezing and boiling temperatures. Water bears can also survive the (5) _____ oceans, the vacuum of outer space, nuclear war, global warming, or any (6) _____ that would kill humans.

Scientists say water bears (7) _____ only the Sun boiling all the Earth's oceans would kill them. This (8) _____ several billion years. A study says (9) _____ very difficult to destroy and could (10) _____ planets. It says that because water bears are so tough, it is possible (11) _____ creatures to be in the Universe. It said there was, "a real case for looking for life on Mars and (12) _____ the Solar System".

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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WATER BEARS SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about water bears 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) _____

