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Level 5

Men developed deep voices to scare other men

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THE READING

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Scientists have new ideas about why some men have deeper voices. It was thought that men developed a lower pitched voice to attract members of the opposite sex. However, scientists at an American university believe a deep voice was to scare off other men. Researcher David Puts said: "In humans...a low pitched voice evolved primarily to intimidate other men...to make males seem bigger and scarier." He added that male characteristics were more to show aggression, threaten others and provide a competitive edge in fighting than to help attract women.

The researchers played recordings of 500 men and women to more than 1,100 different people of both sexes. Male volunteers rated each male voice for levels of dominance. Women rated the same recordings for romantic attractiveness. Men also rated the women's voices for attractiveness. Most of the men thought the deeper voices in the male recordings belonged to a more dominant man. Dr Puts said women also liked deeper voices. However, he said the pattern of the women's ratings did not suggest that the deepness of the male voice was so important to females.

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PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|-------------------------------|--------------------|
| 1. Scientists have new ideas | a. in fighting |
| 2. members of the opposite | b. and scarier |
| 3. scare | c. characteristics |
| 4. make males seem bigger | d. women |
| 5. male | e. off other men |
| 6. show | f. about why |
| 7. provide a competitive edge | g. sex |
| 8. help attract | h. aggression |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|-----------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. The researchers played | a. for attractiveness |
| 2. people of both | b. deeper voices |
| 3. Male | c. sexes |
| 4. romantic | d. important to females |
| 5. rated the women's voices | e. recordings |
| 6. belonged to a more | f. attractiveness |
| 7. women also liked | g. dominant man |
| 8. the male voice was so | h. volunteers |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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Scientists have (1) _____ why some men have deeper voices. It was thought that men developed (2) _____ voice to attract members of (3) _____. However, scientists at an American university believe a deep voice was (4) _____ other men. Researcher David Puts said: "In humans...a low pitched voice (5) _____ to intimidate other men...to make males seem bigger and scarier." He added that male characteristics were more to show aggression, threaten others and provide a (6) _____ in fighting than to help attract women.

The researchers (7) _____ 500 men and women to more than 1,100 different people of both sexes. Male volunteers rated each male (8) _____ dominance. Women rated the same recordings for romantic attractiveness. (9) _____ the women's voices for attractiveness. Most of the (10) _____ deeper voices in the male recordings belonged to a more dominant man. Dr Puts said women also liked deeper voices. However, he (11) _____ of the women's ratings did not suggest that the deepness of the male voice was so (12) _____.

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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DEEP VOICES SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about deep voices 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) _____

WRITING

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Write about **deep voices** for 10 minutes. Read and talk about your partner's paper.
