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## **Newly-discovered Amazon wasp has giant stinger**

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# THE ARTICLE

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1807/180711-wasp.html>

Scientists in the Amazon rainforest have come across a new wasp that could encourage Hollywood to make a horror movie. The newly-discovered insect has a huge stinger on its tail that could inject a powerful and deadly sting into any unfortunate victim. A scientist said the stinger "looks like a fierce weapon". The stinger delivers a paralyzing venom that debilitates its victims. Once paralysis has set in, the wasp lays eggs inside the victim's body. Researchers from the University of Turku in Finland discovered the wasp. A professor in biodiversity research said: "The stinger of the new parasitoid wasp...is not only long but also very wide, in comparison to the size of the species."

The professor explained that parasitoid insects put larvae inside their host - usually another insect. Once the larvae grow, they eat the insect from the inside out. Researchers believe the unfortunate victim of this new wasp is likely to be a spider, although they need to undertake further research to ascertain exactly which species of spiders might fall prey to the wasp's stinger. The professor explained that: "The giant stinger of the current species is very likely a highly sophisticated tool as well. Unfortunately, we can only guess at its other purposes." He added: "Beautiful and exciting species with strange habits catch people's attention and highlight the importance of maintaining vulnerable ecosystems."

Sources: <http://www.dailymail.co.uk/sciencetech/article-5927195/Terrifying-wasp-uses-stinger-like-fierce-weapon-lay-eggs-INSIDE-spiders-Amazon.html>  
<https://www.techtimes.com/articles/231827/20180707/new-breed-of-wasp-with-exceptionally-large-stinger-discovered-in-the-amazon.htm>  
<http://www.gizmodo.co.uk/2018/07/i-do-not-like-this-new-wasp-species-whose-giant-stinger-lays-eggs-inside-spiders/>

# WARM-UPS

**1. WASPS:** Students walk around the class and talk to other students about wasps. 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?

scientists / rainforest / horror movie / sting / weapon / venom / biodiversity / species  
insects / host / spider / research / prey / sophisticated / purposes / ecosystems

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

**3. CREATURES:** Students A **strongly** believe insects are the most interesting creatures on Earth; Students B **strongly** believe otherwise. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.

**4. INSECTS:** How useful are these insects? Why? What is most special about them - 1 = not at all useful; 10 = very useful)? Complete this table with your partner(s). Change partners often and share what you wrote.

	Usefulness (1-10)	Why?	Most Special Thing
Wasps			
Bees			
Spiders			
Worms			
Ants			
Cockroaches			

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

**6. WORST:** Rank these with your partner. Put the worst bugs at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

- cockroaches
- wasps
- mosquitoes
- hornets
- tarantulas
- centipedes
- flies
- bed bugs

# VOCABULARY MATCHING

## Paragraph 1

- |                |   |
|----------------|---|
| 1. come across | a. Put or force a liquid (especially a drug or vaccine) into a person or animal's body with a syringe (or similar device) or a stinger.         |
| 2. encourage   | b. Find something for the first time; discover.   |
| 3. inject      | c. Having, or marked by, bad fortune; unlucky.  |
| 4. unfortunate | d. A person harmed, injured, or killed as a result of a crime, accident, or other event or action; an animal that is hurt or killed by another. |
| 5. victim      | e. Give support, confidence, or hope to someone.  |
| 6. paralysis   | f. The act of looking at different things to find out how similar or different they are.  |
| 7. comparison  | g. The loss of the ability to move (and sometimes to feel anything) in part or most of the body.  |

## Paragraph 2

- |                   |   |
|-------------------|---|
| 8. larvae         | h. Begin a project, enterprise or responsibility; take on.  |
| 9. undertake      | i. Developed to a high degree of complexity.  |
| 10. ascertain     | j. The baby form of an insect, especially one that looks greatly from the adult, usually being the stage between the egg and adult. |
| 11. species       | k. Find something out for sure; make sure of.   |
| 12. sophisticated | l. Notice someone or something; the conscious looking at and thinking about something.  |
| 13. attention     | m. A group of living organisms consisting of similar individuals capable of exchanging genes or interbreeding.                      |
| 14. vulnerable    | n. Open to (being an easy target to) physical or emotional attack or harm.  |

# BEFORE READING / LISTENING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1807/180711-wasp.html>

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

- a. The article says Hollywood will make a horror movie about a wasp. **T / F**
- b. The newly-found wasp has a large stinger on the top of its head. **T / F**
- c. A scientist said the stinger looked like a fierce weapon. **T / F**
- d. The stinger is not as wide as the stingers on other wasps. **T / F**
- e. The newly-discovered wasps inject larvae into the bodies of spiders. **T / F**
- f. Scientists know the types of spiders the wasp stings. **T / F**
- g. A scientist said the new wasp's stinger is probably very sophisticated. **T / F**
- h. The scientist said little is known about the stinger's other purposes. **T / F**

## 2. SYNONYM MATCH:

Match the following synonyms. The words in **bold** are from the news article.

- |                         |                   |
|-------------------------|-------------------|
| 1. <b>come across</b>   | a. get bigger     |
| 2. <b>huge</b>          | b. weakens        |
| 3. <b>deadly</b>        | c. notice         |
| 4. <b>debilitates</b>   | d. enormous       |
| 5. <b>victim</b>        | e. preserving     |
| 6. <b>grow</b>          | f. engage in      |
| 7. <b>undertake</b>     | g. prey           |
| 8. <b>sophisticated</b> | h. discovered(ed) |
| 9. <b>attention</b>     | i. lethal         |
| 10. <b>maintaining</b>  | j. complicated    |

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

- |                             |                                  |
|-----------------------------|----------------------------------|
| 1. the Amazon               | a. eggs inside the victim's body |
| 2. inject                   | b. size of the species           |
| 3. a paralyzing venom that  | c. tool                          |
| 4. the wasp lays            | d. attention                     |
| 5. in comparison to the     | e. debilitates its victims       |
| 6. they eat the insect from | f. a powerful and deadly sting   |
| 7. they need to undertake   | g. ecosystems                    |
| 8. a highly sophisticated   | h. further research              |
| 9. catch people's           | i. rainforest                    |
| 10. maintaining vulnerable  | j. the inside out                |

# GAP FILL

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1807/180711-wasp.html>

Scientists in the Amazon rainforest have come (1) \_\_\_\_\_ a new wasp that could (2) \_\_\_\_\_ Hollywood to make a horror movie. The newly-discovered insect has a (3) \_\_\_\_\_ stinger on its tail that could inject a powerful and (4) \_\_\_\_\_ sting into any unfortunate victim. A scientist said the stinger "looks like a fierce (5) \_\_\_\_\_ ". The stinger delivers a paralyzing venom that debilitates its victims. Once (6) \_\_\_\_\_ has set in, the wasp lays eggs inside the victim's body. Researchers from the University of Turku in Finland discovered the wasp. A professor in (7) \_\_\_\_\_ research said: "The stinger of the new parasitoid wasp...is not only long but also very wide, in comparison to the (8) \_\_\_\_\_ of the species."

*weapon*  
*across*  
*huge*  
*size*  
*deadly*  
*biodiversity*  
*encourage*  
*paralysis*

The professor explained that parasitoid insects put larvae inside their (9) \_\_\_\_\_ - usually another insect. Once the larvae grow, they eat the insect from the (10) \_\_\_\_\_ out. Researchers believe the unfortunate victim of this new wasp is (11) \_\_\_\_\_ to be a spider, although they need to undertake further research to ascertain exactly which species of spiders might fall (12) \_\_\_\_\_ to the wasp's stinger. The professor explained that: "The giant stinger of the current species is very likely a (13) \_\_\_\_\_ sophisticated tool as well. Unfortunately, we can only guess at its other (14) \_\_\_\_\_." He added: "Beautiful and exciting species with strange (15) \_\_\_\_\_ catch people's attention and highlight the importance of maintaining (16) \_\_\_\_\_ ecosystems."

*likely*  
*highly*  
*habits*  
*host*  
*vulnerable*  
*inside*  
*purposes*  
*prey*

# LISTENING – Guess the answers. Listen to check.

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1807/180711-wasp.html>

- 1) Scientists in the Amazon rainforest have come across a new wasp that could \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. discouraged Hollywood
  - b. encourages Hollywood
  - c. encourage Hollywood
  - d. discourage Hollywood
- 2) inject a powerful and deadly sting into any \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. unfortunately victim
  - b. unfortunate victim
  - c. unfortunates victim
  - d. in fortunate victim
- 3) A scientist said the stinger "looks like \_\_\_\_\_"
  - a. a fiercely weapon
  - b. a farce weapon
  - c. a first weapon
  - d. a fierce weapon
- 4) The stinger delivers a paralyzing venom that \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. debut dilates its victims
  - b. deep ill irate sits victims
  - c. debilitates its victims
  - d. debilitation its victims
- 5) is not only long but also very wide, in comparison to the size \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. of then species
  - b. of non species
  - c. of a species
  - d. of the species
- 6) The professor explained that parasitoid insects put larvae \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. inside their ghost
  - b. inside their holster
  - c. inside their hosting
  - d. inside their host
- 7) Once the larvae grow, they eat the insect from \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. the outside out
  - b. the inside out
  - c. the inner side out
  - d. the inside outer
- 8) Researchers believe the unfortunate victim of this new wasp is \_\_\_\_\_ a spider
  - a. liked to be
  - b. likened to be
  - c. likely to be
  - d. likelihood to be
- 9) The giant stinger of the current species is very likely a \_\_\_\_\_ tool
  - a. highly sophisticate it
  - b. highly sophisticate
  - c. highly sophistication
  - d. highly sophisticated
- 10) Beautiful and exciting species with strange habits catch \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. people's a tension
  - b. people's at tension
  - c. people's as tension
  - d. people's attention

# LISTENING – Listen and fill in the gaps

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1807/180711-wasp.html>

Scientists in the Amazon rainforest (1) \_\_\_\_\_ a new wasp that could encourage Hollywood to (2) \_\_\_\_\_ movie. The newly-discovered insect has a huge stinger on its tail that could inject a powerful and (3) \_\_\_\_\_ any unfortunate victim. A scientist said the stinger "looks like a fierce weapon". The stinger delivers a paralyzing venom that (4) \_\_\_\_\_. Once paralysis has set in, the wasp (5) \_\_\_\_\_ the victim's body. Researchers from the University of Turku in Finland discovered the wasp. A professor in biodiversity research said: "The stinger of the new parasitoid wasp...is not only long but (6) \_\_\_\_\_, in comparison to the size of the species."

The professor explained that parasitoid insects put larvae (7) \_\_\_\_\_ - usually another insect. Once the larvae grow, they eat the insect from (8) \_\_\_\_\_. Researchers believe the unfortunate victim of this new wasp is likely to be a spider, although they need to undertake further research to (9) \_\_\_\_\_ species of spiders might (10) \_\_\_\_\_ the wasp's stinger. The professor explained that: "The giant stinger of the current species is very likely a highly (11) \_\_\_\_\_ well. Unfortunately, we can only guess at its other purposes." He added: "Beautiful and exciting species with strange habits (12) \_\_\_\_\_ and highlight the importance of maintaining vulnerable ecosystems."



# COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1807/180711-wasp.html>

1. What kind of movie did the article say Hollywood could make?
2. What did a scientist say the stinger looked like?
3. What does the wasp do inside its victims?
4. In which country is the university that conducted this research?
5. What did the scientist say was wide in comparison to other species?
6. What do the wasp's larvae do as they grow?
7. Who are the most likely victims of the wasp?
8. What did the article say scientists needed to undertake?
9. What kind of tool did scientists call the wasp's stinger?
10. What did a scientist say it was important to maintain?

# MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1807/180711-wasp.html>

- 1) What kind of movie did the article say Hollywood could make?
  - a) computer graphic movies
  - b) horror movies
  - c) cartoons
  - d) nature movies
- 2) What did a scientist say the stinger looked like?
  - a) a pyramid
  - b) an umbrella
  - c) a sword
  - d) a fierce weapon
- 3) What does the wasp do inside its victims?
  - a) lay eggs
  - b) sleep
  - c) hibernate
  - d) hand on
- 4) In which country is the university that conducted this research?
  - a) Thailand
  - b) South Africa
  - c) Finland
  - d) Brazil
- 5) What did the scientist say was wide in comparison to other species?
  - a) the wasp's venom sac
  - b) the wasp's stinger
  - c) the wasp's head
  - d) the wasp's eyes
- 6) What do the wasp's larvae do as they grow?
  - a) eat the victim
  - b) fight
  - c) grow their stinger
  - d) sleep
- 7) Who are the most likely victims of the wasp?
  - a) other wasps
  - b) mice
  - c) spiders
  - d) caterpillars
- 8) What did the article say scientists needed to undertake?
  - a) further research
  - b) cars
  - c) universities
  - d) a vaccine
- 9) What kind of tool did scientists call the wasp's stinger?
  - a) a sophisticated tool
  - b) a drill
  - c) a bendy tool
  - d) a rainforest tool
- 10) What did a scientist say it was important to maintain?
  - a) the wasp population
  - b) venom
  - c) costs
  - d) vulnerable ecosystems

# ROLE PLAY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1807/180711-wasp.html>

## **Role A – Wasps**

You think wasps are the worst insects. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their insects aren't as bad. Also, tell the others which is the best of these (and why): cockroaches, mosquitoes or bed bugs.

## **Role B – Cockroaches**

You think cockroaches are the worst insects. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their insects aren't as bad. Also, tell the others which is the best of these (and why): wasps, mosquitoes or bed bugs.

## **Role C – Mosquitoes**

You think mosquitoes are the worst insects. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their insects aren't as bad. Also, tell the others which is the best of these (and why): cockroaches, wasps or bed bugs.

## **Role D – Bed Bugs**

You think bed bugs are the worst insects. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their insects aren't as bad. Also, tell the others which is the best of these (and why): cockroaches, mosquitoes or wasps.

# AFTER READING / LISTENING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1807/180711-wasp.html>

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

<b>Amazon</b>	<b>wasp</b>
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- 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>• come</li><li>• huge</li><li>• weapon</li><li>• delivers</li><li>• set</li><li>• size</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• host</li><li>• inside</li><li>• need</li><li>• giant</li><li>• guess</li><li>• importance</li></ul>
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# WASPS SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1807/180711-wasp.html>

Write five GOOD questions about wasps 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.

# WASPS 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 'Amazon'?
3. What do you think of wasps?
4. Have you had any bad experiences with wasps?
5. What use are wasps in nature?
6. What are the differences between wasps, bees and hornets?
7. How interesting are wasps?
8. What should you do if a wasp stings you?
9. What other weapons do insects have?
10. Would you like to look for new insects in the Amazon?

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# WASPS 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 'wasp'?
13. What do you think about what you read?
14. How can spiders protect themselves against this new wasp?
15. What is your favourite insect and why?
16. Which do you prefer, spiders or wasps?
17. What are the most eye-catching insects you know of?
18. How important is the Amazon?
19. How important is it to maintain vulnerable ecosystems?
20. What questions would you like to ask the researchers?

## **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/1807/180711-wasp.html>

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The professor explained that parasitoid insects put larvae inside their (7) \_\_\_\_\_ - usually another insect. Once the larvae grow, they eat the insect from the inside out. Researchers believe the unfortunate victim of this new wasp is (8) \_\_\_\_\_ to be a spider, although they need to undertake further research to ascertain exactly which species of spiders might fall (9) \_\_\_\_\_ to the wasp's stinger. The professor explained that: "The giant stinger of the (10) \_\_\_\_\_ species is very likely a highly sophisticated tool as well. Unfortunately, we can only guess at its other purposes." He added: "Beautiful and exciting species with (11) \_\_\_\_\_ habits catch people's attention and highlight the importance (12) \_\_\_\_\_ maintaining vulnerable ecosystems."

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

- |     |                |               |                 |               |
|-----|----------------|---------------|-----------------|---------------|
| 1.  | (a) gone       | (b) came      | (c) coming      | (d) come      |
| 2.  | (a) reject     | (b) abject    | (c) object      | (d) inject    |
| 3.  | (a) fleece     | (b) fierce    | (c) farce       | (d) force     |
| 4.  | (a) let        | (b) wet       | (c) set         | (d) met       |
| 5.  | (a) discovered | (b) discovery | (c) discovering | (d) discovers |
| 6.  | (a) wide       | (b) widely    | (c) width       | (d) widen     |
| 7.  | (a) hoots      | (b) ghost     | (c) heist       | (d) host      |
| 8.  | (a) likely     | (b) liked     | (c) likes       | (d) liken     |
| 9.  | (a) play       | (b) prey      | (c) pry         | (d) pray      |
| 10. | (a) currant    | (b) currency  | (c) current     | (d) currently |
| 11. | (a) strangely  | (b) stranger  | (c) strange     | (d) strangle  |
| 12. | (a) at         | (b) of        | (c) on          | (d) to        |



# SPELLING

## Paragraph 1

1. oaucregne Hollywood to make a horror movie
2. ictejn a powerful and deadly sting
3. venom that deslbttaiie its victims
4. Once rasilypsa has set in
5. A professor in sivoiitbydre research
6. in ponimrcsoa to the size of the species

## Paragraph 2

7. insects put varlea inside their host
8. the fonnatuttrue victim
9. ieartcsna exactly which species
10. a highly peiishdocstat tool
11. catch people's ienttatno
12. maintaining unlelrbaev ecosystems

# PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1807/180711-wasp.html>

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

- ( ) parasitoid wasp...is not only long but also very wide, in comparison to the size of the species."
- ( ) species with strange habits catch people's attention and highlight the importance of maintaining vulnerable ecosystems."
- ( ) tail that could inject a powerful and deadly sting into any unfortunate victim. A scientist said the stinger "looks like a fierce
- ( ) weapon". The stinger delivers a paralyzing venom that debilitates its victims. Once paralysis has set
- ( ) in, the wasp lays eggs inside the victim's body. Researchers from the University of Turku in Finland
- ( ) The professor explained that parasitoid insects put larvae inside their host - usually another
- ( ) as well. Unfortunately, we can only guess at its other purposes." He added: "Beautiful and exciting
- ( ) insect. Once the larvae grow, they eat the insect from the inside out. Researchers believe the unfortunate
- ( ) victim of this new wasp is likely to be a spider, although they need to undertake further
- ( **1** ) Scientists in the Amazon rainforest have come across a new wasp that could encourage
- ( ) Hollywood to make a horror movie. The newly-discovered insect has a huge stinger on its
- ( ) that: "The giant stinger of the current species is very likely a highly sophisticated tool
- ( ) discovered the wasp. A professor in biodiversity research said: "The stinger of the new
- ( ) research to ascertain exactly which species of spiders might fall prey to the wasp's stinger. The professor explained

# PUT THE WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1807/180711-wasp.html>

1. horror to Encourage make a Hollywood movie .
2. into any sting victim . Inject deadly unfortunate a
3. victims . A venom paralyzing debilitates its that
4. lays body . victim's eggs The wasp inside the
5. the the In size comparison to of species .
6. larvae inside insects put host . Parasitoid their
7. eat the insect the from inside out . They
8. which Undertake ascertain to research further species . exactly
9. other guess at We its only purposes . can
10. ecosystems . vulnerable the importance of maintaining Highlight

# CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD (20 PAIRS)

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1807/180711-wasp.html>

Scientists in the Amazon rainforest have come *across / crossing* a new wasp that could encourage Hollywood to make a horror movie. The newly-discovered insect has a *hug / huge* stinger on its tail that could *inject / injection* a powerful and deadly sting into any *fortunately / unfortunate* victim. A scientist said the stinger "looks like a *farce / fierce* weapon". The stinger delivers a paralyzing *venom / venomous* that debilitates its victims. Once paralysis has set *on / in*, the wasp lays eggs inside the victim's *bodily / body*. Researchers from the University of Turku in Finland discovered the wasp. A professor in biodiversity research said: "The stinger of the new parasitoid wasp...is not only *length / long* but also very wide, in comparison to the size of the *species / specs*."

The professor explained that parasitoid insects put *lava / larvae* inside their host - usually *another / other* insect. Once the larvae grow, they eat the insect from the inside *outer / out*. Researchers believe the unfortunate victim of this new wasp is *likely / liken* to be a spider, although they need to *undertake / overtake* further research to ascertain exactly which species of spiders might fall *play / prey* to the wasp's stinger. The professor explained that: "The giant stinger of the current *specials / species* is very likely a highly sophisticated tool *was / as* well. Unfortunately, we can only guess at its other purposes." He added: "Beautiful and exciting species *within / with* strange habits catch people's attention and highlight the *important / importance* of maintaining vulnerable ecosystems."

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

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

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\_c\_s y s t\_m s . "

# 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. BIODIVERSITY:** Make a poster about biodiversity. Show your work to your classmates in the next lesson. Did you all have similar things?

**4. WASPS:** Write a magazine article about wasps. Include imaginary interviews with people who are for and against them.

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 wasps. Ask him/her three questions about them. Give him/her three of your opinions on wasps. Read your letter to your partner(s) in your next lesson. Your partner(s) will answer your questions.

# ANSWERS

## VOCABULARY (p.4)

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

## TRUE / FALSE (p.5)

- a F    b F    c T    d F    e T    f F    g T    h T

## SYNONYM MATCH (p.5)

- |                  |                 |
|------------------|-----------------|
| 1. come across   | a. discover(ed) |
| 2. huge          | b. enormous     |
| 3. deadly        | c. lethal       |
| 4. debilitates   | d. weakens      |
| 5. victim        | e. prey         |
| 6. grow          | f. get bigger   |
| 7. undertake     | g. engage in    |
| 8. sophisticated | h. complicated  |
| 9. attention     | i. notice       |
| 10. maintaining  | j. preserving   |

## COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (p.9)

1. A horror movie
2. A fierce weapon
3. Lay eggs
4. Finland
5. The stinger
6. Eat the victim from the inside out
7. Spiders
8. Further research
9. A sophisticated tool
10. Vulnerable ecosystems

## WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER (p.20)

1. Encourage Hollywood to make a horror movie.
2. Inject a deadly sting into any unfortunate victim.
3. A paralyzing venom that debilitates its victims.
4. The wasp lays eggs inside the victim's body.
5. In comparison to the size of the species.
6. Parasitoid insects put larvae inside their host.
7. They eat the insect from the inside out.
8. Undertake further research to ascertain exactly which species.
9. We can only guess at its other purposes.
10. Highlight the importance of maintaining vulnerable ecosystems.

## MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ (p.10)

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

## ALL OTHER EXERCISES

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