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Level 1 – 29th June, 2021

Scientists show the world 'Dragon Man'

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Please try Levels 0, 2 and 3. They are (a little) harder.

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THE READING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2106/210629-dragon-man-1.html>

Researchers showed a 146,000-year-old skull to the world for the first time. It is from a new species of humans that could be our closest relatives. The researchers nicknamed the person the skull came from "Dragon Man". A Chinese worker found the skull almost 90 years ago. He hid it in his garden to keep it safe from Japan's army. The man recently told his family about the skull. His family found it and gave it to scientists.

Dragon Man could change what we know about evolution. He looked more like today's humans than other extinct members of the human family tree. He is closer to modern-day humans than Neanderthals were. A researcher wrote about Dragon Man's group. He said: "This population would have been hunter-gatherers, living off the land. From the winter temperatures in Harbin today, it looks like they [lived] with even harsher cold than the Neanderthals."

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PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|------------------------------|--------------------|
| 1. a 146,000-year- | a. to keep it safe |
| 2. for the first | b. of humans |
| 3. It is from a new species | c. told his family |
| 4. our closest | d. time |
| 5. The researchers nicknamed | e. the skull |
| 6. A Chinese worker found | f. old skull |
| 7. He hid it in his garden | g. the person |
| 8. The man recently | h. relatives |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|------------------------------------|---------------------|
| 1. change what we know | a. land |
| 2. He looked more like | b. tree |
| 3. other extinct | c. temperatures |
| 4. the human family | d. today's humans |
| 5. This population would have been | e. cold |
| 6. living off the | f. members |
| 7. winter | g. hunter-gatherers |
| 8. they lived with even harsher | h. about evolution |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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Researchers showed a 146,000-(1) _____ to the world for the first time. It is from (2) _____ of humans that could be our closest relatives. The researchers (3) _____ the skull came from "Dragon Man". A Chinese worker found the skull almost 90 years ago. He (4) _____ his garden to keep it safe from Japan's army. The man (5) _____ family about the skull. His family found it and (6) _____ scientists.

Dragon Man could change what we (7) _____. He looked more like today's humans (8) _____ members of the (9) _____. He is closer to modern-(10) _____ Neanderthals were. A researcher wrote about Dragon Man's group. He said: "This population would have been hunter-gatherers, living (11) _____. From the winter temperatures in Harbin today, it looks like they [lived] with even (12) _____ the Neanderthals."

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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ANCIENT HUMANS SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2106/210629-dragon-man-4.html>

Write five GOOD questions about ancient humans 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) _____

