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Level 1 – 23rd December, 2021

Fossil found of giant car-sized insect

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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/2021/12/20/europe/giant-millipede-biggest-bug-uk-northumbria-scotland/index.html>

If you dislike insects, reading this might be difficult. A fossil found in England shows that a giant millipede was the biggest bug that ever lived. It was the size of a car. The name "millipede" means "one thousand legs" in Latin, but not many millipedes have 1,000 feet. One species has 1,300 legs. Researchers said the millipede was 2.7 metres long and weighed over 50kg. Seeing it would have been scary. We would need a lot of insect spray to keep it away.

The scientists are from Cambridge University's department of earth sciences. They found the fossil on a beach by chance. It had fallen from a cliff. They said it was "an incredibly exciting find". The fossil is 326 million years old. It is 100 million years older than the dinosaurs. The millipede ate a lot. Scientists are not sure what it ate, but there were plenty of nuts and seeds available at that time. They may have eaten frogs and lizards, but not humans.

Sources: <https://edition.cnn.com/2021/12/20/europe/giant-millipede-biggest-bug-uk-northumbria-scotland/index.html>
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PHRASE MATCHING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2112/211223-giant-millipede-1.html>

PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|------------------------------------|----------------------------|
| 1. If you dislike insects, reading | a. one thousand legs |
| 2. the biggest bug that | b. of a car |
| 3. It was the size | c. long |
| 4. The name millipede means | d. spray |
| 5. not many millipedes | e. this might be difficult |
| 6. One species | f. have 1,000 feet |
| 7. the millipede was 2.7 metres | g. ever lived |
| 8. a lot of insect | h. has 1,300 legs |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|----------------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. The scientists are from | a. and seeds |
| 2. It had fallen | b. what it ate |
| 3. The fossil is 326 | c. lizards |
| 4. 100 million years older | d. from a cliff |
| 5. Scientists are not sure | e. Cambridge University |
| 6. there were plenty of nuts | f. time |
| 7. available at that | g. million years old |
| 8. They may have eaten frogs and | h. than the dinosaurs |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2112/211223-giant-millipede-1.html>

If (1) _____, reading this might be difficult. A fossil found in England shows (2) _____ millipede was the biggest bug that ever lived. It (3) _____ of a car. The name "millipede" means "one thousand legs" in Latin, but not many millipedes have 1,000 feet. (4) _____ 1,300 legs. Researchers said the millipede was 2.7 metres (5) _____ over 50kg. Seeing it would have been scary. We would need a lot of insect spray to (6) _____.

The (7) _____ Cambridge University's department of earth sciences. They (8) _____ on a beach by chance. It had (9) _____ cliff. They said it was "an incredibly exciting find". The fossil is 326 million years old. It is 100 million years (10) _____ dinosaurs. The millipede ate a lot. Scientists (11) _____ what it ate, but there were plenty of nuts and seeds available at that time. They may have eaten frogs and lizards, (12) _____.

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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GIANT INSECTS SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2112/211223-giant-millipede-4.html>

Write five GOOD questions about giant insects 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) _____

