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## **Level 0**

# **Desert beetles used to get water from air**

**1st March, 2016**

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# THE READING

From <http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1603/160301-collecting-water.html>

Scientists have found a new way to get water. It is a material that gets water from the air. They got the idea from a desert beetle. The beetle can live in very dry deserts. Its shell is covered in bumps. These collect drops of water from the air. Scientists will now make their own materials to get water from the air.

This technology could help us. It could help power plants, heating and air conditioning. Power plants quickly change steam to water. The new technology could help make this happen faster. A scientist wants to see more new technology from nature. She said everybody is excited about "bio" materials research.

Sources: <http://www.pulseheadlines.com/scientists-developed-material-water-air/18647/>  
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# VOCABULARY MATCHING

From <http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1603/160301-collecting-water.html>

## PARAGRAPH ONE:

- |                                |                            |
|--------------------------------|----------------------------|
| 1. Scientists have found a     | a. in bumps                |
| 2. It is a material that       | b. their own materials     |
| 3. They got the idea           | c. gets water from the air |
| 4. The beetle can live in very | d. from the air            |
| 5. Its shell is covered        | e. from a desert beetle    |
| 6. drops of                    | f. dry deserts             |
| 7. Scientists will now make    | g. water                   |
| 8. get water                   | h. new way                 |

## PARAGRAPH TWO:

- |                            |                 |
|----------------------------|-----------------|
| 1. This technology could   | a. technology   |
| 2. It could help power     | b. conditioning |
| 3. heating and air         | c. is excited   |
| 4. quickly change steam    | d. plants       |
| 5. new                     | e. from nature  |
| 6. help make this happen   | f. help us      |
| 7. see more new technology | g. faster       |
| 8. She said everybody      | h. to water     |

# LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

From <http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1603/160301-collecting-water.html>

Scientists have (1) \_\_\_\_\_ way to get water. It is a material that gets water (2) \_\_\_\_\_. They got (3) \_\_\_\_\_ a desert beetle. The beetle can live in very dry deserts. Its shell is covered (4) \_\_\_\_\_. These (5) \_\_\_\_\_ of water from the air. Scientists will now make their (6) \_\_\_\_\_ to get water from the air.

This technology could help us. (7) \_\_\_\_\_ power plants, heating and (8) \_\_\_\_\_. Power plants quickly change (9) \_\_\_\_\_. The new technology could help (10) \_\_\_\_\_ faster. A scientist wants to (11) \_\_\_\_\_ technology from nature. She said everybody is excited about "bio" (12) \_\_\_\_\_.

# PUT A SLASH ( / ) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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## 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) \_\_\_\_\_

