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Level 0 – 9th August, 2019

Child-sized parrot once lived in New Zealand

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Please try Levels 1, 2 and 3. They are (a little) harder.

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THE READING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1908/190809-giant-parrot-0.html>

Scientists found fossils from the biggest parrot that ever lived.

It was a metre tall and weighed eight kilograms - twice the size of any other parrot. The fossils were in New Zealand.

Researchers called the parrot Hercules. The largest parrot alive today is the kakapo, a flightless bird also from New Zealand. It is endangered.

New Zealand is famous for birds. The kiwi is its national symbol. Kiwis are endangered. The 3.6-metre-tall moa also came from New Zealand. It was the biggest bird that ever lived. It became extinct 600 years ago. Hercules lived 19 million years ago. It ate nuts, fruit and seeds. Scientists will discover many more species.

Sources: <https://www.cbc.ca/news/technology/giant-parrot-1.5238617>
<https://www.washingtonpost.com/science/2019/08/07/scientists-just-discovered-prehistoric-parrot-nearly-size-kindergartner/>
<https://www.cnet.com/news/giant-dog-sized-parrot-was-more-cannibal-than-copycat/>

PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|-----------------------------|------------------------|
| 1. Scientists found | a. the parrot Hercules |
| 2. the biggest parrot | b. of any other parrot |
| 3. It was a metre | c. bird |
| 4. twice the size | d. that ever lived |
| 5. The fossils were | e. today |
| 6. Researchers called | f. fossils |
| 7. The largest parrot alive | g. in New Zealand |
| 8. a flightless | h. tall |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|---------------------------------|----------------------|
| 1. New Zealand is famous | a. ever lived |
| 2. The kiwi is its national | b. and seeds |
| 3. The 3.6-metre- | c. symbol |
| 4. It was the biggest bird that | d. many more species |
| 5. It became | e. tall moa |
| 6. Hercules lived 19 million | f. extinct |
| 7. It ate nuts, fruit | g. for birds |
| 8. Scientists will discover | h. years ago |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1908/190809-giant-parrot-0.html>

Scientists (1) _____ the biggest parrot that ever lived. It was a metre tall (2) _____ kilograms - twice the (3) _____ other parrot. The fossils were in New Zealand. Researchers (4) _____ Hercules. The largest parrot (5) _____ the kakapo, a flightless bird also from New Zealand. (6) _____.

New Zealand (7) _____ birds. The kiwi is (8) _____. Kiwis are endangered. The 3.6-metre-tall moa (9) _____ New Zealand. It was the biggest bird (10) _____. It became extinct 600 years ago. Hercules lived 19 million years ago. (11) _____, fruit and seeds. Scientists will discover (12) _____.

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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and seeds. Scientists will discover many more species.

BIRDS SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about birds 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 **birds** for 10 minutes. Read and talk about your partner's paper.
