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**Level 1 – 9th February, 2021**

## **World's smallest reptile discovered in Madagascar**

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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/2102/210209-reptile-1.html>

Scientists found what could be the world's smallest reptile in the mountains in northern Madagascar. It is a chameleon the size of a sunflower seed. Chameleons are usually 40cm long. The new ones are just 22mm long. At first, the scientists thought the chameleons were juveniles. They later found they were fully-grown adults. The scientists called the lizards "nano-chameleons". The scientists tried to find more of them, but didn't find any.

Madagascar has two-thirds of the world's chameleons. They may come from there. The chameleon's survival is in danger because of deforestation. A scientist said: "Their habitat has...been subject to deforestation, but the area was placed under protection recently, so the species will survive." A lot of Madagascar's rainforest could disappear by 2070 if deforestation does not slow down. This would put many of the island's unique species in danger.

Sources: <https://www.theguardian.com/environment/2021/feb/05/seed-sized-chameleon-madagascar-world-tiniest-reptile>  
<https://www.dw.com/en/worlds-smallest-reptile-discovered-in-madagascar/a-56478001>  
<https://www.yahoo.com/lifestyle/mysterious-chameleon-may-smallest-reptile-151728681.html>

# PHRASE MATCHING

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## PARAGRAPH ONE:

- |                               |                        |
|-------------------------------|------------------------|
| 1. what could be the world's  | a. long                |
| 2. in the mountains in        | b. 40cm long           |
| 3. the size of a sunflower    | c. grown adults        |
| 4. Chameleons are usually     | d. northern Madagascar |
| 5. The new ones are just 22mm | e. were juveniles      |
| 6. the chameleons             | f. smallest            |
| 7. they were fully-           | g. to find more        |
| 8. The scientists tried       | h. seed                |

## PARAGRAPH TWO:

- |                                   |                  |
|-----------------------------------|------------------|
| 1. two-thirds of the world's      | a. protection    |
| 2. They may come                  | b. danger        |
| 3. The chameleon's survival is in | c. species       |
| 4. because of                     | d. rainforest    |
| 5. the area was placed under      | e. chameleons    |
| 6. the species will               | f. deforestation |
| 7. A lot of Madagascar's          | g. from there    |
| 8. many of the island's unique    | h. survive       |

# LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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Scientists found (1) \_\_\_\_\_ the world's smallest reptile in (2) \_\_\_\_\_ northern Madagascar. It is a chameleon (3) \_\_\_\_\_ a sunflower seed. Chameleons are usually 40cm long. The (4) \_\_\_\_\_ just 22mm long. At first, the scientists thought the chameleons were juveniles. They (5) \_\_\_\_\_ were fully-grown adults. The scientists called the lizards "nano-chameleons". The scientists tried to find more of them, but (6) \_\_\_\_\_.

Madagascar has (7) \_\_\_\_\_ world's chameleons. They may (8) \_\_\_\_\_. The chameleon's survival is in danger because of deforestation. A scientist said: "Their habitat (9) \_\_\_\_\_ to deforestation, but the area was placed under protection recently, (10) \_\_\_\_\_ will survive." A lot of Madagascar's rainforest (11) \_\_\_\_\_ 2070 if deforestation does not slow down. This would put many of the island's (12) \_\_\_\_\_ danger.

# PUT A SLASH ( / ) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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# REPTILES SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2102/210209-reptile-4.html>

Write five GOOD questions about reptiles 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<br>_____ | STUDENT 2<br>_____ | STUDENT 3<br>_____ |
|------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| 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) \_\_\_\_\_

