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Level 0 – 23rd March 2023

New orchid species found in Japan

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

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THE READING

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Nature has many secrets. We uncovered one last week. A nature lover found a new species of orchid in Japan. Scientists studied the new orchid. They said it grows all over Japan. It is pink and white. Its thin petals look like they are made from glass. A professor said we should look for more new species in common places.

There are 28,000 orchid species. The new orchid belongs to a class found all over Japan. It is in a Japanese poem from the year 759. The professor was happy because the orchid was found in a park. Finding the orchid is good news. However, orchids are in danger. We need to protect nature. Orchids bring colour to our world.

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PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|--------------------------|---------------------|
| 1. Nature | a. from glass |
| 2. A nature | b. over Japan |
| 3. a new species | c. places |
| 4. it grows all | d. of orchid |
| 5. Its thin | e. for more |
| 6. they are made | f. lover |
| 7. we should look | g. petals |
| 8. new species in common | h. has many secrets |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|-------------------------------|-------------------|
| 1. There are 28,000 orchid | a. danger |
| 2. a class found all | b. in a park |
| 3. a Japanese poem from | c. to our world |
| 4. the orchid was found | d. over Japan |
| 5. Finding the orchid is good | e. protect nature |
| 6. orchids are in | f. the year 759 |
| 7. We need to | g. news |
| 8. Orchids bring colour | h. species |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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Nature (1) _____ . We uncovered one last week.

A (2) _____ a new species of orchid in Japan.

Scientists (3) _____ orchid. They said it grows all

over Japan. It (4) _____ white. Its thin petals

look like they are (5) _____. A professor said we

should look for more new species (6) _____.

There are 28,000 orchid species. The new orchid

(7) _____ class found all over Japan. It is in a

Japanese poem (8) _____ 759. The professor

was happy because the orchid was found

(9) _____. Finding the orchid

(10) _____. However, orchids

(11) _____. We need to protect nature. Orchids

bring colour (12) _____.

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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ORCHIDS SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about orchids 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) _____

