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Level 4 – 18th March 2024

Giant blueberry smashes record for heaviest ever

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Please try Levels 5 and 6. They are (a little) harder.

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THE READING

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A farmer in Australia has broken the record for growing the world's biggest blueberry. The giant berry weighed 20.4 grams. This smashed the previous record of 16.2 grams. The record-breaker was as wide as a table tennis ball. It was 39.31 millimetres in diameter. It was 10 times heavier than a regular blueberry. The farmer said he was happy to be verified by Guinness World Records. He said his fruit was because of "good breeding".

The blueberry is from the Eterna variety. The farmer said this is "a consistently large fruit" with a great flavour. He added: "While the fruit is large, there's absolutely no compromise on quality or flavour." At first, he was unsure if he had broken the record. He said he had to check the weighing scales to make sure. When asked what he would do with his prize berry, he said he might use it in a smoothie.

Sources: <https://www.guinnessworldrecords.com/news/2024/3/behemoth-blueberry-grown-in-australia-verified-as-heaviest-ever-767762>
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PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|----------------------------------|---------------------------|
| 1. broken the | a. a regular blueberry |
| 2. The giant berry weighed | b. record |
| 3. This smashed the previous | c. Guinness World Records |
| 4. as wide as a | d. record |
| 5. It was 39.31 millimetres | e. breeding |
| 6. 10 times heavier than | f. 20.4 grams |
| 7. verified by | g. table tennis ball |
| 8. his fruit was because of good | h. in diameter |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|-----------------------------|------------------------|
| 1. The blueberry is from | a. large fruit |
| 2. a consistently | b. record |
| 3. a great | c. a smoothie |
| 4. no compromise | d. flavour |
| 5. unsure if had broken the | e. on quality |
| 6. check the weighing | f. with his prize |
| 7. asked what he would do | g. the Eterna variety |
| 8. he might use it in | h. scales to make sure |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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A farmer in Australia has (1) _____ for growing the world's biggest blueberry. The (2) _____ 20.4 grams. This smashed the (3) _____ 16.2 grams. The record-breaker was (4) _____ a table tennis ball. It was 39.31 millimetres in diameter. It was 10 times heavier than (5) _____. The farmer said he was happy to be verified by Guinness World Records. He said his fruit was because (6) _____.

The blueberry is from the Eterna variety. The farmer said this is "a consistently large fruit" with (7) _____. He added: "While the fruit is large, there's absolutely (8) _____ quality or flavour." At first, he (9) _____ he had broken the record. He said he had to check (10) _____ to make sure. When asked what he would do with (11) _____, he said he might use it (12) _____.

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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BLUEBERRIES SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about blueberries 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) _____

