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Level 2 – 23rd March 2023

New orchid species found in Japan

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Please try Levels 0, 1 and 3. They are (a little) harder.

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THE READING

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There are still many secrets to find out about in nature. We uncovered one of them last week. A nature lover found a new species of orchid in Japan. It is rare to find new plants in Japan. The country's trees and flowers are well documented. Scientists studied the new orchid. They believe it grows in parks and gardens across Japan. It is pink and white. Its delicate petals look like they are made from glass. A professor from Kobe University said: "The discovery of new species in common places means it is necessary to keep exploring, even in everyday places."

There are 28,000 orchid species worldwide. The new orchid belongs to a class called Spiranthes. This class is the most common orchid in Japan. A Japanese poem from the year 759 mentions it. The professor said he and his colleagues were "thrilled to have identified a new species". He was excited because it wasn't found in a rainforest or jungle. The discovery of the new orchid is good news. However, many orchids are endangered. This is because of habitat loss. We need to protect nature to stop flowers disappearing. If we lose more orchids, the world will be less colourful.

Sources: <https://edition.cnn.com/2023/03/17/asia/japan-new-species-orchid-scn/index.html>
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PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|----------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. many secrets to | a. trees and flowers |
| 2. We uncovered | b. to find new plants |
| 3. nature | c. petals |
| 4. It is rare | d. lover |
| 5. The country's | e. exploring |
| 6. it grows | f. find out about |
| 7. Its delicate | g. in parks |
| 8. it is necessary to keep | h. one of them |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. There are 28,000 orchid species | a. protect nature |
| 2. the most | b. rainforest or jungle |
| 3. it wasn't found in a | c. less colourful |
| 4. The discovery of the new orchid | d. worldwide |
| 5. This is because | e. orchids |
| 6. We need to | f. common orchid |
| 7. If we lose more | g. of habitat loss |
| 8. the world will be | h. is good news |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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There are still (1) _____ find out about in nature. We uncovered one of them last week. A (2) _____ a new species of orchid in Japan. It is rare to find new plants in Japan. The country's trees and flowers are well documented. Scientists studied the new orchid. They (3) _____ in parks and gardens across Japan. It is pink and white. Its delicate petals look like they are (4) _____. A professor from Kobe University said: "The (5) _____ species in common places means it is necessary to keep exploring, (6) _____ places."

There are 28,000 orchid species worldwide. The new orchid belongs to a class called Spiranthes. This class is (7) _____ orchid in Japan. A Japanese poem from the year 759 mentions it. The professor said he and his colleagues (8) _____ have identified a new species". He was excited because it wasn't found (9) _____ or jungle. The discovery of the new orchid (10) _____. However, many orchids are endangered. This is because of habitat loss. We (11) _____ nature to stop flowers disappearing. If we lose more orchids, the world will (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) _____

WRITING

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Write about **orchids** for 10 minutes. Read and talk about your partner's paper.
