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Level 0

Ants use the Sun to get from A to B

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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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Ants are amazing insects. We do not know many things about them. Scientists just found that ants use the Sun to get from A to B, and not get lost. They are like self-driving cars. They can always walk in a straight line. The BBC said it is the same as, "trying to find your way home while walking backwards or even spinning round".

The scientists' report is in the journal 'Current Biology'. They said ants could travel far, even when things are in their way or when they carry heavy food. A professor said: "Ants have a...tiny brain...yet they can [move] successfully...[even when] going backwards." She said studying ants will help us to build new robots.

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PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|----------------------------|----------------------|
| 1. Ants are amazing | a. your way home |
| 2. We do not know many | b. driving cars |
| 3. ants use the Sun to get | c. a straight line |
| 4. They are like self- | d. things about them |
| 5. walk in | e. backwards |
| 6. trying to find | f. insects |
| 7. walking | g. round |
| 8. spinning | h. from A to B |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|---|----------------------|
| 1. The scientists' report is in the journal | a. successfully |
| 2. ants could travel | b. their way |
| 3. when things are in | c. brain |
| 4. they carry heavy | d. new robots |
| 5. Ants have a tiny | e. 'Current Biology' |
| 6. they can move | f. food |
| 7. going | g. far |
| 8. help us to build | h. backwards |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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Ants are (1) _____. We do not know many things about them. Scientists just (2) _____ ants use the Sun (3) _____ A to B, and not get lost. They are like (4) _____. They can always walk in a (5) _____. The BBC said it is the same as, "trying to find your way home (6) _____ backwards or even spinning round".

The scientists' (7) _____ journal 'Current Biology'. They said ants (8) _____, even when things (9) _____ way or when they carry heavy food. A professor said: "Ants (10) _____ brain...yet they can (11) _____ ...[even when] going backwards." She said studying ants (12) _____ build new robots.

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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ANTS SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about ants 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) _____

