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Level 5 – 13th September, 2021

Upside-down rhino experiment wins Ig Nobel Prize

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Please try Levels 4 and 6. They are (a little) harder.

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THE READING

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Everyone knows the Nobel Prizes for medicine, literature, and peace. These are for those who contributed "the greatest benefit to humankind". Fewer people are aware of the Ig Nobel Prize. This is to "honor achievements that first make people laugh, and then make them think". One of this year's Ig Nobel awards is for an experiment on the effects on rhinoceroses of hanging them upside down. The study won the award for transportation research. Researchers were trying to find out the healthiest way to relocate rhinoceroses by helicopter.

The Ig Nobel prizes are organized by a science humor magazine. Wikipedia says: "The Ig Nobel Prize is a satirical prize awarded...to celebrate ten unusual or trivial achievements in scientific research." It added: "The name of the award is a pun on the Nobel Prize...and on the word ignoble (not noble)." Other recipients of this year's award studied the bacteria in chewing gum, conducted tests on cat communication, and carried out research on whether humans grow beards to protect themselves from punches to the face. All winners receive a now-defunct Zimbabwean \$10 trillion note.

Sources: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ig_Nobel_Prize
<https://www.bbc.com/news/science-environment-58507100>
<https://uk.news.yahoo.com/ig-nobel-prize-awards-recognise-063744595.html>

PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|-------------------------------------|----------------------------|
| 1. prizes for medicine, literature, | a. transportation research |
| 2. the greatest benefit | b. achievements |
| 3. This is to honor | c. by helicopter |
| 4. make people | d. and peace |
| 5. an experiment | e. to humankind |
| 6. The study won the award for | f. healthiest way |
| 7. trying to find out the | g. on the effects |
| 8. relocate rhinoceroses | h. laugh |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|--------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. a science humor | a. achievements |
| 2. The Ig Nobel Prize is a satirical | b. on the Nobel Prize |
| 3. unusual or trivial | c. to the face |
| 4. The name of the award is a pun | d. prize |
| 5. Other recipients of this | e. \$10 trillion note |
| 6. humans grow beards to | f. magazine |
| 7. punches | g. year's award |
| 8. a now-defunct Zimbabwean | h. protect themselves |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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Everyone knows the Nobel Prizes (1) _____, and peace. These are for those (2) _____ greatest benefit to humankind". Fewer people (3) _____ the Ig Nobel Prize. This is to "honor achievements that first make people laugh, and (4) _____ think". One of this year's Ig Nobel awards is for an experiment on (5) _____ rhinoceroses of hanging them upside down. The study won the award for transportation research. Researchers were trying to find out the healthiest (6) _____ rhinoceroses by helicopter.

The Ig Nobel prizes are organized by (7) _____ magazine. Wikipedia says: "The Ig Nobel Prize is (8) _____ awarded...to celebrate ten (9) _____ achievements in scientific research." It added: "The name of the award is a pun on the Nobel Prize...and on the word ignoble (not noble)." Other (10) _____ year's award studied the (11) _____ gum, conducted tests on cat communication, and carried out research on whether humans grow beards to protect themselves (12) _____ the face. All winners receive a now-defunct Zimbabwean \$10 trillion note.

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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PRIZES SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about prizes 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) _____

