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Upside-down rhino experiment wins Ig Nobel Prize

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THE ARTICLE

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2109/210913-ig-nobel-prize.html>

Everyone is familiar with the Nobel Prizes, which are awarded for physics, chemistry, medicine, literature, and peace. These are given to those who have contributed "the greatest benefit to humankind". However, fewer people are aware of the Ig Nobel Prize. This is bestowed to "honor achievements that first make people laugh, and then make them think". One of this year's Ig Nobel awards has been given to scientists who experimented on the effects on rhinoceroses of hanging them upside down. The rhino study won the award for transportation research. Researchers from Cornell University were trying to ascertain the healthiest way to relocate the animals by helicopter.

The Ig Nobel prizes are organized by the science humor magazine Annals of Improbable Research. Wikipedia says: "The Ig Nobel Prize is a satirical prize awarded annually since 1991 to celebrate ten unusual or trivial achievements in scientific research." It added: "The name of the award is a pun on the Nobel Prize, which it parodies, and on the word ignoble (not noble)." Other recipients of this year's award studied the bacteria in chewing gum stuck to pavements, conducted tests on forms of cat communication, and carried out research on whether humans evolved to grow beards to protect themselves from punches to the face. All award 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>

WARM-UPS

1. NOBEL PRIZES: Students walk around the class and talk to other students about Nobel Prizes. Change partners often and share your findings.

2. CHAT: In pairs / groups, talk about these topics or words from the article. What will the article say about them? What can you say about these words and your life?

Nobel / prizes / physics / literature / peace / humankind / achievements / helicopter / science / humor / satirical / award / bacteria / chewing gum / beards / punch / face

Have a chat about the topics you liked. Change topics and partners frequently.

3. RHINOS: Students A **strongly** believe we should never relocate rhinos by helicopter; Students B **strongly** believe it's OK. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.

4. PRIZES: Who should get prizes for these things? Why? Complete this table with your partner(s). Change partners often and share what you wrote.

	Who?	Why?
Sport		
Business		
Politics		
Environment		
Entertainment		
Literature		

5. PEACE: Spend one minute writing down all of the different words you associate with the word "peace". Share your words with your partner(s) and talk about them. Together, put the words into different categories.

6. ANIMALS: Rank these with your partner. Put the best animals at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

- Rhinos
- Hippos
- Elephants
- Buffalo
- Lions
- Bears
- Cows
- Kangaroos

VOCABULARY MATCHING

Paragraph 1

- | | |
|----------------|---|
| 1. contributed | a. Move to a new place. |
| 2. benefit | b. Gave something in order to help achieve or provide something. |
| 3. bestowed | c. A change which is a result or consequence of an action or other cause. |
| 4. honor | d. An advantage or profit gained from something. |
| 5. effect | e. Regard with great respect. |
| 6. ascertain | f. Gave or present an honor, right, or gift. |
| 7. relocate | g. Find something out for certain; make sure of. |

Paragraph 2

- | | |
|---------------|--|
| 8. satirical | h. Containing a humor to expose and criticize people's stupidity, particularly in the context of politics and other topical issues. |
| 9. trivial | i. No longer existing or functioning. |
| 10. pun | j. Of little value or importance. |
| 11. parody | k. Developed gradually. |
| 12. recipient | l. A joke exploiting the different possible meanings of a word or the fact that there are words which sound alike but have different meanings. |
| 13. evolved | m. An imitation of the style of a particular writer, artist, or genre with exaggeration for comic effect. |
| 14. defunct | n. A person or thing that receives or is awarded something. |

BEFORE READING / LISTENING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2109/210913-ig-nobel-prize.html>

1. TRUE / FALSE: Read the headline. Guess if a-h below are true (T) or false (F).

1. The article says there is a Nobel Prize for medicine. **T / F**
2. The article says many people are familiar with the Ig Nobel Prize. **T / F**
3. The Ig Nobel Prize is for people who make us laugh and think. **T / F**
4. Researchers looked at ways to relocate hippos by helicopter. **T / F**
5. The Ig Nobel Prize is organized by a science humor magazine. **T / F**
6. The Ig Nobel Prize was first awarded 20 years ago. **T / F**
7. An Ig Nobel winner studied chewing gum stuck to train seats. **T / F**
8. Ig Nobel Prize winners receive an old \$10 trillion note. **T / F**

2. SYNONYM MATCH: (The words in **bold** are from the news article.)

- | | |
|------------------------|------------------|
| 1. familiar | a. unimportant |
| 2. benefit | b. consequences |
| 3. achievements | c. obsolete |
| 4. effects | d. find out |
| 5. ascertain | e. well known |
| 6. satirical | f. beneficiaries |
| 7. trivial | g. feats |
| 8. recipients | h. developed |
| 9. evolved | i. plus point |
| 10. defunct | j. mocking |

3. PHRASE MATCH: (Sometimes more than one choice is possible.)

- | | |
|--|--------------------------|
| 1. Everyone is familiar with | a. \$10 trillion note |
| 2. those who have contributed the greatest | b. animals by helicopter |
| 3. make people | c. this year's award |
| 4. experimented | d. the Nobel Prizes |
| 5. the healthiest way to relocate the | e. satirical prize |
| 6. The Ig Nobel Prize is a | f. laugh |
| 7. celebrate ten unusual or | g. to the face |
| 8. Other recipients of | h. benefit to humankind |
| 9. protect themselves from punches | i. trivial achievements |
| 10. a now-defunct Zimbabwean | j. on the effects |

GAP FILL

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2109/210913-ig-nobel-prize.html>

Everyone is (1) _____ with the Nobel Prizes, which are awarded for physics, chemistry, medicine, (2) _____, and peace. These are given to those who have contributed "the greatest (3) _____ to humankind". However, fewer people are (4) _____ of the Ig Nobel Prize. This is (5) _____ to "honor achievements that first make people laugh, and then make them think". One of this year's Ig Nobel awards has been given to scientists who experimented on the (6) _____ on rhinoceroses of hanging them upside down. The rhino study won the award for transportation research. Researchers from Cornell University were trying to (7) _____ the healthiest way to (8) _____ the animals by helicopter.

benefit
familiar
ascertain
bestowed
literature
relocate
aware
effects

The Ig Nobel prizes are organized by the science (9) _____ magazine Annals of Improbable Research. Wikipedia says: "The Ig Nobel Prize is a satirical prize awarded (10) _____ since 1991 to celebrate ten unusual or (11) _____ achievements in scientific research." It added: "The name of the award is a (12) _____ on the Nobel Prize, which it parodies, and on the word ignoble (not noble)." Other (13) _____ of this year's award studied the bacteria in chewing gum stuck to (14) _____, conducted tests on forms of cat communication, and carried out research on whether humans evolved to grow (15) _____ to protect themselves from punches to the face. All award winners receive a now- (16) _____ Zimbabwean \$10 trillion note.

trivial
recipients
humor
beards
annually
defunct
pun
pavements

LISTENING – Guess the answers. Listen to check.

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2109/210913-ig-nobel-prize.html>

- 1) Everyone is familiar with the Nobel Prizes, which are _____
 - a. awarded for physic
 - b. awarded of physics
 - c. awarded for physics
 - d. awarded from physic
- 2) These are given to those who have contributed the greatest _____
 - a. benefit to humane kind
 - b. benefit to who man kind
 - c. benefit two humans kind
 - d. benefit to humankind
- 3) One of this year's Ig Nobel awards has been given to scientists who experimented _____
 - a. on the effects
 - b. in the effects
 - c. at the effects
 - d. non the effects
- 4) The rhino study won the award for _____
 - a. transport lotion research
 - b. transport ration research
 - c. transport nation research
 - d. transportation research
- 5) were trying to ascertain the healthiest way to _____
 - a. reel locate the animals
 - b. real locate the animals
 - c. relocates the animals
 - d. relocate the animals
- 6) The Ig Nobel Prize is a satirical prize awarded _____
 - a. annual since 1991
 - b. annul since 1991
 - c. a know-all since 1991
 - d. annually since 1991
- 7) The name of the award is a pun on the Nobel Prize, _____
 - a. which it parodies
 - b. which it paradise
 - c. which it presides
 - d. which it parades
- 8) recipients of this year's award studied the bacteria in chewing gum _____
 - a. struck to pavements
 - b. stuck two pavements
 - c. stuck to pavements
 - d. struck to pavement
- 9) whether humans evolved to grow beards to protect themselves from _____ face
 - a. bunches to the
 - b. punch its to the
 - c. punches to the
 - d. punishes to the
- 10) All award winners receive a now-defunct Zimbabwean _____
 - a. \$10 trillion note
 - b. \$10 trillion oat
 - c. \$10 trillion not
 - d. \$10 trillion ate

LISTENING – Listen and fill in the gaps

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2109/210913-ig-nobel-prize.html>

Everyone (1) _____ the Nobel Prizes, which are awarded for physics, chemistry, medicine, (2) _____. These are given to those who have contributed "the greatest benefit to humankind". However, (3) _____ aware of the Ig Nobel Prize. This (4) _____ "honor achievements that first make people laugh, and then make them think". One of this year's Ig Nobel awards has been given to scientists (5) _____ the effects on rhinoceroses of hanging them upside down. The rhino study won the award for transportation research. Researchers from Cornell University were trying to ascertain the healthiest (6) _____ the animals by helicopter.

The Ig Nobel prizes are organized by the (7) _____ Annals of Improbable Research. Wikipedia says: "The Ig Nobel Prize is (8) _____ awarded annually since 1991 to celebrate ten (9) _____ achievements in scientific research." It added: "The name of the award is (10) _____ the Nobel Prize, which it parodies, and on the word ignoble (not noble)." Other recipients of this year's award studied the (11) _____ gum stuck to pavements, conducted tests on forms of cat communication, and carried out research on whether humans (12) _____ beards to protect themselves from punches to the face. All award winners receive a now-defunct Zimbabwean \$10 trillion note.

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2109/210913-ig-nobel-prize.html>

1. Who does the article say is familiar with the Nobel Prizes?
2. Who does the article say is familiar with the Ig Nobel Prize?
3. What do the Ig Nobel Prizes honor besides making people laugh?
4. What award did the rhino researchers win?
5. Where were the researchers from?
6. When was the first Ig Nobel Prize awarded?
7. How many Ig Nobel categories are there?
8. Which animal's communication did researchers look at?
9. What did researchers look at the evolution of in humans?
10. What do the winners of the Ig Nobel receive?

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2109/210913-ig-nobel-prize.html>

- 1) Who does the article say is familiar with the Nobel Prizes?
 - a) fewer people
 - b) Nobel Prize winners
 - c) everyone
 - d) Norwegian people
- 2) Who does the article say is familiar with the Ig Nobel Prize?
 - a) fewer people
 - b) Nobel Prize winners
 - c) everyone
 - d) Norwegian people
- 3) What do the Ig Nobel Prizes honor besides making people laugh?
 - a) raising eyebrows
 - b) making people think
 - c) making people sigh in disbelief
 - d) intelligence
- 4) What award did the rhino researchers win?
 - a) Gravity Research
 - b) the Wildlife Prize
 - c) the Upside Down Prize
 - d) Transportation Research
- 5) Where were the researchers from?
 - a) Oslo University
 - b) the Sorbonne
 - c) Cornell University
 - d) Tokyo University
- 6) When was the first Ig Nobel Prize awarded?
 - a) 1990
 - b) 1991
 - c) 1992
 - d) 1993
- 7) How many Ig Nobel categories are there?
 - a) 7
 - b) 8
 - c) 9
 - d) 10
- 8) Which animal's communication did researchers look at?
 - a) goldfish
 - b) cats
 - c) dogs
 - d) parrots
- 9) What did researchers look at the evolution of in humans?
 - a) the brain
 - b) the growth of beards
 - c) smiling
 - d) the big toe
- 10) What do the winners of the Ig Nobel receive?
 - a) a defunct Zimbabwean \$10 trillion note
 - b) a statue of a brain
 - c) a cheese sandwich
 - d) nothing

ROLE PLAY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2109/210913-ig-nobel-prize.html>

Role A – Rhinos

You think rhinos are the best animals. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their animals. Also, tell the others which is the least useful of these (and why): hippos, bears or kangaroos.

Role B – Hippos

You think hippos are the best animals. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their animals. Also, tell the others which is the least useful of these (and why): rhinos, bears or kangaroos.

Role C – Bears

You think bears are the best animals. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their animals. Also, tell the others which is the least useful of these (and why): hippos, rhinos or kangaroos.

Role D – Kangaroos

You think kangaroos are the best animals. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their animals. Also, tell the others which is the least useful of these (and why): hippos, bears or rhinos.

AFTER READING / LISTENING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2109/210913-ig-nobel-prize.html>

1. WORD SEARCH: Look in your dictionary / computer to find collocates, other meanings, information, synonyms ... for the words 'rhino' and 'prize'.

rhino	prize
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- Share your findings with your partners.
- Make questions using the words you found.
- Ask your partner / group your questions.

2. ARTICLE QUESTIONS: Look back at the article and write down some questions you would like to ask the class about the text.

- Share your questions with other classmates / groups.
- Ask your partner / group your questions.

3. GAP FILL: In pairs / groups, compare your answers to this exercise. Check your answers. Talk about the words from the activity. Were they new, interesting, worth learning...?

4. VOCABULARY: Circle any words you do not understand. In groups, pool unknown words and use dictionaries to find their meanings.

5. TEST EACH OTHER: Look at the words below. With your partner, try to recall how they were used in the text:

<ul style="list-style-type: none">• familiar• greatest• first• effects• transportation• relocate	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• magazine• annually• trivial• pun• carried• note
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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.

PRIZES DISCUSSION

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

1. What did you think when you read the headline?
2. What images are in your mind when you hear the word 'prize'?
3. What do you know about the Nobel Prizes?
4. Who has contributed the most to benefit humankind?
5. What have you contributed to humankind?
6. What do you think of the Ig Nobel prizes?
7. Why are scientists relocating rhinoceroses?
8. What do you think is the best way to relocate rhinoceroses?
9. What is the effect on rhinoceroses of hanging them upside down?
10. How can we keep rhinoceroses safe in the wild?

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PRIZES DISCUSSION

STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

11. Did you like reading this article? Why/not?
12. What do you think of when you hear the word 'rhino'?
13. What do you think about what you read?
14. What do you think of the Nobel Prizes?
15. How do you think the Ig Nobel winners feel about winning?
16. How can knowledge of the bacteria in chewing gum help us?
17. Why is research on cat communication important?
18. Do you think humans developed beards to protect themselves?
19. What do you think of the Ig Nobel prize?
20. What questions would you like to ask the Ig Nobel committee?

DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

- 1. _____
- 2. _____
- 3. _____
- 4. _____
- 5. _____
- 6. _____

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DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)

STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

- 1. _____
- 2. _____
- 3. _____
- 4. _____
- 5. _____
- 6. _____

LANGUAGE - CLOZE

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Everyone is familiar (1) _____ the Nobel Prizes, which are awarded for physics, chemistry, medicine, literature, and peace. These are given to (2) _____ who have contributed "the greatest benefit to humankind". However, fewer people are aware of the Ig Nobel Prize. This is (3) _____ to "honor achievements that first make people laugh, and then make them think". One of this year's Ig Nobel awards has been given to scientists who experimented (4) _____ the effects on rhinoceroses of hanging them upside down. The rhino study won the award for (5) _____ research. Researchers from Cornell University were trying to (6) _____ the healthiest way to relocate the animals by helicopter.

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Put the correct words from the table below in the above article.

- | | | | | |
|-----|----------------|-----------------|-------------------|--------------------|
| 1. | (a) of | (b) to | (c) with | (d) at |
| 2. | (a) those | (b) they | (c) them | (d) which |
| 3. | (a) bestowed | (b) stowed | (c) stowage | (d) stowaway |
| 4. | (a) on | (b) to | (c) of | (d) by |
| 5. | (a) transports | (b) transported | (c) transportable | (d) transportation |
| 6. | (a) locale | (b) seasonal | (c) premium | (d) ascertain |
| 7. | (a) annually | (b) annul | (c) annual | (d) annualize |
| 8. | (a) sun | (b) fun | (c) bun | (d) pun |
| 9. | (a) recipients | (b) incipient | (c) ingredients | (d) gradients |
| 10. | (a) farms | (b) forms | (c) firms | (d) frames |
| 11. | (a) revolved | (b) evolved | (c) involved | (d) solved |
| 12. | (a) defunct | (b) debunked | (c) debauched | (d) deepened |

SPELLING

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Paragraph 1

1. Everyone is ariilmfa with the Nobel Prizes
2. medicine, tureteilar, and peace
3. the greatest inbefet to humankind
4. This is estbdweo to honor achievements
5. eptirdnemxee on the effects
6. trying to acainrest the healthiest way

Paragraph 2

7. The Ig Nobel Prize is a lraitasci prize
8. unusual or rtiavil achievements
9. a pun on the Nobel Prize, which it aroesdp
10. Other trpnieicse of this year's award
11. humans vdeloey to grow beards
12. a now-tdfencu Zimbabwean \$10 trillion note

PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2109/210913-ig-nobel-prize.html>

Number these lines in the correct order.

- () laugh, and then make them think". One of this year's Ig Nobel awards has been given
- () out research on whether humans evolved to grow beards to protect themselves from punches
- () says: "The Ig Nobel Prize is a satirical prize awarded annually since 1991 to celebrate ten unusual or
- () bacteria in chewing gum stuck to pavements, conducted tests on forms of cat communication, and carried
- () to scientists who experimented on the effects on rhinoceroses of hanging them
- () trivial achievements in scientific research." It added: "The name of the award is a pun
- () to the face. All award winners receive a now-defunct Zimbabwean \$10 trillion note.
- () and peace. These are given to those who have contributed "the greatest benefit to humankind". However, fewer
- () people are aware of the Ig Nobel Prize. This is bestowed to "honor achievements that first make people
- () on the Nobel Prize, which it parodies, and on the word ignoble (not noble)." Other recipients of this year's award studied the
- () Cornell University were trying to ascertain the healthiest way to relocate the animals by helicopter.
- (**1**) Everyone is familiar with the Nobel Prizes, which are awarded for physics, chemistry, medicine, literature,
- () The Ig Nobel prizes are organized by the science humor magazine Annals of Improbable Research. Wikipedia
- () upside down. The rhino study won the award for transportation research. Researchers from

PUT THE WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER

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1. awarded familiar peace . prize with the Everyone for
2. contributed to the humankind . Those who benefit greatest
3. achievements people Bestowed honor make laugh . that to
4. for the study rhino transportation . The won award
5. animals The by helicopter . healthiest relocate way to
6. since 1991 . It's awarded annually satirical prize a
7. scientific trivial or research . in unusual Ten achievements
8. The of a award is pun . the name
9. The in to chewing bacteria stuck gum pavements .
10. themselves Humans from protect punches . evolved to beards

CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD (20 PAIRS)

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2109/210913-ig-nobel-prize.html>

Everyone is *familiar* / *familiarly* with the Nobel Prizes, which are awarded for physics, chemistry, medicine, literature, and peace. These are given to *them* / *those* who have contributed "the greatest *beneficial* / *benefit* to humankind". However, fewer people are *aware* / *wary* of the Ig Nobel Prize. This is bestowed to "*honor* / *honorable* achievements that first make people laugh, and then make them think". *Once* / *One* of this year's Ig Nobel awards has been given to scientists *what* / *who* experimented on the effects *on* / *in* rhinoceroses of hanging them upside down. The rhino study won the award *of* / *for* transportation research. Researchers from Cornell University were trying to ascertain the healthiest way *of* / *to* relocate the animals by helicopter.

The Ig Nobel prizes are organized *by* / *as* the science humor magazine Annals of Improbable Research. Wikipedia says: "The Ig Nobel Prize is a *soporific* / *satirical* prize awarded *annually* / *annual* since 1991 to celebrate ten unusual or *trivial* / *triviality* achievements in scientific research." It added: "The name of the award is a *bun* / *pun* on the Nobel Prize, which it parodies, and *on* / *in* the word ignoble (not noble)." Other recipients of this year's award studied the bacteria in chewing gum *stuck* / *stricken* to pavements, conducted tests *in* / *on* forms of cat communication, and carried out research on whether humans *evolved* / *revolved* to grow beards to protect themselves from punches to the face. All award winners receive a *now-defunct* / *now-derelict* Zimbabwean \$10 trillion note.

Talk about the connection between each pair of words in italics, and why the correct word is correct.

INSERT THE VOWELS (a, e, i, o, u)

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_v_ry_n_ _s f_m_l__r w_th th_ N_b_l Pr_z_s, wh_ch
r _w_r_d_d f_r phys_cs, ch_m_stry, m_d_c_n_,
l_t_r_t_r_, _nd p__c_. Th_s_ _r_ g_v_n t_ th_s_ wh_
h_v_ c_ntr_b_t_d "th_ gr__t_st b_n_f_t t_ h_m_nk_nd".
H_w_v_r, f_w_r p__pl_ _r_ _w_r_ _f th_ _g N_b_l
Pr_z_. Th_s_ _s b_st_w_d t_ "h_n_r_ ch__v_m_nts th_t
f_rst m_k_ p__pl_ l__gh, _nd th_n m_k_ th_m th_nk".
n _f th_s_ y__r's _g N_b_l _w_rds h_s b__n g_v_n
t_ sc__nt_sts wh_ _xp_r_m_nt_d _n th_ _ff_cts _n
rh_n_c_r_s_s _f h_ng_ng th_m _ps_d_ d_wn. Th_ rh_n_
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by h_l_c_pt_r.

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h_m_r m_g_z_n_ _nn_ls _f _mpr_b_bl_ R_s__rch.
W_k_p_d__ s_ys: "Th_ _g N_b_l Pr_z_ _s _ s_t_r_c_l
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PUNCTUATE THE TEXT AND ADD CAPITALS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2109/210913-ig-nobel-prize.html>

everyone is familiar with the nobel prizes which are awarded for physics chemistry medicine literature and peace these are given to those who have contributed the greatest benefit to humankind however fewer people are aware of the ig nobel prize this is bestowed to honor achievements that first make people laugh and then make them think one of this years ig nobel awards has been given to scientists who experimented on the effects on rhinoceroses of hanging them upside down the rhino study won the award for transportation research researchers from cornell university were trying to ascertain the healthiest way to relocate the animals by helicopter

the ig nobel prizes are organized by the science humor magazine annals of improbable research wikipedia says the ig nobel prize is a satirical prize awarded annually since 1991 to celebrate ten unusual or trivial achievements in scientific research it added the name of the award is a pun on the nobel prize which it parodies and on the word ignoble not noble other recipients of this years award studied the bacteria in chewing gum stuck to pavements conducted tests on forms of cat communication and carried out research on whether humans evolved to grow beards to protect themselves from punches to the face all award winners receive a nowdefunct zimbabwean 10 trillion note

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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HOMework

1. VOCABULARY EXTENSION: Choose several of the words from the text. Use a dictionary or Google's search field (or another search engine) to build up more associations / collocations of each word.

2. INTERNET: Search the Internet and find out more about this news story. Share what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

3. PRIZES: Make a poster about prizes. Show your work to your classmates in the next lesson. Did you all have similar things?

4. IG NOBEL PRIZES: Write a magazine article about the Ig Nobel Prizes. Include imaginary interviews with people who are for and against them.

Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Write down any new words and expressions you hear from your partner(s).

5. WHAT HAPPENED NEXT? Write a newspaper article about the next stage in this news story. Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Give each other feedback on your articles.

6. LETTER: Write a letter to an expert on prizes. Ask him/her three questions about them. Give him/her three of your ideas on what to award prizes for. Read your letter to your partner(s) in your next lesson. Your partner(s) will answer your questions.

ANSWERS

VOCABULARY (p.4)

1. b 2. d 3. f 4. e 5. c 6. g 7. a
8. h 9. j 10. l 11. m 12. n 13. k 14. i

TRUE / FALSE (p.5)

- 1 T 2 F 3 T 4 T 5 T 6 F 7 F 8 T

SYNONYM MATCH (p.5)

1. e	2. i	3. g	4. b	5. d
6. j	7. a	8. f	9. h	10. c

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (p.9)

- Everyone
- Fewer people
- Making people think
- Transportation Research
- Cornell University
- 1991
- Ten
- Cats
- The growth of beards
- A defunct Zimbabwean \$10 trillion note

WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER (p.19)

- Everyone familiar with the prize awarded for peace.
- Those who contributed the greatest benefit to humankind.
- Bestowed to honor achievements that make people laugh.
- The rhino study won the award for transportation.
- The healthiest way to relocate animals by helicopter.
- It's a satirical prize awarded annually since 1991.
- Ten unusual or trivial achievements in scientific research.
- The name of the award is a pun.
- The bacteria in chewing gum stuck to pavements.
- Humans evolved to grow beards to protect themselves from punches.

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ (p.10)

1. c 2. a 3. b 4. d 5. c 6. b 7. d 8. b 9. b 10. a

ALL OTHER EXERCISES

Please check for yourself by looking at the Article on page 2.
(It's good for your English ;-)